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## WENTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

ıcement of the Twenty-Fourth volume of ıason's Chronicle marks another epoch in ıasonic journalism, and it also reminds us 86 is on the wane. More than half of the ı passed, and the opening of the next is looming in the future. What that in, and what will be the future of Free- npossible to foretel, but there is little to onsider the future on the basis of the of the Order. It will be our desire to e our best attention to the doings of the discharge of our duties we hope we shall rty support in the future as we have st.

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## ON OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE S AS GRAND MASTER.

rous, enthusiastic and imposing gather- nessed in connection with the Grand aster Masons took place on Thursday Hall, when the Most Worshipful Grand l, his Royal Highness the Prince of l as Grand Master of the Mark Degree. ı, who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Prov. G. Craft Master of Sussex, the ınd Master, and a distinguished array ncial Grand Officers, arrived shortly hen the brethren, not being Present or took their seats in the Hall, under the stant Grand Director of Ceremonies ls appointed for the purpose. The ınd Master then entered Grand Lodge, d Officers Present and Past, and occu- r which Grand Lodge was opened in tore being supported by His Royal of Connaught Senior Grand Warden nniker, the Earl of Lathom, Lord n of Tatton, Lord Limerick, the d Grand Warden, Lord Onslow en, the Rev. Canon Portal and (Past Grand Masters), Colonel Sir some hundreds of Past and Present incial Grand Officers, and represen- Colonies and Dependencies of the usual preliminaries having been orshipful Grand Master was saluted

been disposed of, Bro. M. J. Rowley, of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, presented to the Grand Lodge a beautifully bound volume of the Sacred Law, on the front cover of which was inserted a well executed portrait of the Prince of Wales in his clothing as Grand Mark Master Mason, together with a richly embroidered velvet cushion, bearing the arms of his Royal Highness, and the Prince of Wales' plume, the latter being the work of Bro. Rowley himself. On the first leaf of the Bible was the following inscription :—

"This Bible, with velvet cushion, worked in silk embroidery, is presented to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales by Brother M. J. Rowley, Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 355, on the occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master. 1st July 1886."

Lord Kintore, in the name of the brethren assembled, thanked Bro. Rowley for his handsome and valuable gifts to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then appointed a deputation for the purpose of introducing his Royal High- the Prince of Wales, consisting of two Grand Stewards, two Masters of Lodges, Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O.), Grand Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), Grand Registrar (Bro. F. Richardson) two Grand Chaplains (Bros. Rev. H. Cummings and Rev. J. W. Lemon, M.A.), two Past Grand Wardens, two Provincial Grand Masters, and two Past Grand Masters. In that order the deputation re-entered the Hall, followed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the apron of the Grand Master being borne on a cushion by Bro. C. E. Soppet W.M. Old Kent Lodge T.I., and the chair and jewel of the G.M. by Bro. J. Collins W.M. Bon Accord Lodge T.I. As the procession passed up the Hall the National Anthem was played on the organ by Bro. E. J. Hoare Grand Organist, the brethren standing to order. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, Grand Chaplain, then offered prayer, after which the Most Worshipful Grand Master administered the usual obligation to the Prince of Wales, whom he invested and placed on the Throne amidst prolonged and enthusiastic applause. The M.W. Past Grand Master was conducted to his chair on the left of the Throne, after which his Royal Highness was proclaimed and saluted, and the ceremony of installation was completed in masterly manner by Lord Kintore, who, addressing the newly-installed M.W. Grand Master said, the brethren were desirous the first opportunity should be taken that he might give expression to the feelings of loyal devotion and pleasure which were felt by every Mark Mason in Great Britain, and in the Greater Britain beyond the seas, at the step which the Prince had been pleased to take that day. He desired to explain to his Royal Highness that the large gathering present was but a section of those who desired to attend, still it was sufficient to fill the largest available hall in London. This was not an occasion on which he need address the newly-installed Grand Master on his duties, because the Prince was not in the habit of undertaking any duty that he was not willing and able to perform. Freemasonry owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Prince of Wales, and he would greatly increase that debt by the step he had taken that day. Mark Masons could never

now thirteen Time Immemorial Lodges, and 375 Warranted Lodges, divided into 44 Provincial Grand Lodges, including those in New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, Victoria, Tasmania, Gibraltar, India, and other parts of the globe. The financial position of the Grand Lodge was most satisfactory, and the Mark Benevolent Fund had the happy habit of doubling itself each successive year. He was also glad to say they were in a position of fraternal relationship with all foreign bodies, with one exception, that of Grand Lodge of Quebec. The presence of Mark Masons from far distant parts of the Queen's territories was evidence of the good result attending the Prince of Wales's personal efforts to draw together Colonists to the mother country. He was sure that on this the first great gathering of the Mark Masons held in Her Majesty's jubilee year they would all desire to convey to the Queen, from the Mark Masons of all parts of her vast Empire, the assurance of their unswerving loyalty to her throne. The M.W. Grand Master, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering on rising to reply, said he begged to thank Lord Kintore most heartily and sincerely for the address he had just delivered. He feared the noble Lord had referred to him in terms far too kind and flattering. He assured the brethren that he considered it a high honour and compliment which had been paid him that day, and he accepted the distinguished position of Grand Master of Mark Master Masons with a deep feeling of gratitude, and as a high honour to himself. He assured the brethren that anything he could do to further the interests and welfare of the Mark Degree would be done with sincere pleasure. He was most thankful and grateful for the kind feeling the brethren had manifested towards him, and he appreciated very highly the compliment which had been paid by the Mark Masons who had attended from distant parts of the Empire. Lord Kintore had spoken in kind and feeling terms of his beloved mother the Queen. It would afford Her Majesty sincere gratification to know the kind terms in which her name had been mentioned, and the hearty manner in which it was invariably received in all parts of the globe, and especially in a meeting of this description. Personally he thanked them from his heart, and he desired to assure them that all he could do for the welfare of Mark Masonry would always be done with very great pleasure. The M.W. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

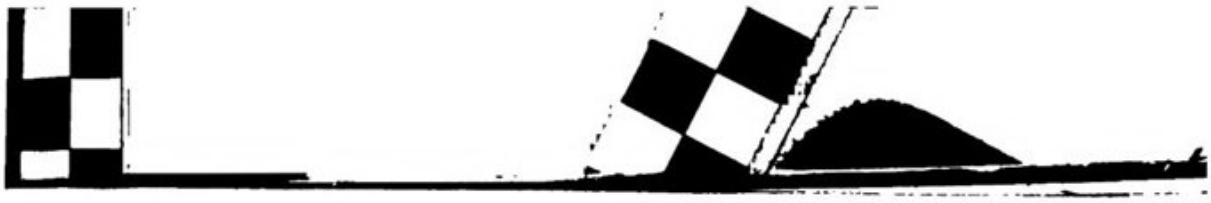
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| Pro. The Earl of Kintore | Pro Grand Master |
| Lord Egerton of Tatton | Deputy Grand Master |
| H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught | Senior Warden |
| Lord Saltoun | Junior Warden |
| Lieut.-Colonel Addison | Mark Overseer |
| G. Galloway | Senior Overseer |
| George Kenning | Junior Overseer |
| Rev. T. Cartwright Smythe, Rev. T. Cochrane | Chaplains |
| James Moon | Treasurer |
| Frank Richardson | Registrar |
| Frederick Binckes | Secretary |
| W. K. Miller, N. Tracey | Senior Deacons |
| H. Ward, F. Crouch | Junior Deacons |
| Lieut.-Col. Edis | Inspector of Works |
| R. Berridge | Director of Ceremonies |
| G. P. Festa, A. M'Dowell | Assist. Directors of Cers. |
| C. P. Evans | Sword Bearer |
| T. Taylor, W. J. Thompson | Standard Bearers |
| Professor Rose | Organist |
| Vincent | Inner Guard |
| Pinder | Assist. Inner Guard |
| A. Walkley | Tyler |
| G. Edwards, J. Church, J. Boulton, J. Terry, J. W. Fuller, J. Ramsay, H. C. Burt, W. H. Lowick, R. Glasspool, R. Owen, J. T. Seller, R. J. Fountaine, E. H. Thorne, and R. Fitzhugh | Stewards |

The Earl of Kintore, on behalf of the Grand Masters' Lodge, then presented to the Prince of Wales a handsome gold jewel, which His Royal Highness accepted with great cordiality, remarking that it would be a gratifying memento of the pleasant proceedings of the day. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the Grand Master with the Grand Officers withdrew in procession, during which a brilliant march was played on the organ by Bro. Rose Grand Organist. Luncheon was afterwards provided in the Private Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, to which place of Connaught proceeded on foot, and being recognised by many people along Great Queen-street and in Little Queen-street, they were respectfully saluted, and bowed their acknowledgments at the demonstrations of loyal feeling. A sumptuous repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp, whose arrangements, as usual, were of a most complete and elaborate description, and elicited the utmost approbation from the Royal and other distinguished guests. The Prince of Wales briefly proposed the health of the Queen, which was received with great enthusiasm. Lord Kintore gave the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, acknowledging how much the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught had added to the benefits they had conferred on Masonry by the step they had taken that day. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him. He hoped he might be spared to meet them on many future occasions, and he only regretted that he could not remain longer with them, having an engagement to fulfil in the East end of London. The Duke of Connaught said that, as Senior Grand Warden, his first duty was to obey the commands of the Grand Master, who desired him to respond also. He expressed his high appreciation of the honour that had been done him that day, and was grateful to the Grand Master for having appointed him as Senior Grand Warden. So far as he had the power, he should carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He hoped that the circumstances—over which he had no control—that would take him out of the country, might not prevent him from discharging the duties during his year of office. He hoped to be able to show, by his regard to attendance, the interest he took in the duties of the high office which he had been called upon to hold, and in conclusion he once more thanked the brethren for their kind and hearty reception. A few other complimentary toasts were honoured, but they were very brief, the Prince of Wales having to leave early, in order to accompany the Princess of Wales and the young Princesses to Hoxton, where His Royal Highness opened a fine block of industrial dwellings. That neighbourhood was profusely decorated with flags, and the Royal party was greeted with a most enthusiastic reception. The departure of the Grand Master was the signal for a break up of the company, and thus early in the afternoon the guests who had assisted at this auspicious event gradually withdrew.

## THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, on Monday the 28th June, and was well attended by representatives of the several Lodges in the Province, and a goodly array of Provincial Grand Officers, as well as past and present Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge. Every available portion of the Hall was occupied, and but for the excellent arrangements for ventilation provided by the large lantern roof, the discomfort of a large meeting on an intolerably hot day would have been great and almost unendurable. As it was, however, a fair amount of unvitiated atmosphere was obtainable, and the usefulness of this Hall for the meetings of Masonic Lodges or moderately large gatherings of the Brethren for Masonic purposes was amply demonstrated. The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren who represented the Provincial Lodges assembled shortly before five o'clock, at which hour the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, accompanied by his present and past Officers, entered the Hall in procession, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was at once opened, There were present at the opening and during the meeting the following Grand Officers of the province, viz :—

Bros. Fredk. Davison P.G.W. Dep. Grand Master, G. H. Newington Bridges J.W., Thos. Murray Gorman Chaplain, C. Hammerton Treas., Horace White Registrar, Wm. G. Brighten Secretary, W. E. Williams M.O., J. Terry S.O., Thos. Clarke S.D., Thomas Kingston J.D., John F. Rumball Supt. of Wks., J. Smith Dir. of Cers., Ebenezer Whittaker Sword Bearer, Jas. F. Lovelock Standard Bearer, E. J. Hoare Organist, Cecil Quennell I.G., H. J. Clutton, Jas. Shilcock, Philip A. Scratchley Stewards, John Gilbert Tyler. The Past Grand





rens P.G.J.O. P.P.G. Sec., F. J. C. de Crespigny Past plain, Henry Baldwin P.P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., W. A. S. P.P. Assist. D. of Cers. P.M. 176, George J. Dunkley 234, Byron H. Ridge P.P.G.I.G. 198, J. R. Hubbard J. D. Birkin W.M. 284, Edward J. Mills W.M. 350, Henry M. 199, Jas. Funston P.M. 199, S. Fountaine J.W. 176, Laurance J.O. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. T. . 181, E. West P.M. 173, J. Frye M.O. 211, R. Lawson George Gardner W.M. 357, H. M. Appleton W.M. 223, Lake P.G.S.B. 315, F. Farrington W.M. 238, W. E. Far- f. 238, G. Haldane W.M. 197, W. Winnett S.W. 259, F. R. 251, W. Fisher P.M. 181, Jas. Linzell P.M. 236, L. G. bins M.O. 361, H. A. Worcester Reeves M.O. 1 4, Jas. . W.M. 355, C. F. Matier P.G.W., Philip Monson 211, Moreing I.G. 7 361, C. J. Knightley Sec. 355, C. J. . 234, H. Dickey S.O. 355, G. Mordey Registrar 355, avis S.O. 357, W. J. Heath S.W. 4, B. R. Bryant P.G. arer 333, R. J. Taylor M.O. 357, Jas. Powdrell 355, Adam S.D. 357, M. J. Rowley I.G. 355, Josh. Badkin P.M. 236, bs P.M. 236, Alfred Meadows P.M. 357, Henry Pigache E. F. Storr Old Kent T.I., W. A. Scurrah J.D. Royal . Stiles S.W. 355, A. Mooney J.D. 257, and others who he attendance book.

ntes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge ld under the banner of the Kintore Mark Lodge, the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 1885, were read and confirmed. The Roll of ie province was called, and each of the thirty- represented; the Prov. Grand Secretary's ed that all dues were fully paid (in fact, a Lodge had sent more money than was due), increase in the aggregate number of members his report was received with expressions of action. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's . Hammerton) accounts were presented, a ment thereof being delivered to each brother showing balances in hand amounting to some beral grants and additions to Grand Lodge l been fully discharged, and all obligations iis report also had a cordial reception. A e-appointment of the Right Wor. Bro. Col. Burdett having been previously issued by the Mark Master, W. Bro. Berridge Grand Ceremonies proclaimed Sir Francis as Prov. for the ensuing three years, and the Prov. was saluted according to ancient custom. In ient of his hearty reception, the Prov. Grand ed his thanks, and stated that as in the past ly endeavoured to discharge the duties of his tmost ability—he had not been altogether ach and all of the Lodges over which he e future he would continue such endeavours, o fulfil his promise to see the brethren at odges which as yet he had not had time to ointment of Prov. Grand Officers for the owed, W. Bro. Frederick Davison being puty Prov. Grand Master, amidst acclama- Davison was saluted accordingly. The vested in person or by proxy were :—

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| J. Haldane 197 | - | Senior Warden |
| tchley 7 | - | Junior Warden |
| erton 144 | - | Treasurer |
| ed 198 | - | Registrar |
| Brighten 4 | - | Secretary |
| 211 | - | M.O. |
| - | - | S.O. |
| in 236 | - | J.O. |
| un. 355 | - | Senior Deacon |
| ord 234 | - | Junior Deacon |
| 24 | - | Superintendent of Works |
| 357 | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| 4 | - | Assistant Director of Cer. |
| 8 | - | Sword Bearer |
| - | - | Standard Bearer |
| - | - | Organist |
| s 361 | - | Inner Guard |
| tie 333 | - | Stewards |
| 223 | - | |
| 176 | - | |
| 51 | - | |
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| - | - | Tyler |

ratchley Prov. G.I.G. having kindly as Steward for the Mark Benevolent g Festival, was warmly thanked, and a neglected by Mark Masons, it was resolved to assist that fund by a donation of Five Guineas. Bros. G. H. N. Bridges P.P.G.J.W., E. F. Storr, James Willing jnn. Prov. G.S.D., and H. S. Goodall were appointed members of the Committee for General Purposes. The ordinary proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge were here pleasantly varied by the presentation to the Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. W. G. Brighten P.P.G.S.W., of a testimonial, in recognition of his past ten years' service in that capacity. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master having addressed the brethren, informing them that it had been resolved at the previous meeting to offer some tangible evidence of appreciation of zealous work by Bro. Brighten, on behalf of Mark Masonry in the province, and humorously suggesting that if it were offered in the form of cash, it might "take unto itself wings and depart;" called the worthy recipient towards the East, and, earnestly thanking him for, and eulogising his zeal and strict attendance to all the duties which his office had imposed on him, in the name of Prov. Grand Lodge, presented him with a handsome 18 inch rose water salver and ewer, hoping that he might for many years have the gratification of looking thereon, and remembering the many pleasant associations connected with his labours. The highly artistic productions of Messrs Elkington were then displayed, and were much admired, as well for elaboration of design as for style of workmanship. The presentation inscription ran thus:—

"Presented to Bro. W. G. Brighten P.P.G. S.W., by the Provincial Grand Lodge M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary for past 10 years. 1886."

Bro. Brighten in a few well-chosen remarks expressed his thanks for the testimony afforded of satisfaction with his endeavours to promote the best interests of the Province, which during his term of office, and under the genial sway of its Grand Master, to whom he desired permission to say a far larger share of the credit belonged, had so greatly increased in the number of Lodges and members. The handsome present now made to him would remind him that whatever he had done in the past to merit such appreciation, gratitude for so generous an acknowledgment should still further stimulate him, if indeed that were necessary, to continued efforts in the like direction. Bro. Brighten was warmly applauded and congratulated on resuming his official station in the Lodge. A few minor matters of ordinary business, including the announcement of reception of letters of apology for absence from several distinguished brethren, were then disposed of, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated. A Banquet was subsequently given at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided. It was not so largely attended as had been anticipated, regard not having been taken as to the numerous important Masonic gatherings of the week, which naturally would attract Freemasons, especially those connected with Mark Masonry, towards other expenditure of time and money. A very agreeable evening was, however, spent by those who had the privilege of being present. Toasts, with the exception of the principal Loyal and Masonic sentiments, being for once dispensed with, and social chat and harmonious fellowship prevailing.

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### SURREY MASONIC HALL.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have read with much concern the article in your record of the 19th inst., on "Desecration or Sacrilege;" and, well knowing that Bro. Jas. Stevens has done so much for Masonry, I am surprised that amongst his numerous admirers no one

## AL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Vednesday last, the Eighty-Eighth Anniversary stival of this Institution was held at Brighton, e presidency of Brother Lord Suffield, Provincial aster of Norfolk, the occasion attracting, as usual, umerous assemblage of distinguished members of , the representatives of various Lodges, both in nd the Provinces, who were accompanied by their The weather was delightfully fine, and the " of southern watering places appeared at its best, owded at this season with visitors. The banquet ved in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, covers d for between 500 and 600 guests. The President y was supported at the principal table by Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain Iomfray P.G.A.D.C.; George Plucknett, R. W. W. Roebuck, Trustee, Grand Sword Bearer, J. L. C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Cubitt V.-Patrons; Rev. Mortimer Heath Grand , H. B. Marshall Past Grand Treasurer, Dr. Jabez G.D., J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Colonel Peters ord Bearer, W. H. Perryman Assistant Grand nt, Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward Secretary of tution, &c. During the afternoon a selection of as performed by the band of the Boys' School, ie leadership of Bro. W. Whare, and in the between the toasts an excellent programme of usic was sustained by Miss Effie Clements, Miss amian, Brother Arthur Thompson, Mr. Harper and Mr. W. G. Forington, under the direction of Turle Lee. At the conclusion of the well-served he President proposed Her Majesty the Queen, atron of the Institution, in loyal terms, the toast llowed with the singing of the National Anthem. sing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, President stitution, he said the Prince of Wales was known throughout this country but everywhere in Her s dominions. Only a few days since he (the accompanied His Royal Highness to Brighton, e was most loyally and enthusiastically received. spoke at length on the interest which the Prince ed in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft, eadiness at all times to come forward for its good, when he was called upon to do that which he d might confer a benefit upon his countrymen. onel Shadwell H. Clerke then proposed the health oble President, whom they welcomed with the ordiality. Lord Suffield had great and special pon every Freemason because of his long and services to the Order. He had been Provincial aster of Norfolk for ten years, and had ruled over vince in a most exemplary and distinguished That day they had special reason to feel grateful oble Lord for being with them, because he had d most important duties to attend to in London; ad said, I was determined to support your Insti--day, and be at Brighton with you. Therefore reason to thank him for occupying the chair on sion. That was not the first time Lord Suffield vn his interest in the Institutions by taking the the Masonic Festivals, for only four or five years resided at the Girls' School Festival, which was with a remarkably good result. They might, congratulate themselves upon having so excelle, and distinguished a President as Lord Suffield, would most cordially unite in drinking to his anking him for his presence amongst them on that The toast was received with immense applause, Lordship, in acknowledging the toast, tendered his thanks for the kindly and flattering terms in which een proposed by the Grand Secretary. It was ed that he could claim of the merits of a Freeut he took an interest in the Craft because he had nothing but kindness from the whole of the He recognised the vast amount of good that by Freemasonry, and he was glad and proud to Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers, with which he coupled the name of the Grand Chaplain Rev. Mortimer Heath. In the course of his response the Grand Chaplain spoke of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in administering the affairs of the Craft, and of the beneficial results of their deliberations. From the earliest history of Grand Lodge the Charities held a very large place in its organisation and working, and as the Craft increased so had the anxiety of Grand Lodge increased for their well-being. As the Charities advanced, they had carried out, as the first principle of the Order, not only that brotherly love, but also that which was the outcome of the other, that relief which was shown in such institutions as that which they were then celebrating, and others of a kindred sort. He thought he might say that the Grand Lodge of England would never be wanting in promoting those great principles taught in our Lodges—Benevolence and Charity. Bro. McKay, Prov. Grand Secretary Cumberland, then gave "The Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committees," with which he coupled the name of Bro. W. Raynham Stewart. The success of this noble Institution was in an eminent degree due to the efforts of those brethren who were included in the toast. Bro. Stewart, after thanking the company for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, said they had been brought together by mutual good feeling, in the hope that they might be enabled to enhance the work they all recognised, and which they desired faithfully to discharge. Had it not been for the ladies, many members of the Craft would not have thought it a proper thing to be Masons; they took an interest in, and were anxious to do all they could to get their special candidates into the Institutions. As far as he was concerned, he was a trustee, and did his duty to the best of his ability; the other brethren did the same, and he could simply say to those present, "Send us the money, and we will take care of the children." The noble President, in proposing "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," observed that it was a very important thing that money should be forthcoming to support this Institution, but they wanted more than money—they wanted interest. They wanted the interest that is shown year by year still more and more, because the Institution which they were called here to assist was increasing year by year. He was not about to trouble them with a report, or any statistics from the report, which had been in the hands of all concerned. He had the good fortune to visit the Institution at Wood Green on Saturday, and was extremely well satisfied with what he saw there. It was not the first time that he had had such a pleasure; he visited it four years ago, and it was his earnest hope that it should go on increasing. But it cannot do so without means, which he hoped would be forthcoming that day. There were other Institutions, but this and the Girls' School deserved, he thought, something more than the others. The Boys' Institution had been doing excellent work for the last 88 years, and it was a monument to the wisdom and foresight of their predecessors. He felt assured they would never allow such an ancient institution to lack funds for its support. It was an ungrateful task to ask for money, but there was no shame in it, because before them was an object worthy of their subscriptions. It was unfortunate for this gathering to take place now, on account of the dissolution of Parliament, which had deprived them of many who would have been glad to come here, though he must say there were many kind faces there that he knew. However, it had given him extreme pleasure to see the noble hall so well attended; an extremely pretty sight it was. He could say with truth that he never presided at a more graceful assemblage. Bro. Plucknett P.G.D., whose name was associated with the toast, observed that the Institution was doing really good work, and was pursuing its onward career most successfully. His duty as Treasurer was to thank them for coming to Brighton to support the Institution, and to say that the funds subscribed were economically expended, having regard to the efficiency, comfort, and happiness of the boys. The Prince of Wales recently referred to the extension in the number of Lodges





nouncement he had to make was somewat disappbut that was invariably the case, their Festival s it did after the Festivals of the other Institutions. on Saturday, that the present political crisis might at extent interfere, not only with the personal e at this Festival, but also with the result of the Stewards' exertions on behalf of the Institution. They were not, however, altogether without reason for thankfulness as to the results that had been achieved, but which were not quite equal to the anticipations of some of their more sanguine friends. There were 120 London Stewards, and 169 Provincial Stewards, as follows :—

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| Hovenden | 28 | 7 | 0 |
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| . Woodruff | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| Garnar | 73 | 10 | 0 |
| ardiner | | | |
| loway | 50 | 13 | 0 |
| ain Simpkins | 38 | 17 | 0 |
| Bridges | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| Tabuteau | 90 | 4 | 0 |
| Stephens | 36 | 15 | 0 |
| rmur | 107 | 2 | 0 |
| ayer | 57 | 15 | 0 |
| aterlow | 51 | 19 | 0 |
| Edwards | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| C Claridge (see No. 1962) | | | |
| odman | 38 | 17 | 0 |
| k J Wray | 165 | 18 | 0 |
| Dyer | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| ner | 28 | 7 | 0 |
| lton | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| dner | 53 | 11 | 0 |
| Hillo | 106 | 1 | 0 |
| iter | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Cummings | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| arfield | 61 | 18 | 6 |
| ner | 40 | 19 | 0 |
| r | 64 | 1 | 0 |
| andall | 66 | 13 | 6 |
| Kimpton | 54 | 12 | 0 |
| ker | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| scott | 69 | 6 | 0 |
| ach | 79 | 16 | 0 |
| idge | 163 | 16 | 0 |
| hé | 57 | 15 | 0 |
| liams | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| ardner | 240 | 9 | 0 |
| J Stanley | | | |

| Chapter | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Comp. W B Kidder | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 95 | Samuel Brooks | 34 | 13 | 0 |
| 174 | James Knight | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 1604 | Frederick J Wray (see Lodge 1604) | | | |
| 1900 | G P Festa | | | |

## COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | H T Miller | 107 | 0 | 0 |

## UNATTACHED.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Robert Berridge | | | |
| | F Binckes | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | Edgar Bowyer | | | |
| | Thomas Bruce | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | H V Clements | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | J W T Chapman | 26 | 15 | 6 |
| | George Cooper | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| | Henry Cox | 59 | 17 | 0 |
| | R T Fennell | | | |
| | W Gomm | | | |
| | George Graveley | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| | William Herbage | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | John P Houghton | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | William Lake | | | |
| | H B Marshall | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | J Lawrence Mather | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| | Dr. G Mickley | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | James Moon | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | William Morley | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | Henry F Nash | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | F J Vander Pant | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | Colonel James Peters | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | M J Rowley | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| | Charles Sanders, M.D. | | | |
| | Ald. Joseph Savory | | | |
| | James Stevens | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| | David Stroud | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | J Lewis Thomas | | | |
| | Abner Torkington | | | |
| | John Weston | | | |
| | Alfred Williams | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | E C Woodward | 10 | 10 | 0 |

# THE PROVINCES.

## BERKS AND BUCKS.

| Lodge | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 414 | Br Samuel Wheeler jun. | 55 | 13 | 0 |
| 591 | John Lawson | 47 | 5 | 0 |
| 795 | William Fenton | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 945 | Maurice Wheeler | 59 | 17 | 0 |
| 1899 | S G Kirchhoffer | 26 | 5 | 0 |

## BRISTOL.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | William Pornell | 26 | 5 | 0 |

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | Andrew H Moyes | 131 | 5 | 0 |

## CHESHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 537 | Geo H Brown | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 941 | W Wildgoose | 36 | 15 | 0 |

## CORNWALL.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charles Truscott | 250 | 0 | 0 |

## CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Province. | G J McKay | 425 | 9 | 0 |
| 129 | J H Hogg | 74 | 11 | 0 |

## DERBYSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 353 | John Cooper Webb | 48 | 6 | 0 |
| 802 | Edwin Belfield | 27 | 18 | 6 |

## DURHAM.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C D H Drury | 63 | 0 | 0 |

## ESSEX.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | Henry Harper | 15 | 14 | 6 |

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

| Lodge | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 900 | William Powell | 30 | 14 | 0 |
| 1005 | Arthur S. Lemon | 43 | 11 | 6 |
| 1067 | W Crawshay Heane | 58 | 16 | 0 |

## HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lodge 76 Chapter 723 | Richard Glasspool | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge 130 1461 | George J Tilling | 131 | 5 | 0 |
| 175 | Ernest Groves | 73 | 10 | 0 |
| 309 | Edgar Goble | 53 | 0 | 6 |
| 342 | William Gunnell | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| 1776 | William Miles | 155 | 0 | 0 |

## HERTS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 403 | Lieut. Richd. B. Croft | | | |
| 1327 | Edward West | 75 | 1 | 6 |
| 1479 | A H Debenham | 13 | 8 | 6 |

## KENT.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Province | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 558 | Spurgeon | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| 1209 | J O Eve | 115 | 10 | 0 |

## LANCASHIRE (East Division).

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 221 | Br Charles Crompton | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 317 | J Garside | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1009 | George Everatt | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| 1723 | E G Harwood<br>Nathaniel Nicholson | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| 1789 | George Board<br>S E Levi<br>George Rideal<br>Effraim Nahum<br>Alfred de Bolton | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | Rob Williamson | 10 | 10 | 0 |

## LANCASHIRE—West Division.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Reginald Young | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 155 | E Pierpoint | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1384 | W J Thomson | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1730 | J Slyman | | | |

## LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1560 | Thomas Macaulay | 257 | 5 | 0 |

## LINCOLNSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 792 | James Duke | 10 | 10 | 0 |

## MIDDLESEX.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 778 | E W Stanton | 94 | 10 | 0 |
| 865 | W Johnson | 26 | 10 | 0 |
| 1310 | John Etherington | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 1526 | John Alfred Wilson | | | |
| 1597 | W Cook | 32 | 11 | 0 |
| 2024 | J Sadler Wood | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 2048 | Philip Cheek | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| 2105 | D P Cama | 15 | 15 | 0 |

## MONMOUTHSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1429 | Samuel Davies | 31 | 10 | 0 |

## NORFOLK.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 213 | Br Lord Suffield (Chairman)<br>George Baxter<br>G. W. Girling Barnard | 420 | 0 | 0 |

## NORTH WALES.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1336 | C K Benson | 32 | 11 | 0 |
| 1849 | Lt.-Col. W E Sackville-West | 54 | 12 | 0 |

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1434 | B Franz Stiebel | 102 | 2 | 0 |

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## OXFORDSHIRE.





### SOMERSETSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...t.-Col. A T Perkins | 161 | 5 | 0 |
| W J Nosworthy | 141 | 15 | 0 |

### H WALES—East Division.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ... Lawrence Lewis | 105 | 0 | 0 |

### H WALES—West Division.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel Read | 210 | 0 | 0 |

### STAFFORDSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...nce | 120 | 15 | 0 |
| ...ercy Evershed | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| ...J Turley | | | |
| ...Matthias Barker | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| ...R Lee | | | |

### SUFFOLK.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...r B Ardley | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| W J Nunn | 21 | 0 | 0 |

### SURREY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...J Dunkley | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| ...Greenwood jun. | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| George Moorman | 17 | 17 | 0 |
| W H Dunning Pearse | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Hugh M Hobbs | 267 | 15 | 0 |

### SUSSEX.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Belcher | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Chas. H. Haine | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| L B Henderson | 36 | 4 | 0 |
| Major W W Turner | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| W R Wood jun. | 220 | 0 | 0 |
| W H Causton | 37 | 16 | 0 |
| John Sayers | 63 | 0 | 0 |

### WARWICKSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | John Slater | | | |
| | Felix Jones | | | |
| | James Moffatt | | | |
| | David Archer | | | |
| | John Rawlins | | | |
| | Charles Lee | | | |
| | Wm Henry Wood | | | |
| | George Erwin Mewis | | | |
| | W H Johnson | 231 | 0 | 0 |
| | C Joseph Collins | | | |
| | Thomas Surman | | | |
| | Josiah Collins | | | |
| | Joseph Gothard | | | |
| | Hugh S Thomas | | | |
| | George Shread | | | |
| | Joshua Perkins | | | |
| | Joshua Howell | | | |
| | T James Graham | | | |
| 567 | Jos. Boddington | | | |
| 587 | Joseph W Martin | 26 | 5 | 0 |

### WILTSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 355, 1295 | J Campbell Maclean | 61 | 13 | 0 |

### WORCESTERSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A F Godson D.P.G.M. | | | |
| | J W Consterdine-Chadwick | | | |
| 252 | Edward J Chambers | 52 | 10 | 0 |

### YORKSHIRE (N. & E. Ridings).

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1010 | Col. R G Smith | 41 | 14 | 6 |

### GUERNSEY.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 243 | J H Parsons | 110 | 5 | 0 |

### MARK DEGREE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 333 | G Norrington | 63 | 0 | 0 |

### FOREIGN STATIONS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 349 | Lt.-Col. G Haldane | 52 | 0 | 0 |
| 684 | Rev. A. H. Hildesley | | | |

### YORKSHIRE (WEST).

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 139 | John H Burrows | | | |
| | Simeon Hayes | | | |
| | Geo. Wm. Hawksley | | | |
| 208 | James France | | | |
| | T Bateman Fox | | | |
| 289 | Alfred Williamson | | | |
| 296 | Joseph Mellowes | | | |
| | Robert Schott | | | |
| | Joseph Hardy | | | |
| | Harold Thomas | | | |
| 380 | Sidney T Steele | | | |
| 408 | Edwin Lee | | | |
| 458 | H Trevor Gardiner | | | |
| | H Wilson | | | |
| 495 | Lieut.-Col. Albany H Charlesworth | | | |
| 521 | Ernest A Beaumont | | | |
| | John Wm Turner | | | |
| 600 | Charles Crabtree | | | |
| 910 | Robert Fisher | | | |
| 974 | W C Lupton | 760 | 19 | 0 |
| | J R Oddy | | | |
| | H A. Foster | | | |
| 1019 | John Wordsworth | | | |
| | Herbert J E Green | | | |
| | William H Milnes | | | |
| 1211 | George F Crowe | | | |
| | Joseph Stanfield | | | |
| 1239 | Maurice J Dodworth | | | |
| | J Grayson Lowood | | | |
| 1311 | Thomas Crossley | | | |
| | J Boorne Hargreaves | | | |
| | James Stables | | | |
| | C E Richardson | | | |
| | A F M'Gill | | | |
| | Walter S Blackburn | | | |
| 1513 | Thos W Embleton | | | |
| 2069 | Rev T C Smyth | | | |
| | Robert Abbott | | | |
| | Benj. Sykes Bailey | | | |
| | Walter Storey | | | |
| | Tom Atkinson | | | |

er Captain Homfray proposed success to the other Institutions,—the Royal Masonic Institution for ...d the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It ...ble thing that, as Masons, they were enabled to ...h large sums for their Institutions, and he asso...ith the toast the names of Bros. Terry and Hedges, ...retaries of those Institutions. Brother J. Terry ...ulated the Institution for Boys on the result of the ..., disappointing as in some respects it was. More ...y could he congratulate Brother Binckes upon the ... There was one subject, however, which his ...p would forgive him for referring to—the com... which had been made by the noble Chairman ... the Schools and the Benevolent Institution. He ... that it was not intended to overlook the claims of ...evolent Institution; but his Lordship had gone on ...hat the Girls' School also deserved support. He ...rry) had expected a word to say that the Benevolent ...ion also deserved support. He urged that when ...r had gone by, the brethren's attention would have ...ven first to the Benevolent Institution. He should ... to receive for 1887 the names of some of the ... under his Lordship's presidency. He had already ... one Steward from his Province, and was sure he ...be a good one. Brother Hedges, responding for ...ls' School, thanked the brethren for the support ... had been extended to his Institution, and ...g so he had prominently in his mind the Pro...ith which the Chairman was very nearly connected ...rovince of Norfolk. He had only further to say ...en the turn of the Girls' School again came round ...ed the oldest of the Masonic Institutions would not ...port. Bro. J. L. Mather in responding for the ...ls, said they had done their best to make this ... a success, and so to arrange matters as to give ...ion to one and all. They had received assistance ...des in carrying out the arrangements, and they had ... pleasure of hearing from every quarter praises of ...ner in which they had done their duty. He trusted ... which had not yet come in would considerably ... the total. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas proposed ...dies, for whom Brother C. F. Hogard suit...plied. The President said he did not think they ...eparate without expressing their hearty thanks to ...nckes for the energy which he had displayed; it ... him to whom the success of the Institution was ...Bro. Binckes had said the result was disappointing; gratulate themselves on the result of the evening. Bro. Binckes briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and the proceedings soon afterwards terminated, the guests expressing a unanimous verdict that a thoroughly agreeable day had been enjoyed.

## THE WAGES OF THE CRAFT.

THERE is a mine of wealth in the verbiage of Masonry. To ordinary observers the surface indications may be slight, but to the thoughtful Mason every word contains a nugget of ore. Often the Senior Warden of a Lodge is regarded as a greatly inferior officer, with little authority, and merely a sort of Deputy Master, a lay figure, unless the Master be absent. Not so; and he tells us so, and what he tells is true, and indicates a deeper truth than he tells. The Senior Warden is the paymaster of the Craft, now nominally, once really. He is a sort of stranded Masonic official on the shores of time. His vocation is largely gone. But what he now asserts of himself gives us a hint of what he once really was. It proves that he is an historic character; that time, the great leveller, has lessened his authority, that his office was not created in the present or the last century, but originated with Freemasonry itself, in the remote past. The language used by the Senior Warden proves that he is a kind of fossil. When does he ever pay the Craft wages now? But he did once—aye, and as long as three thousand years ago, if there is anything in Masonic tradition, or in Masonic philology. This carries us back to the building of King Solomon's Temple.

According to the traditions of the Lodge, which are fortified in certain respects by the facts and traditions of Mark Masonry as well, there were two classes of stone hewers and squarers, or Fellow-Crafts, at the building of Solomon's Temple—first, a superior class, of skilled workmen, who were each in possession of an individual "Mark," and who always designated their work by this Mark; and second, an inferior class, of probably younger and less experienced workmen, who had no mark, and probably performed only the rough work of the quarries. The former received their pay in silver, the latter in corn, wine and oil. It was the duty of the Senior Warden of the Lodge to pay these wages, and he did it on the sixth day of the week (Friday), at the sixth hour (High

Now that the Mark Degree has been the Fellow-Craft Degree, and made a special enior Warden's vocation in the Fellow-Craft sons' Lodge is gone. He has no wages to o Craftsmen to pay. Nevertheless he retains age, which indicates what his duty once was, estifies to the antiquity of his station, and the which he was once clothed.

ot be inferred that Freemasons no longer re- Far from it. There is no man who receives han a Freemason. He is a member of that honourable Fraternity which has no rival, —intellectual, moral, social and material—is hich dispenses its wealth with a liberal hand. at the wages of the Craft now are, and to paid.

liate gets nothing, and merits nothing. He , out of all sympathy with his fellows. He r the Lodge, and of course can receive no er does the habitual absentee from the Lodge standing receive any wages. Seeing is re- never sees. Hearing is receiving, and he No one receives wages but the Brother who Lodge. But what does *he* receive? Most He is enriched in mind, in body and in blime truths taught in the Craft, by sign y word and act, are impressed again and nemory, so that he cannot forget them. Freemason should be a noble man. He has turpitude. He unfailingly knows what is ot err through ignorance. Besides this, he pirit, by communion and fellowship with his has their sympathy. He sits with them and Refreshment. The convivial joys of the e his. He is enriched also in body. Often material in form. He partakes of the build the body and rejoice the heart—the nd the oil of the Craft. His wages often hese payments. Can any Brother under ices go away dissatisfied? Can he be py, yea delighted? Is the Fraternity a h can offer such rewards to its initiates— nd, nourishment for the body, encourage- tion for the spirit, the emotional nature? es are larger still. Does fortune fail, do , does penury follow sharply on the heels n heaven-born charity is dispensed by the wages are in shekels, as well as in the nt, the wine of refreshment and the oil rtunate Brother is paid the wages of both Crafts, those with Marks and those with- specie and he is paid in kind.

ns ever better paid than now? Were larger? We would rather be a Free- to have been one in the days of King ld rather enjoy the Labour and Refresh- ge now, than that which our primitive The best times are these times, all the "good old times" to the contrary All Freemasons are entitled to receive they do not, it is owing to the wilful ties; it is their fault and not the fault of *ne*.

## EHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

nce of installation in this Lodge took place at el, at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday the 26th ting is situate in a picturesque and highly ood, surrounded by pleasant and varied walks, avail themselves during the interval between t on each occasion of meeting; thereby secur- eable addition to the business and pleasure of excellent grounds in rear of the Hotel, with vling courses, are also attractive for such as rambles before dining; whilst the internal d by a spacious and lofty Lodge room, with mbers and conveniences on the same floor. ecially suitable for Masonic meetings at no ndon. To these advantages may also be added which provision is made, according to the brethren, for either "high teas," elaborate aborate "banquets," such willingness on the

the Chislehurst Lodge was opened on Saturday, by Bro. Edward J. Goodale, the W.M. Amongst the brethren present at the opening and during the meeting were Bros. W. T. Brailey S.W., Richard Nevill J.W., W. Hollis Treasurer, J. C. Main Secretary, W. T. Hunt P.M. S.D., John Mason P.M. J.D., R. Strachan I.G., C. F. Quicke D.C., H. C. Dana Steward, J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters W. H. Drinkwater and T. C. Nunn; and Bros. John Breton, W. Strudwick, W. J. A. Gleaves, John Tuck, Geo. Holding, &c. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, H. W. Roach J.D. 55, and J. H. Montagne 2030. The minutes of the previous regular Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was passed and raised, and resumed to the first degree, a very satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. This report, but for unfortunate circumstances arising out of some extreme measures taken by a small minority of the members during the past year, and which have greatly retarded the progress of the Lodge, would have been still more satisfactory; but it is pleasant to know that common sense and some return towards brotherly feeling and regard for the welfare of the Lodge have prevailed, and the differences which have existed will no longer be continued. Resolutions were passed for the increase of annual subscriptions of members, and that non-dining (or country) members should not be residents within fifteen miles of the place of meeting. Ballots were taken and resulted in unanimous approval of Mr. Francis Martin Hunt, of Chelsea, as a candidate for initiation, and of Bro. John Peacock, of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, as a joining member. To the regret of the brethren generally, neither of these gentlemen were able to be present to receive at once the benefit of their successful candidature. Lodge having been resumed to F.C., W. Bro. Past Master Nunn, at the request of the W.M., presented Bro. Wm. Thomas Brailey S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation; Bro. W. H. Drinkwater P.M. then occupied the S.W. chair, and subsequently Bro. John Mason P.M. that of the J.W.; Bro. James Stevens P.M. was invited by the W.M. to discharge the duties of D.C. In most perfect manner the W.M. Bro. E. J. Goodale performed the entire ceremony of installation, and completed a finished rendering of this most important part of Masonic ritual by the delivery of the addresses to W.M., Wardens and Brethren in admirable style. The warmest acknowledgments of hearty satisfaction were accorded to Bro. Goodale on his thus completing his year of office, and receiving at the hands of the newly-installed Master a handsome Past Master's jewel, and a collar with the usual pendant signifying his newly-acquired rank. The Officers invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year were Bros. Richard Nevill S.W., W. T. Hunt P.M. J.W., Wm. Hollis Treasurer, J. C. Main Secretary, R. Strachan S.D., Charles Quicke J.D., W. Powell D.C., H. C. Dana I.G., John Marshall Steward, and Jas. Rawles Tyler. Before the Lodge was closed a special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Past Master Goodale in token of his successful performance as Installing Master, and a similar vote was also unanimously accorded to Bro. James Stevens P.M. for his valuable assistance as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Hollis Treasurer having accepted the position of representative of the Lodge, as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum of Ten Guineas was voted to head his list of donations, and from the high appreciation in which that worthy brother is held both in the Chislehurst Lodge and other Masonic Associations, there can be no doubt that his Stewardship will prove highly creditable, as well to the Lodge in particular as to himself as its representative. A few brief remarks on the happy augury for future harmony and renewed friendship, which the proceedings of the evening had fully justified, resulted in re-proposition of a candidate for initiation, whose overtures had been, through no fault of his own, previously rejected, and there can now be no doubt that the fullest amends will be made to him at the ensuing meeting by a reception all the warmer for the restoration of peace, and forgetfulness of private piques and resultant differences:—May we be permitted to say, "So mote it be." The Lodge having been closed in due form and with solemn prayer, the brethren "took the air" for awhile—it was much needed—and some in short walks, and others in quiet saunter in the Hotel grounds—where they were gratified to find ladies connected with esteemed members of the Lodge—pleasantly passed an interval before dinner was announced. The weather being in every respect agreeable, the relief afforded by this brief diversion was most enjoyable, and gave zest to the subsequent entertainment in the "fourth degree." After the cloth had been cleared the usual routine of toasts and responses was observed, but with satisfactory brevity and without omission or alteration of programme; the W.M. acquitting himself, on this the first occasion of the exercise of his supremacy, most courteously. To the great satisfaction of all present the amiable daughter of Bro. Main, the Secretary of the Lodge, and the no less amiable wife of Bro. Quicke, the S.D., were good enough to discourse music, and to "accompany" the singing brethren; so that when the inevitable moment for parting had arrived, and the stern fact that the last train was close at hand was assured, the merry company, with many hand-shakes and fervent aspirations for similar enjoyable reunion, separated, and so terminated a meeting long to be remembered in connection with the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

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**Princess's Theatre.**—Mr. Wilson Barrett's arrangements for the final performances, prior to his departure for America, are now complete. "Clito" will be played for the last time this afternoon (Saturday), the theatre remaining closed in the evening. On Monday next "Claudian" will be revived for eleven nights, and one matinée. "Hamlet" will be given for four nights, commencing on Monday, the 19th inst. On the Saturday intervening, the theatre will again be closed, while for the 23rd and 24th inst., special programmes will be announced.

# SURREY.

## G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

**W. BRO. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.**
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

E is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE e held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County on Wednesday, 7th day of July 1886, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD jun. P.P.G. Reg.
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

orning Dress.

quare, Blackfriars-road, S.E, 9th June 1886.

e Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, d of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direc- George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon.

will take place at 5 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. ess, Lloyds, E.C., W.M. No. 2096, enclosing 7/6 (which will not ine). N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have ets, and no Ticket will be issued after 6th July next.

.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine t the Parish Church, Croydon, at four p.m. A Sermon will be by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to Masonic costume at Divine Service.

W. Croydon—from Victoria, 12·10, 12·40; from London Bridge, 12·15, is to E. Croydon—from Victoria, 1·30; from Charing Cross, 12·57; on Street, 1·9; from London Bridge, 1·12.

# ) LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
## ENGLAND AND WALES
AND THE
## )NIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

[IGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KINTORE
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER.

## E EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
IN AID OF
## IARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND
WILL BE HELD
## On Wednesday, 28th July 1886, in the 'IAN SALON, HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

—:o:—

**Bro. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, M.A.**
OV. GRAND MASTER OF WORCESTERSHIRE,
**In the Chair.**

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 10th July 1886, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Recommendations of General Committee and Notices of Motion, as under:—

RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE:

1. "That the proposals of the District Surveyor of Battersea (Wandsworth District), respecting the proposed new road between St. John's Hill and Battersea Rise, be accepted in principle, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made as to details."
2. "That in consequence of three of the girls elected in April last being below the age for admission in August next, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the Poll at the above Election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court in accordance with the recent addition to Law 60."

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON P.G.D., Patron—

"In the event of the recommendation of the General Committee with respect to the proposed new road in front of the Institution being adopted: That the negotiations in the matter be referred to the House Committee, and that upon their recommendation the Trustees be authorised to execute such deeds as may be necessary."

By Bro. CHARLES LACEY P. Prov. G.D. Herts, Vice-Pres.

"To erase that part of Law 28, as follows:—'Should a Subscriber die before the day of polling named in the voting paper, the votes will be null and void, although the Subscriber may have duly received the voting paper, signed it, and passed it on prior to his decease,' and to substitute after the words 'on his or her behalf,' 'All votes duly issued to Governors or Subscribers, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election.'"

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## 'GST "OUR BOYS" AT WOOD GREEN.

[, if ever, has a more cheering and animated scene been ssed at the Boys' School than that which was presented ay—the day fixed for the annual fête, visit of the Festival ıd distribution of prizes gained in the various educa- rtments during the year. This event is one that is )ked forward to with a vast amount of pleasurable antici- embers of the Craft, not only in London, but also in the and Stewards coming up to represent their respective he country look upon it as no small item of their visit to ticipate in the festivities provided for the Boys in whom deep an interest. This year an additional inducement, r were needed, to be present was furnished by the inti- Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand orfolk, and Chairman of the Anniversary Festival, had nted to attend and distribute the prizes. It was clearly the noble Lord had determined to see for himself the ur admirable Institution, so that when speaking on its Festival at Brighton he might be fortified with prac- ce gained by a personal inspection of the building, and to its management. More brilliant weather than that e were favoured last Saturday could not have been de- holiday; for, although Old Sol was more fervent than on any day heretofore this summer, yet a "capful of ıstir to temper the otherwise oppressive heat. Soon e visitors began to arrive, and each succeeding train brought fresh contingents to swell the numbers who ting on the neatly laid out grounds of the Institution. ffield arrived shortly before two o'clock, driving over m with postilions, after the time-honoured custom of and was received by the House Committee; Bros. R. Stewart, C. F. Matier, Horace Brooks Marshall P.G. F. Hogard, Fredk. Binckes (Secretary of the Institu- Morris (Head Master and Chaplain), and many other nds of the School. After partaking of refreshment, as conducted over the building, with the whole of the ements of which he expressed himself abundantly well ıg the assemblage of the invited guests the excellent titution, under the leadership of the bandmaster Bro. ed selections of music within the enclosure; and the ound, dotted with visitors in idyllic groups, was pic- extreme. The company consisted largely of ladies and in the lightest and prettiest of summer costumes, ıe scene an air of vivacity and animation perfectly ıd the hour or so preparatory to the festivities of nt in making a tour of the building, schools, dormi- &c., in which the visitors manifested a deep and . The principal entrance hall was embellished by a st magnificent flowers and plants, which emitted a ce; and everywhere an air of comfort and admirable vailed. By two o'clock—the hour fixed for the com- e proceedings—the new and commodious schoolroom ed with visitors, for whose accommodation seats had r arranged; while at the end of the room, opposite forming the choir occupied seats allotted to them 'he handsome interior of the schoolroom needed no the way of decoration, and the only embellishment ın exhibition of drawings by the pupils, all of which areful and efficient tuition, and of considerable latent The platform was draped in crimson cloth, and laborate alcove were the chairs set apart for the other members of the Craft who were to take in the proceedings of the day. On the arrival accompanied by his escort, his Lordship was loudly as formally introduced to the audience by Bro. idst a fresh outburst of enthusiastic applause. The very considerately announced that on a warm day not wish to weary the company with lengthy would all most cordially welcome Lord Suffield in years ago his Lordship did them a similar honour, glad to see him again. He hoped the noble Lord ake it convenient to remain and witness as much as possible. This, of course, was the signal for cheering, which having subsided, the choir sang Eaton Faning's part song "The Vikings," Bro. . Paul's Cathedral Choir, officiating most ably as Mr. E. Hann as accompanyist. Then came a by P. O'Doherty on "The Advantages of the youthful barrister acquitting himself in such a he "Court" in roars of laughter throughout the ıuc pleadings. A well-sustained pianoforte solo was then given by W. Conway; and the choir

A. J. Kennedy. General Improvement, F. Herring, H. A. Ecclestone, H. Knott.

Second Class,—Latin, F. Lewis. French, C. C. B. Jones. Mathematics, T. W. Crabb. General Improvement, A. Blunt.

Third Class.—Latin, French, and English, J. Bloomfield. Mathematics, H. P. Richardson and R. A. Sykes. General Improvement, G. C. Willett.

Fourth Class.—Latin, English, and Mathematics, J. P. Seagrave. French, H. R. Graves. General Improvement, A. Williams.

Fifth Class.—Latin, D. F. McGill. French and Arithmetic, F. Coleman. General Improvement, A. Moore and J. E. Walters.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, T. R. Foord. General Improvement, C. J. G. Roddam.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, A. R. Warner, A. E. Astington, G. C. Huggett.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class.—General Improvement, R. L. Churchill, F. W. Higgison, and L. Shorrock.

Second Class.—General Improvement, P. Neville.

Then came a humorous sketch, the title of which did not appear on the programme, but which was exceedingly funny, causing the audience to titter consumedly; after which the choir sang Flotow's charming part song, "Come where flowers are flinging." A march from "Tannhauser" was then played as a pianoforte duet by W. Conway and W. Pringle; and F. C. Cairney was undeniably encored after singing Hatton's pretty song "The Lark now leaves his Wat'ry Nest."

The special prizes were then handed to the successful competitors, as follow:—

SPECIAL PRIZES—PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st, G. N. C. Keighley; 2nd, C. J. Johnstone. Dictation, 1st, A. J. Kennedy; 2nd, P. O'Doherty. History, 1st, A. T. Howarth; 2nd, S. W. Richardson. Geography, 1st, S. W. Richardson; 2nd, H. Knott. Mental Arithmetic, 1st, A. J. Kennedy; 2nd, F. Thomas. Elocution, 1st, P. O'Doherty. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st, P. O'Doherty; 2nd, G. N. C. Keighley. Proficiency in Drill, G. S. Jones. The Band, F. Bladon, P. O'Doherty, F. Clarke, and W. E. Sissons. Vocal Music, F. Unwin.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, J. B. Green; 2nd, F. C. Cairney. Pianoforte, Hewitt.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Edgar Bowyer (Vice Patron), for Book-keeping, G. S. Jones.

By Bro. Augustus Harris, Drury Lane Lodge, for English Essay, S. W. Richardson; Dramatic Ability (Decided on conclusion of Farce), P. O'Doherty.

By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), for Freehand, W. J. Balcombe, C. Jones and Rooke; Mapping, W. Sowden; Painting, G. N. C. Keighley; Shading, C. J. Johnstone.

Bro. F. Binckes said, in reference to the prizes given by private donors, others were presented by members of the House Committee, who gave a vast amount of time to the management of this great Institution, and assisted on such occasions as the present to make them successful and enjoyable. For many years Bro. Edgar Bowyer had given prizes for that very useful branch of study for those entering on a commercial life, viz., book-keeping. At all their anniversaries they had done something to show the dramatic abilities of the pupils, but as yet they never had had a prize for that subject. Now, however, their good friend, Bro. Augustus Harris, whose name was a "household word" amongst them, had presented, on behalf of the Drury Lane Lodge, two prizes, one for an English Essay, and one for the boy who displayed the most histrionic ability in the farce with which the programme was to be concluded. The best essay, on "The Life of Brutus" was written by S. W. Richardson.

Another treat in the routine proceedings here took place, the choir singing the part song by Moscheles, entitled "The Village Chorister," which was capitally sustained; and A. T. Bowes and F. Unwin and others delighted the audience by singing Pinsuti's melodious serenade "In this hour of softened splendour."

Bro. F. Binckes, referring to the special prizes for good conduct said, the silver medal presented by the Institution was always regarded as the blue riband of the School, and had been won this year by William Walter Lucas. With respect to the Canonbury gold medal, there was a little difference of opinion. It was instituted some years ago by a very good friend of the Intitution, the late Bro. Edward Cox, V.P., and was to be awarded to the boy who received the suffrages of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the boy who was the greatest favourite with his scholmates was received with the greatest amount of favour by his schoolmaster; but James Baker Green had evidently won his way to the goodwill and estimation of all amongst whom he laboured. They might indulge in the hope that as their friend Green had made good friends in early life he might make many more in his future career. The Supreme Council 33° annually presented a silver watch and chain for general good conduct to a pupil leaving the Institution, and this had been awarded to George Trowman Crozier Keighley. Donors of years gone by had given them an opportunity of investing 500

ichardson, C. J. Johnstone, W. W. Lucas, H. Knott, and

ere found necessary to shorten the programme by the one or two of the items named, and F. C. Cairney and aving given the duet "Echoes" (Moir); and F. Unwin Sullivan's song, "Birds in the Night,"

ield delivered a brief address, in the course of which adies, Brother Masons, and Gentlemen,—Before leaving rm I have been asked to say a few words to I do so with a very great deal of pleasure, be- the first place, it is my wish to express to you tion in seeing, in this large hall, so many of those who kind enough to come and encourage the boys of the hool. I must tell you that your presence here does he boys of the School, and the Head Master who presides and it is a great pleasure to us who belong to the ft to see this Institution, of which we have so much reason prond, so well patronised as it is to-day. The thanks are due to you, and the thanks of the boys whom I see such numbers to-day are due, in the first place, to their r, who with so much ability and zeal has done so much hool, as you can testify on this occasion. It has given easure to give away these prizes, because I feel that who have received them well deserved them. It must encouragement to receive these rewards for their in recognition of their talents, and as a stimulus in career. I would say a few words to the large body of before me now. In these days we all know that educa- irst and principal object in life, because it is not as it when people in superior and affluent positions in life en- nefits of education almost as an heritage. Now, thanks ess of events, we have done away with all that; we are g on a level, and those who educate themselves, and are their fellows in point of intellect, will get to the top I recommend you to persevere in the course in ave begun, and keep always before you honesty, and an ire to take advantage of the opportunities which you the world, especially while you are young. This hall, nagnificent dimensions, is becoming extremely hot, and glad to seek the fresh air and enjoy the sports outside. fore detain you no further than to express the hope that tion may go on and prosper. I am going to preside next at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution Brighton, and I hope many whom I see here will grace ly with their presence, and assist us as far as they can to he grand and glorious objects of this Institution. No as done an incalculable amount of good during the 88 existence, and I hope it will continue to do the same for years. His Lordship resumed his seat amidst enthu- anse, after proposing a vote of thanks to the Head Master. arried amidst acclamation, and Bro. Dr. Morris briefly anks for the compliment paid him.

incken said before they left the platform, to make room natic representation, there was one duty which he should ey left unfulfilled. Lord Suffield had to leave town early ng on an important engagement, but having kindly con- eside at the Anniversary Festival at Brighton, it was his for himself the progress they had made since he last st them. They were doing the best they possibly could increasing demands upon the Institution, but he (the d stated in the Masonic Press that day, he entertained a ny feeling lest the present political crisis might exercise l effect upon the forthcoming Festival. He asked them e invitation of the noble Lord to grace that Festival with ce, and to bring their purses well filled. He should feel mortified if that Festival fell behind its predecessors. If, they had seen to-day, they thought the Institution de- ort, he asked them to rally round it and make the Fes- it a success as possible.

ir Bowyer having seconded the vote of thanks, it was idst ringing cheers, and briefly acknowledged by the man.

amme was concluded with the farce by Martin Becher, n Possession," which was thus cast :—

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| TON BORKE | | J. C. JOHNSTONE. |
| BER | (A Man in Possession) | P. O'DOHERTY. |
| E | (A Lawyer) | A. T. HOWARTH. |
| POTHERLY | | F. C. CAIRNEY. |
| TA PLATTS | (A Lady's Maid) | R. F. REYNOLDS. |

ent with a swing and smartness quite astonishing in the ich young artistes, and the audience were kept in the mour throughout. At its close the Rev. Dr. Morris an- at Bro. Augustus Harris's prize had been awarded to y, a result which was hailed with unanimous applause. one and R. F. Reynolds were "highly commended."

onal Anthem was then sung, the chorus being loyally y the whole company, who soon afterwards made their gymnasium, where a collation had been provided. The numbered over 500, had to be accommodated in two t there was no confusion, and all the arrangements were arried out. The catering was in the hands of Messrs. Sons, the well-known purveyors, of "bride-cake" fame, ipsgate-street, who also supplied the refreshments in the n the grounds. All the arrangements were carried out ersonal superintendence of Mr. F. Hill, and elicited ex- anqualified satisfaction.

the evening a number of athletic sports took place in a of the School building, in the presence of an immense f spectators.

re 17 items on the card, and all were very well contested President. Committee—J. B. Green, F. Cairney, A. T. Howarth, T. Allison, A. Bowes, and F. Thomas; Mr. J. E. Mansell, M.A., Master; Mr. W. Blain, B.A., Mr. F. Cleaver, and Mr. Marsden, Judges; Mr. J. Bere, B.A., Hon. Sec.; Mr. F. Cleworth, and Mr. J. F. Short, assisted by the School monitors, and clerks of the course. Results :—

Throwing the cricket ball.—T. Allison 1 (distance 75 yards); F. Thomas 2. Eight competitors.

100 yards flat handicap for boys over 13 years of age.—First heat: B. Farrar 1; J. B. Green 2; H. Knott 3. Second heat: F. Thomas 1; T. M. Nicholas 2; W. Conway 3. Third heat: T. Allison 1; W. Williams 2; E. W. Sissons 3. Final: F. Thomas 1; T. Allison 2; B. Farrar 3.

100 yards flat handicap for boys under 13.—First heat: H. Richardson 1; A. Stewart 2; J. Besley 3. Second heat: F. Christensen 1; G. Sutcliffe 2; A. Bailey 3. Final: H. Richardson 1; F. Christensen 2; G. Sutcliffe 3.

Long jump, open.—T. Allison 1 (5 ft. 4½ in.); R. Reynolds and J. B. Green equal 2.

Quarter mile handicap for boys over 13 years of age.—H. Knott 1; T. Allison 2; Balcombe 3. Twenty-four entries.

Quarter mile handicap for boys under 13.—H. Richardson (won easily); C. Stewart 2; G. Sutcliffe 3.

Long jump (open) E. W. Sissons 1 (distance 15 ft. 4 in.); H. Knott 2. Nine competitors.

Three legged race.—H. Knott and B. Farrar 1; E. W. Sissons and F. Cairney 2. Twelve couples competed.

Band boys' race (220 yards).—T. White 1; Eccleston 2.

Tug o' war for boys under 13.—W. Bevis's team beat J. B. Bloomfield's. Ditto, over 13. W. Southam's team won in the final.

220 yards handicap for boys under 13.—T. Christensen 1; G. J. Ker 2; G. Sutcliffe 3. Thirteen entries.

Half mile handicap, over 13.—W. Crabb 1; W. Conway 2; E. W. Sissons 3. Eighteen starters.

Obstacle race, open.—H. Knott 1; F. Thomas 2; Watson 3. The prizes were subsequently distributed by Mrs. Terry, wife of Bro. E. Terry P.G.S., the well-known comedian, for whom hearty cheers were given. The band of the Institution played selections of music during the sports.

Tea and coffee were provided during the evening, and as dusk approached the visitors gradually withdrew to catch the returning trains for home, heartily well pleased with the entertainment which had been provided for their delectation.

## PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Monday, the 28th June. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided, and was supported by M.E. Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Provincial G.H., M.E. Comp. Robert Bradley Provincial Grand J., and a large assembly of Companions from various Chapters of the Province. Prov. Grand Chapter was opened punctually at 1·45, in order to get the official work over for the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at the same place at 2·45. The Chapter was very nicely arranged for the reception of the Companions, and the room below the Hall was also prepared for Provincial Grand Lodge, so that no time was lost in making alterations for the dual meeting. The undermentioned Companions were appointed and invested, viz. :—

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| Comp. J. Williams P.Z. 591 | S.E. |
| W. Morris J. 771 | S.N. |
| W. H. Robinson P.Z. 840 | P.S. |
| G. A. Charubin 591 | 1st Assistant Sojourner |
| W. H. Belcher H. 414 | 2nd Assistant Sojourner |
| Rev. O. J. Grace P.Z. 591 | Treasurer |
| E. C. Knight P.Z. 948 | Registrar |
| J. K. H. Fowler P.S. 591 | Sword Bearer |
| F. Blackwell S.E. 414 | Standard Bearer |
| C. Seymour P.S. 771 | Director of Ceremonies |
| F. W. Plant Martin 771 | Organist |
| R. C. Prickett S.N. 414 | Stewards |
| B. Challener H. 945 | Stewards |

As the Treasurer's statement of account showed a good balance, a sum of twenty guineas was unanimously voted to the funds of the Girls' School, Comp. John Lawson P.Z. 591 undertaking to represent the Province at the next Festival. The Grand Superintendent of the Province expressed his approval of a suggestion of Companion J. Williams S.E., that the future annual meetings of Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge might be arranged to be held on the same day, a step which would meet with the general approval and convenience of the members, and also ensure a good assembly. The Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form, and the Companions adjourned

nal meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of and Bucks was held immediately after that of ial Grand Chapter, also under the presidency r Daniel Gooch, Bart. Prov. Grand Lodge n opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, found that all were represented. The roll of d Officers was next called, a large number of swering to their names. The minutes having ned, Bro. Robert Bradley Prov. Grand Secre- e financial statement of the year, and also the e Charity Committee. The former showed a the general account of £144 19s 7d, out of rethren voted 25 guineas to the Charity Fund, recommendation of the Charity Committee, 10s and £5s were voted for charitable pur- different Lodges who subscribed to the Pro- ty Fund. A sum of 20 guineas was also voted d brother, who for many years had rendered ice to the cause of Masonry in this and other d with whom deep sympathy was expressed ad fallen into ill-health and straitened circum- Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the odges in the province was considered highly It showed that the present membership was Masters numbering 185. During the past ular Lodges, and sixteen Lodges of emer- been held, at which eighteen brethren he district, while 47 gentlemen had been he several Lodges. The Provincial Grand complimented the brethren on the satisfac- f these reports, and on the steady progress n made in the Province, proceeded to the Bro. Charles Stephens as Provincial Grand the ensuing year. The nomination was he Deputy of the Province, Bro. Rev. J. ownrigg, and unanimously agreed to. Bro. owledged the compliment, and then Bro. P.M. 1887 was invested with the Provincial A discussion followed, in reference to cases the Provincial Charity Committee, the at the following resolution was passed, on Bro. Dixon, seconded by the Deputy Prov. That in the opinion of the Prov. G. Lodge, en and widows of brethren who, at the time been subscribing members for three years, e votes of the Charity Committee, and in the that no brother should obtain the votes een a subscribing member for five years." ded to hold the meetings of the Charity London at four o'clock in future, for the ence of brethren who have to return to the llowing brethren were then appointed as he Province for the ensuing year:—

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| - - . | Treasurer |
| 94 - . | Registrar |
| - - . | Secretary |
| - - . | Senior Deacon |
| - - . | Junior Deacon |
| - - . | Superintendent of Works |
| - - . | Director of Ceremonies |
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| - - . } | Standard Bearers |
| 99 - . } | |
| - - . | Organist |
| - - . | Assistant Secretary |
| - - . | Pursuivant |
| - - . | Assistant Pursuivant |
| Marshall, } | Stewards |
| on, Perks . } | |
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l Lodge having been closed, a banquet n Exchange. Under the presidency of nd Master, the customary toasts were posing that of the Grand Master Sir red to the installation of the Duke of incial Grand Master of Sussex by the d spoke of the excellent way in which ss had carried out the ceremony. g the Provincial Grand Master an- ear's meeting of the Provincial Grand Windsor Castle, and as it would be during the jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, he felt sure they would have a very successful gathering.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday the 23rd ult., there was a very large muster of brethren to hear Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, rehearse the ceremony of installation, among them were Bros. W. A. Scurrah Prov. G. Sup. of Works for Middlesex, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, &c., Patland P.M. 1732, Gregory P.M. 1538, &c., Fergusson P.M. 177, &c. (Preceptor), Bolton W.M. elect 1314, Silvester S.W. 195 (Treasurer), Dimsdale S.D. 1507 (Secretary), Whiting, Wheelock, Bleakley, Messer, Ament, Wright, Thom, and many others. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Solomon, supported by Bros. Gregory S.W., Bleakley J.W., Messer S.D., Ament J.D., and Wright I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thom acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree, and Bro. G. R. Bolton, W.M. elect of the Acacia Lodge 1314, was duly obligated as W.M. elect. Bro. Solomon then rehearsed the remainder of the installation ceremony in perfect style, and the Officers were appointed and invested in due form by Bro. Bolton. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Solomon, for the splendid manner in which he had carried out the ceremonies. Bro. G. Gregory P.M. and P.Z. was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 30th inst. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, in perfect harmony.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on 7th ult. Bros. Lynn W.M., Hancock S.W., White J.W., Western Preceptor, Keogh J.D., Wood I.G. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lynn for the way he had rehearsed the ceremony, this being the first time in this Lodge.

On the 21st ult. Bros. Hancock W.M., Fluck S.W., White J.W., Keogh S.D., Western Preceptor, Wood I.G., Collingridge Secretary. After preliminaries, Bro. Turner answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and closed in due form.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**ll be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges out the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

mmittee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
hester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
ston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
wick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
ter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

erst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
t, Railway Hotel, Feltham
art, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## MONDAY, 5th JULY.

hborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ng Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
erity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
ames's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
nutes, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
ington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

bh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
e Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
ce Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
quess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
opolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
al Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
ure, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
t Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
gsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
yn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
kham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
ry Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High S reet, Acton

ld King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
tegularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
-Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
-Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

hor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
nimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
mony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
nimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
mony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
, Masonic Hall, York
l, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
mony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
Sybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
uthbega, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
ley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
ton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
dship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

nford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
dulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
on, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
l Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
ard, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
rich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
tworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
une, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
arren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
mersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
l Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
rt Edward, Albion Hotel, Cleveleys-le-Moors, near Accrington
doc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
in, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
icholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
Vyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 6th JULY.

oard, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
stitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
perity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
y, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
atic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
a, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
orough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
ce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
bury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

dsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
lematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
e, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
at Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
gton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
ey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
cer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
nor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
on, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

n Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
amden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
-Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
St. Martins-le-Grand, Goldhall Tavern, Gresham-street

ohn, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
fort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
dian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
uis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
ns, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
rolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.

673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poupin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Choquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, Folkstone
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
296—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Anne-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Uranimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Goosegate-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—Jo Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphage, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 8th JULY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burpett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1369—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—St. Saviour's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)

High-street, Cowes
asonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
on, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
asonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
asonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
swick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
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sburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
al Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
ch Hotel, Bala
onic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
al Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
ked Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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ing's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
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23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
opic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
p, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
tine, George Hotel, Colchester

## FRIDAY, 9th JULY.

Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
ns, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
on, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
ngers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
d, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ry Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
n, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
r Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lowlenhall St.
eadquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
ington, W. (Improvement)
yn and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
05 High Street, Croydon
ry, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
e Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
r, Private Rooms, Onse-street, Poole.
al Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
rtmouth Hotel, West Brompwich
Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
embly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
sonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
uction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
nic Hall, Poole
hn, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
Medway Hotel, Levensholme
Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## TURDAY, 10th JULY.

rt Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
shire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
n, Leytonstone
asonic Hall, Camberwell
Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
vement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
ound, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
lerton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

vate Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
Hotel, Hampton Court
f Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
Hall, Leeds
any, Twickenham

## OVE LODGE, No. 410.

held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Sun
n-on-Thames. Although this was the first
the installation of the W.M., and notwith-
peal had been made by the Secretary that all
an effort to be present, the meeting was not well
n a measure be accounted for from the fact that
nt events were celebrated the same day. The
this occasion, perhaps, added to the comfort
e privilege of attending, as Brother Bond's
inconveniently crowded. In the unavoidable
ro. T. Eustace Smith, Bro. Charles Greenwood
trar and Acting P.G. Secretary Surrey acted
of the evening were conducted in that admir-
aracterizes this old and distinguished Lodge,
es it to the prominent position it holds in the
Horsey P.M. No. 186, and P.M. Wallington
.D.C. Surrey, and Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M.
and unanimously elected joining members.
voted out of Lodge funds to the list of Bro.
which Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.G. Deacon of England, P.P.G. Warden of Surrey, and an old P.M. of the Lodge presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In proposing the health of the R.W. P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers of Surrey present and past, Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, in one of those brilliant efforts of post-prandial rhetoric for which he is so justly celebrated, referred in the most glowing terms to the high esteem and love in which their R.W. P.G.M. General Brownrigg was held by all Surrey Masons. He also referred to the great work done for Masonry in general, and to its prosperous condition and rapid increase in the province of Surrey under the General's fostering and benign rule. The P.G.M. was ably supported by an old P.M. the Treasurer of the Grove Lodge, Bro. C. Greenwood sen., who has succeeded Bro. Arnold as Deputy Prov. G.M., and who is admirably fitted to fill so important a position. Bro. Lister P.M. and P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, in responding for the Past Masters of the Lodge, said that amongst his colleague P.M.'s of the Lodge were brethren who not only held high honours in Masonry, but had done signal service to the Craft by their generous and constant support to the Masonic Charities, and in upholding the glorious traditions and principles of Freemasonry. Brother Lister remarked that he and the other P.M.'s would always watch with jealous care the interests of the Lodge, and render every assistance in their power to the W.M. for the time being. The present W.M. had only just entered on his year of office, and as he was not then amongst them, Bro. Lister would not touch upon certain advice which as a P.M. he thought himself justified in tendering, but which he would reserve for another occasion. Bro. H. F. Dumas S.W. responded on behalf of the Officers, and, emulating his respected father, gave a most eloquent, lucid, and careful exposition of what he considered to be the first duties of an Officer in a Lodge. The Tyler's toast terminated the banquet. The meeting was declared by those present to be the most enjoyable one of the present session.

## SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

THE installation meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, 22nd ult. The retiring Master, Bro. James Austin occupied the chair; he was supported by the Officers of the Lodge, and a numerous gathering of Members and the following Visitors: Bros. Hanson P.M. 59, Coubro P.M. 1365, Blackburn P.M. 1365, Foster P.M. 1441, Beck P.M. 1853, Gore 169, Andrews 177, Symes 534, Peacock 1327, Wynne 1448, Canning 1472, Hurford 167, &c. &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Knibb was raised, the ceremony being impressively and ably performed by the retiring W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. L. W. Bertolle, was then presented, and in due course inducted into the chair, the ceremony being performed with all solemnity, in a masterly manner by Bro. Austin, reflecting the highest credit upon him. The following brethren were appointed Officers: Bunker S.W., Wells J.W., Wright Treas., Smith Sec., Block S.D., Brady J.D., Tarrant I.G., Beecroft D.C., Dunlop S., Dane A.S., Gray A.S., and Walkley Tyler. At the close of the installation business the ballot was opened for Mr. John Lewis Drake, of Gloucester Road, Camberwell, who desired an insight into the mysteries of our Order. He was proposed and seconded by Bros. Dunlop and Dane respectively. The ballot being favourable to the candidate, his initiation was proceeded with, and the elocution and fluency displayed by the newly-installed Master in the working of this interesting ceremony gives promise of able and excellent ruling during the year he has just entered upon. The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to another room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, presided over by the Worshipful Master, who in due course proposed the various toasts usual on these occasions. The toast of the Worshipful Master was given in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., who spoke of the ability Bro. Bertolle had displayed, not only that evening, but in the various offices he had successively occupied in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for the reception of the toast, assured them that when he first became connected with Freemasonry, he never entertained the idea that he should attain to that high position; it was now the proudest moment of his life. With the assistance of his Officers he should endeavour to fulfil the duties of his position to the very best of his ability, and when his year of office should expire it would be a great consolation to know that he had given satisfaction for the way in which he had fulfilled those duties, and that the brethren of the Lodge should never have reason to regret their choice. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, that was to present to Bro. Austin, in the name of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, the handsome P.M.'s jewel which they had unanimously voted him, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his valuable services during his year of office. Bro. Austin then briefly replied; he promised he would continue to do all in his power to enhance the welfare of the Lodge. The various Officers were afterwards complimented, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way. The evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner, the harmony which interspersed the speeches and toasts being contributed by Bros. Etheredge, T. Bertolle, Dunlop and others.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Bros. Cavers W.M., Sims P.M. S.W., Manders J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Austin (Treasurer) J.D., Molony I.G., J. Davies Preceptor, P.M.'s Spiegel, Purdue; Bros. Breitbart, Stonnill, Marsh, Curtis, and Cragge. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by Bro. Curtis. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. Bro. Marsh answered the usual questions for passing, and Lodge was





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## ...' SCHOOL FESTIVAL OF 1886.

...ittle to say in addition to what was given ...last issue in reference to the third Festival ... behalf of the great Masonic Charitable ...hey are each to be congratulated on ...ey have achieved, while the handsome ...ch the members of the Craft respond year ... calls made upon them speaks volumes in ...n accordance with custom, we now append ...y of the totals contributed by London and ...sonic provinces.

...tewards, of whom there were one hundred ... if we include those returned as unattached, ...tal of £5,243 11s 6d, with seventeen lists ...his amount was distributed as follows:— ...ts, £4,631; one Lodge of Instruction list, ... Royal Arch Chapter lists, £71 8s; the ...ommittee Dinner Club list, £107; and ...tached lists, £402 13s 6d. The honour ...f the largest London list was won on this ... George Gardner, the Worshipful Master ...k Lodge, No. 2012, whose total was ...as followed by Bros. Charles Meierhoff ...ck, the joint representatives of the Old ...No. 172, who between them have raised a ...s for "Our Boys." In February, this ...sented at the Festival of the Benevolent ...o. W. H. Harris, whose list amounted to ...1 May, Bro. John Whaley acted for the ... succeeded in collecting £16 9s on behalf ... We thus see that during the present year ...odge has sent to the Charities the sum of ... in view of its former contributions, is ...dit of its members. Bro. Frederick J. ...derers' Lodge, No. 1604 (who also acted ...f the Wanderers' Chapter), is next on the ... list of £165 18s. This is the second ...this Lodge has figured at this year's ...s members, Bro. George Boulton, having ...on behalf of the Benevolent Institution ...hen securing a list of £105 10s, making ...r of £271 8s. Bro. W. C. Claridge, of ... Brigade Lodge, 1962, follows close on ...a list of £163 16s; this is the only ...g the year from his Lodge, but it is ...e approval of the Craft. We next have ... M. Broadley, an old and tried member ...has won honours for himself in distant ...ems bent on doing his best to secure ... the most recently consecrated London ...y Lane, No. 2127, of which he is the ...om which he brought up a total of ... of the Boys' School. There is then a ...als, to £115, which is the sum collected ...Iruff, as Steward from the Leigh Lodge, ...ollows Bro. John Pash, of the Fitzroy ...h £112 7s. The Israel Lodge, No. 205, ...the hands of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who ...imself fresh honours in the Craft in May. The Islington Lodge, No. 1471, follows in order; its Steward, Bro. W. Shurmur, having secured £107 2s; then we have £107 from the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, at the hands of Bro. Wm. Medwin, followed by £106 1s from the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, brought up by Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe. Two Lodges share among themselves the honour of lists of one hundred guineas, that being the sum collected by Bro. C. Kedgley, as representative of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, and also by Bro. C. W. Meiter, who acted on behalf of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671. We are now at an end of the three-figure lists, so far as London Lodges are concerned, but may refer to the total of Bro. H. T. Miller, who contributed £107 as representative of the Committee Dinner Club. It is very gratifying to watch the regularity with which those who are more intimately associated with the working of the respective Institutions show their continued interest in their welfare, as is evidenced by the regular contributions of the various committees. Another feature worthy of special mention on the present occasion was the presence of a Steward from a Lodge of Instruction, Bro. B. Kauffman, acting on behalf of the King's Cross, No. 1732, from the members of which he secured a total of £34 10s. We are very pleased to see so good a result attending Bro. Kauffman's efforts in one of the Masonic Lodges of Instruction. There should be ample room for many to follow his example, although we are aware that Lodges of Instruction are frequently relied upon by brethren when making up their lists for the regular Lodges.

West Yorkshire heads the list of contributing Provinces, with a total of £760 19s, brought up by forty-one Stewards. The Province has done very well for the Institutions this year, the total contributions from its members being £1,995 19s, which was distributed as follows: Boys' School, £760 19s; Benevolent Institution, £735; Girls' School, £500. These are large sums to raise from one Province, even though it has as many Lodges as West Yorkshire can boast of.

Cumberland and Westmoreland, represented by two Stewards, contributes £500, of which amount Bro. G. J. McKay, the Steward representing the Province, is answerable for £425 9s. The other Steward was Bro. J. H. Hogg, of the Union Lodge, No. 129.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was represented by six Stewards, the total of whose contributions was £496 15s 6d. Bro. William Miles, of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, secured first honours in this district, with a total of £155, while Bro. George J. Tilling, of Lodges Nos. 130 and 1461, also secured a three figure list, £131 5s.

Norfolk and Sussex were each supporters to the extent of four hundred guineas, the former being represented by two Stewards, in addition to the Chairman of the day, and the latter by seven. The brethren of Norfolk worked hard in support of their ruler, and if there are only two names on the list in conjunction with the Chairman, it is because it was thought best that only that number should figure as actual Stewards. It is certain that other brethren of this Province must have taken an active part in securing the amount contributed, which reflects great credit on the district from which it was sent. Sussex, in a measure, was

that the sum contributed by each should be the
iz., £420. As we have said, there were seven
s from the southern district, and among them
R. Wood jun., representative of the St. Cecilia
No. 1636, who carried off the palm with a total of

y follows next on the list, and here we have a really
ent display of charity to record. During the year
ie Surrey Lodges—the George Price, No. 2096—
ributed no less than £675 13s 6d; £407 18s 6d to
' School, at the Festival at which the Provincial
laster presided, and £267 15s to the Boys. Bro.
D. Langton acted as Steward of the Lodge on the
ccasion, and Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs on the latter.
contribution of Surrey to the Boys' Festival was
4s, which, following on its contribution of
4s 6d to the Girls in May, and £148 11s to the
nt in February, gives a grand total for the year
7 9s 6d. Well done, Surrey!

setshire, represented by two Stewards, sent up
which sum £161 5s was collected by Bro. Lieut.-
'. Perkins, and the balance of £141 15s by Bro.
Tosworthy. The Province has been well to the
each of this year's Festivals, the amount of its con-
s totalling up to £603 5s, viz.: Benevolent
s; Girls £133 7s; and Boys £303. Considering
f the Province this result will bear comparison
other district of England.

sex, with eight Stewards, contributed £271 6s
on to which there is one list yet to be accounted
e highest list was that of Bro. E. W. Stanton, of
-of-Avon Lodge, No. 773, who missed a three
al by £5 10s. However, he did well in securing
0s, and would no doubt have been only too happy
t more had he been able so to do.

ershire and Rutland, and Warwickshire, each con
£257 5s, the former province having had but one
representing it, and the latter twenty. The
of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, appear to have done
he work for Warwickshire, while Bro. Thomas
, of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, under-
work in Leicestershire.

ill added a level £250 to the total, being repre-
the Board of Stewards by Bro. Charles Truscott.
ary last the brethren of this district sent up
for the Benevolent, and in May £31 10s for the
that the county can show a total of £423 5s for

id but two Stewards at the Festival, and they,
Provincial Grand Lodge donations, made up a
247. This, with £864 1s 6d contributed to the
t, and £546 0s 6d to the Girls', gives a total for
f £1,657 2s.

llows, with a total of £232 0s 6d, collected by
hren of the district, foremost among whom ap-
Richard Clowes, of the Star in the East Lodge,
the total of his list was £75 12s. There are two
utstanding from this district. We hope they
fficiently large as to make a considerable differ-
e total of the Festival.

stern Division of South Wales, at the hands of
uel Read, sent up £210, while the remaining
the totals from each of which was less than
ributed in the undermentioned order:—

| wince. | Stewards. | Total. £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| nd Bucks | 5 | 199 | 10 | 0 |
| shire | 4 | 168 | 0 | 0 |
| ire (East) | 11 | 152 | 5 | 0 |
| tershire | 3 | 133 | 1 | 6 |
| lgeshire | 1 | 131 | 5 | 0 |
| hire | 6 | 125 | 14 | 6 |
| | 2 | 121 | 0 | 0 |
| y | 1 | 110 | 5 | 0 |
| Vales (East) | 1 | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| amshire | 1 | 102 | 2 | 0 |
| lshire | 3 | 94 | 10 | 0 |
| Vales | 2 | 87 | 3 | 0 |
| ire | 2 | 76 | 4 | 6 |
| | 1 | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| e | 1 | 61 | 13 | 0 |
| ershire | 3 | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | 2 | 47 | 5 | 0 |

In addition to the above, there was a contribution of £63 from the Mark Degree, per Bro. G. Norrington, while one of two "Foreign Stations" lists was returned as £52:

In concluding our remarks we beg to again congratulate the Masonic Institutions on the continued support they receive from the Craft.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IN consequence of an outbreak of German measles the usual Stewards' visit to this Institution was not held this year. The prizes were, therefore, distributed by the Chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. and Patron, on Tuesday, 29th ult., in the presence of the House Committee and a few Visitors, who were not kept away by fear of infection. Bro. Henry Smith, of West Yorkshire, Bro. Edmund and Mrs. Terry, Brother, Mrs. and Miss Shipp, and a few others we noticed among those present. Some excellent singing, playing and recitations were given.

The following are among the chief prize winners:—

Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5.—Jane Mildred Taylor.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5.—Agnes Deeley.

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination (Gold Medallist last year).—Julia Harvey (Honours); and Edith Hicks.

Passing Junior Cambridge Examination.—Jane Mildred Taylor, Mary Wyatt, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Deeley, Ellen Senior, Gertrude Ashworth, Grace Bartram, Clara Coles, Edith Corner, Ada Crow, Catherine Hide, Mabel Lewis, Mabel Osmond, Juliet Priestly, Mary Spalding, and Ethel Stone. Six of these passed with honours.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, Maud Bladon.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, Beatrice King.

Fourth Class.—General Proficiency, Maude Hill.

Fifth Class.—General Proficiency, Edith Matthews.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, Ethel Fallding.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, Elizabeth Midgeley.

General Usefulness.—Ethel F. M. Palmer, and Jessie Hogg.

Needlework.—Clara Coles, Louisa Anscombe, Florence Lizzie Duckett, and Charlotte Hartop.

Machine Work.—Annie Hill, and Edith Orridge.

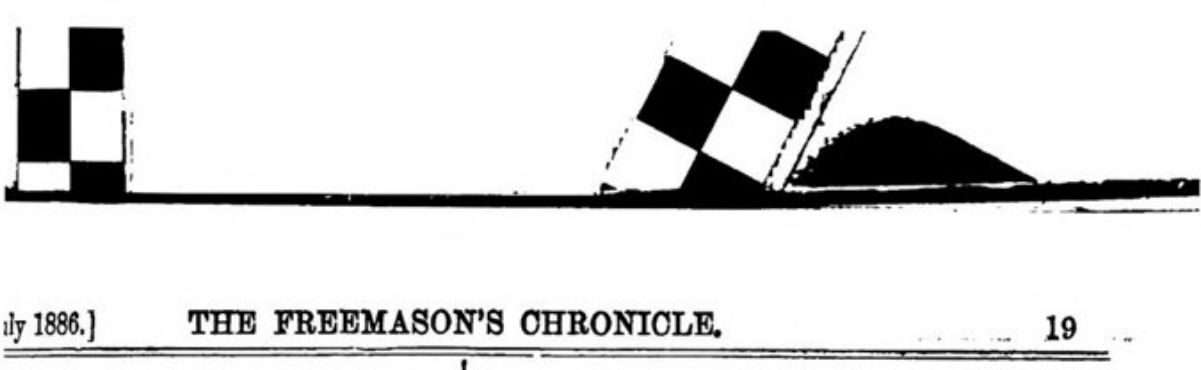
Order and Attention—(As proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year).—Constance Hart, and Norah Besly.

THE FORMER PRIZES WERE GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION, BUT THE FOLLOWING BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AND OTHER FRIENDS.

Religious Knowledge.—(As distinguished at Cambridge Examination), Edith Hicks, and Mary Wyatt. Music, 1st, Rose Bridgeman; 2nd, Maud Carter, Ethel Allison, and Mary Wyatt; 3rd, Florence Mason, and Ellen Delafons. Singing, Agnes Stephenson. Drawing, Ellen Senior, Alice Pope, and Rosa Pelham. French, Fanny Oberdoerffer. English Composition, Alice W. Cecil. Elocution, 1st, Ada Crow; 2nd, Agnes Stephenson, and Ellen Ashton. Arithmetic, Julia Harvey, and Jane M. Taylor. Good Conduct, 1st, Cecily Jardine; 2nd, Mary Wyatt, and Susannah Tippler. Needlework, 1st, Annie Parker. Fancy Work, Ellen Good. Cookery, 1st, Ethel F. M. Palmer; 2nd, Alice Stewini; 3rd, Emily Hill. Calisthenics and Deportment, Eva Mary Owens, and Athalinda Allison. Swimming, Ellen Ashton, Emily Thomas, and Jane Smith. Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows), Grace Bartram.

The Chairman then addressed the pupils as follows:—

Children,—I have a few words to say to you, and I will make them as few as possible considering how short our time is. I congratulate you all, particularly those who have won the fight, upon the success that has attended their exertions, but it is hardly less honourable to those who have lost to have been beaten by a worthy foe, because very good and earnest work indeed must have been done by all to attain to the position which you have, and so well to have upheld the reputation of the School. To those who have not been successful I say, do not be down-hearted. There is nothing to be ashamed of in being beaten by a good foe. Remember what Napoleon the Great used to tell his soldiers, that each one carried a Marshal's baton in his knapsack. Consider that each of you carry the gold medal in your pocket, and each one make up her mind to win it. You have got all next year to work, and let us see at this anniversary how well you can all come out. At this Institution you have special advantages over all other kindred institutions. There are teachers and teachers, and fortunately the whole of our staff are teachers in every sense of the word, as shewn by our standing in learning at the top of all kindred Institutions. Miss Davis our Head Governess has been with us for many years; she was here long before I had the honour of a seat on the House Committee, but I know by reputation that when she took the reins of power in her hands, the education here consisted simply of the three R's, reading, writing, and arith-





ination in the Science and Art Department, 118 passed, h prizes. The returns for the other science examinations and Art Department are not yet out, but there is o expect that you will come out better than last year. of 32 sent up for Geology, 30 passed (a very difficult ldren to master), but of 56 sent up for Physiology 49 good return indeed, I think). But now I have kept and I have done so because it is the best. We have a the staff, not a junior member, but at the same but a senior member, who took it into her for the Metropolitan Examination for the Royal sic. Well, she came out most satisfactorily, and she to write after her name, Licentiate of that learned to Miss Goodridge. But that is not all the honour she upon this Institution. She received her musical ely within these walls, from Miss Redgrave, our first ness. Miss Redgrave, in her time, received her ion entirely within these walls from Miss Davis these facts and figures, without any words from me, shew the high standard to which this Institution has one of which not only the whole body of subscribers, body of Masonry in this country, ought to be justly elieve they are. I can safely say that the House proud of the position taken by the Institution over called upon to preside, and I may also say they look their Board as the greatest reward to be obtained in And now, children, on Saturday many of you were r holiday was clipped one day short, and you were n on the 16th instead of the 17th of August? I have w, as a great secret, to tell you. The 17th August nty-fifth anniversary of the day Miss Davis took up Head Governess in this Institution, and therefore the e felt that on that day they would like to be down the midst of all of you, congratulate her service and on the completion of her silver aching, and wish that they may all be and you again in another twenty-five years to on the completion of her golden wedding. Miss of the House Committee, I offer you and your very ere thanks for the exertions you have used in the good work that you have performed, and trust that oliday which you are now about to take will be one relaxation to you, and that you will one and all esume your duties with renewed energy and vigour. e this it would not be possible to separate without our good friend and Matron, Miss Jarwood. Miss esent with us to-day because, much to our regret, the sere and yellow leaf; so much so, that about the House Committee considered that as she had borne the heat and burthen of the day, it was only e younger and stronger should relieve her of her rtunately for us we were able to find upon our e are always able to find everything within these ire) a lady who, by the unanimous voice of the was selected for those duties. I am happy to say of Miss Buck the Committee have not been personal knowledge and experience, they are rwood's mantle has fallen upon very competent ilders, and they are happy to congratulate the e fact that this lady is following carefully in the ho have gone before her. There is also another like to mention, and it is my friend—if she will her—Mrs. Howell, the wife of our most esteemed d Dr. Howell, the Honorary Surgeon to this ards of thirty-five years, and mother of our Surgeon, who has been following in his father's me years past. Mrs. Howell seems to prove the o have most to do can always find most time for is not considered right that in an Institution ould be taught, but Mrs. Howell, who I believe vately initiated, because she practices what we epped into the gap, and out of sisterly love, and very arduous domestic duties, can find two teach these children singing. But for her we the treat we have had to-day, and therefore I erely for the good and solid work which she titution. And now, children, I will say to you, on Sunday, lastly—in Masonry, we always o refreshment and refreshment to labour, so we to tea, and on our return we should like to gh your Calisthenic exercises. Therefore, I will e in this hall for that purpose at seven o'clock. henic exercises were performed by the children, and to the evident pleasure of the visitors, pleased to notice several ex-pupils. minated with "God save the Queen."

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ne 26th ult., the Committee of this Insti- d out an idea which they have long o set apart one day in each year for the ils; about 30 came to this very pleasant received by the chairman of the month,

ployment of many of the ex-pupils, and it is anticipated thar from the hints obtained on this occasion opportunities may be found in the future for recommending some employment to those who have not yet left the Institution.

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The usual monthy meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. William Roebuck Grand Sword Bearer. The minutes of the last meeting having been disposed of, those of the House Committee were read for information, and then reports were submitted of the proceedings at the annual visit of the Stewards to the Institution and the Anniversary Festival at Brighton. There were seventeen petitions on behalf of candidates seeking admission to the School, and of these fifteen were accepted, one deferred, and one rejected. Four petitions from ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were considered, and sums voted for each, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks.

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We are asked to state that the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, which holds its meetings at the Haunch of Venison, Bell Yard, Fleet Street, on Wednesday evenings, is adjourned until the third Wednesday in September next.

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The weekly meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement have been adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd September.

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A very pleasant meeting of the members of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, took place on Saturday last. We shall give a report of the proceedings next week.

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## DEATH OF BRO. W. H. BARTLETT.

IT is with the deepest regret we have to record the death of a distinguished brother in the Channel Islands, who was personally and most favourably known to our Lancashire correspondent, from whom we have received the following particulars, which he has extracted from the columns of the *Jersey Express*. We append them with a few alterations:—

The death of Bro. H. M. Bartlett, of No. 2 Library-place, took place at Jersey, on the 22nd ultimo. Bro. Bartlett had been established in this island for many years, and for some time conducted the Victoria Hotel, where he was well supported by visitors from the West of England, and where he enjoyed a large share of local patronage. He was a shrewd man, and his courteous and affable demeanour won for him general respect as an hotel keeper. For the past few months his health had been somewhat impaired, but it was only on Friday last that he was obliged to take to his bed, his condition becoming so critical that it was deemed advisable to summon medical assistance. Our brother, however, grew worse, and succumbed to his ailment at 10·10 on Tuesday night, in the presence of his sorrowing and afflicted family, by whom his death is deeply regretted. Bro. Bartlett had been connected with our Order for fourteen years, as a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, of which he was a Past Master, and was highly esteemed and respected, not only by the members of his Lodge, but by the Craft generally.

The funeral took place at the Parochial Cemetery, Mont-à-l'Abbé, on the following Friday, in the presence of a large number of personal friends. The cortège, which was a very imposing one, left the late residence of the deceased shortly after four o'clock for the Town Church. The Freemasons assembled, and left the Temple at 3 o'clock. The coffin, which was literally covered with beautiful flowers, sent by kind and sympathetic friends, being carried to the sacred edifice, where the Freemasons—six Past Officers of the Craft acting as pall-bearers—formed in line on either side of the pathway, and as the coffin was borne with slow and measured tread into the House of God, Bro. W. Fentum, Provincial Grand Organist, performed an overture, "But the Lord is mindful of His own" (Mendelssohn). After the first portion of the burial service had been read by the Rev. P. A. Lefevre, M.A., Vice Dean, Bro. Fentum executed the "Dead March in Saul" as the procession filed out of Church. The Freemasons led the way to the Cemetery, followed by one mourning coach, in the rear of which the two Wardens of deceased's Lodge carried a splendid floral emblem, with the square and compasses formed in the centre, of choice flowers, the gift of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, of which deceased had been a member since 1867, and its Worshipful Master in 1883, during which year the Lodge may be said to have achieved its greatest success during its history, Bro. Bartlett having initiated no less than sixteen candidates. Next came the hearse, with the coffin containing the remains of the deceased, a

## MER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

; the thorough enjoyment of an agreeable summer "outing" ommend us to Kempton Park, Sunbury, as a most fitting y. Freemasonry and Race Courses are not, as far as we are frequently brought into connection; and their close associa- s in this instance, needs some strong reasons to prevent carp- ticism from many bigots who are ever ready to put a wrong action upon even the most innocent of mundane enjoyments. reasons were far from wanting in respect of the Summer al of the Domatic Lodge on the 2nd inst.; when, with a view further commemorate the Centenary year of its existence- pplement its more formal celebration on the 12th February ie Lodge invited the wives and sweethearts of its members and riends to partake of their hospitality, and share the pleasure of s enjoyment out of doors, accepting with grateful acknowledg- the kindly interest of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. G. Everett with his Co-Directors of Kempton Park, in securing the ns offer of the free use of the entire establishment, with all nifold attractions and conveniences. A more charming place purposes of the day, easily accessible from Town, and aff rd- ace, and to spare, for every requirement which could add re and gratification to a large company, it would have been t for the Domatic Lodge to find; and its members are to be tulated on the fact that one of their own Past Masters could ilitate their wishes. It was most appropriate too, to have on Park for its "Ladies day"; and whether or not the l on which we stood naturally suggested racing thoughts, we not but connect the two "events" of the year, and look upon -tival of the 12th of February as the Domatic "Derby," and f Friday last as the Domatic "Oaks." In the race for popu- and its accompanying "stakes," the appreciation of the Craft for work and hospitality, "Domatic" has ever been a ite, and having been directed along its course by clever mounts ver failed to win, "hands down"! The history of its pro- gs for one hundred years, written for its Centenary Festival by . B. Abbott, an interesting work for every Craftsman, proves staying" power, whilst its present strength in membership ces that, barring accidents, its previous record will be main , and will be found hard to beat. But a truce to sporting refer- let us to the "business of the day." It was a delightful one hat excessive as to heat perhaps, but the more appreciated on the well-kept lawn and amidst the welcome shelter o geous foliage, the company began to assemble shortly after The Committee of Stewards, comprising the Officers of the had preceded the general body, and the comforts of the os guests on their arrival were at once liberally provided for. rethren officiating as Stewards were distinguished by an riate badge or jewel, having, on a wreath of evergreen a Mal- ose surmounted by a horse-shoe in enamel, inscribed in Gold "Kempton Park." This was worn pendant from a dark bbon, and a similar jewel with brooch attachment, without was worn by the Stewards' ladies. These badges were the gift of Bro. George Everett P.M., and were understood to ertain privileges to their owners beyond the mere distinction day. As well before the hour of dinner as throughout the g the Stewards were indefatigable in their efforts to please, much praise could not be accorded them for their share in cess which resulted. Without restraint of any sort the entire of buildings, the Pavilion, the Grand Stands, Offices, and Race , were placed at the disposal of the guests; and doubtless many itiated into the mysteries of the paddock, the weighing-room, dge's box, and other accessories of the establishment, who had no conception of the numerous requirements of such an estab- nt. A military band made resonant with harmonious strains rt of the grounds where most of the Company congregated; vantage was taken of frequent opportunities for photographing of Officers, of Members, and of the entire body of Visitors. enry Stiles of the firm of H. and R. Stiles, of High Street, gton, whose artistic work is so justly recognised, personally ted" on this occasion, and we have no doubt was as success- h his "groups" as heretofore. We must not be charged with sire to "puff" when we add, for the sake of those present ay desire to possess a memento of this interesting event, that n" copies may be obtainable from Messrs. Stiles on applica- Shortly before four o'clock the last contingent of the party d Kempton Park by train, others having previously arrived a delightful drive from town; and punctually at the hour ted the spacious Pavilion was occupied by the general com- who found a liberal banquet spread for their delectation. ngst those then present were Bro. Harry Nelson Price W.M. the chair), Bro. A. and Mrs. Simner, Mrs. R. Pearce, Miss Captain P. Storr, R.N., Bro. Frampton, Bro. H. J. and Mrs. an, Bro. T. N. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, d Mrs. Moufiet, Bro. and Mrs. Rintoul, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Bro. T., Mrs., the Misses Thwaites, and Mr. Thwaites jun., d Mrs. G. Hardy, Bro. and Mrs. Fruen, Bro. G., Mrs., and Gardiner, Bro. J. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, nt, Bro. H. A. K. Davis, Bro. and the Misses Everett, Bro. G. L. rs. Everett, Mr. Everett and the Misses Grammer, Bro. G. s. Rose-Innes, Bro. and Mrs. Wilford Morgan, Bro. T. Morris, . Harvey, Bro. J. and Mrs. Sadler Wood, Bro. G. and Mr. W. ley, Bro. and Miss Williams, Bro. and the Misses Taylor, Bro. rs. Packer, Mr. Austin, Bro. N. Salmon and Miss Ward, Bro. iss Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodfellow, Bro. and Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. Grimes, Bro. and Mrs. Barraclough, J. Willing jun., Bro. I. Buscall, Bro. J. McLean, Bro. W. Herbage, Bro. R. Pierpoint, Bros. J. Anley, A. Scard, A. Piper, G. Blakesley, Bro. D. A. and Mrs. Bull, Bro. J. Moore, Bro. R. and Mrs. Hewetson, Bro. A. F. and Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Appleyard and Miss Murray, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Bro. F. and Miss Binckes, Bro. Terry and Miss Terry, Bro. James Stevens, Bro. W. Iron and Mrs. Iron, Bro. J. T. Briggs and Miss Banks, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Baker, Bro. C. Piper and Miss Baughan, Bro. E. Frampton, Bro. B. Blasby, Bro. S. Blasby, Bro. H. J. Amphlett, Bro. W. F. Reynolds, Bro. B. Sapworth, Bro. C. Maton, &c. &c. This list is not by any means perfect, the number of Lodge members and guests amounting to about 220. We must therefore crave the indulgence of any worthy brethren whose names do not appear in this report, as our means for obtaining information were limited to personal observation only.

The menu, provided by Messrs. Bertram and Co., the caterers to the Kempton Park Company, was liberal and well served; the principal delicacies of the season and choice wines being readily obtainable. After ample justice had been done to this portion of the entertainment, the Chairman Bro. Harry Nelson Price W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family," observing that but few words would be required to impress on his hearers the sentiment of loyalty which ever characterised Freemasons. He would, however, on an occasion of enjoyment such as this, refer to the fact that our Gracious Sovereign had now entered on the Jubilee year of a reign during which there had not been a national joy or sorrow in which she had failed to sympathise, and so merited the affectionate devotion of her people; whilst the Prince of Wales had become endeared to all men and Masons by his faithful discharge of the duties attached to his exalted position. In like manner, by her grace and amiability, the charming Princess of Wales had secured the respectful admiration and affection of the people of her adopted country; and the public services rendered by the other members of the Royal Family would ensure an appreciative reception of this comprehensive toast. The toast was enthusiastically received, the National Anthem being sung, with solos by Madame Carl Riechelmann. Bro. Wilford Morgan's excellent voice was heard in "My Sweetheart when a Boy;" and then the Grand Secretary proposed in eloquent terms "Prosperity to the Domatic Lodge." Col. Shadwell H. Clerke referred to the recent celebration of the Lodge's Centenary in the Lodge itself, humorously suggesting that he must, like Rip Van Winkle, have gone to sleep for a long interval indeed to find himself so soon again sharing in a second Centenary commemoration. He nevertheless, fully agreed with his friends of the "Domatic" that it was but fitting the ladies connected with its members should have their share in such a celebration; and it was a happy thought of those concerned, that this annual outing should be of more than customary grandeur, to impress the importance of the completion of a hundred years of the Lodge's existence upon all who were then present. The secrets of Masonry were so far known to the fair sex that one of its principal virtues, Charity, was often practised by them; whilst the promulgation of other virtues, the teaching of which was hidden, but not obscured, by the mysteries of Masonic working, had their influential regard in practice. They, the ladies, might learn, from the History of the Lodge, that its career had been one characterised by an earnest endeavour to do good, and that its present usefulness was all that could be desired. More he would not, could not, now say; the day was fine, and indoor oratory a hindrance to enjoyment. He recommended an early adjournment to the beautiful grounds surrounding them; and he felt sure the Ladies themselves desired it. It was necessary, however, to give the toast he had been permitted to propose, and he would now couple with it the name of Bro. W. J. Ferguson. Bro. Ferguson P.M. made a brief but effective response, contrasting the proceedings of the Lodge during its first years of existence, under careful management, with the no less careful management of the present day, although with increased luxury and ability to do good service to our fellow creatures. What the Domatic Lodge might do at its next Centenary he could not wish his hearers to have practical experience of, but of this he was assured, that a continuance of the same careful management could not but result in a still greater contrast when 1986 shall have arrived. After a charming song by Bro. Packer, Bro. F. Kent P.M. proposed, in a very excellent speech, the toast of the Ladies, which he justly considered the toast of the day. This was followed by a song by Madame Carl Riechelmann "Gretchen's letter song" (Rip Van Winkle), and Bro. Tarling responded on behalf of the Ladies. Again Bro. Wilford Morgan delighted the company by the exercise of his vocal talent, and the toast of the Visitors was given from the chair; to which Bro. James Terry replied, in his usual happy vein and with reference to the desire of certain votaries of Terpsichore to pay immediate adoration to their muse. This hastened further post prandial speeches, and beyond the usual compliments to the Chairman and Stewards, the only other noticeable toast was that of "Continued prosperity to the Kempton Park Company," in proposing which the Chairman very justly remarked that no pleasure seekers could have possibly chosen a better place for such a gathering, and that the best thanks of all present were due to the Directors who had so generously placed the entire establishment at their disposal; and especially to Bro. George Everett who, as one of the Directors, had used his influence on their behalf. He (Bro. Everett) had been the mainspring of the Festival, and by his exertions had secured its undoubted success. Bro. George Everett said he was not likely to forget for some time the good feeling that had induced the company to receive this toast in so hearty and so cordial a manner. He thanked them on his own part, and on behalf of his Brother Directors for the kind compliment which they had paid to them, and also for their good wishes for the continued success of the Kempton Park Company. He was very pleased and glad to see so

s might participate, he at once suggested their coming
rk, and it appeared to have given universal satis-
night judge from what had been seen at this festal
avours of the committee to ensure their comfort and
been in the highest degree successful. When he
he directors their desire to come here, they most
ith the view, and did everything they possibly could
arrangements for a thorough day's enjoyment. He
as not the only friendly gathering to which Kempton
devoted. During several summers past they had
to some hundreds of poor school children to visit
, in order to enjoy "a day in the coun-
as pleased to see at this festive board many
arly Mr. W. J. Innes and Mr. John Moore, who had
ildren to be regaled in a manner which had gladdened
rts. They had not restricted this privilege to any
children had come from all parts of the metropolis.
large number were coming from Bayswater. He
ecause he thought it was a cheering sign of the
ugh the place of recreation was a race course, yet
d applications from clergymen that children might
hey had on nearly every occasion been accompanied
mselves. He felt very pleased that—no doubt in
e fine weather—some 40 or 50 guests had turned up
een expected, and he hoped they would take that
consideration if there should happen to have been
in the arrangements. Bro. Ferguson then, in felici-
sed the health of the W.M., the presiding genius of
ice had ingratiated himself into their favour by his
ndly feeling and urbanity, and the interest he had
g and assisting to carry out this entertainment. He
to be a Past Master under so distinguished a W.M.
elson Price, who now presided over the Domatic
e members only followed the example he had set
little likelihood of the prosperity of the Lodge
y way. The Worshipful Master returned his sin-
e very hearty manner in which they had received
was exceedingly glad to find they had so
d themselves. The ground, however, had proved
entice the ladies away, and as he disliked talking
he would merely thank them once more for the
which they had received the toast, so flatteringly
Ferguson. Mr. Goodfellow then gave the health
n whose behalf Bros. H. J. Chapman and J. E.
. During the banquet the military band played out-
nd the concert during dessert was under the able
ther Carl Riechelmann, assisted by Madame
l Bros. Wilford Morgan, Packer, and Owen.
dispersed about the grounds and avenues, and
the younger amongst the guests—and for that
elders also—again assembled in the Pavilion, and
or more shared in the pleasures of the dance.
day's programme was carried out with the same
y arrangement as all preceding entertainments
ed general satisfaction. Kempton Park was left
ie "witching hour of night," and the members
"Domatic" returned to London, carrying with
niscences of what was in every respect a red
ials of the Lodge.

## BILITY LODGE, No. 217.

ry inform us that the ancient Athenians occu-
s from time to time either in learning or
thing. What these new things were, however,
ed to us of modern date. We must therefore
ore are in our day persons—not a few—who con-
e particularly at this season of the year, as to
when they shall go, and, moreover, with whom
a rule, the result culminates in leaving Old
n. Thus the Channel is passed, and the far-
Continent are sought for, and when found are
pointing in the extreme. Scenes more enchant-
within a few hours' ride of our own peaceful
unty probably in which we reside. To those
ho from necessity are daily compelled to mingle
rowd," who have to rise early, take late rest,
carefulness, a brief cessation from all this is
d as such appreciated. The brethren of the
ultivate this idea; indeed, have done so for
therefore, as a result thereof, have "a day's
ity which possesses scenic attractions, and is,
es; a most indispensable desideratum. The
ility Lodge for some years past—we think
Shepperton whereat to spend a happy
ir attractions associated with that ancient
pall upon the senses; on the contrary, they
son after season, in a garb that charms and
as they are ever pleasing, ever new. The
oened to fall this year on Wednesday last,
xtreme, and as warm as could possibly be
aside for a single day Masonic observances,
g a social one, and, if we may be
nse, a "family one," is to be commended.
. There is a vast amount of significance
rd "social;" there is much more in the words
"annual outing" of the Stability Lodge is now an established fact, and is anticipated with much interest by those who form the happy party—by no means a small one, inasmuch as it extends itself at each recurring season. The preliminaries associated with such a party are various, and occupy time and necessitate much labour in order to result in success. In South London, wherein very many of the members reside, we may mention that Brother Tennant, of Peckham Park Road, who does nothing by halves, and who considers that everything worth doing is worth doing well, made preparations for a large contingent, for whom he thoughtfully provided the means of conveyance to and from the Waterloo Station. When it is borne in mind the calls this brother has on his valuable time, the self-abnegation involved presents itself to demonstration. The Waterloo Station was the trysting place, and at eleven o'clock the special train steamed therefrom; the Ship Hotel, Halliford, being reached at high noon. Mrs. Stone, the hostess, provided a most excellent dinner for her visitors, which was much appreciated. On removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master, Brother Wright, in brief but excellent remarks, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were right heartily pledged. Bro. Taylor proposed the health of the Chairman, which was responded to in a clever speech. The Chairman said he regretted, owing to circumstances of a varied character, many brethren were prevented from being present. The paramount one, in many instances, being the elections on at that moment in and near the metropolis. He concluded by proposing the health of their respected Secretary Bro. Nixon, to whom they were all much indebted. The clerical labour involved over such an outing was most arduous, and occupied much time; he, therefore, hoped they would pledge the toast in a manner observable among the members of the Stability Lodge. This appeal was heartily responded to, and the toast was honoured well, and equally well acknowledged. The Worshipful Master said that the next toast would be that of the Ladies; he would call on Bro. Brinton to propose it. Bro. Brinton very much regretted having been called on to propose this toast. There were many brethren in the room who possessed oratorial abilities, to whom the agreeable task could better have been entrusted. But as he had been called on he would state that he yielded to no one in the estimation in which he held the Ladies. Their qualities and virtues were beyond all praise and human estimate. The speaker at some length proceeded to dilate on the subject, and concluded amid much applause. Bro. Tennant jun., on behalf of the Ladies, made his maiden speech, in a most appropriate and happy vein, auguring well as to his powers of oratory for the future. Shortly afterwards an adjournment was made for the purpose of enjoying the beauties of the surrounding country. On the completion of this inspection tea was served. At 8.10 p.m the excursionists returned from Shepperton, but did not reach Waterloo until ten o'clock, having been detained on the line two hours, over a distance of twenty-six miles. Putting aside this *contretemps* a most delightful day's enjoyment was undoubtedly spent. Among those present were Bros. G. S. Wright, Bro. G. A. and Miss Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Addington, Bro. and Mrs. Tennant, Bro. Tennant jun. and Miss Tarror, Bro. and Mrs. Eckersall, Bro. and Mrs. Fuchs, Bro. Bues, Miss and Miss J. Ward, Bro. and Miss Cowley, Bro. and Mrs. Vickery, Bro. and Mrs. Elsarn, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. D. Rose and his daughter Mrs. Parker, Bro. and Mrs. Finch, Bro. Beaufort and Miss Pillor, Bros. J. J. Brinton, J. Nixon, Hinks, Garner, and many others.

## MASONIC PRESENTATION.

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge presented Miss Robinson, as a token of esteem and appreciation of many kindnesses, with a handsome terra-cotta bust of Her Majesty, at the Lodge-room (the sailor boys' room at the Soldiers' Institute). The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. J. Palmer, presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren. The W.M. thanked Miss Robinson for her presence, as he knew what the exertion cost her. He had been deputed to make the presentation as a mark of esteem for her assistance at the foundation, for her allowing them to meet there rent free, and, above all, for her general character and Christian disposition in uplifting the downcast and oppressed. They esteemed the great work of her life in seeking to humanise and Christianise the soldiers and sailors, in providing that institute for their comfort, and so avoiding those temptations which surrounded them on their joining the service. They had often heard her sentiments of loyalty, and knew that the name of the Queen was beloved by her; and the presentation was doubly appropriate, for Her Majesty was the mother of the first Freemason of the Empire, and the first Grand Master who ever granted a foundation for the establishment of a Temperance Lodge, and whose name would be honourably handed down to posterity. He unveiled the bust, and expressed a hope that Miss Robinson's life would long be spared to continue her useful and Christian work. Miss Robinson suitably replied, and said she felt the higher gratification because they were now celebrating their beloved Queen's jubilee. She hoped that they would allow the bust to form part of the furniture of their very beautiful Lodge-room. They had fought for the name of Temperance Lodge, but it was a name worth fighting for, and although she was a red-hot teetotaler, she commended them for admitting non-abstaining members, for they could show that they could carry on their functions with as much dignity and credit as the non-abstaining Lodges. Though women did not like Freemasonry, no wife or mother could object to a husband or son joining such a Lodge, and for that reason she wished them every success. She claimed for religion what they claimed for Freemasonry, and prayed that their lives might be more than ever in accordance with the principles

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*rpondents.*

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### "DESECRATION or SACRILEGE ?"

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have only just read your Leader on
secration or Sacrilege ?" Its contents fill me with amazement
orror. That any true Mason should be guilty of such an offence
shocking to contemplate. To desecrate the Memorial Stone of
ilding dedicated to the Great Architect of the Universe is a sin
ist the Deity Himself. And whoever the perpetrator may be
bound as an honourable and true man to reveal himself, and
the reasons for his conduct. It is due to the honour of the
that the offender's name be made known. To attempt to hide
a mean, cowardly, and despicable action, and deserving of the
st censure. Indeed the matter cannot, and shall not, be allowed
it. It cannot be tolerated for one moment that a grave offence
s kind should be condoned. Had Bro. Stevens committed any
nworthy of a Mason, had he ever been expelled the Craft, it
d be no excuse for such a scandalous act of Vandalism, for no
of an individual could possibly palliate or justify the desecration
uilding dedicated, as you justly observe, to the most solemn and
d purpose.

ecomes, therefore, the duty of all true and honourable Masons
ve this matter sifted to the very bottom, and with that object
uld suggest that a Humble Petition be signed and presented to
Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England praying for an
ry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

CHAPLAIN.

### RREY MASONIC HALL MEMORIAL STONE.

#### "DESECRATION or SACRILEGE ?"

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have had an intimate acquaintance
g life with the brother whose name has been made so promi-
n the pages of your Journal in relation to the defacement of the
rial Stone at the Masonic Hall at Camberwell. That he is not
t in every respect must be admitted. We have authority,
d in our own Masonic Ritual, that "perfection belongeth not to
but only to God." As one of your correspondents says, many
ad to differ from him on some points of proceeding; and pro-
to no one could the precept "pas du zele" more pertinently
. For all that, I have never known him to turn aside from his
ic obligations, nor to do aught which could injuriously affect his
ic character. Therefore it is that I desire to be heard on his
, not so much for his own personal interests in the matter, as
far more important interest of Freemasonry in general, affected
perpetration of "a flagrant act—the only one in fact"—of
tion, by unjustifiable defacement of a truthful record.

the last letter which you have inserted on this subject it is
ted that, "in justice to himself he should give an explanation
se unwarrantable proceedings." From what I know of the
he is quite as much at a loss to account for what has been
as any of your correspondents are. Possibly, as you express in
leader, it is "the act of some Goth prompted no doubt by
e pique;" it certainly cannot be that of any reasonable man or
f men. And as for anything he can have done antecedent to
ring of the stone or subsequent thereto, it does not require
consideration to decide that the erasure of his name from the
is alike improper and outrageous. It would be so in respect
y man, and but that he is the personally "aggrieved and
ed" party, he would have been one of the first, if not the very
o have resented "this scandal on the Craft" for the sake of
aft itself, and have never wearied until restitution had been
d.

is not altogether fortunate for our brother that his name
be so mixed up in this affair, but I cannot see how he could
voided it, or that the actions of others can be permitted to
e against him. He has in his time befriended many Masons,
would not be unreasonable in him to hope and expect friendly
ic support under present circumstances. At any rate, he has
to know why such an insult has been put upon him, and the
rators of the act should be called upon to declare themselves,
they can justify this almost incredible outrage upon civilised
, and upon all the principles of our honourable Order.

you and your readers may be assured that I have that
te acquaintance with the party aggrieved which I refer to at the
ncement of this letter, I beg to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

ham, 5th July 1886.

### AN IRISH MASONIC RIDDLE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

R SIR AND BROTHER,—I happened to see this morning, at the
Masonic Temple, an Irish Masonic Calendar for the year 1886. The
first fourteen leaves therein are not numbered. These pages consist of a Calendar, giving the time of sunrise and set, with the names of the Saints days, &c., of each day in the year. After which comes a list of the names of the Grand Patron, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, &c. The numbering of the pages then begins: the first page thus numbered is 89, and the last page is numbered 180. Thinking that No. 89 might be a continuation of the last year's Calendar, I looked at the previous Calendar, and the previous, and the previous; in all I consulted six Calendars, and I found in each and in all that the numbering of pages began with 89. Now, if this is not a puzzle, I want to know *what a puzzle is*. Surely No. 89 has no Masonic significance. Why then does the numbering of the Irish Masonic Calendar begin with 89 ?

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 15th June 1886.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Grand.**—"Famine," an Irish drama in a prologue and four acts, has been given at this theatre during the last two weeks; Mr. Hubert O'Grady is the author, and Monday week was the first time the piece had been produced in London. Mr. O'Grady assumes in his prologue that there was a famine in Ireland in the year 1865, and a certain overseer of relief working to avenge a "no rent" movement practised on his father, refuses relief to a leader—Vincent O'Connor—of the movement, which drives the latter to steal a loaf of bread; Sackville prosecutes the man for this offence; O'Connor's separation with his children gives us a tableaux which has very little to do with the play, which really commences some fifteen years later. This opens with Sackville—who is about to marry a lady of title—being denounced by a daughter of the late O'Connor, as having betrayed her. To get rid of this obstacle, Sackville manages to inveigle the girl into a lunatic asylum, through the instigation of a rascally doctor. But Sackville has made an enemy of one Sadler, who spurs on the brother of Nelly O'Connor to murder him. This the brother determines to do, and steals into Sackville's garden, where he relents, and instead of committing murder demands his sister's release. His pistol goes off, but does no harm; however, a second shot, fired by Sadler, kills Sackville. O'Connor is arrested and sentenced to death, but is rescued in Phoenix Park from a police van. How justice is done to those whom the author deems deserving of it is shown in the last act. The drama is weak, but enlivened by sensational business which cannot boast of originality. Mr. O'Grady, as Sadler, is full of poor jokes; however, he sometimes manages to evoke laughter out of them. Mr. W. H. Hallatt gives a manly interpretation of the young soldier O'Connor; but the part would be better if not quite so "heavy." Mr. Marcus J. Hydes was fair as Sir Richard Raymond, while Mr. Harry F. McClelland, as Sackville, well earned the groans of the gallery, which were freely bestowed on him. Mrs. Hubert O'Grady hardly created much sympathy in her part as Nelly O'Connor, being unsuited to it. The subsidiary parts were fairly sustained by Miss Nellie Lawrence as Lady Alice, and Mr. Frank Stephenson as Dr. Kilmore; but of the others the least said the better. "The Famine" will not, we fear, receive much support from London audiences, but perhaps Mr. O'Grady has something better in his "Eviction," "Emigration, or "Gommock." On the 12th instant, Mr. J. L. Toole will take possession of the boards here for a fortnight, and will appear in a few of his favourite pieces.

**Haymarket.**—The hundreth performance of "Jim the Penman" is fast approaching, and yet this piece is still drawing good houses. Should Messrs. Russell and Bashford care to run Sir Charles Young's play throughout the summer we think they will be amply rewarded. An important change has lately had to be made in the cast; Mr. Maurice Barrymore has gone to America, and his part is now undertaken by Mr. J. H. Barnes. This gentleman's earnest and vigorous style is seen to the utmost advantage as Louis Percival, and no fitter substitute could well have been found. The other parts are assigned as before, in fact nothing better could be desired.

**Toole's.**—Messrs. H. P. Stephens and W. Yardley having undertaken the management of this theatre during Mr. Toole's absence, opened on Saturday last with a short drama and burlesque. Both pieces had been presented at a matinée before, but to the general public they were not known. "Hand and Heart," a dramatic incident in one act, is from the pen of Messrs Yardley and Stephens. It is weak in construction, and with anything but good acting it failed to create enthusiasm. The piece is supposed to take place during the year 1654, and the scene is laid in the hall of one Abel Newton, who has, under circumstances of exigency, married a lady without knowing that she had already given her heart to a French count. This count comes to England, on a plotting mission, and is hunted for by Cromwell's soldiers. He takes refuge in the first house that offers; here he encounters his old love. On finding out that she is married to Abel Newton, the count upbraids her, and declares he will not leave the country unless she accompanies him. Her efforts to conceal the count awaken the suspicions of Abel Newton, who learns her secret, and, reckless of himself, gives his wife liberty to dishonour him should she choose so to do. She consents to accompany the count to a fishing smack close by, and Newton believing she has elected to fly with the count, sits down to meditate. The lady, however, returns, having got rid of her old love in a way not explained, and the curtain falls on a picture of domestic bliss. The part of Abel Newton was sustained by Mr. Leonard Outram, who showed some amount of feeling in the rôle. Miss Fanny Enson acted with a good deal of spirit as the wife; but Mr. M. R. Selten

› Hunted, or Windsor Castle re-versed." Of this we can le in its favour. Windsor Castle is not a new subject for criters, and, perhaps, this may be the reason why the re not strictly followed the well-known novel by Ains. rne the Hunter takes the part of Sir Thomas Wyatt g Henry the Eighth; Herne is hunted by the latter, and captured. On this framework the authors have invented f puns, songs, dances, and effective choruses, by cooks, efeaters, and huntsmen, but we hardly think the materials en provided will supply enjoyment for playgoers during ber. Mr. Arthur Williams made Herne the Hunter a ic personage. Most of the fun that was got out of the as when Mr. Williams held the stage. His appearance as a thought reveler, and in the song, "Just in the old enlivened the burlesque considerably, but when he was the fun ceased, and we had again to turn our attention to ne songs and dances, all in the music hall style. Of the , we may mention Miss Harriet Vernon as Sir Thomas Emily Spiller as Mabel Lyndwood, Miss Edith Linfield gerald, and the Sisters Belle and Flo Bilton as the Duke and the Earl of Surrey respectively. Mr. Frank Wood k for Will Sommers, while Mr. E. J. Allcott will get on he knows his part. The scenery is excellent, while the th pretty and graceful.

-Now, as everything is running smoothly, "Adonis" ttract good houses. Since the first night several parts ised and rewritten by Mr. Cunningham Bridgman. Mr. lar song, "It's English, you know," is nightly encored, in capital style by that gentleman. In the second act mpersonation of Mr. Henry Irving is perfect; in fact ll be led to think that it was that gentleman himself. s a good company to back him, and we advise those s who are fond of a good laugh to pay a visit t›

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Committee for the Maintenance of the Legislative › Great Britain and Ireland have made arrangements Cassell and Company to be the publishers of the leaflets estion which they are now issuing. Thirty-two leaflets lets have already been published.—*Academy.*

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Summer Festival in connection with the en Lodge of Instruction will take place on the 11th August next. Saloon Carriages will › the 10-50 train from Waterloo for Windsor, › Steam Launches for a trip up the River rning in time for dinner, at the Star and sor, at five o'clock. Luncheon, &c., will be oard the Launches. Full particulars as to for Ladies and Brethren to be had of the ›. G. Reynolds, St. James's Square, Pall Mall, r than the 4th August.

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## ROTHER VOUCHED FOR.

ne thousands of Masters of Lodges on this nt it is a reasonable supposition that there invested with power to preside for the first nnot be amiss to call their attention to the our caption, which in the course of the sing they will frequently hear and be t upon. Among all the duties of the in rightly be considered as of higher im- he admission of strange Brethren, and none scrupulously guarded from careless execu-

Every presiding officer should understand ith which he is clothed, and the obligation regard to visiting Brethren, and while he ly worthy with proper courtesy, let him nay be open to suspicion with unbending as agreed in the most solemn manner that be received into his Lodge without due d producing proper vouchers of their ited into a regular Lodge, and he will › his vow if he allow the somewhat loose › avouchment to prevail under his admin-

nnouncement of Bro. A. vouched for is a t for the admission of a person we have eard of before to a participation in our should know who is his sponsor and on ssumes that responsibility. It is the un- every Brother in good standing to vouch t is equally the duty of the Master to be important privilege has not been lightly

nor a loose and careless inquiry, but from strict trial, due examination or lawful information, these being the three requisites which the landmarks have laid down as being essentially necessary to authorize the act of vouching.

The Constitution of 1738 provides that you are "cautiously to examine him (a foreign Brother or stranger) as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by a pretender, whom you are to reject with decision, and beware of giving him any hints, but if you discover him to be true and faithful you are to respect him as a Brother." By strict trial is meant that no question or answer that may be required to convince you that the person examined is what he claims to be should be omitted. You can carefully take nothing for granted, nor allow shortness of memory to fill up an inconvenient blank. If the would-be visitor has paid so little heed to his first instructions, or so little attention to the claims of the Fraternity as to become rusty, he must go where he is known for the information he requires, and be disappointed if he expects to pick it up from an examining Brother or committee. In this we would be understood as referring to those important matters that are indispensable, and not to some of the minor details that only a bright Mason could be expected to have at his finger ends.

The particulars of an examination cannot of course be detailed here, but we may say, in general terms, that the errors or inadvertencies of the visitor should not be corrected, for that would be giving him the hint we are warned against. With an aged Brother, or one who has long been debarred the privileges of the Craft by journey or sickness, patience is to be commended. If he has ever received true light, the spark though dimmed will eventually brighten up by his own unaided endeavours, and one such trial will always serve to remind him of the necessity of keeping his treasures where he can find them when wanted.

But it is not so much from any carelessness in regard to examinations that we have to apprehend danger, as from the uncertain application of the third point in the landmark referred to—that is, lawful information. The Tyler's voucher is very often an uncertain guide, for he may be deceived by great similarity of personal appearance, or from a certain conviction of having seen the person applying somewhere, and hence jumping to the conclusion that it was in a Lodge, or the Tyler may have known that a person was a member of a lawful Lodge, but not that he had since been put under discipline; other instances could be cited, were it not that they will readily suggest themselves to the Brethren.

It will be a step forward when Masters cease to admit Brethren on the Tyler's endorsement. The examination of an inexperienced or unskilled Brother can afford no just grounds for avouchment, because he cannot be supposed to have the ability of detecting error, or the judgment necessary to avoid conveying information which should be withheld.

If a Brother vouch for another on the ground of having sat with him in a Lodge, he should also be able to state positively that it was a Master's Lodge, duly and legally constituted, and not a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow-Crafts. Written vouchers, though indited by your nearest friend, are of no positive value. They cannot lawfully contain any of those things which it is indispensable the visitor should know; can afford him no assistance when put to the ordeal of strict examination.

Personal avouchment from one Brother to another may be accepted, but no further, and then only when the Brother vouched for is in the presence of the one giving the information, and the one receiving it, and then it must be given with the intent of being used Masonically, and be full, explicit, positive and based on actual knowledge of a lawful Masonic character. But when Brother White tells Brother Brown that Brother Black assured him that Brother Green was a Mason, the information becomes too loose to have a lawful value and must be discarded.

We trust enough has been said to put our Worshipful Brethren on their guard, and that they will assist in bringing about more rigid requirements in the matter of responding for the Masonic standing of unknown Brethren.

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## l Masonic Institution for Boys,
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

ARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's , London, on Monday, the 12th Day of July 1886, for the transaction inary business of the Institution.

ar the following Notices of Motion:—

ro. C. H. WEBB, Life Governor:

t Brother George Blizard Abbott have the rank of Life Governor, with ro votes at all election of boys for life, in recognition of the care and ility with which the recently published History of the Institution as been compiled by him."

'. Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V. Patron, P.G. Std. Bearer:

t 10 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Monday, the th October, for admission to the School over and above the 22 boys be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment."

'. Bro. C. F. HOGARD, V.P.:

t in recognition of the services of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the stitution during a period of 25 years, the sum of 100 guineas be resented to him as an honorarium."

ve and approve a list of candidates, on the recommendation of the committee, for which 22 or—in the event of the previous Notice of ing adopted—32 boys shall be elected on Monday, 11th October next. ir will be taken at Four o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

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## PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE Right Worshipful General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, presided at the annual meeting of the members of his Province, at Croydon, on Wednesday. The brethren assembled under the banner of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, and the arrangements made by this young Lodge gave unqualified satisfaction to all who attended the meeting. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Greyhound Hotel punctually at two o'clock, when General Brownrigg was supported by Bros. Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer Deputy Provincial Grand Master, George Price Prov. Grand Treasurer, S. W. Lambert Prov. Grand Registrar, C. Greenwood jun. Prov. Grand Secretary, R. Sebastian Hart Prov. S.D., J. G. Collier Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, John Hooke Prov. Grand D.C., Joseph Steele and J. W. Baldwin Prov. Grand Standard Bearers, G. S. Dunkley Prov. Grand Organist, W. P. Catterson Prov. Grand Pursuivant, &c. Amongst the Past Prov. Grand Officers we noticed Bros. Dr. Strong, Dr. Lavies, R. W. Price, J. Rhodes, F. Cambridge, John G. Horsey, Major Godson Godson, J. Hamer Owen, F. J. Blake, T. Vincent, H. E. Frances, J. Bond, H. P. J. Dumas, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Col. Jas. Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Lee, &c., &c. We may mention here the

d attended the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge
he had been so closely associated. After Provincial
e had been formally opened, the P.G. Master was saluted
of Lodges called. A full representation was the result.
he names of Prov. G. Officers were called we regret to
absentees were named. The minutes of Prov. G. Lodge
siton in June 1885 were read and confirmed. The reports
and Finance Committees were presented; the result
eat prosperity on all sides, while the reports from the
es in the Province showed a steady progress that must
gratifying to the Grand Master and all concerned in the
ruling of the Province. Bro. Geo. Price was nominated
and Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months, and the
ballot taken resulted in his being unanimously re-elected.
wnrigg next reminded the brethren that, when he found
ot to lose the valuable services of Bro. the Rev. Charles
ne had appointed their estimable brother Charles
who had been associated with the Province of Surrey for
s, to succeed Bro. Arnold as Deputy Provincial Grand
om a variety of causes opportunity had not served
his public investment, though Bro. Greenwood had
ecognised in his new position. He would now call on
l Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment.
having been acceeded to, Bro. Greenwood was obligated
invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and was
cordance with ancient custom. The following brethren
d and invested as the Officers for the next twelve

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s of general business transacted we may mention that
) each were made to the Royal Masonic Institution
the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It will
by most of our readers that a provisional grant of
made in support of General Brownrigg's presidency
Girls' School in May last; a formal vote was to-day
Provincial G. Treasurer be empowered to hand over
l the result, without a dissentient voice, was in
ant. The local Charities as usual were not over-
arish Church of Croydon, which is now undergoing
benefit to the tune of ten guineas from Provincial
ds, in addition to the amount realised at the
e service that was held there, the amount being
4s.

he members of Provincial Grand Lodge, General
ed to the happy and prosperous condition of the
He spoke of the generous and hearty support se-
sion of his presidency at the Festival of the Royal
n for Girls, held in May last. The result was far
anguine anticipations. He called attention to the
of the Provincial Grand Officers, and urged on
ok the duties to appreciate and carry out their
General Brownrigg next gave a cordial welcome to
Arnold, assuring him of the gratification it afforded
welcome him on his present visit to this country.
the Provincial Grand Master requested the attend-
n at a short service at the Parish Church, where
adly consented to preach. Provincial Grand Lodge
nd the brethren repaired to the Church. Here
equently discoursed, taking the following for his

and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the
heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending
."—Genesis xxviii. 12.

The solitary exile was sleeping, with a hard
w, when this dream came to him; and
pression that it made upon him it is clear
nvinced it was no ordinary dream, but
n from the Almighty. Then appeared to
feet rested on the earth and the top reached
w angels of God ascending and descending upon
God above it," and there renewed the promises
grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac that

God's presence fell upon him: he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven." And then he vowed a solemn vow that *the Lord* should ever be his God, and consecrated the spot on which he had slept.

This message was one of love from God, for he called Jacob to be the progenitor of the Messiah, the promised Saviour of mankind, and also a message of encouragement, for God would protect him in all his wanderings, and bring him safely home again. Thus much we can easily understand, but what was the meaning of that ladder which Jacob saw? Evidently it was intended to signify to him that God was about to make a path from earth to heaven; that sinful man and his offended maker should be reconciled, and that man should hereafter be enabled to ascend to heaven and dwell with God.

Of what, then, was that ladder a type? Was it a type of that moral law which God himself proclaimed from Mount Sinai when he chose Israel for his people? Surely not. The moral law never conducted any one to heaven. It was too hard for man to fulfil. The words of Scripture are, "There is none righteous, no not one." The moral precepts were like the rounds of a ladder placed one above another with no sides to grasp to help the climber. A few steps, indeed, might have been mounted by the best of those whose lives and characters are recorded in the Old Testament History, but none reached the summit. No one by that ladder could ever have mounted to the joys of heaven.

My Brethren, that ladder was a type of Jesus Christ, God's own son, the promised seed of Jacob, from whose family his virgin mother was born; of Jesus Christ, who left the glory and bliss of heaven, and came to earth to suffer and die, that he might make atonement for the sin of man. By His life on earth He alone, amongst men, fulfilled God's law, and then He gave Himself as a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and thus purchased our redemption, reconciled us to His father, and opened unto us the gate to eternal life. "I," said He, "am *the way*, the truth and the life." "I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

Thus Christ is the way—Christ is the door. He himself has ascended from earth to heaven, and before he went He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Whither Christ has gone, thither shall those go who are His. By Him as by a ladder shall they mount up from earth to heaven.

The place where the foot of the ladder appeared to stand was consecrated to God by Jacob. It was a place ever to be remembered and reverenced by him as the scene of God's revelation, the entrance to his covenant. His feeling was expressed in the words, "This is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven." Well, then, do we Masons in our tracing board represent Jacob's ladder as standing in God's temple and resting upon the Volume of the Sacred Law. This coming of Christ, the true ladder, was the fulfilment of the prophecies contained in that Sacred Book, in which is first dimly shadowed forth, and then more and more clearly predicted, redemption through a Saviour who should open heaven to all true believers. The temple was the only place where a Jew could offer the worship appointed by God, and in the Holy Place between the wings of the cherubim appeared the sacred fire denoting the constant presence of the Most High. God's promise to Solomon was, "I have hallowed this house which thou hast built to put my name there for ever: and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually." And in every House of God now we believe that He is *especially present* amongst us: it is as it were the gate of heaven, and the foot of the ladder rests within it, for Christ Himself gave the blessed promise, "when two or three are gathered together in My name, there *am I* in the midst of them." There, too, are the angels of God ascending and descending upon that ladder, bearing the prayers of the faithful up to the throne of grace, and bringing down assurances of a Father's love and strength to enable His children to overcome their spiritual enemies. There, too, His Holy Word is read and expounded, and His Sacraments duly administered: in the one we are grafted into Christ as members of His body, and in the other our union is constantly renewed, when we are made one with Christ, and He is made one with us, just as He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are united together as one.

But we, Brethren, as Masons are taught that the outward visible temple is a symbol of that inner temple of the heart in which the most High ought to dwell and reign. As Christians we are earnestly reminded of this. St. Paul says: "What know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" In each heart, as God's temple, must the ladder to heaven be erected: for Christ must dwell and reign in the heart of each true disciple. And the rounds of that ladder by which we mount heavenwards are the Christian virtues.

We mount the first round *by faith*. There must be a true and living belief in the Existence of God—"the Creator and Preserver of all things, of infinite power wisdom and goodness." And this faith must be based upon God's own Revelation in the Bible. Natural religion may lead us to believe in the existence of a God; but God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, can only be known by the revelation of Himself to man. This faith will produce fear, reverence, worship, and love, as we are led on to know Him more and more intimately. Conviction brings to the sinner's heart fear when he thinks of God as his Judge; but when he can look upon Him as his Father in Heaven, and address him as such in prayer, then his heart is filled with reverential love.

The second round must be mounted by hope; and hope is a consequence of Faith. If we believe in the promises of God and in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, then our heart is filled with a glorious hope of future bliss. Then can we say, in the words of

ne," says St. Paul, "we are of all men most miserable." It ope of the future, the assurance of bliss beyond the grave, ries the Christian through all the trials and troubles of this life. He looks not for lasting joy on earth. He is but a passing on to his home, and it is hope that cheers him on , and enables him to mount higher on the path towards

hen with faith and hope comes *love* (or charity as it is trans- the Bible), and that enables him to mount a step higher up er. "We love Him," says St. John, "because he first loved he more we know Him, and the more we hope in His promises, e most we love Him who has done so much for us. Yes, it we begin to realize *His* love, that a spark of love is first kin- our hearts. When we meditate on our Saviour's words, "God the world, that he gave His only begotten son, to the end that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting And when we feel the truth of St. Paul's words, "God com- His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners ied for us." How can we help our hearts being drawn by ards that kind and loving Father, who designed such a ous plan for our Salvation. And love to God will produce , or love to our fellow men. We shall feel that we are all one common Father: members of one common body, of which is Christ; and animated by one spirit which is the Holy God; and are heirs of one home where we trust to dwell with her for ever. "If ye love Me," says Christ, "keep My com- ents;" and again He says: "a new commandment give I n, that ye love one another." It is this universal love, which so much in Masonry, and which unites us into one brother- To fulfil it we pledge ourselves to support and assist one in all lawful undertakings; to remember our brother's wants e kneel before the throne of grace: to keep his lawful secrets p within our breasts: and to guard his honour and good in his absence as faithfully as we should defend our own. We further to relieve his necessities and soothe his afflictions all respects to act towards him as we would wish others to ards us. Moreover, those noble Institutions for educating the n of those stricken down by death or poverty, and for soo h- declining years of those who have been unsuccessful in the f life, prove that the love we profess is no sham, but deep nuine. In all this our brotherly love is that which Christ and commanded, and in this is Masonry the Handmaid of nity. Thus Masonry becomes a help to us on our Christian but let us ever remember that it is *a means, not the end*, and ring from the true motive, the love of God.

three which I have mentioned are the first and most important ounds of the ladder to heaven, but above them rise many more; h must be surmounted by one of the Christian virtues which up from Christ being planted in the heart. St. Paul gives us f them in his Epistle to the Galatians, "the part of the spirit , joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ss, temperance." If, then, we give ourselves up to the ing influence of God's Holy Spirit, all these graces or virtues ours, and so we may ascend to the gate of heaven, and there e joyful welcome, "well done, good and faithful servant; enter to the joy of thy Lord."

read that when the temple at Jerusalem was being built no of axe or hammer was heard; everything was prepared and, and silently fitted into its place. How beautifully this the silent growth of Christ's kingdom in the heart. The f man is noisy and with outward show; the growth of the s silent and almost imperceptible. As Christ said, "the m of God cometh not with observation." It was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire that Elijah detected the ce of God, but in the still small voice; and it is the still small f conscience, uttering the promptings of the Holy Spirit, whispers in our hearts and reminds us of our Father's will. the mountains of Lebanon the axe was heard amongst the and the various implements in the stone quarries, so, too, the an will have much to prepare before his temple is built, and ngage in vigorous and constant warfare against the temptations world, must daily try to subdue the lusts of the flesh, and ver watch and pray lest he be caught off his guard by the evil We have to aim at a high and almost impossible standard. aster says, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is ." But we have the promise of His aid whenever we seek for He has given us means and ordinances sufficient to assist Christian course.

when the ladder is united in our hearts and the Christian is to his God; then, as Jacob saw the angels ascending and ding, prayers, praises, thanksgivings, and meditations about ill be constantly ascending from the Christian's heart, and God nd down gracious promises of strength and support, messages and comfort in time of trouble and trial, and sweet glimpses ven itself to cheer the Christian's dying hour.

grant, my Brethren, that that holy ladder of Jacob's vision ius silently but surely grow up in your hearts and mine, and e may have peace and joy in believing.

anquet followed at the Greyhound Hotel, where the toasts ary on these occasions were fully honoured.

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OWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable facts.—Intense heat augments noyances of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile rs; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these deter- d purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections,

## CONSECRATION OF THE QUEEN'S WEST-MINSTER CHAPTER, No. 2021.

ANOTHER important link was added to the great chain of Freemasonry on Tuesday last, 6th inst., by the consecration of a new Chapter, to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, which has enjoyed great success ever since its consecration about three years ago. The ceremony in respect to the ushering into existence of the Chapter took place at the Lodge premises, No. 8A Red Lion-square, and the important rite was ably rendered by that Eminent Companion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., who presided as M.E.Z. (Consecrating Officer), assisted by Comps. J. M. P. Montagu Grand Superintendent Dorset as H., Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg P.A.G.S. as J., and Frank Richardson as D.C. There were present many members of the Queen's Westminster Lodge who are Arch Masons, and several visitors, amongst whom were Comps. H. Chobert 21, Payne 1328, Coop 1604, Probyn 21, Flint 753 Livett 507, Kempton 763, H. Thompson 619, Smith 1039, Diprose 507, Bywater 19, and many others whose names we were not able to obtain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. Stedman, F.R.G.S., who was assisted by Comps. Hodges, of Her Majesty's Chapel, St. James's, G. F. Smith, and Lawler. The Principals Designate were Comps. G. Lambert M.E.Z., R. Payne H., and H. C. Lambert J. The Chapter having been formally opened in the presence of installed Principals and the rest of the Companions admitted, the Consecrating Officer said they had met there that day to perform a most important duty, that was to consecrate a new Chapter, to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge; the Lodge was started three years ago, and Comp. Lambert was its first Master; he was now proposed as the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter. The Lodge thus started had attained such an amount of success that the members had an ambition to add to it a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and on applying to the Supreme Chapter a warrant was granted for that purpose, and in pursuance of which they were assembled there that day to launch it into existence, trusting that the same success might follow it as had been the good fortune of the Queen's Westminster Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with; in the course of it, Comp. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg remarked that Freemasonry had always allied itself to what was good in times past, and in every case when there was any great national movement in the country, it had invariably taken a great and prominent part, but at the same time had carefully disentangled itself from any party warfare. Freemasonry had for its object to help all that was good and noble in the country, and towards that end the consecration of the Chapter pointed that day. The interest it took in that direction was always shown, and was particularly gratifying in what it did at the time of the great movement in England in 1859, when they realised the fact that invasion was not only possible but probable. England, however, never hesitated to look difficulties in the face, and did so at that crisis, when the Volunteer Movement sprang into existence, and so general was the feeling in its favour, that in one short year there was not a town in the country, indeed scarcely a village, but contributed a band of volunteers. There were, however, at that time not wanting those who sneered at the movement, and stigmatised it as only "playing at soldiers," but in a few months afterwards these Volunteers went by with all the force and steadiness of old soldiers at the review of them by Her Majesty in Hyde Park, and every year since then the men have increased in efficiency and numbers. The spirit which animated them was truly Masonic, for it embraced their duty to their country and loyalty to their Queen. Time would not permit him, or he could speak much longer upon this subject, and upon what was good and noble in the country, but he warned them not to be careless in the performance of their duty, for in proportion as men became inattentive and careless they became unpatriotic. At the present time, when certain attacks were made on them they, as Masons, should help forward what was right, and oppose that which was wrong, and, strong in their right arm, should go shoulder to shoulder to meet the enemies of their country, whether they were at home or came from abroad. The rest of the consecration ceremony having been gone through, the Consecrating Officer said that no installation ceremony was necessary, as the Principals Designate had already served their offices, and he at once proceeded to invest them and place them respectively in the different chairs of the Queen's Westminster Chapter, viz., Comps. Major G. Lambert M.E.Z., Captain R. Payne H., and Lieut. H. C. Lambert J. The M.E.Z. said before they proceeded to the election of the other Officers he wished to return their grateful thanks to the Grand Scribe E. for his kindness in coming there to consecrate their Chapter. They were not insensible of what they owed to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, but they were particularly grateful to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and the Officers by whom he had been so ably assisted, and he begged of them to accept their thanks. Words were but words, but on behalf of the Chapter he asked them to accept their gratitude for coming amongst them that day. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, in returning thanks, said it had given them great pleasure to give what assistance they had rendered to the Chapter, and was pleased that their efforts had met with approbation. The M.E.Z. had a further motion to submit; that was to ask the Three Principals of the day to accept the honorary membership of the Chapter, a motion which was unanimously carried. The appointment of Officers was then proceeded with. Comps. Coop S.E., Capt. Lucett S.N., Probyn Treasurer, C. P. Bellamy P.S., Kingdon 1st A.S., Simpson 2nd A.S., Woodroffe D.C., Van Joel 1st Steward, Edmans 2nd Steward. Twelve candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the





e the next toast; he asked them to drink "Success to the 's Westminster Chapter," coupling with it the name of the Principal—Comp. G. Lambert. No doubt the toast was a very art one, for on an occasion like that if they did not do honour Chapter they would prove ungrateful, or go away without sing the duty of wishing God speed to the young child. The r had been started under good auspices; it had a good staff. well-selected body of candidates; but at the same time he ry for the Principal Sojourner, who had a good lot of work for him. He wished success to the First Principal during his office, and asked all the Companions to drink his health—a which was readily complied with. The M.E.Z. on rising to hanks for the very kind manner in which the Grand S.E. had f him, said although at present he was a non-combatant he thing like the war-horse that was turned into a cab-horse; he again to become a fighting man. Young as he was, and s he felt himself to be, he felt that he should like to return olunteers, and be with those with whom he had the honour; but at all events he should do all in his power to promote cess. Success had attended the Queen's Westminster Lodge, oped the Chapter would do as well, and that the members dge would become members of it. The rise of this Chapter what singular. Some years ago, he had the honour of being of the Antiquarian Society, then he met with a good old Peter-field, and when he died this old gentleman left a old robes, but on receiving them he found them so worm-rotten, that he at once consigned them to the dust-hole. me time came to him an old box, about as long as a coffin, the banners which they had seen that evening; coats, rs, sceptres, and a very queer lot of things besides. Hav-se things, he looked about to see where he could find a nd the result was what they had seen that evening, and he they were satisfied with the use of them. He trusted support him, and he assured them that he would do all er to make their Chapter a success. They had a good ound, as they had in the corps upwards of 1,000 members, he had no doubt that they would meet with success, if it s a return to the Grand Officers for the kindness they had by attending that day. Having alluded to the exertions tee, he said he hoped they would hold a Chapter of Emer-n they could admit those whom they wanted, and did not want could stand aside. He joined the Royal ter in 1844, it at that time was one of the best apters, and he hoped they would emulate its example. would be to keep the vessel afloat, and pilot it into the uccess, and when he was unable to do so, he would find some one else who would be able to do it. The the next toast he had to propose was the Consecrating ng Officers. They were greatly indebted to Colonel erke, who was frequenty invalided, for presiding; and was so well carried out they wanted to evince their d keep the Chapter in good working order. They were ted to him for coming, and he asked them to drink to ith. Another to whom they were indebted had come ter, and had left his comfortable home there to come ed room and take part in this ceremony. Then, what y of one of their members coming one hundred miles, bride in the morning and coming there to take the or of Ceremonies? They were also indebted to Comp. his short but admirable address; it was to the point th. He asked the Companions to be upstanding and h of the Consecrating Officers. Comp. Col. Shadwell d the magnitude of the toast, and the number of cluded in it, almost took his breath away. He had not unity of thanking all for conferring upon them the king them honorary members of the Chapter, but he d felt extremely obliged to the M.E.Z. for making that The toast was one of great pleasure to him, be one his duty. In these matters, however small it was pleasing to be thanked, and for this ways feel grateful. After all, the man who sat in very little, and a great deal had to be done by those him. He must say he had been very materially bellicose friend who sat near to him, and the only heard was an anti-Masonic cat, whose voice he heard ne and all be thanked for the very kind and cordial had given him. Comps. J. M. P. Montagu and the me Brownrigg also acknowledged the toast. The e the Visitors, and said he felt obliged to them for them on that occasion. He was glad, not only to but at any other time when they should be holding ked upon the attendance of Visiting Companions as ey went back to their own Chapters and told what nd how the consecration of the Chapter had been ing severally named the guests, he asked the Com- to their health. Companions Bywater and Lawler Several other toasts were given and responded to, harmonious meeting being brought to a close with During the evening Companions Stedman, Hodges, sang some choice songs, which were highly ap- F. Smith presiding at the pianoforte. Mention of the extraordinary vocal powers of Master G. the solo parts in the National Anthem, and after- "—by Bodda Pyne—with great taste. In each entleman was heartily applauded. If the success d the consecration of the Queen's Westminster ken as an augury for the future, a brilliant career

## CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE Twenty-sixth annual installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday last, when the out-going Master Bro. H. W. Smith Parsons inducted his successor, Bro. James Joseph Bascombe, into the chair of K.S. in an effective and imposing manner. The following were appointed to office for the year ensuing:—Bros. J. J. H. Bascombe S.W., A. H. Wood J.W., E. Good P.M. Treasurer, T. Francis P.M. Secretary, J. Collings P.M. D. of C., H. J. Tuck S.D., E. Sprigings J.D., A. Wightman I.G., J. Leader Organist, W. P. Bowler and J. T. Slade Stewards. Bro. Collings then presented to the Lodge a handsomely-carved and decorated tablet, on which were inscribed the names of the brethren who had occupied the Master's chair since the foundation of the Lodge, over which were the armorial bearings of the Earl of Carnarvon, blazoned in heraldic colours. This very beautiful addition to the Lodge-room was much admired, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor. All business being over, the members and visitors, to the number of thirty, adjourned to the Town Hall, for refreshment, where the newly-installed Master presided. After the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were befittingly introduced and responded to. The Election at Portsmouth, which was going on, prevented many members and visitors from being present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Saunders W.M. 342, J. E. Thornton W.M. 903, J. Mutlow Foster W.M. 1776, G. T. Cunningham W.M. 1834, G. Grant P.M. 1705, J. S. Senior S.D. 1705, G. Haggett 487, J. Armstrong and J. Bussey 342, H. Martin Green P.M. 804 and 1958 Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden Hants and Isle of Wight, G. S. Hill W.M. elect 1958, G. M. Knight, J. Stephens, J. C. Collings, G. Pannell, Stead, Burrow, &c.

## EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Cock Hotel, Epping, when there were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M., E. Lewis I.P.M., J. Woodrow S.W., J. Loudon J.W., Fraser S.D., Hughes I.G., Dance P.M. Secretary, E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, Parkinson Tyler, and a goodly number of members and visitors. Bros. Nokes, Odell, Taylor and Miller were raised, and four gentlemen were approved by the Lodge, and initiated by the W.M. in his usual good style. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed.

## ELECTRIC LODGE, No. 2087.

THIS prosperous young Lodge held a regular meeting at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on 26th ult. Bro. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., W.M. was in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Hoskey S.W., T. Barlow J.W., G. Gregory P.M. Secretary, T. Fletcher S.D., R. C. Leversedge J.D., P. Estler I.G., Harrison Tyler; Bros. Sir C. Bright P.M. P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex, E. B. Bright I.P.M., and several other brethren. Visitor—Bro. P. B. Walker 1761 (New South Wales). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the chair, by request, was taken by Bro. E. B. Bright I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, who raised, in a very able and impressive manner, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Denny, M.A., to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The W.M., on resuming the chair, appointed and invested Bro. Denny as Chaplain of the Lodge. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren returned to town by the 9·15 train, having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present—Bros. H. M. Hobbs W.M., F. J. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. D. Langton I.P.M., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. Levey S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates Dir. of Cers., J. C. Leaver Steward, W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. F. Blake P.P.G. Registrar Surrey, C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, E. C. Holdsworth, Dr. Wilson, D. Guedella, Dr. Matthey, J. C. Leaver, E. C. Leaver. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Smith W.M. 463, E. F. Duffin W.M. 753, W. G. Fenn S.D. 538, L. Courlander 975, S. Potter 1790. The minutes of last meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Leaver was passed to the second degree, the W.M. afterwards giving the explanation on the tracing board. It was unanimously resolved that the Lodge should take a share in the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, and that the same be placed on the Worshipful Master's Steward's list at the Boys' Festival. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Covent Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evening, the 15th of July, at seven o'clock, in the Masonic Temple (entrance from Piccadilly or Jermyn-street). Bros. W. C. Smith S.W. 1563 Preceptor, E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., E. Chamberlain J.D. 87 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Reynolds, Bromley, Dusterwald, Kirk, Paul, Malvey, and Chamberlain. Second Lecture—Bros. Harnell, Skinner, Farwig, Corby, and Docket. Third Lecture—Bros. Clark, Hemming, and Brindley. Colonial and other brethren are cordially invited. Bro. Reynolds Secretary.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

all be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodge out the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
chester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
of Zetland, Royal Edwar , Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
es on Crown and Anc or, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
dh, Red Lion, Leytonstone
on, Surrey Ma onic Hall, Camberwell
ery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
wick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
ster of Im rovement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
-Brixton, Audert n's Hote , Fleet Street, E.C.
ce George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
ple l, M tre H tel, Hampton Court
p hire L. of Emulation Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
dence, M Hall, Leeds
-E.a, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## MONDAY, 12th JULY.

General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
ghborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ig Man, Exeter Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
erity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
ames's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
inutes, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
ington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
gate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
e Park, Pembroke Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
quess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
opolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
al Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
HE, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
t Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
gsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
yn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
-Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
vent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
nity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
ohn, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
ny, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
ilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
n of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
erity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
l Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
am, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
e Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
e, Swan Hotel, Brighthing-sea
er, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
eter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
ds of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
y, Masonic Hall, Southsort
ague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
y, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
key, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
ham, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
amson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
ington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
ingle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
nce, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
or Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
gate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
l Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
l, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
olhun, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
e, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
y, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
acum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
lyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
rratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
ity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
Charimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
ed Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
ton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 13th JULY.

stitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
perity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
., Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
ohn, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
astic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
s, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ney, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
orough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
ce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ouse, Sisters' Tavern, Peckham-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
bury, King's Head, Turnmarelle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
sworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
matic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
s, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
d Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
ht Companions, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
gton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
s, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
ect, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffords ire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hal , Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bucking
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St John's, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Clapham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 5[illegible] Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Junior [illegible] New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Tuscle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockin and Lake
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
484—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1350—Derwent, Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Postoth Park, Liverpool
1384—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heaburn-on-Tyne.
1615—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Strathwaite
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, [illegible], Essex
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent

R.A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle





## THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

rptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
rovan, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
Lane, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
nce, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
sbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
don, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
grave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
n Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
thwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
of London, Jamaica Cocoa House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

hern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
on, Spotted Dog, Upton
ett Castle, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
ohn, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
rmatic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
well, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ton, White Hart, Clapton
Great City, Masons Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
ught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
ugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
berton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
n Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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iers, Old Jerusalem Inv., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
n, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
gate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
nce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
arvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
yal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

d, High-street, Arundel
rtin, Town Hall, Buralem
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t Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
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## FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
ians, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Inst
ton, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
x Bells, Hammersmith. Instruction)
Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
nark, Greyhound, Richmond

Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
rd, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
e Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ury Street, Pimlico, S W., at 7 30. (Instruction)
Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
an, Fort and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
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lington, W. (Improvement)
own and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

sons' Hall, Manchester.
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c Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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way Hotel, Lovenshulme

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c Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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nic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
Hotel, Chingford
truction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at

## SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Prestwich, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sun Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
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THE annual installation of Officers of this Lodge, which took place on the 16th April, was made the occasion of one of the most interesting Masonic gatherings which have been held in Auckland or its vicinity for a long time. It was thoroughly representative, all Constitutions and most of the Provincial districts of New Zealand being represented, including Christchurch, Otago, &c., besides which there were representatives hailing from Lodges in the home country, including Glasgow, while the country districts surrounding Auckland were well represented. Amongst those present in representative capacity were: Bros. Lodder D.D.P.G.M., Craig W.M., Hanna W.M., Angar W.M., Hitchens W.M., Dr. Erson W.M., Evans W.M., A. Curtis W.M. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. Clarke, Gardner, King, Durance, Wright, Dr. Walker, McCullough, Dr. Dawson, Powley, A. G. Russell, Cooper, La Roche, C. R. Johnson. The Masters and Officers of the St. Andrew (S.C.), the Remuera (E.C.), and the Ara (I.C.), attended as Lodges, and were received with appropriate honours. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, 110 guests being seated. Bro. M. Nicoll D.P.G.M. of the S.C., and W.M. of Lodge Albion, officiated as Installing Master with his customary impressiveness and ease; Bro. P.M. Clarke, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, officiating as Director of the Ceremonies; Bro. Gardner assisting in the ceremonies and representations. Bro. Rowland Bramwell presided at the organ during the musical portion of the ceremonial. Bro. S. Vosper, who has passed through all the chairs of the Lodge up to the throne of King Solomon, and who had been unanimously asked to preside as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, was then presented to Brother Nicoll, the Installing Officer, by Brothers Clarke and Gardner P.M.'s, and installed in the chair by the board of Installed Masters. He then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James Knox S.W., J. Mayo J.W., W. H. Brown Treasurer, Arthur Burgess Secretary, James Hogan S.D., F. H. W. Wells J.D., T. E. Durance P.M. D.C., R. Bramwell Organist, C. W. Cave I.G., R. Dader and J. Simms Stewards, F. Varcoe Tyler. The Master, Wardens and Lodge having been addressed by Brother Nicoll, and the Master duly saluted in each degree, the W.M. and Lodge received the hearty and warm congratulations of the D.D.G.M. and the representatives of the various Lodges, after which the Lodge was closed. Prior to the closing, the W.M. invited those present to remain for a few minutes while refreshments were being laid. An elegant spread then appeared as if by magic in the hall. This was provided exclusively by ladies of the North Shore, not by the Lodge, and it was not only liberal in the extreme, but provided in the most exquisite taste, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, whose appetites were doubtlessly improved by the trip across the harbour. The W.M. informed the meeting that the installation would be celebrated in the usual manner by an "At Home," to take place on the following Friday. A large number of the Auckland visitors then left to catch the ten o'clock ferry boat, but the proceedings were continued, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, received, and responded to.


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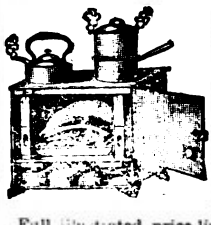
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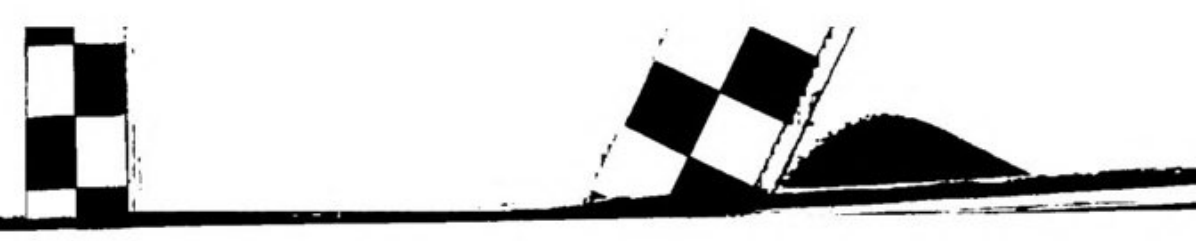
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## NCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

season of the year, when all who have the ns and the opportunity flock away from the City into the invigorating atmosphere of , a trip to the sea-side, involving a com- pleasure with duty, presents an attraction inary character. Thus, on Wednesday, the , a large number of the brethren, not only "the fairest county of England," but in olis also, gladly welcomed the invitation of of Kent to participate in the interesting pro- ich was set down on their annual agenda. vas the place selected, and never in the history ry in Kent has Prov. Grand Lodge been held brilliant and successful auspices than it was anner of the Temple Lodge, No. 558. The estival Etertainmennt Committee consisted of H. Stock, J. Hoad, W. Boutcher, W. L. . Penfold, J. Sherwood, J. Kennett, F. Holbein, W. Francis, G. L. Hart, John White, O. H. Wagner, S. Joseph, A. Petts rane S.W., J. G. Robinson J.W., F. Francis gen J.D, H. S. Roberts Org., H. Clements W. Griffin Standard Bearer, W. Drink and ards, F. Hall, J. G. Cheyney and J. Sher- l that skill, tact, and taste could devise were by these brethren on the arrangements for is paying them no empty compliment when triumphant success which attended their t richly deserved. Occasion was taken of visit of Prov. Grand Lodge with that of go, and the steady growth of Freemasonry ded to in the speeches at the banquet, and it ongratulation to the Province that not only ers and influence, but likewise in respect consistently gives to the Charities, Kent onoured title of "Invicta." The weather d have been desired on the occasion of this ring, and brethren from all parts of the nto the town at an early hour in the fore- ramble on the famous beach, or a blow arine promenade so familiar to thousands travel to and from the Continent *viâ* the Boulogne route. Provincial Grand Lodge Town Hall, at half-past twelve o'clock, Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Viscount Holmesdale) was supported by Grand and Provincial Grand Officers,

outy Prov. G.M., A. Spencer Prov. G. Secretary, . Treasurer, H. Ward P.P.G.J.W., R. Harrison es Sec. R.M.I.B., Jas. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Jas. land P.P.G.J.W., A. Penfold, F. W. Prescott, J. Varne, T. H. Simmonds, Emmerson P.P.G.S.D., G. Page P.P.G.S.D., J. T. Usher P.P.G. Reg., .P.G. Chap., G. Baird P.P.G.A.P., H. Chambers, M. Browning P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Edward Folkestone; Sandgate, 1436; Cinque Ports, 1206, Sandwich; Gravesend, 77; Sittingbourne, 1273; Plumstead, 913; Bromley 1314; Dartford, 299; Maidstone, 503; Riverhead 1223; Tunbridge, 1578; Chatham, 1174; Sheerness, 1089; Sevenoaks, 1414; Canterbury, 31, &c.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, after which the roll of the Lodges in the Province was called, the brethren present answering to their names. The reports of the Finance and Audit Committees were presented, and a prosperous condition of affairs in every respect, showing a steady progress of the Craft in this part of the Kingdom, which must have been eminently satisfactory to the Prov. Grand Master and the brethren generally. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Provincial Orand Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| G. Lainson Hart P.M. 558 | Junior Warden |
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| W. S. Elirs P.M. 874 | Junior Deacons |
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| Robert Derry P.M. 158 | Standard Bearers |
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| E. J. Penney P.M. 1089 | Assistant Organist |
| G. Blackburn P.M. 429 | Pursuivant |
| Sydney Gore P.M. 829 | Assistant Pursuivant |
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| H. Bond P.M. 1314 | Stewards |
| A. F. Johnstone P.M. 1424 | Stewards |
| Edward Monckton P.M. 1678 | Stewards |

After the transaction of some formal business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Parish Church, which had been kindly placed at their disposal by the Rev. M. Woodward, the vicar. Here a shortened evening service was held, followed by an eloquent sermon by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. J. Syree, of Ashford, who derived his text from Matt. v. 16. —"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." After church the brethren returned to the Town Hall, when votes of thanks were accorded to the Mayor (Bro. Banks) for the use of the hall, and to the Vicar for having placed the church at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the occasion. Thanks were also tendered to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for his admirable and appropriate discourse. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and a move was made to the site of the new





is Memorial Stone, of the Folkestone Masonic Hall, was laid by Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Wednesday, uly 1886.

ro. G. L. Hart, Prov. G.J.W., then introduced to his lship the directors of the Company and the architect ie building; and the Provincial Grand Master delivered ief address, expressing the hope that the undertaking ı which they had that day entered might prove suc- ful, satisfactory to the promoters, and valuable to the t.

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ter in the afternoon a sumptuous banquet was provided in the er Garden of the Royal Pavilion Hotel, which, with its exquisite ay of flowers and luxurious appointments, presented a scene of nal magnificence and animation. An elaborate repast was served ros. Spurgen and Waite, and the pleasures of the occasion were materially enhanced by the performance during dinner of a e selection of music by the band of the first Battalion Manches- egiment, under the direction of Mr. E. T. Quinn, bandmaster. esent the Provincial Grand Master proposed the customary l and Masonic toasts, which were received with the utmost siasm. Reference was made to the interest manifested by Her sty in the Craft, of which she is Patron, and his lordship ved that during the past year it had been his good fortune to esent on two very interesting occasions, on which his Royal ness the Prince of Wales had taken a prominent part in Masonic edings. One was the installation of his brother, the Duke of ught, as Provincial Grand Master of the neighbouring Province ssex, when there was such a magnificent assemblage of Free- ns at Brighton, from all parts of the kingdom, and from the ies as well, as had never been equalled since his Royal High- was installed as Grand Master in the Albert Hall, which many se present would remember. The other occasion was when his l Highness took his obligation as Grand Master of Mark ns of England. Besides that, his Royal Highness only a few previously invested his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, as r Warden of the Royal Alpha Lodge. During the year his l Highness had taken part in many interesting functions con- d with Masonry; and they were all grateful to him, considering nany claims upon his time, for having devoted so much of his tion to the interests of the Craft. His solicitude for the well- of Freemasonry was well known to all the members of it, and rince had shown himself to be a thorough Mason, not only in , but in word and deed. The Provincial Grand Master next sed the Most Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand r, the Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Lathom Deputy d Master, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present ast. In doing so he paid a deservedly high tribute of praise to asonic rulers for the ability with which they administered ffairs of Grand Lodge, and said that to their efforts were great measure indebted the success which had attended the . He associated with the toast the name of their esteemed ty Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes. The Deputy ncial Grand Master, who on rising to respond was received with y applause, said he did so with great pleasure and pride on the nt interesting occasion. After acknowledging in suitable terms indly recognition which had been made of the services rendered e Officers of the Grand Lodge, he proposed the health of the Rt. Bro. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master; the toast being ed with the utmost acclamation. He rejoiced to find that toast artily received, though he had not had an atom of doubt that it l be so, because he knew the loyalty of the brethren of the Pro- of Kent, and he was therefore well assured that the toast l meet with a most cordial acceptance. He reminded them that st Provincial Grand Lodge held in Folkestone was so far back 57, and it was a curious coincidence that that was the only time ich their Provincial Grand Master was absent from the Festi- That absence was caused by unavoidable circumstances. But y wanted any proof of the deep and active interest which the Earl took in matters concerning Freemasonry, he pointed to ct that only once in 26 years had Earl Amherst been away from nnual Festivals of the Province of Kent. His lordship was nted Provincial Grand Master in 1860, at Gravesend, and at ime the Province could only boast of 17 Lodges, with something 0 or 70 members. That was very unlike the return they had nade to-day, when there were 54 Lodges and 2800 members. ; 80 joined in the course of last year. But although the s had so vastly increased in strength, it must be borne ind that they had by no means deteriorated in quality, hey looked forward to having as good members in the future y were fortunate enough now to number in their ranks. He ot see any reason why every man should not become a Mason. eason why he congratulated their esteemed Provincial Grand r upon the increase of the Craft was, that whereas in times t was only a spasmodic £50 or £100 that they were enabled to nit to the Masonic Charities, on this occasion, for instance, they oted £65 to cases of necessity in their own Province, and £400 ds the funds of the great Institutions of which they were all tly proud. In this Province they never reserved money, ave the whole of their income every year. Being perfectly ed with the way in which the Charities were managed, they dingly gave them all they possessed. He considered that was est system to adopt. The toast having been received with every unless he was prepared and willing to carry out his duties. Supposing he had many votes to dispose of to-day, he did not know what would come uppermost in his mind, his love for politics or Freemasonry; but, having given Freemasonry his vote to-day, they had it all their own way. Nothing but pressure of imperative duty would ever keep him away from them. They had had a very successful year in Kent. It had been his pleasurable duty to preside at the Consecration of two new Lodges, which he hoped would add very considerably to the lustre of the Province of Kent, and result in an accession to their strength. They were now deliberating as to the issue of a warrant for the 55th Lodge, whether there was sufficient room in the place in which it was proposed to found it. All they desired was the assurance of its continued success. To-day they had had a very interesting ceremony, that of laying the foundation-stone of what he hoped would become the home of Freemasonry in the town of Folkestone. He was afraid, however, that the ladies who were present would believe he had deliberately laid himself out to "sell" them, by reason of the extraordinary brevity of the performance. Under the circumstances, however, a full Masonic ceremony was not practicable, and he believed a curtailed ceremony was most proper. He hoped the Province would go on in prosperity and success, and so long as he was permitted to rule over them that they would receive the toast of his health with no less cordiality than they had to-day. The noble Earl resumed his seat amidst prolonged cheering. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the V.W. Bro. J. Smith Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to whom he passed a warm encomium for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties entrusted to him. He (the speaker) did not know what he should have done without Bro. Eastes that day. The toast was heartily received, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the course of his response, said he had occupied the proud position he now filled for ten or eleven years, and that time had been very agreeable to himself. He admitted there were certain difficulties connected with the office, but he had always felt such a deep love for Freemasonry that he could not neglect anything it was in his power to do for the benefit of the Craft. He referred at some length to the gratifying increase in their Masonic strength since Provincial Grand Lodge last assembled in Folkestone, and to the efficiency of the members of the Temple Lodge, under whose banner they had met that day. Many of the brethren of that Lodge could now perform the work much better than he (the speaker) could do at the time he alluded to, and he had initiated many members into the Temple Lodge. It was a matter of great gratification to him to see the way in which they had entertained Provincial Grand Lodge, and there could be no one present who would feel that he could be more heartily welcomed elsewhere. In proposing the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, Earl Amherst observed that there was now no difficulty in finding eligible recipients of the purple; the difficulty was rather to choose from so many. That day he had invested several brethren whose services to Freemasonry deserved the honour. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hart, Prov. G.S.W., whose geniality and useful services to the Craft had won for him a very high place in Masonry, and had endeared him to all his brethren in the Temple Lodge. He (the speaker) was glad to recognise the services of the Grand Officers, and looked forward with pleasant anticipations to co-operation with them in the future. Bro. G. L. Hart, Prov. G.S.W., said it was utterly impossible for him to find words adequately to express his sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him that day. It would be false delicacy on his part if he did not say he was very proud of the position which by their kindness he now occupied. It would ever remain in his memory as one of the greatest "red-letter" days of his life. It was his privilege to represent the Temple Lodge at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and it was with feelings of exultation that he found Kent came out first in the list of subscriptions. He referred to the great kindness of the noble Earl in laying the memorial stone of the new Masonic Hall, and said the promoters of that Company had been actuated by one motive only, the advancement of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. He hoped the Province would occupy the high position it now enjoyed in the estimation of the noble Earl during the many years they all trusted he would be spared to rule over them. Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Secy., then proposed the Masonic Charities, with a few appropriate remarks concerning each of the three Institutions. A large number of boys and girls had been educated, maintained and fed, at the homes at Wood Green and Battersea, where they had been trained to discharge their duties in after life, whilst at the Old People's Home at Croydon, every comfort was provided for the aged and decayed, so as to enable them to peacefully pass their declining days. He spoke of the latter Institution feelingly, because at the last Festival he occupied the proud position of sending in the largest return of any Province. He concluded by earnestly appealing to them to support the Institutions, which had been the means of doing so much good to the Craft in past years. Bro. F. Binckes, in responding, said, as a constant attendant at the Anniversary Festivals of the Province of Kent for many years, it was utterly impossible for him to find any new words in which to acknowledge their cordial reception of this toast. He thanked Bro. Spencer for endeavouring to enlist the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of the great Institutions of the Craft, with one of which he had had the honour of being associated since the year 1861. He also alluded to the successful Festival of the Boys' School held four years ago, at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of their Provincial Grand Master, then Lord Holmesdale. Kent still maintained the blue riband of the Order, and he hoped it would continue to do so, and that the White Horse of Kent would maintain its title of "Invicta." Bro. J. Terry





e it had annually made, and Bro. Spencer for the magnificent £400 sent up in the course of last year. He also thanked ıree, their Prov. G.S.W., for bringing in a total of £260, and rt for his admirable list of £46. He spoke of the liberal and ıt support always given by Kent to the Charities, which he ould be long sustained. The Provincial Grand Master, in ıg the Visitors, said the list included many distinguished from London and elsewhere, whom they were all proud and l to welcome. He associated with the toast the name James Willing jun., a well-known Past Master and ardent r of Freemasonry in London, and in the provinces o. Willing replied in a few well-chosen sentences, the brethren of Kent for the magnificent hospi- ıcy had shown the visitors on that auspicious occasion. incial Grand Master next gave the Committee of the Temple nd in doing so said the present gathering had been the ıessful ever held in the Province. For this they were in- r the admirable arrangements made by the brethren of the odge, whom he wished every success in the enterprise they ntered upon; he referred to the new Masonic Club, the ı-stone of which they had laid that afternoon. He coupled oast the names of Bros. H. Stock the oldest Past Master, of the Lodge, and A. Petts, the present Worshipful Master. hren having responded, the list was fittingly concluded by and the brethren repaired to the gardens and promenade e evening breezes from the sea, which proved delightfully after the oppressive heat of the day. A majority of the t Folkestone by the last train, for their respective homes, few remained and tested the excellent arrangements of Pavilion Hotel, with which they expressed themselves satisfied. The proceedings at the banquet were enlivened selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. istin, assisted by Miss Louisa Distin, Bro. Arthur Thomp- o. Fred Cozens; Bro. H. S. Roberts lending efficient aid ɔyist at the pianoforte.

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REN,—In appearing before you this evening, it r from my desire to arrogate to myself the posi- ıcher. I cherish no such pretension. My avo- e me little leisure for that profound study and ich are essential to the adequate discharge of My sole purpose is to avail myself of the hich belongs to every member of our Brother- l easy unrestrained familiar converse with you egarding the study of which each of us can ontribute according to our means and oppor- eas, thoughts and speculations arise in every id; they may not all be new, they may not value, but they are suggestive, and by mutual y develope something worth knowing. Two sticks, worthless by themselves, produced by ıst each other the first element of human he Promethean fire, sung by the Greeks, Zoroastrians, and which our Hindu ancestors . Out of discussion cometh light, and there to suppose that the attrition of different not yield something valuable. It was under ı that I once availed myself of an oppor- ssing with you about the probable origin of and you were kind enough to give me a con- g. On the present occasion I desire to fol- ourse, proposing merely to confine myself to of the present condition of our Craft, to er to discuss those duties and responsibili- ıld guide us in our lives and actions.

philosophers of Hindustan may be divided ı or schools—the exoteric and the esoteric. school, instructions were given in public ments of science, both physical and moral, and those principles which ordinary intelli- ısp, and against which the prejudices of could not revolt, were inculcated in places whom curiosity and love of knowledge might But the more abstruse tenets of their ɔrved for a chosen few who, admitted into

and it is only in the adytum of the Lodge that these lessons are imparted. It is, however, not confined solely to that place. It has a wide field in the outer world, and without these results it would fail of its primary object. Thus viewed in itself, and connected with the world without, it maintains its twofold character—an exoteric and an esoteric school as palpably distinct as were those of the ancient sects. The main difference between the two was that the admission or the exclusion was in the latter case solely dependent on the will of the instructor, while in the former, it is voluntary and dependent only on the will and wishes of the disciples. In the sense in which I wish to convey the terms, every Mason on his initiation into the exoterics of our Order has placed before him a beautiful structure, the exterior of which alone he can then examine, and with this examination he must for the time remain satisfied; and many, alas too many, do so remain! These are our exoteric Masons. But there are others whose curiosity is not so easily gratified. They desire a further and more intimate knowledge of the structure than has been presented to their view. They advance and examine its internal form; they traverse its intricate passages; they explore its hidden recesses, and admire and contemplate its magnificent apartments. This knowledge of the edifice is then enlarged, and the more it is enlarged, the purer, and truer becomes their conception of the principles of its construction, far in advance, also, of their less inquiring brethren. These men become esoteric Masons. The hidden things of the Order become to them familiar as household words. They become gradually masters who are to guide and instruct the less informed, and to diffuse light over paths which to others are obscure and dark. There is between these studious Masons and their slothful unenquiring Brethren the same difference in the views they take of Masonry as there is between an artist and a peasant in their respective estimation of the beauties of nature or a painting of Raphael or Rubens. The peasant gazes with stupid wonder at scenery the most beautiful, or with cold indifference at the canvass beaming with life, without the slightest excitement in his barren and vacant mind. But to the eye of the artist how different is the impression conveyed! To him the landscape is full of light and life and beauty, and to him the grand old painting is the voice of nature speaking in the language of art! And whence arises this difference of impression produced by the same objects on these two very different individuals? It is not from genius alone, for that unaided brings no light to the mind, though it prepares it for its reception. It is instruction which enlarges the intellect, and fits it for a true appreciation of those truths which find in the bosom of ignorance no abiding-place.

Thus it is with Masonry. As we cultivate it as a science, its object becomes further and further unfolded as our knowledge of it increases. New lights burst forth from its inmost recesses which, to the inquisitive Mason, are vivid with bright effulgence; but, to the inattentive and unsearching, are but as dim and fitful glimmerings, only rendering darkness visible.

Let every Mason ask himself if he be of the esoteric school of Masonry? Has he studied its hidden beauty and excellence? Has he explored its history, and traced out the origin and the erudite meaning of its symbols; or has he supinely rested content with the knowledge he received at the pedestal, not seeking to pass beyond the porch of the temple?

A twofold objection here suggests itself to my mind. You might in the first place ask me why have we the double system of outer and inner learning. Our system is one of (to borrow the well-known republican motto) Liberty—Equality—Fraternity. Our predecessors have for centuries, nay, ever since the foundation of our Craft, fought hard to preserve our personal liberty. They have never bended their knees even to the most powerful kings. We have always been peaceful and loyal subjects, but never slaves. Our sense of equality is best indicated by our third condition, viz., fraternity. We are all brothers, from the highest to the lowest, and in the technology of our Craft we have never forgotten this cardinal principle. Why then, we

ren. There is no inconsistency between this fundaal principle and the existence of esoterics and exoterics istinction is founded, not upon the principle which ates caste—an inherent radical genitive difference of —but upon that which governs the family circle. The rest son, from the moment of his birth, is as much d to the rights, privileges and honours of the family ich he belongs as the mature elder brother, but no man senses would for a moment tolerate the idea of practicarrying out the principle of equality irrespective of nsiderations of age, capacity and training. No family exist without such considerations. Such is the case us. Even as every soldier during the first French blic carried the baton of a Field Marshal in his knapso do you in the ceremony of your initiation acquire ght to all the offices and to the understanding of all ysteries of our Craft. They are not forbidden, but aught when you are by proper training experience arnest desire qualified to make good use of them. It be hoped that a time will come when we shall rise the necessity for secrets, symbols and mysteries; ve have yet to wait for its advent. Masonry is a essive science, and we must be content, so far as we dividually concerned, to work on steadily, and wait atly for its further and progressive development in e ages. While on this subject I may advert to another tion which has been raised against the fundamental iples of our Craft.

emasonry has had its assailants in past times: it has ailants to-day, and there are many who openly object to its actual position and its avowed principles. There ose, for instance, who think that Freemasonry should rd wholly the religious element, and confine itself to sophical teachings. There are others who complain Freemasonry is not religious enough, and that by its ssed universality it is a negation of a higher creed. ll those who speak thus of our Order seem to forget Freemasonry is not a religion, though it does claim to world-wide philanthropic sociality, based on the one principle which pervades the divinest of all prayers, ecognition of the One Great Universal Father, Ruler Architect of the Universe.

turn, however, from general principles to practical ls. What has been the stereotyped argument against ties like ours? It is said, why should a society n contains so much that is good, pure and noble be a t society? Why should this knowledge and power exclusive and jealously guarded from the eyes and ledge of men? Some people often say that if the of knowledge which our documents claim to be within harmed circle, be really so great, why should they not d out to the greatest advantage? Secrecy and darkare always suggestive of something sinister, something to bear the light of broad day. Why, by resorting ecrecy, give rise to this untoward suggestion?

e answer to all this is very simple. It is essential to the well-being of our cause, and it was imperative mer times for the safety of our predecessors. One laugh at our secret words and pass-grips, but even in resent day would any army, even the most powerful, est armed and disciplined, be safe for a single week out the protection of pass-words? We are in the position. The world has not yet been converted one brotherhood. We have powerful enemies around nd numerically we are still very weak, although our presors were weaker. Mighty systems of religion were at ime arrayed against our predecessors. In some places hoice lay between the stake and secrecy, and would it ir, reasonable or just to charge us as criminals for the ent secrecy we are obliged to maintain in certain ers? The objection which has been urged against nasonry, on the ground of its secret character, proceeds from ignorance of the nature of our secrets, and its force mediately destroyed when we reflect that to no worthy need our mysteries be for one moment covered with eil of concealment, for to all the deserving are our ls open. But the traditions and esoteric doctrines of Order are too valuable and too sacred to be permitted come the topic of idle conversation and discussion. require much previous study and preparation to pre- the critic for a ripe and equitable judgment. Hence hey preserved, like the rich jewel in its casket, in the

they should be approached. And now for a few words with reference to our Lodges in India. I have visited several lodges working under the English Constitution, and I have found that the brethren in some of them are somewhat behind others in many respects. I refer specially to those which consist principally of Aryan brethren, and the matters to which I refer are chiefly matters which, if attended to, would tend to render the meetings of those Lodges more pleasant, more harmonious and agreeable, as Masonic meetings should ever be. I hope, therefore, that in making these remarks I shall not give offence to any one, and that my own countrymen and brethren, to whom they are principally addressed, will give me full credit in these frank criticisms for the motive which animates me, to improve and to harmonise the meetings of our Lodges, and render Freemasonry as popular and highly esteemed as it ought to be in this country. I desire my fellow-countrymen fully to exemplify the precepts and principles of Freemasonry before our European brethren, to show that we are not wanting in the essential qualifications of Masons, and prove ourselves also worthy of all the Masonic honours. It may be as well to mention here that the doors of Masonry were at one time closed against us, and our worthy Brother P. C. Dutt had to struggle for nine long years in order to get admittance into the Order. He followed the teaching of the Book—"Knock, and it will be opened unto you." He knocked, and knocked, and knocked persistently and determinedly, and the door was thrown open to him, and when he obtained admission he paved the way for other Hindu brethren to follow him. Now you find him at the top of almost all the different degrees he has taken, and now that we have entered the porchway, we should try and climb the topmost rungs of the ladder. We should prove ourselves worthy of our position, and justify by our deeds our high Masonic aspirations. I do not know all the arguments at first put forward by the brethren of the Order for denying us admission. It was perhaps thought that we were not sufficiently advanced in civilisation or education to participate in the mysteries which Masonry seeks to unfold. It was perhaps not understood that pure Hinduism has nothing in it opposed to Masonic doctrines. No doubt there existed then grave misapprehensions which happily have been long since removed, and the results of our admission have proved the wisdom of the step, indicating as it did, at the same time, our right and the right of every good man and true to admission into the ranks of Freemasonry.

If England, with its political constitution, social institutions and religious establishments, failed within the space of nearly one hundred years to recognize native society and raise its status on a par with that of England, it was undoubtedly a misfortune, but, brethren, England's mission has been fulfilled at last. The alumni of our educational institutions have proved beyond doubt that they are capable of competing with the students of any English College or University in point of sagacity and acuteness or other qualifications which can distinguish a scholar. Having thus established our fitness and aptitude for positions of trust and responsibility, it remains for us to prove by our efforts that we are not behindhand in point of civilisation and progress. The word civilisation is a relative expression; it is susceptible of various interpretations. Enlightenment and progress from an English point of view may be somewhat different when looked at from a Hindu point of view; and therefore it is that the two races cannot always be expected to stand in this respect on the same platform, and however strongly Masonry may advocate the abolition of all distinction of colour, caste and creed, and profess unity and fraternity, love and affection, still we may well ask ourselves whether in practice the results are consistent with these professions and principles, and whether there is not even among Masons a trace of those prejudices so rife in the world outside of Masonry—of those obstacles which are there put to stand in the way of all schemes of advancement and equalisation, and whether we work with all the energy and earnestness with which Masons should work in securing the solution of that great social problem—the real and cordial union of all races of men on the continent of India.

One word more on another point, and I have done. You are no doubt aware that there is now an impression abroad





disabuse the minds of those who lay so unjust an ation to our charge.

en we took our first footsteps within the threshold of der we were enveloped in a cloud of darkness, and as gressed in the different degrees we gradually got a into further mysteries and symbols; but we must er that every word communicated to us contains in nes of signification which time alone can unfold, d we apply our minds to investigate the various rinciples which Masonry seeks to impart.

ymbols are principally intended to illustrate tradi- nnected with the Craft from a remote antiquity, re the lectures on the tracing board, while the ical details of instructions in the several degrees ded to impress on our minds in a convenient form ral principles and virtues which ought to charac- ery Freemason.

be regretted that in some of our Lodges in India inquiries are not always made before admitting a , or before permitting him to further participate mysteries. Some Masters of Lodges, in their augment their numerical strength, have at times candidates without sufficient regard to their antecedents, position in life, and other qualifica- h are necessary and requisite in every candidate, ant of such circumspection has resulted in errors ecame afterwards difficult to rectify. Instances nting in which brethren not properly selected nes found guilty of gross unmasonic conduct. For , it remains for me to appeal to your good sense, ou to bear in mind the position you occupy and n owe to yourselves, to your country, and to As men of honour and intellect, it is for you to ou are fully equal to the duties and respon- your position. You have to show that the ge which prompted and sustained you in your come Freemasons, has not forsaken you, and no less determined now to push forward in an when you first entered it. You are the a noble cause, and you should convince the e by your virtues, by your good deeds, by otion to duty, that you are worthy of the which you belong, and that you have inherited that energy which impelled your ancestors to the plateaus of Central Asia to the fertile . You will thereby not only vindicate your , but prepare the way for your countrymen w belong to the Craft to follow your example. is worthy of the highest commendation, and d speed in your undertaking.

## TICES OF MEETINGS.

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### ANGEL LODGE, NO. 51.

ival of this old and distinguished Lodge was held 24th ult. (St. John the Baptist's Day), the chief being the installation of Bro. Arthur S. B. Spar- for the ensuing year. The ceremony (by kind . Round, M.P.) took place in the Library of the work being most ably performed by Bro. I. P.P.G.O. At its close, the new W.M. appointed Officers, as follow:—Bros. Joseph Grimes P.G. orge Harrison P.M. S.W., Frank Quilter J.W., d P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., Alfred Welch P.M. hos. J. Ralling P.M. P.G. Sec. Sec., R. C. Knight , Haward Ives P.M. P.G.A. Sec. D.C., Chas. O. Org., F. Reichter I.G., S. Munson Tyler, R. Ablitt Stewards. On the motion of Bro. John .G.O., seconded by Bro. R. Haward Ives P.M. harles Cobb P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Com- s of thanks were passed, and ordered to be s, to Bro. Osmond for so kindly and ably per- y of the day, and to Bro. Round, M.P., for e Castle. In the evening between 40 and 50 r at the Red Lion Hotel, under the presidency repast being well served by Bro. Hart, the and grace having been sung by W. Bros. Gowers, the usual Masonic toasts were duly ding for the toast of his health the W.M. he was admitted into Masonry in one of our friend Bro. Osmond had most kindly consented to instal him, and he was sure the manner in which it had been carried out left nothing to be desired. Bro. Osmond thanked the W.M. for his complimentary allusions. It had given him great gratification to instal into the chair so old and valued a friend as himself, and he predicted that the Lodge would have a prosperous career under his rule. The toast of The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Loveland Loveland P.M. 698, P.P.G.S.W., Hants and I. of Wight, A. Worster Reeves P.M. 142, and Joseph Hope. The first-named said, with the exception of a visit to Halifax, this was the farthest Northern Lodge he had visited, and it had given him great gratification to see the working of this ancient Lodge. He had had the pleasure of knowing their W.M. for some years, and was glad to see him to-day placed in the proud position of W.M. of a Lodge in his native town. He was quite sure the brethren would find in him a most able Master. Bro. G. Harrison S.W., in replying to the toast of the Charities, made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the next Festival, for which he and Bro. Sowman were going up as Stewards. He described this Charity as the most needy of the three great Masonic Institutions, for although it dispensed large sums to necessitous brethren and their widows, the number of candidates yearly was far in excess of the vacancies. During the evening an excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and A. C. Durrant, while an amusing recitation was given by Bro. Bridgen. The following brethren were present at either Lodge or dinner, in addition to the Officers above mentioned:—Bros. Loveland-Loveland P.M. 698 P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, F. Geo. Green P.M. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., Edmond Gowers I.P.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., John E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., John Dean P.M. 433 P.P.G. Stand. B., M. L. Sanders W.M. 650, Fred Spalding P.M. 81, Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G. Sw. B., Thomas Eustace P.M. 697 P.P. Grand Sword Bearer, J. T. Bailey W.M. 697, Andrew C. Durrant W.M. 276, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. B., S. H. Ellis W.M. 1977, H. A. Worster Reeves P.M. 142, John Ballminker P.M. 1421, C. R. Salter Org. 650, C. Potter 433, Joseph Hope, G. Macallan, also the following members of No. 51:—Bros. W. A. Bowler P.M. P.P.G.D. Norfolk, John J. C. Turner P.M. P.P.G.O., William Sowman P.M. P.P.G.J.W., C. E. Denton, W. W. Daniell, A. O. Stopes, John Brooks, R. Curzon, H. E. Bridgen, and E. J. Hart.

### AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE members of this Lodge held their third meeting of the present session on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. S. Strange. The following officers and brethren being present:—Bros. J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., Dartnell P.M. P.P. Sup. of Works Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Sec., A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., A. W. Duret P.M., T. J. Baker P.M., C. Birch P.M., J. C. Craig I.P.M., Barfoot, Staite, Strange, Smith, Stevenson, Grunwell, Fyfe, Pillmer, Ryder, Thos. Baker, H. Crane. Visitor—Bro. Jacques Wynman 188. After opening the Lodge and reading the minutes, the passing of Bros. L. H. Smith, N. Strange, N. Grunwell, and E. Staite took place; Bro. Henry Crane was raised. The ceremonies were admirably performed by the W.M. The charge (by request of the W.M.) was delivered by P.M. Duret, who acquitted himself in his usual excellent manner. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

### UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

THE installation of Bro. Edwin Pratt W.M. elect of this Lodge took place on Friday, 9th inst., in the Lodge-room, Masonic Club, Commercial-road. Bro. J. Jackson, the retiring Master, officiated, and the ceremony was most ably and impressively performed in the presence of Bro. R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treasurer, Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.J.D. and the following Worshipful Masters:—Bros. J. J. Bascombe 804, J. Brickwood 2074, James Forster 1776, J. E. Thornton 903, Sanders 342, C. Knott P.M. 342, J. Lind P.M. 248, G. T. Cunningham W.M. 1884, D. Gilmour 309, Mason P.M. 1428, Laverty P.M. 1428, Strick P.M. 1428, Mitchell P.M. 20. After the installation the Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers, as under:—J. Mitchell S.W., J. Ruddy J.W., G. F. Williams Treasurer, E. Milton Secretary, W. Ingram S.D., G. Young J.D., J. Beard I.G., J. G. Mason P.M. Dir. of Cers., C. Larkins Organist, Wyatt and Buchan Stewards, Exell and Carter Tylers. At the closing of the Lodge the retiring Worshipful Master was presented with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, in recognition of his valuable services to this Lodge and the Craft in general. Bro. Williams was also presented with a costly jewel in consideration of five years service as Treasurer, during which time he had given the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Laverty P.M. P.P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers. was also presented with a Past Secretary's jewel on retiring from office, in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary, and for nine years in several offices. Lodge being closed, the brethren and visitors retired to banquet, supplied by Bro. Maybour, when a most enjoyable and convivial evening was spent.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree: by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these

## OUR INSTITUTIONS.

E July Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' on Saturday last, at 12 o'clock. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall Grand Treasurer occupied the chair, and amongst the brethren at were: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Frank rdson P.G.D., Ralph Clutton G.S.D., Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standearer, Contoller S. G. Bake, J. L. Mather, Chas. Lacey, Thomas , H. Mandsley, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. s (Secretary). The minutes of the last Court having been med, and those of the General and House Committees read for ation, the names of 33 approved candidates were ordered to be l on the list for the October election, and 16 vacancies were de- . The recommendation of the General Committee as to the al of the District Surveyor respecting the proposed new road en St. John's Hill and Battersea Rise was accepted in principle, ictory arrangements having been made as to details, and the es were ordered, on the recommendation of the House Com-, to execute such deeds as might be found necessary. It was l that, as three of the girls elected in April last were under the r admission, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the the said election should be admitted, in accordance with the addition to law 60. Bro. Chas. Lacey's motion, that so much 28 as rendered null and void the votes of a Subscriber who gned his voting paper but died before the day of polling, should sed, and words substituted to the effect that "all votes duly to Governors or Subscribers, after being properly signed, shall ne valid for the current election," was agreed to. The customte of thanks to the Chairman for presiding closed the proge.

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following brethren have constituted themselves a Committee, ower to add to their number, for organising a testimonial to sented to Miss Davis in recognition of her valuable services important office of Head Governess to the Girls' School during st twenty-five years, namely, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand ary, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Pur- Robert Grey Past Grand Deacon, Capt. N. G. Philips Past Deacon, Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, Sir John B. ton Past Grand Warden, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, W. Hedges Secretary of the Institution, Herbert Dicketts, s W. Duke, F. Sumner Knyvett, J. L. Mather, W. F. Nettlend C. H. Webb.

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Quarterly General Court of Subscribers of the Boys' School was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the prey of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. when, in addition to l matters, the following notices of motion were considered:—

Bro. C. H. Webb, Life Governor:

"hat Brother George Blizard Abbott have the rank of Life Governor, with two votes at all election of boys for life, in recognition of the care and ability with which the recently published History of the Institution has been compiled by him."

proposition evoked some discussion, one brother urging that iter of the History had been paid for his work by the journal ose behalf it was compiled, and in the pages of which it ally appeared. Ultimately the motion was carried by an helming majority.

W. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, V. Patron, P.G. Std. Bearer:

"hat 10 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Monday, the 11th October, for admission to the School over and above the 22 boys to be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment."

roposition was duly seconded, and carried.

W. Bro. C. F. Hogard, V.P.:

"hat in recognition of the services of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the Institution during a period of 25 years, the sum of 100 guineas be presented to him as an honorarium."

notion, on being seconded, was opposed; the general feeling on rt of those who dissented being that, while every recognition l be made to Brother Binckes for what he had done, it was not ble that the funds of the Institution should be encroached upon purpose; an independent subscription, to which any member Craft might subscribe—to whatsoever extent he chose—being desirable. We understand that arrangements to carry such a t into effect have already been made, and no doubt the result movement will be of a much more substantial nature than that ied in the proposition before the meeting on Monday. This ltimately prevailed, and the proceedings were brought to a sion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, ednesday. Brother Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Standard Bearer, ied the chair, and among the members present were Bros. ornano, Adlard, Stewart, Murlis, Tattershall, Forsyth, Bulmer, ll, Perryman, Fish, Mather, Farnfield, Brett, Leggott, Trueman, s, Hogard, Money, Hilton, Hogg, Cox, Cotter, Ridgway, and (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having ised to sign cheques for payment of the sums therein mentioned. The Secretary reported that he had been served with notice from the Water Company at Croydon, requesting certain alterations to be made in the fittings throughout the buildings, and the House Committee had given directions for the same to be made. A letter was read from one of the candidates, whose petition had been rejected at the previous meeting, asking the Committee to reconsider their determination. The appeal was not entertained, as by the statement made by the applicant she admitted she was in receipt of £1 per week. Some letters were read from a late resident, who had been expelled the Institution in December 1881. These communications reflected on the House Committee and Secretary. The annuitant, who was in attendance, was called upon to substantiate the charges he had made; this he was unable to do, and the Committee unanimously decided to suspend the payment of his annuity until he had withdrawn the charges made by him, and apologised for having made them. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

IT is not often, even amongst the most energetic of our Craftsmen, that the opportunity offers of serving the office of W.M. of the same Lodge for the third time, and whenever this result is achieved the lucky individual may rest content with the knowledge that he stands in a high position in the regard of his brethren and fellows. The desire to attain to the high position of a Worshipful Master is a laudable one, and where the aspirant is of sound morals and strict integrity he may rely on receiving support and assistance from all the members of his Lodge, provided the spirit of Harmony predominates at their periodical gatherings. The question has often been asked, How it is the interest amongst our brethren is so well and so long sustained? True, there are many amongst us who rush into Freemasonry, and for a few years make a splatter and fuss, and then sink into a state of inactivity, from which they seldom or ever arouse themselves. On the other hand, we can point to many who have worked consistently and well for periods extending respectively over thirty, forty and fifty years; the worthy brother who at the present time presides over the destinies of the Percy Lodge ranking amongst the foremost of these Masonic enthusiasts; for him the goddess he so reveres loseth not her charms, and though he can boast of a Masonic career of nearly half a century, he is still as fervent and energetic as ever. He has been selected by the members of the Percy Lodge to fulfil the duties of the Master's chair on four previous occasions, and during the present year he again holds the reins of management, and stands, we believe, in the unique position of being the only Mason who has been elected on five separate occasions to control the destinies of his mother Lodge. To celebrate this auspicious occasion, Bro. Major Lambert entertained a number of his friends at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. A banquet having been partaken of, Bro. Lambert, who presided, proposed the usual Loyal toasts, following with that of the Grand Officers. He was pleased at the presence of so many Officers of Grand Lodge, and heartily thanked them for their company. Bro. J. Sampson Peirce P.G.J.D. responded. He felt that the Officers of Grand Lodge were well known to all of the brethren, and therefore few words would be required from him on their behalf. He trusted it would never have to be said that the Grand Officers had omitted any part of their duty, but rather that whatever they had to perform had been carrird out to the best of their ability. The Chairman next proposed the health of the members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19. The meeting of that day, he said, was the result of a conversation between himself and a few other brethren as to the close relationship which used to exist between the Royal Athelstan Lodge and that over which he had the honour of presiding at the present time. There was seldom a meeting of either the Royal Athelstan or the Percy Lodges but there was a numerous attendance of brethren from the other, and one of his desires was to cement such association, and renew the friendships which had so long existed between them. In conclusion, he hoped the Royal Athelstan Lodge would flourish, and that its prosperous career would be continued for many long years. Bro. Bywater, P.M. of the Royal Athelstan, responded, tendering his thanks to the Chairman on behalf of the Lodge he represented. He spoke of the good feeling which had always existed between the two Lodges, and said that the members of the Royal Athelstan never welcomed a visitor more heartily than they did the present chairman. The members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge were sensible of the honour conferred on them by this toast, and in turn hoped the Percy Lodge might also continue to flourish. Brother Lambert next proposed prosperity to the Huguenot Lodge. The last toast had been in honour of a Lodge so old that it was like digging up relics of the past to speak of it, while the present was in reference to the youngest amongst them. It had been said that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and he stood before them that evening as an Anglicised Frenchman, for he represented the Huguenot proper. The Huguenot Lodge was started in commemoration of the by-centenary of the revocation of the edict of Nantes, the time when the Huguenots had to leave their native country to find a home where they could adore their God, and where they could practise a handicraft to maintain those dependent upon them. Since their arrival in this country they had assisted the progress of science and art, and





respond, he would couple with the toast the name Shoppee. That brother trusted the Huguenot l be as successful as the Percy had been. Pros- Percy Lodge was next proposed by the Chairman, the work which had been done by the Lodge, and those ith it. The Percy had been one of the pioneers of struction, and had had one attached to it nearly a hun- ce. He was pleased that even at that early date its ght it wise to teach others, and spread the knowledge es possessed. Bro. Carr P.M. of the Lodge acknow- ast, which was followed by that of the Worshipful Percy Lodge, Bro. George Lambert. Bro. J. Glaisher ted this toast with great pleasure. He had known for many years, and had found him to be a Mason in in deed. Those present knew him to be of most liberal d that if there was ever any good work to be done for , Bro. Lambert was ready to undertake it. He trusted ıt be spared for many years to be amongst them. Bro. ued thanks. He felt that in the present age of pro- ught to do all the good they possibly could. He next perity to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, feeling it ural not to drink this toast as there were so many Lodge present. He was the father of that Lodge, ht had made a very good beginning. Capt. Herbert nded, and then the toast of the Visitors was given. owledged by Bro. Barron, and the health of Bro. ber of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, having been eedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclu-

## NDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

on meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the t the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, when there ndance, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. who was supported by Bros. J. E. Ward S.W. and many other officers and brethren. There was a agenda, and it was therefore necessary to open half-past two o'clock. The usual preliminaries ved, Lodge was advanced to the third, when Bros. ey, Brockmann, and Forest were raised to the sub- resuming in the second, Bros. Rodyk, Etherington, rton were passed; and subsequently Bro. C. D. Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, who had been pro- hipful Master, and seconded by Bro. J. R. Stacey as admitted as a joining member. All the cere- rmed in masterly manner, and elicited the genuine brethren present. Bro. J. E. Ward was then pre- elect., and having accepted the responsibilities Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Ward nto the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. On the brethren, the newly-installed Master was tomary honours, and he appointed and invested w:—Bros. R. J. Ward I.P.M., Kearney S.W., hin P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, y J.D., Richardson I.G. The report of the Audit owed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, l financially, was received and adopted; and on elling S.D., it was resolved that a Benevolent d, for the assistance of past or present members conditions stated, to be called the Benevolent no discussion took place on the question, and sion having been arrived at, the Lodge was stomary harmony and good feeling. A banquet presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful al and Masonic toasts were followed by others ture, and amidst an abundance of singing and le evening was passed.

## JOYMENT IN MASONRY.

asonry is kaleidoscopic in the aspects it a brother who views it from various one practically inquires and considers e magnetic power which continuously first attract, the attention of its initi- reatly mistaken he will find that the be given in favour of the social and which distinguishes the Fraternity of above all other societies in the world. the strongest *mystic tie*. Freemasons sentiment which has been so well "

ou hast, and their adoption tried,
to thy soul with hooks of steel."

mmunity of feeling amongst brethren We meet upon the level. We have ne hope, the same love. We assem- ltar, upon which perennially rest the Masonry. We all are more or less in origin, in business connections,

around the Masonic altar and the festive board we are all brethren, members of one family, which knows no distinctions save in Masonic achievement. General Washington outside the Lodge was Brother Washington within it. Even a prince or potentate is *raised* to the level of a brother, and there is no higher level in Masonry, save that which pertains to official rank in Lodge or Grand Lodge. Our rulers in both are entitled to our respect and love, which gladly are accorded them, and we give our respect and love the more gladly because in honouring them we are honouring ourselves—they and we are one.

Enjoyable as is the communion in the Lodge-room between initiates who have become kindred through Masonry, elevating as are all the lessons taught therein, instructive as is the morality, and attractive as is the symbolism, it must be confessed that after all the place for the truest and most unconstrained sociability is around the Masonic festive board, when labour is ended, and refreshment begun. As a French philosopher once said, we are more sociable and get on better with people by the *heart*, than the intellect. True, there are intellectual as well as heart manifestations around the social board;—scintillations of wit and humour, apt repartees, harmless badinage, happy thoughts, and sometimes bursts of eloquence, but all enjoy unrestrainedly what is styled, *par excellence*, the *good time* which Masons have when they go from labour to refreshment. There is something in the atmosphere of the banquet hall which is unusually exhilarating. Each brother is at his best. We have all things in common, and all our talents, whatever they may be, are exercised for the common good. The brother who sings has not to be asked twice; the brother who can tell a good story tells it *con amore;* the brother who can talk anywhere talks there, and talks better there than anywhere else. We are each at the disposition of all; we are a band of brothers, and there is nothing that a brother can do that he will not do for his brethren. Yes, the heart ranks the intellect—Faith, Hope, Love, these three, but the greatest of these is Love.

Did it never occur to you that it is this supreme distinguishing trait of Masonic sociability, this Mystic Tie of brotherly love, which has kept alive the Masonic Fraternity through the ages of the past? Had Freemasons been only builders of material temples, the Fraternity might have perished with the temples which they erected. But it was ever more than a society of builders. It had through the ages of the past its esoteric teaching, its mystic symbolism, its fraternal ties, its community of interest and friendship and brotherly love. It is this characteristic that has caused it to outlast Solomon's Temple, and that will make it outlast the Great Pyramid itself. A temple represents intellect, dry intellect, but the Masonic Fraternity represents intellect *and heart*. As it is the heart that vivifies the physical man, making its warm pulsations felt alike in the lobes of the brain and in the hands and the feet, so it is the intense social instinct, which has full play given it in Masonry, which vivifies our glorious Fraternity, and makes its greatness perennial.

What is good for the individual brother is good for the individual Lodge. Social intercourse between different Lodges is promotive of the truest harmony and the greatest pleasure. The right of visit is an esteemed privilege, than which there is none more highly valued or more frequently exercised. As the brethren are unified in a Lodge, so different Lodges are unified when they meet together, when their Brethren visit each other. And we may go still further; that Grand Lodge, those Grand Officers that do not take occasion to visit as often as may be the subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, fail to give enjoyment to others, and likewise to enjoy themselves, that heart-communion which comes from the familiar meeting of Brethren ordinarily separated by distance from each other, but who are separated by nothing else in the world. Every Grand Visitation accomplishes a twofold good; it disseminates the true work, and it strengthens the Mystic Tie of brotherly love, not only among the brethren, but throughout the Lodges. It cultivates the intellect and it strengthens the affections, and with these two co-ordinately dominant in Masonry, securing a firm faith and a fraternal practice, what has our Craft to fear in the future? —*Keystone.*

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE annual gathering of Mark Masons of this Province was held under the banner of the Porchester Lodge, at Newbury, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under auspicious circumstances, the weather being delightful, and the programme including a visit to Highclere Castle, the picturesque and beautifully wooded seat of the Earl of Carnarvon Past Grand Master, who manifested an unusual amount of interest in connection with the event. Notwithstanding the fact of some London brethren missing the train at Paddington through an alteration in the train service, there was a good attendance, numbering about 60. The Provincial Grand Master (the Earl of Jersey) presided, supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Charles Stephens), Bro. Thomas J. Pulley Provincial Grand Secretary, and other Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge business commenced shortly before one o'clock, and included the reception of the usual reports, which were of a satisfactory character. Bro. E. J. Trendell, of Abingdon, who had held the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer for several years, having resigned, in consequence of age, Brother Tomkins, of the same town, was unanimously appointed to succeed him. The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed Brother Charles Stephens as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Brother Stephens briefly acknowledged the compliment. Brother W. Morris, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Jersey Lodge invited, the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble next year at Maidenhead, and the Provincial Grand Master, speaking on behalf of the brethren generally, said he accepted the invitation with great pleasure. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

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| Bro. S. Knight 27 ... ... ... | Senior Warden |
| F. J. Ferguson 235 ... ... | Junior Warden |
| R. E. Baynes 55 ... ... | M.O. |
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| A. Burns 27 ... ... ... | Inner Guard |
| B. W. Bennett 235 ... ... } G. Norwood 55 ... ... } | Stewards |
| W. Hemmings ... ... | Tyler |

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed shortly afterwards, and the brethren, on the invitation of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Stephen Knight), who is also W.M. of the Porchester Lodge, partook of light refreshments, served in a récherché style in the ante-rooms. The brethren were subsequently driven in a number of pair horse breaks to Highclere Park, where a circuitous route was taken through the lovely grounds skirting the expansive lake, the Castle being reached, after a most delightful drive, at about half-past three. On alighting at the principal entrance to the stately pile, the Visitors were received in a very hearty and cordial manner by Lord Carnarvon, who was accompanied by the Countess and Lady Margaret Herbert. The noble Earl led the way through the various apartments, describing the chief of the valuable paintings

ɐen's Hotel, Newbury, had prepared luncheon in a very litable manner. The Earl of Jersey presided, and on his 'ship's invitation the Countess of Carnarvon and y Margaret Herbert honoured the brethren with their ɐence at luncheon. There were also present the Earl of narvon and the Rev. Canon Portal (Past Grand ters of Mark Masons), the Deputy Provincial Grand ter, Bro. Stephens; the Senior and Junior Grand dens, Bros. Stephen Knight and Francis J. Ferguson; Provincial Grand Chaplains, Revs. J. Atkins and ley Power; the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. kins; the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pulley; . Shepherd, Morris, Margrett, Glasspool, D'Almayne, ɔson, Wheeler, Nicholson, Hall, Cosburn, Boyer, ɐy, Ravenscroft, Horne, Toms, Tubbs, Nundy, ɔery, Burns, Harrold, G. M. Knight, Shepherd, Knight, E. Head, Graham, Maychurch, Palmer, Dodd, ing, Nicholson, Arrowsmith, Adkin, King, Jenkin, ıpson, Lewis, Creed, James, Stransom, Hickie, nings, Legg, &c. Grace before luncheon was said by ev. J. Atkins, and after by the Rev. Manley Power. rt having been introduced, the Provincial Grand r ably proposed the first toast—the Queen and the The brethren, led by Bro. Newbery, sang the ıal Anthem. The P.G. Master, in proposing the of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Highness the Prince of Wales said, this was ɔtedly a most eventful year in the annals of Mark ry. After some years of difficulty, not to say oppo- the Mark Masons had this year the honour of as their Grand Master his Royal Highness the of Wales, which they might regard as the crowning ɔf the edifice. They now looked forward with ı of pride and satisfaction to Mark Masonry holding ı, not rivalling, but progressing side by side with dasonry, and doing all that was possible in the ion of good works. The toast was drunk with ıthusiasm, and Bro. Pulley sang "God bless the of Wales." The Provincial Grand Master next d the health of the Grand Officers, Present and ıd having borne testimony to the great ability and wn by Lord Kintore during his term of office, re- the presence on this auspicious occasion of two ınd Masters—Lord Carnarvon and Canon Portal,— on the eminent services they had rendered to ısonry, and acknowledging the great kindness and which Lord Carnarvon had extended towards the of Berks and Oxon by receiving them at the ıd conducting them through it. Lord Jersey re- hey had not had time to see all the beauties of ɐ, but expressed his hope that they would have tunity of doing so on some future occasion. The rl associated with the toast the names of Past ısters Lord Carnarvon and Canon Portal. Lord ɑ, in the course of an eloquent and interesting some length, remarked that his first connection c Masonry dated many years ago, more years in- he liked to count up, but when he looked back ɡress of Mark Masonry during the interval, he he retrospect was a very satisfactory one. When honour of holding office in 1863, Mark Masonry ɐrous and flourishing, and they thought them- tunate in the possession of 40 Lodges; now, e Prince of Wales had under his rule no less odges. They also possessed a Benevolent Fund, y Fund, and an Educational Fund, and these ct, the pillars and columns upon which their ıt to rest. There had been prosperity in the here was progress in the present, and they had l augury for the future of Mark Masonry, in nce by the Prince of Wales of the office of ıter. His lordship went on to speak of the which Mark Masons owed to Past Grand Master al, to whose energy, vigour, and ability, the had attended Mark Masonry was largely due. had rolled by since the time when Bro. Portal commenced Masonry together, when, in fact, taught him his Masonic duties, Bro. Portal , and he (Lord Carnarvon) an undergraduate He assured the brethren that they were most ome to Highclere, and he felt that High- n honoured by this gathering. He accepted

There once lived in that very pile of buildings (Highclere Castle) one of the most illustrious Masons that the history of English Masonry, or English history generally, bore record of. For a certain time the Great William of Wykeham lived within those walls. He was one of an illustrious band of men who built, for the service of God and the use of man, those great and magnificent buildings which subsist to this day, whose venerable faces spoke to them of the faith in God, and the reverence that dictated their erection. We, in our day, were not called upon to erect such stately edifices—they were the work of a bygone generation, and we were no longer Operative Masons in that sense, but on the other hand they had works of Charity to carry out, and whether they met as Craft Masons or Mark Masons, they always recognised that the fundamental rule and practice of their Order consisted of the fulfilment of the great Masonic duty of Charity. Canon Portal Past Grand Master also replied in an able speech. Lord Carnarvon, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of Lord Jersey Prov. Grand Master, who briefly responded. The remaining toasts included the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens; the Provincial Grand Officers, for whom the P.G. Treasurer (Brother Tomkins) responded; the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the Porchester Lodge, replied to by Brother Stephen Knight W.M. P.G.S.W.; the Mark Benevolent Fund, proposed by Canon Portal, and replied to by Bro. Pulley P.G. Secretary; the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. the Rev. A. H. Etty Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Bengal, replied, &c. Loud and repeated cheers having been given for Lord and Lady Carnarvon, Lord Porchester, and other members of the family, the noble Earl expressed his warmest thanks, and added his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Porchester Lodge. The visitors then took leave of the noble Earl and Lady Carnarvon, and amidst loud cheers the return journey to Newbury was commenced, at seven o'clock, Newbury being reached shortly before eight. The brethren of the Porchester Lodge were heartily thanked for the great hospitality and kindness they had shown, and warmly congratulated on the unqualified success that had attended their excellent arrangements, one and all confessing that this had proved the most enjoyable day spent in connection with this Mark Grand Lodge.

## NORTHERN CHINA.

A SPECIAL Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Wednesday, 28th April 1886. There were present on the occasion Worshipful Bro. J. I. Miller Deputy District Grand Master in charge, W. Bros. C. Thorne Past District Grand Master and C. H. Dallas P.D.G.M. of Japan acting D.D.G.M., Wor. Bros. J. M. Cory D.S.G.W. and A. Johnsford D.G.J.W., Bro. Rev. F. R. Smith D.G.C., Wor Bros. W. H. Short D.G.T., J. Morris D.G.R., R. D. Starkey D.G. Sec., W. H. Anderson P.D.S.G.W. acting D.S.G.D., J. Findlay D.G. Supt. Works acting D.J.G.D.; Bro. G. R. Wingrove D.G. Dir. of Cers., Wor. Bros. A. M. A. Evans Assist. D.G. Dir. of Cers. and A. P. Macgregor D.G. Sword Bearer, Bros. T. F. Hough D.G. Standard Bearer and J. MacMorran Assist. D.G. Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. G. B. Fentum D.G. Org., Bros. G. M. Hart Assist. D.G. Purs., F. M. Gratton, J. West D.G. Stewards; Wor. Bro. H. J. Fisher D.G.S., Bro. C. Merritt D.G. Tyler, with a considerable number of Past Officers and members of the neighbouring Lodges.

The Brethren having assembled and assumed their respective positions, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, Past District Grand Master, accompanied by the District Grand Officers, entered the Hall in procession, to the strains of a march played by the D.G. Organist, and opened the District Grand Lodge at 9.15 p.m. Solemn prayer was then offered up and a hymn sung. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Thorne then called upon the D.G. Secretary to read the circular calling the meeting, which was held for the purpose of installing Wor. Bro. J. I. Miller as District Grand Master of Northern China. This having been done, letters from Wor. Bros. O. Middleton and G. A. Allcot were read, regretting their inability to attend. The arrival of Wor. Bro. John Irwin Miller, Right Worshipful District Grand Master designate, was then announced. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Thorne, the Installing Master, requested the Patent from the Most Worshipful Grand Master to be sent in. The D.G. Director of Ceremonies retired and brought in the Patent, which was duly examined by the Installing Master, who directed a deputation of seven Past Masters to retire with the D.G. Director of Ceremonies and introduce the Right Worshipful District Grand Master designate. The Patent having been read by the D.G. Secretary, the Installing Master addressed the R. Wor. District Grand Master designate as follows:—

Brother Miller,—You are about to be inaugurated into a position of

whatever be his rank in life, may legitimately covet. It ieedless to suggest that you have a noble career before you; he appointment of an intelligent Deputy, well versed in the e mysteries of the Craft, to superintend the details, and an staff of subordinate Officers, the District will be in no danger its reputation. The appointment of a new chief forms an District Masonry, either for good or evil; and the Order progresses or retrogrades in proportion with his activity or nness; for to remain stationary is scarcely within the limits bility. This is an age of progress, and Freemasonry in with all other social institutions has a right to expect that nt of a new rule will induce essentially to its permanent ge. It sometimes unfortunately happens that honours are l without any regard to the duties and responsibilities which hed to the station; in such case Freemasonry in that District cely be expected to prosper; but, Rt. Wor. Sir, the Free- of North-China have reasons for anticipating that your reign listinguished by those courteous acts and judicious principles annot fail to promote the benefit, to increase the influence, re the prosperity of the Institution.

dvent amongst us, I am proud to say, is received with exul- nd will be celebrated this day with the joyful honours of , and I do not entertain the slightest doubt that the Order ense and flourish abundantly under the genial and beneficial distinguished brother, whose united tact and ability should edly secure for himself the honourable title of a Master in nd for the Order the universal approbation even of those who had the good fortune to be enrolled amongst the number of bers.

e Laws and Constitutions of English Masonry, the Grand s authorized to nominate representatives in each Province is jurisdiction, with the name and title of District Grand and the appointment is usually for life. The power they in their peculiar districts is commensurate with his own, however to an appeal through the Board of General Purposes. have been appointed to the office in this District, I must beg ention while the D.G. Secretary reads from the Book of tions the details of your duties and responsibilities.

).G. Secretary then read from the Book of Constitutions 82 to 103 inclusive, and the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master e signified his assent to them, and agreed to undertake the f the office. The D.G. Secretary read the Ancient Charges ulations, to which the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master desig- nified his assent in the usual manner. The D.G. Chaplain red prayer, and the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master desig- s obligated and invested with the insignia of his office, and ied in the East, West and South, and saluted.

Rt. Wor. District Grand Master, addressing the Installing said—Rt. Wor. Sir, it affords me great pleasure, as my first ct, to nominate Wor. Bro. Kingsmill to be my Deputy in this

He is a Brother well known to all Masons of every Consti- ere, one who has taken the greatest interest in Masonry, and rell versed in all our ancient laws and usages. I will there- you to be good enough to invest him, after the Secretary has Patent.

'atent appointing Wor. Bro. Kingsmill to the office of Deputy Grand Master was read by the D.G. Secretary. He was nducted by the D.G. Deacons to the front of the pedestal, r being addressed by the Installing Master on the duties of e, was obligated, invested with his insignia of office, and n the chair, and regularly proclaimed. The Rt. Wor. District Master reappointed the other Officers, as follow:—

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| n Myric Cory | Senior Warden |
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District Grand Officers were then saluted with Grand honours The hymn "Hail, Masonry Divine" was then sung by the n, the solo being rendered by Bro. Neubourg.

Wor. Bro. Miller said—Brethren, in addressing you for time as District Grand Master, I should be wanting in res- H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, not express my deep sense of the honour he has done me in ing me to this high office. At the same time I would express rtful gratitude to the Brethren, who, while availing them- of the permission of His Royal Highness to nominate a for this office, placed their confidence in me—a confidence, n, that it will be my earnest endeavour to merit; and I trust

the many invaluable services that you have rendered to us in our ceremonies in this District—not alone to the English Craft, but to Masons of every other Constitution. I cannot but think, however, that this evening's proceedings are not the least interesting to you. In assuming this chair I am well aware that I am taking the place of one whom it will be hard to equal and almost impossible to excel. This, I am sure, will be so patent to every brother amongst us that I need not further dilate upon it. For your services this evening, Rt. Wor. Sir, I return you my heartfelt thanks. Worshipful Brothers, Officers of the District Grand Lodge, in assuming charge of this District I look with confidence to your assistance and support in carrying out the duties of my office. The good government, the success and the prosperity of the Craft in this District mainly lie in our hands. The high positions that you occupy should stimulate your zeal and make you anxious to set an example to your brethren, so that the dignity of our Order, its prosperity and usefulness, may not be impaired during our terms of office. Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Lodges under this Constitution, I have been too long amongst you, and too long associated with you, to have any doubt of your zeal and ability in discharging the functions of the offices with which you have been entrusted. The brethren of your Lodges have placed you in high positions, and it behoves you therefore to exercise your skill and abilities in instructing the brethren placed under your charge in the various degrees of Freemasonry, so that they may be a credit to your Lodges and to the Craft in general. I have every confidence that during your term of office, and in the future, your exertions will be such as to raise the standard of Masonry in this District, and to encourage every good work which should characterise a Freemason. Brethren, let us never forget, and always practise the three great principles of Masonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Being placed as we all are in one of the most distant quarters of the globe, separated from those friends who are nearest and dearest to us, far removed from the place of our birth, for which we have an inborn longing, it behoves us to draw closer the bonds of brotherhood, and with united heart and hand to help one another, not grudgingly, but freely and openly. Let us exercise out of the Lodge those great principles which we are taught within it, so that one in the outside world may know when he meets a Mason that he meets a just and upright man. He who acts up to these principles is a true Mason in act as well as in word. The second great principle, relief, has been so freely and generously exercised in this community that I need not here dilate on its excellencies. We all are ready, to the best of our means, to give to a brother in distress that relief which we can afford; and let us ever continue to act in this way. Truth may be said to include both the others, for without truth the bonds of true brotherhood cannot exist. It is a source of regret to me this evening to miss one or two familiar faces from this Lodge. I may mention one in particular—one of the oldest members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and a P.S.W. of this District Grand Lodge—Wor. Bro. Henry Evans. I saw him personally to-day, and he expressed his extreme regret that he was unable, through indisposition, to attend. He has been a most active brother amongst us, and as he is now about to leave here to return to his native land, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of wishing him "God speed," and of hoping that when he returns to his native land he may have renewed health, and may be spared for many years of enjoyment. Another brother is about to leave us—a brother who has been an active Officer of this District Grand Lodge from its foundation. I refer to Wor. Bro. Fentum, to whose invaluable services as D.G. Organist we have been indebted at nearly all our meetings—at every meeting when it has been possible for him to be present. He leaves us to the great regret not only of Freemasons but of every member of the community. I think it would not be fitting that he should depart without some distinct expression of the services that he has rendered to the District Grand Lodge. I therefore beg to propose the following resolution—

"This District Grand Lodge desires to record its appreciation of the services of Wor. Bro. G. B. Fentum as District Grand Organist since its foundation, and to express its regret at his approaching departure from this port, and to wish him health and prosperity in his new sphere."

Rt. Wor. Bro. Thorne.—Rt. Wor. Sir, I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution, for I can bear strong testimony to the great services rendered not only to the District Grand Lodge but to all the Lodges in Shanghai by Wor. Bro. Fentum.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the D.G. Secretary was instructed to embody it in a letter to Wor. Bro. Fentum.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Thorne then addressed the R.W. District Grand Master, saying—Rt. Wor. Sir, you have been kind enough to refer to the services that I have rendered to the District of Northern China, and also to my services this evening; and you expressed the opinion that this was probably not the least interesting to me of the ceremonies in which I had taken part. I can assure you that it has afforded me the greatest pleasure to place you in the chair of the District Grand Master, because I have relieved myself not only of my insignia of office but of my duties also, and I have invested one who I know will ably discharge those duties. I can only hope that you will receive the same kind assistance from the brethren of your province as has been extended to me. If so, you cannot fail to have a very successful term of office. You must continue to impress upon the brethren the necessity of their carrying out those principles which you have so well expounded to them. Set them the example, and they will follow it. It is a matter of congratulation to the brethren of this province that they will have over them one whom they have so long known, and whose services to Freemasonry have extended over so many years. I have spoken so often this evening but I will not detain you any longer, but will only cordially express the hope that whenever you sound that gavel it will be followed by

ıt District. I can assure you that I do so most heartily, for has been a real pleasure to see you this evening receive that which you have so amply merited by your long and conscien- rvices to Freemasonry; and if you can recall, as I do, the ınner in which, nearly a quarter of a century ago, you ex- to me on my arrival the right hand of fellowship, you will me that my congratulations are no mere matter of form. I you no better wish than that your tenure of office may brilliantly successful as was that of your predecessor in that That the office of a District Grand Master is a difficult one, ow better than those who have filled it; but you have great ges over those who, like Brother Thorne and myself, have pointed to new Districts: inasmuch as here the work of tion is finished, the routine is established, and you succeed le of a perfectly equipped District in full working order. ; you bring to the post the advantages of the experience you ıed in the long years during which you have held the office r District Grand Master, and you will be assisted by experi- cers, and especially by a Deputy thoroughly imbued with iples of Freemasonry and practically conversant with the of the District. To see this large concourse of Masons, I to testify by their presence the satisfaction they feel at ointment, cannot fail to afford you the greatest gratification, cates that you will have to back you, not only the loyal of those immediately under your rule, but also the cordial f our brethren of the sister Constitutions. I trust, Rt. Wor. rand Master, that this happy condition of harmony and love may ever be perpetuated, and that under your able auspiciously inaugurated, our ancient Institution may y years of uninterrupted usefulness and prosperity in the Northern China.

her of the several representatives present had tendered their tions, the District Lodge was closed in due form, after yer, in peace, harmony and brotherly love, and the Officers rict Grand Lodge retired, whilst the brethren sang "God rince of Wales."

## KIMBERLEY DIAMOND FIELDS.

weather we have experienced during the last few weeks fected various people in various ways; and not a few that the increase of our temperature to almost tropical s had a most distressing effect on their appetites. Not ıave wandered about, looking for something with which palate, but without meeting with anything like a satis- ion of our trouble, and if the heat is to last much longer ble to realise the effect it must have. We in England nced all this difficulty after a few days' hot weather, but be with those who have to endure such a climate month throughout the year. For answer we can only goes on in those parts of the world where excessive ıle, and there we find that the same difficulty does not experienced. In confirmation of this we append a cut- a paper issued at the Kimberley Diamond ing to the Transvaal Hotel of that place, and of which, ır readers are aware, that "Energetic Brother," John the manager. We have previously had occasion to variety" of the viands he prepares for those who trust his care, and the present extract gives a very fair idea tity." We can well imagine "the young person" of the quoting figures—as is his wont—to prove his and the lities, and while wishing him a strong advance in we may assure him that we shall give him a call are his way."

n recently arrived here from the Colony, on a brief invited by a friend to have some refreshments, ion arose as to where they should go. The resident 'Transvaal," when the visitor expressed his surprise "he was under the impression that the 'Transvaal' ll canteen." Anxious to correct this impression, his him to visit the hotel in question, when they were long lines of bedrooms, each with its electric bell, the tory, reading-rooms, stabling, &c., by the resident's g friend." The visitor expressed his pleasure and leanliness, comfort, and convenience of all he saw, g friend," in order to finally remove any lingering t rest in the stranger's mind as to the fact of the ing an important hotel, placed before his astonished g interesting statistics collected from the books of it:—

MEALS.

(average for 365 days).—120 persons, three

(average for 365 days).—118 persons, three meals

HORSES STABLED.

Daily average about 16¾.
Daily average about 21¾.

BUTCHER'S ACCOUNT.

f other animal food not supplied by butcher.)
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2,064 lbs.; ham, 1,861 lbs.; sugar, 3,408 lbs., 5,852 lbs., in all 9,260 lbs.; butter, 1,972 lbs., 234 lbs., in all 2,206 lbs.; tea, 53 boxes; coffee, 1,383 lbs.; milk, 73 cases of 4 doz. each; fresh milk, 7,286 bottles; eggs, 19,728.

Let us hope that in every case good digestion waited on appetite. There was evidently plenty of the latter. We invite statistics from other hotels, but the above are worthy of publication. When the aggregate of some of the items of liquors was shown to him, our visitor took the first train to the Western Province resolving to disabuse the minds of his friends as to the "Transvaal" Hotel.

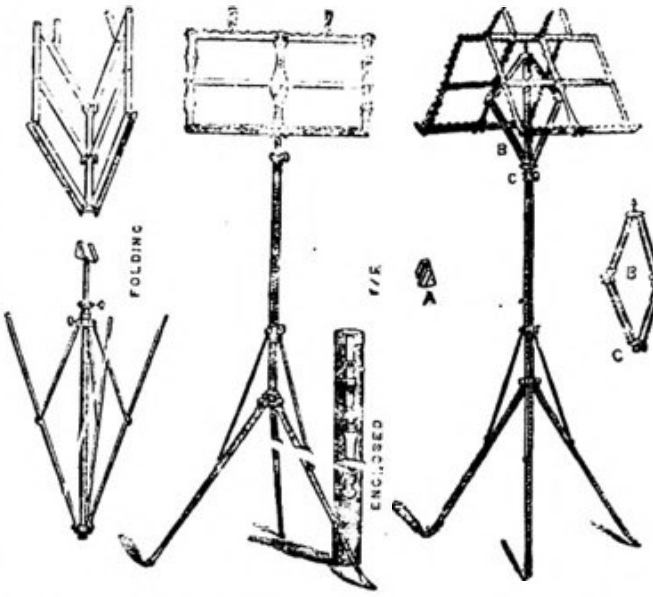
The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Essex, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Brooke, will hold an especial Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Public Hall, Southend-on-Sea, on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 12·30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonial, the foundation stone of All Saints' Church, Southend, when the attendance is required of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province. Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 1·15 o'clock.


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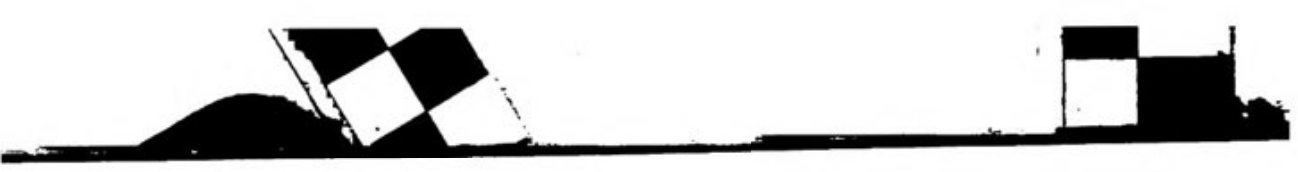
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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges ughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 17th JULY.

Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
20—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
3—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 19th JULY.

Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
York, Masonic Hall, York
Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
Phœnix Public Room, Truro
Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield

Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
)—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
39—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
48—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
54—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
54—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
65—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
)—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
9—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 20th JULY.

of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Belhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

olitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
4—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
0—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
5—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
8—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Trecullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 548 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Atholl, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Derbyshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Room, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Rochdale
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 549—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 589—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1423—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1359—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Dudsbury Hotel, Dudsbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 22nd JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, Kingsland, Shoreditch, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Bexley, at 8. (Instruction)
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704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)

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rent City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
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ugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of erton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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ate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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## FRIDAY, 23rd JULY.

ttee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
dge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Barns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Inst)
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
n, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
ake's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

itan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
shmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
andard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
rton, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
9 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
zorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
n Star C. of Improvement Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
sey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
asonic Hall, Liverpool
Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
ry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
f Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
nes's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
n, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
down, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex

## SATURDAY, 24th JULY.

, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Crystal Palace, Sydenham
and, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
geridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
rray, Town Hall, Hounslow
ndsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
mprovement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
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re Hotel, Hampton Court
lson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
er, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
der, Station Hotel, Harrow
anover, Town Hall, Twickenham

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**Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.** — The usual of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., s, the Albion, Roman-road, Barnsbury, under the p of Bro. Ferguson P.M. 177, &c. The chair was G. Gregory P.M. 1538, who was supported by Bros. Ross, Bleakley, Dimsdale (Secretary), and others. initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bleakley acting as first and second sections of the first lecture were Ferguson, assisted by the brethren. The sum of oted out of the Lodge funds to Mrs. Shury, an idate at the last election of the Royal Masonic ution. Bro. Messer was unanimously elected W.M. eeting.

the 7th instant, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Messer occupied the chair, supported by Bros. nent, Fraser, Gregory, Dimsdale (Secretary), and liminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed he candidate being Bro. Gregory. Bro. Ferguson, ethren, then worked the second and third sections . All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was and the meeting adjourned.

road. Bros. Austin W.M., Breitbart S.W., Sims J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, W. W. Williams S.D., Cavers J.D., Colvill I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Spiegel, Cubitt, Child, Pardue, S. Davies Preceptor; Jennings, Head, Craggs. After preliminaries, Bro. Jennings, as a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cubitt P.M. answered the usual question, and the Lodge being opened to the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Breitbart was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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**The Actor's Benevolent Fund.**—The fourth annual benefit in aid of this Fund will take place at the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday evening, 24th inst., when their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously signified their intention of being present. The ladies and gentlemen of the Lyceum company have volunteered their services, and will appear in "The Bells," Mr. Irving sustaining his original part. This will be followed by "Raising the Wind," in which both Mr. Irving and Miss Ellen Terry will appear.

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The author of "Little Empress Joan," "Not Found Out," &c., has written a new serial story for *Little Folks* Magazine, which will be commenced in the July issue, forming the first part of a new volume. In the same number will appear a picture in colours, called "Me Too!" specially painted by Alice Havers, and details of a special "Home, Foreign and Colonial" Literary Competition for children of all ages, in which a large number of prizes and medals are offered to boys and girls residing in all parts of the world.

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## THE LATE MAJOR DOYLE.

THE obsequies of the late Major Thomas A. Doyle were solemnized 14th June, at the First Congregational Church Providence, R.I. Business was suspended, and the city was dressed in mourning habiliments. The remains were escorted from City Hall to the church by a grand column, in which was represented the city government, city officials from all parts of New England, United States and state officers, and representatives of leading business, commercial, literary, educational, charitable, and other societies of the city and state. The streets were thronged with people, and bells tolled during the passage to the church. The services consisted of the Kings' Chapel ritual, conducted by Rev. Messrs. Slicer and Woodbury, and singing by the choir and a chorus from the high school. The Grand Lodge of Masons took charge of the body at the close of the service, and escorted the remains from the church, there being in the escort some of the most distinguished members of the Order from all parts of the country. At Swan Point Cemetery the Masonic ritual was said, and as the body was lowered into the grave the children of the public schools cast flowers upon the casket. The floral tributes were superb masterpieces in size and beauty of arrangement, and commanded general admiration.—*Exchange.*

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## AN IDEAL KNIGHT.

who have long tossed upon the troubled ocean of life, and ned to entertain just notions of the world and its concerns, e every object with unclouded and impartial eyes, to walk e strict and thorny paths of virtue, and to find their happi- reflection of an honest mind, they alone are—free."

can well imagine the author of the above lines having in mind one to whom he could point as a emplification of his idea of a free man; just such an we to-day in our "Ideal Knight." Arrived at that he may justly be said to have long tossed upon led ocean of life, he has won for himself honour n by his uniform adherence to the strict, though t times thorny, path of virtue. To us he has long all the qualifications of an ideal, and, judging many opportunities we have had of forming an e are enabled to say he is so regarded by a large f his fellow creatures, both within the mystic Freemasonry and outside it. He is one whose on stamps him the possessor of genuine happi- unquestionably, that happiness is in him the f an honest mind. It is to such men we look for both in our Lodges, and in public affairs, and ne men who are ever ready to give it. Their sually easy to follow, for they have learned to just notions of the world and its concerns, th to propose any course which may appear ose who seek their counsel. They correct in ner as to occasion no heartburnings, and have y way of directing the wrong, as almost to upposition that they are advising rather than in fact they examine every object with un- impartial eye, and in all they undertake show ed nature which is one of the attributes of the really free.

ct of our sketch began life, as was customary hful days, at the early age of 14 years, as a medical practitioner; he was thus doomed ears in the constant drudgery of an open shop he incessant calls upon his time during this g him no room for reading or the improve- nind, such as the modern student in medicine s. In due time he became an assistant in while acting in that capacity he became th the late Mr. Herbert Ingram, the founder of the *Illustrated London News*. At that on knowledge had not been repealed, but there band—of which the late Mr. Milner Gibson m were among the most earnest and deter- —striving to induce the legislature to remove ies which weighed so heavily on newspaper d so greatly impeded the spread of know- efore this period our "Ideal Knight" was ndon, for a time at least, the medical pro- ote himself to literary work, and join the spaper that was destined to bring about a ution in journalistic literature. Mr. Ingram illustrations into educational works. The first venture of the kind, "The Illustrated London Spelling Book," proved an unlooked for success, and it was followed by other works in quick succession, issued under the supervision of our "Ideal Knight." Some of these books were, indeed, entirely the production of his pen, among others being "The Elements of Natural Philosophy" (1853), and "The History, Construction, and Application of the Microscope" (1854). Of this latter work we may remark, it has passed through ten large editions, and at the present time is, perhaps, even more popular than in the days of its first publication. This valuable guide to the microscope gave a remarkable impetus to the sale of that instrument, one London manufacturer stating a few years since that he could trace the sale of over a thousand microscopes to the book of our "Knight." Numerous other useful and instructive works, in the preparation of which our hero took a prominent part, and a list of which would be too long to enumerate, subsequently appeared from the press of the *Illustrated London News*; but we must not omit a special reference to the "Illustrated London Almanack," which he has edited since its commencement, upwards of forty years ago, and which we trust he will continue to direct until its "jubilee" year of publication has long passed.

An extreme desire which our "Knight" still entertained to follow the medical profession once more induced him, in 1847, to enter for the practice at Charing Cross Hospital, and at the completion of the regular terms he obtained, in 1850, the Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He was then acting as the assistant of the late eminent surgeon, J. G. Guthrie, F.R.S., twice President of the College of Surgeons, and under his guidance, and by this gentleman's recommendation, turned his attention to ophthalmic surgery, soon afterwards becoming Clinical Assistant at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. It should be mentioned also that in 1850 and 1851 he assisted Mr. Guthrie in the preparation of a course of lectures on the Surgery of the Urethra, which involved a series of original microscopical researches, and which were afterwards delivered before the Medical Society of London. In February 1855, on a vacancy occurring in the office of Assistant Surgeon of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, our "Ideal Knight" was elected to the post, and from that moment he gave his unremitting, and almost entire, attention to the work of the hospital, of which, on the retirement of Mr. Hancock, in 1870, he became full surgeon. It may be fairly said that much of the success of this hospital was due to his exertions; this the records of the Institution fully show. In the year following his appointment as Assistant Surgeon he introduced the use of the Ophthalmoscope into the practice of the hospital, and early in 1857 he read a paper before the Medical Society of London, "On the value of the Ophthalmoscope in the treatment of diseases of the Eye." This paper was published in the *Lancet*, together with a number of interesting cases, and excited considerable attention; subsequently it was issued separately, and quickly ran through three editions. The editor of an Ophthalmic Journal of the period, in noticing this paper said,

gnosing diseases of the eye and brain, both to the sician and surgeon. In 1863 our "Knight" published ork of somewhat higher pretensions, "A manual of thalmic Surgery, a practical treatise on the use of the thalmoscope in diseases of the Eye." This work ived numerous very flattering notices, a fair example he press comments being that of the *Quarterly Journal Science*, the editor of which wrote, "From the author's vious writings on the microscope, and his familiarity the laws of optics; he was quite well qualified to reciate the importance of the Ophthalmoscope. As he one of the first to direct the attention of the medical ession to the subject, so he has been one of the most ent students in this country in its application." Dr. bes Winslow, in his work "On obscure diseases of the in, &c.," refers to the book, while the *Lancet*, in review- its third edition, remarked that its author had added s utility by incorporating the latest views on those -seated changes of the tissues of the eye which the thalmoscope reveals, and of which it every day tends e and more to disclose the nature and the cause. The *ical Times and Gazette* said the third edition was a ded improvement on the preceding, and that an irer need not go further for rules to teach him how to he Ophthalmoscope. The *British Medical Journal* con- ed its notice by saying that the book ought to be in possession of every surgeon who is interested in the ment of diseases of the eye. Other works by our eal Knight" are well known in the profession of which so bright an ornament, they comprise "A Parasitic erm Theory of Disease" (1873), "Impairment of on from Spinal Concussion or Shock" (1876), and e Cure of Cataract and other Eye Affections" (1880), e several minor works preceded these, among which we "A Manual of Domestic Medicine" (1858), and "A nal of Photography" (1845). He has likewise con- ted numerous valuable papers to the Transactions of societies with which he has been connected—the cal Society of London, the Linnæn Society, Royal Microscopical Society, the Pathological ty, &c.,—while the medical journals bear ample nce of his diligence and desire to promote and ve the art of healing. The *Lancet*, *British Medical al*, *Medical Times and Gazette*, and *Medical Press and lar*, all contain his writings, while to the latter journal s for many years been a regular contributor. In 1868 Ideal Knight" was induced to become a contributor *Examiner* newspaper, then a journal of considerable tance, both politically and socially. To its pages he ntly contributed articles on social and health topics, ier with reviews of books. In short, he made literature nsfor bringing prominently before the public the evils poor laws, lunatic asylums, and the maladministration buse of hospitals. He gave evidence in a somewhat ous inquiry of the day—the alleged overcrowding of . Pancras Infirmary,—and he contended that much abuse heaped on Workhouse Infirmaries was ill ed and did not really exist; a letter on this subject, hed in the *Examiner*, November 1869, was reprinted ely distributed at the cost of the St. Pancras rate- . He has continued the discussion of questions of health in the daily papers from that time to this, a number of letters from his pen have found a place *Morning Post*, *Globe*, &c., on the neglected educa- condition of the blind and the deaf mute. He ds that by paying attention to their education the portion of these afflicted people would become winners, and not remain a burden on their friends e public.

ie spare moments our "Ideal Knight" has been snatch from the duties of an arduous professional has devoted himself to the philanthropic movements day, one of the earliest Societies which he was instrumental in founding being the "Milton ," for improving the social condition of the blind. At time we find him engaged with Mr. Torrens, who ated Finsbury in Parliament for twenty years, in an improve the dwellings of the poor. The late Earl ftesbury was the President of this, the "Evicted '. Aid Society," by the early and earnest efforts of the great changes and improvements which have system of Recruiting for the Army." The object of this Society was the discouragement of enlisting mere boys into the army at a time when lads of seventeen or eighteen years of age—growing youths, whose bones were not consolidated—were taken, very many of whom broke down as recruits, and in consequence were invalided before they could be made into soldiers. In connection with those works of Charity more immediately connected with the profession of medicine, we may mention that our "Knight" was a staunch supporter from the very first of the work of the Medical Benevolent College, while he was foremost among those who set on foot the Hospital Sunday Fund. It is not generally known perhaps that the inception of this movement was met with a very considerable amount of opposition in quarters where it was least expected, but such was the case. The Bishop of London (Dr. Jackson), for instance, strongly opposed it, because it seemed likely to interfere with the success of the Bishop of London's Fund, but as the earnest promoters of the scheme had already succeeded in securing the co-operation of the then Lord Mayor of London (Sir Sidney Waterlow) the Bishop was, after much persuasion, induced to give way, and the first Hospital Sunday was fixed for the 15th June 1873. For several years the subject of this sketch continued an active member of the Council of this Fund, while at the present time he takes every opportunity of advancing its usefulness. It is well known too that our brother has taken a warm interest in the question of obtaining a better and purer water supply for London, and it was a letter of his, which appeared in the *Times* of the 5th April 1880, that struck the keynote of all the subsequent opposition to the scheme of Mr. Smith, for buying up the various water companies at their own valuation, which forced the Home Secretary to abandon the Bill he introduced for the purpose.

In 1865, after the news of the terrible explosion which occurred in a well-known fiery mine at Merthyr Tydvil, when nearly a hundred lives were sacrificed, our brother read a paper on the subject at the Society of Arts, and he then proposed, and introduced a scientific instrument for the detection of fire-damp in mines, by means of which the exact per centage of this deleterious gas is readily determinable. This invention, although acknowledged to be extremely valuable, has never been brought into use, possibly because it involves the necessity of a small galvanic battery to put it in motion, and to give a telegraphic signal at the surface of the mine. Thus it is brought about that, either from gross ignorance or a determination to secure the economical working of their mines, owners as a rule are, or seem to be, regardless of the lives of their workmen. No invention, in fact, that involves an outlay of money or gives extra trouble seems to have a chance of being adopted in mining enterprise.

Coming now to the subject with which we are more intimately associated—Freemasonry—we find that our brother was admitted as an initiate in the year 1855, being first drawn towards the Order, we believe, by its noble Charitable Institutions, the principles of which, and the unbounded benevolence of the Craft generally might easily arouse the attention of one far less earnest in the cause than was our "Ideal Knight." It must indeed be accounted a noble work, that of promoting peace and goodwill on earth towards man, as also must the great efforts of Charity, by all who desire the happiness of the greatest number of their fellow-creatures, and accordingly we are not surprised to find that after entering the Order our brother placed his professional services at the command of the Royal Masonic Institutions. From that time until the present he has been consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Educational Institutions, and whenever his services have been called into requisition they have been cheerfully and readily given. Our "Ideal Knight" was initiated, as we have said, in 1855, receiving the light of Masonry in the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172. In 1862 he was elected to the chair of his mother Lodge, and five years later was selected by the then Grand Master — the late Earl of Zetland—for the office of Grand Deacon of England, an office which was honoured by his acceptance of it. In the year 1869 he, together with many other brethren, founded the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, he filling the Master's chair thereof in 1875, and

n honorary member thereof. In the same year the Wardens, and Brethren of the John Hervey Lodge, esirous of shewing him some mark of respect and appreciation of his services to the Lodge, requested it for his portrait, which was painted in oil and d a striking likeness of our esteemed brother. At meeting of the Lodge for the season of 1884-5 monial was presented, the Worshipful Master of referring to the good and valuable services their r had rendered to the Lodge, and to what he had advance its welfare. Each of the brethren, he d experienced great kindness from him, and in ion of those services and the esteem in which he they had had his portrait painted. This portrait presented, feeling it a privilege on behalf of the o express the gratification of the brethren with g their Treasurer had done for them. The por- subsequently hung in the Board Room of Free- Hall, and will doubtless long remain there, a of one who has won for himself the right of being d one of Masonry's noblest sons. We have already to some portion of the services our brother has to our Institutions—and is at the present time ,—but may add that he has also supported them ying as Life Governor of each, while he has on casions acted as Steward on their behalf.

ing our remarks, which we feel are far short of subject is worthy of, we tender him our heartiest nes, and fervently express a hope—which will be on all sides—that he may, for many long years, o work with us, occupying that position in our has won by his long career "upon the troubled ife."

## ENTHUSIASTIC MASONS.

e can be no doubt whatever that enthusiasm in masonry, as well as in all other laudable pur- e, has a healthy and wholesome tendency, pro- it is well directed and does not overstep the prudence. The trite old saw, anent the "vaulting hat o'erleaps itself," does not apply to the careful nt study of an art, though even in our own e are not wanting, unfortunately, instances in xcess of zeal and ardour has to be pitted against e of judicious forethought and discretion. In nd conditions of life men are to be found who heir hobby to its proverbial "death," and it is mon to see the steed who makes the boldest start rcest running for a distance along the course, austed long ere the goal is reached. Applying o our own immediate subject, who that has progress and the intricate windings of Free- t has lamented the untoward collapse of many "did run well" at the outset, and the discom- ding an effort which, although well intended, ept at too high a pressure to enable it to fable of the hare and the tortoise daily in our experiences of life, and arnt long ago to acknowledge the veracity that the race is not always to the swift, nor o the strong. Yet, withal, a discreet enthu- our undertakings is a commendable trait of or it lends a stimulus of a most wholesome the plodding exertions of the honest and s worker. When the first rays of Masonic dawned upon the novitiate how eagerly are trained after a deeper knowledge of those eries so sublimely foreshadowed by the grand r Order. The darkness of ignorance is dis- first glimpse of that effulgence which bursts sion of the initiate, and from that moment rdent longing for a deeper draught from the knowledge, the unfathomable source of so nd lofty aspirations. The key-note has been hord which will deepen with the intensity of tion, increasing in volume as the years roll

his original conception. In like manner the student of our mystic art, impelled by an innate love of research and admiration of the sublime, is fashioned by the judicious Preceptor into that Perfect Ashlar which it should be the study of every true Mason to become, and he is then rendered a fit and respected member of well-organized society. He is taught to temper his ambition with moderation, and to proceed with cautious, yet confident, steps along the chequered floor, and to ascend with careful boldness the rounds of the ladder whose summit is lost in the canopy of the infinite. The early steps of the young aspirant to Masonic knowledge are watched and tended with judicious and patient care, and the bridle is not kept at such a tension as to dishearten or discourage the perhaps naturally impetuous mind. Still, although there may be a curb placed upon the eager industry to attain distinction in the ranks, enthusiasm forms the motive power which keeps the face to the front, and impels to hearty exercise in the paths of knowledge and progress. In after years, when the student ripens into the scholar, and the once seemingly unsurmountable obtacles have been left behind, enthusiasm still holds on and incites to that mutual aid which is one of the bright characteristics of our Order, to the helping forward of the dawning intellects, and lending the strength of experience to the less matured and perhaps hesitating spirit. This enthusiasm is one great and important factor in the development of sound morals and strict integrity which are essential to the well-being of the community, and without which a man can scarcely be considered capable of well ruling and governing that section of it over which he might be called upon to preside. If it be the aspiration of the brother on his initiation to reach the proud position to which every Mason should endeavour to attain, enthusiasm does not expire with realisation, it only takes a somewhat different turn. Grateful for the aids by which he has attained the summit of his earlier desires, he now in exchange seeks to impart to others the advantages which he has so freely received. In a healthily-constituted mind this impulse is ever active and at work, and from it radiates a stream of unseen influences which cannot fail to make its presence consciously felt to the utmost limits of its sphere of operation. Cast a stone into a pool and the vibration ceases not until the last tiny ripple breaks upon the margin. And so by the example and precept of men of balanced thought and guarded enthusiasm flows a current of influence which must, perforce, have a leavening tendency upon every mind which comes within its radius. Happy are the hearts and minds whose doors are open to the reception of such an influence, for here is the mainspring of all kindly action, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. True, Brotherly Love is not the gushing passion which cools down after the first glow of enthusiasm has subsided; it is the constant, continuous bond of genuine affection as lasting as life itself. That is Love towards our kin who may be less fortunately situated than ourselves, whose lives have not been cast in such pleasant places, which prompts the practice of that Charity which is the distinguishing characteristic on a Freemason's heart, and which renders him more extensively useful to his fellow-creatures. That is the Truth which guides the feet in every step that is taken along the pathway of life, which stirs the soul to worthy deeds and acts of heroic benevolence, destroying the fibres of selfishness and conceit, and setting up in their place a pedestal of true and permanent brotherhood. In this way whilst the brother so fleet of foot at the outset has grown faint and weary by the wayside, and ultimately falls into a lethargic vein respecting the things in which he once saw such a realm of grandeur, the steady, plodding, and albeit enthusiastic worker keeps steadily working for his own and others' welfare, and constitutes himself, intuitively as it were, a monument of usefulness and contagious blessing. It is well, therefore, that the quickened ardour of the youth should be tempered and modulated by the experienced enthusiasm of those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, for these a healthy equipoise is maintained, and the chariot wheels of our beneficent Craft roll smoothly on, never jolting against any of the knobs and

the benefits derived are such as must be shared by ry member of the human family.

## NEVOLENT WITHOUT OSTENTATION.

N the estimation of many Freemasons Masonry is nothing if not charitable. Charity is both the corner e and capstone, the alpha and omega of the Fraternity. treasury exists for the sole purpose of aiding the dis-sed, and to use it otherwise would be to misuse it. This n extreme view, but its foundation is laid in truth justice. The corner-stone of Freemasonry *is* charity, its capstone is not—Charity is the foundation, but not superstructure, of our Institution. Freemasonry is a posite, a many-sided Society, an outgrowth of the ages. re is nothing narrow about it. First of all it is chari-e, but after that it is much besides. It is supported by s columns, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty—the Wisdom ruth, the Strength of Charity, the Beauty of Brotherly e. Its Truth is God's truth, revealed truth, the truth find in the First Great Light in Masonry. Its Charity s own charity, dealt out not by measure, but with the ness and fulness of a Brother's love. Its beauty is wise emphatically its own—the beauty of fraternity, of plete sympathy, of sincere friendship, of mutual and vivial enjoyment. We have to consider now, however, its strength of charity.

Masonic charity embraces the ideas both of benevolence beneficence—it wishes well to its brethren, and it well for them. It suits the action to the word. It not say to the distressed, "Be ye fed, or be ye hed," but it feeds the hungry and clothes the naked. It othing if not practical. The beautiful sentiments which aired by Masonic orators on St. John's Day, are exem-ed within the tyled Lodge. No deserving brother is empty away. The charity of Masonry is personal. It er deals with masses, but with individuals. It benefits s of individuals, who may have suffered from the same e, at the same time, but it does for each one in turn, is own merits—it is a personal gift. There is nothing hanical about it. If it errs at all it is in relying too h on the individual, and taking much that he says to bsolute verity. Freemasons are taught to trust each r, and the brother who is well-to-do does not believe his unfortunate brother has forgotten to tell the truth. 'e know the nature of much of the so-called charity of world. It may be liberal, but it too often suggests the r. Ostentation is the chief characteristic of profane ity. Does the fashionable world wish to contribute to nevolent object, it adopts as a means a charity ball. In r words, it enjoys itself first, and gives to the poor wards. Not so Masonry. Not that it is entirely for-ul of self, but it thinks of every interest. The indi-are cared for, always; the fortunate brother, who is ys present in Lodge, is also ministered to with Masonic s; so that the unfortunate and fortunate rejoice together. sowing and the reaping are performed side by side. o him who appreciates the beauty of not letting his left l know what his right hand doeth, one of the most irable features of Masonic charity is its unostentatious-. It has nothing of parade about it, nothing of self-ulation, nothing of publicity. It is done in a corner, is rarely brought to light. The Craft knows it, or er a small portion of the Craft, but the outside world tirely ignorant of it. Sometimes even the members of dge when they vote money, do not of a certainty know its recipient is to be. The Committee on Charity some-s merely report that an old and estimable member of Lodge is in temporary distress, and needs fifty or a lred dollars. It is at once voted, without question, out prying into any of the facts, and without lessening self-respect of the brother who has been unexpectedly ced to need. This is Masonic charity, which vaunteth itself, is not puffed up, endureth long, and is kind. ere is the brother who would not accept it, if he needed where the brother who would not bestow it, if he ed it merited?

asonic charity once was exclusively secret, and given a purely Masonic manner; but in our era it has gone nd the lodge room, and become in a degree objective. widely dispersed, and so numerous in membership, there are always many cases of need, and some of them continuing. The result has been the erection of Masonic Homes, devoted exclusively to ministering to the comfort of aged and indigent Freemasons, who might otherwise be left to the cold charity of the world. Masonry has expanded its charities with expanding time and circumstances. The method of dispensing these charites is not a landmark; we may do good and distribute after any approved manner—not giving up the custom of assembling ourselves together, and in the good old way aiding brethren in distress. That, after all, is the least ostentatious and the most purely Masonic, but it does not exclude the other, which is farther reaching, more complete, and supplementary to the time-honoured method of dispensing charity in open Lodge.—*Keystone.*

## THE BALLOT.

THERE is, perhaps, no one duty that a Mason is called upon to perform of more importance and on which so largely depends the welfare and prosperity of his Lodge, and even the stability of the Institution, as that of casting his ballot upon the election or rejection of candidates for our mysteries.

Certainly there is none which should be more carefully considered or more conscientiously performed. It is an old and trite saying, "that none but good men and true" should be admitted to our ranks, and the refrain comes to us from every watchman on the tower—"Guard well the outer door; admit none but the worthy and the well qualified." All will admit the force and need of this warning, still upon each individual member rests the responsibility. Each must for himself investigate into the character and standing of every applicant, and determine in his own mind whether or no he is in possession of those essential qualifications of mind and character which will render him worthy of this high honour, and who, if admitted, will add strength to the Lodge and be of benefit to the Craft. By our regulations absolute unanimity is required in the admission of all, hence, each individual member holds within his own hands the prosperity and oftentimes the harmony of the Lodge. By this ballot he can keep out all whom he honestly considers unworthy. And by it, too, if used un-Masonically and without reference to his Masonic obligations, he can equally disturb its prosperity and retard its growth, and perhaps be the means of sowing within its ranks the seeds of an early dissolution.

How essential, then, is it, that every Mason should thoroughly understand and appreciate the importance of this high prerogative, and how and with what motives it should be exercised.

The ballot is, and must be, secret and independent. To no one is a brother responsible, and only to his own conscience and his Maker must he render an account.

As a true Mason, his first great care will be to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and by so doing, add to the prosperity and elevation of the whole fraternity; and to do this, he must investigate for himself, and decide whether, in his opinion, the applicant possesses those qualities of character and mind which would render him worthy of admission among the Sons of Light. And in our opinion, the two, character and mind should be equally considered, for the mental and intellectual qualifications are not to be disregarded. Oftentimes one who, so to speak, is known as a good fellow, against whom nothing particularly derogatory to his character can be said, is far from being desirable material. And in admitting such, a Lodge oftentimes finds itself sold. Their narrowness of mind and contracted ideas of the Institution are almost sure to become a source of disturbance in the Lodge and the promoter of difficulties hard to eradicate. Be well satisfied that in addition to a good reputation, the candidate has sufficient intelligence to appreciate our symbols, and to learn and understand their import. Be well satisfied upon both of these points, and then vote as a Mason should; but never let private pique, honest differences of opinion upon any subject or any unworthy motive influence you in discharge of this duty.

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ot be disturbed; and if you have good reason to believe hat indifference will cause his footsteps to halt or prejudice turn him aside as he approaches a fellow being in dis-ess; if you believe he will not freely give his brother a lping hand when in need and support his character as ell in his absence as in his presence, or betray his con-ence, leave him in the rubbish outside of the Temple ere he belongs.

These rules and this advice, we think worthy of thought, d under them may we not as Masons make our selections material from the quarries with a conscience void of nce, and in after-life possess the satisfaction of having e our share towards the upbuilding of the Institution. *Masonic Tidings.*

## GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, when, no doubt in con-nce of the unpropitious state of the weather, there was a smaller dance than usual. Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, the presidency of Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., supported by Worshipful Master, Bro. T. Eustace Smith, who officiated as S.W. a portion of the working; Bros. C. Greenwood, Deputy Prov. Master of Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. Prov. Grand Secretary as J.W., H. H. Hawkins, J. C. Porter, and others. The es of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was ed to the third degree, when Bro. John C. Porter was raised, rking being admirably performed, Bro. Hawkins giving the onal history. The notice of motion on the agenda by Bro. J. F. Dumas, relative to the alteration of the bye-law respect-annual subscriptions, was not proceeded with, in consequence absence of the proposer. Amongst other business was the tion of a joining member, by Bro. H. H. Hawkins, seconded J. C. Porter, after which Lodge was closed with the usual har-At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to lent banquet, provided by Bro. Bond, the esteemed proprietor un, when the loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and duly d. The toast of the Prov. Grand Officers was acknowledged le terms by Bro. C. Greenwood Deputy Prov. Grand Master, health of the Worshipful Master was received with special Other toasts of a complimentary nature followed, and a evening was spent, the weather having cleared, enabling ren to spend an enjoyable half hour or so in the pretty of the hotel, previous to their return home.

## PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

CLAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, nam, on Monday, the 19th inst. Present—Wor. Bro. John nold W.M., Bros. A. Leonard S.W., F. Purkess J.W., G. .M., T. Poore P.M. and Sec., Lewis Jones S.D., A. C. Wood nett I.G., S. Ash W.S., G. Allen P.M. 144 D.C.; Past mes Stevens and E. Mitchell, G. Tilley P.M. 1632, C. H. G. Mulley, J. Finch, J. L. Ball, &c., &c., and C. Thomas sitors—Bros. G. S. Graham P.M. 1851 Past Prov. G. Org., en 1851, and W. Powell 1531. The minutes of the previous ving been confirmed, a letter from the Grand Secretary, of the desired alteration in number of meetings, was cordance with which the future meetings of this Lodge on the third Mondays in the months of January, March, llation), July, September, and November, respectively. two candidates for initiation, who were delayed in Lodge was "called off" for a brief period, and sub-called on." The candidates, Messrs. Samuel Bullen and dge, being then in attendance, those gentlemen were and approved of. The ceremony of initiation was very ed by the W.M., who gave proofs in this, his first work ing officer, of considerable ability. It was announced asurer of the Lodge, invested at the previous meeting, of tendering his resignation of that office, and his resig-unanimously accepted, the I.P.M., Bro. G. Treves, was r election, and received the favourable votes of the ont exception. Bro. James Stevens P.M. referred to matter affecting the character of the Lodge, which had e subject of public comment in the pages of one ic journals, and subsequent discussion by members of e expressed himself, as the senior P.M. of the Lodge, ings jealous for its good repute, and the reflection upon in the slightest measure wanting in loyalty to the the Grand Master of the Order was unendurable to the f its members, as well as to himself. It was out of undo what had been done, but they could mark their disapproval of the behaviour of the individual in using the usual close Masonic association with him, purged himself of this grave offence by an ample was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. An excelle repast had been provided by Bro. Tilley P.M., the worthy host the Balham Hotel,—whom we were glad to see present and near recovered from his late severe accident—and to this the brethr gave due attention. Subsequently the usual toasts were given, th of the Queen being on this occasion *unanimously* honoured, and t singing of the National Anthem most demonstratively joined in b all present. Bro. G. S. Graham presided at the pianoforte, and son excellent songs and recitations were interspersed with the remainir toasts. The company separated at a reasonable hour, pleased wit and encouraged by the entire proceedings of the evening.

## LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE sixth annual Summer Banquet and Ladies' Day took pla on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourn under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Holdom W.M.; Bro. J. G. Twin S.W. and Bro. J. Loftus J.W. occupying the vice chairs. Amongs those present in addition to the above were Miss Holdom, Mr Twinn, Mrs. Loftus, Bro. P.M., Mrs. and Miss Veal, Bro. P.M Mrs. and Master Magrath, Bro. P.M. and Mrs. Wooding, Br W. (Secretary) and Mrs. McCreddie, Bro. and Miss Dawe, Br Heusmann, Bro. P.M., W. H. and Mrs. Myers. Bro. and Mrs. Joslin Bro. Piper, Bro. F. H. Dale, Miss Quail, Mr. and Mrs. Anderso Miss Connor, Miss Gill, and others to the number of about 40. Th banquet, which was served in first rate style, and did great credit t the host, Bro. Benningfield, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed b every one present. At its conclusion grace was said and the usua loyal and other toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Br Joslin, responding for the Visitors, expressed the pleasure it ha given him to be present on this and similar occasions; while Br F. H. Dale, for the Ladies, remarked that it was the third time he ha had the honour and pleasure of replying at the Summer Banquet o this Lodge. The Chairman said he would not detain them; th weather was very fine, and he knew they were all anxious to get ou in the gardens. This the company at once did, some to the rive for boating. In the evening tea and coffee was served, and th remainder of the day was spent in dancing, a quadrille band havin been specially engaged. Altogether, a most enjoyable day wa spent, and the party returned to town by the last train, declarin that this had been one of the most successful of their summe outings.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 9th inst., Bro. T. B. Whyte-head P.M. Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden North and East York presiding. The Lodge was honoured on the occasion by the visit of the following members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:—Bros J. T. S. Elliott Grand Junior Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secre-tary, J. Crichton P.M., W. Edwards P.M. V.P.G.S., R. Smith Brown P.M. 124, J. Taylor 349 P.N.S.C., D. Scott 219 S.C., and J. Webster J.W. 160. The visitors received a cordial welcome in the name of the Lodge from the acting Worshipful Master, and afterwards had an opportunity of witnessing the working of the Lodge. After supper a lengthy toast list was submitted, including prosperity to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was acknowledged in an excellent speech by the Grand Secretary. Musical contributions were given by Bros. Wilkinson, Mennell, and others.

On Monday, the 19th inst., the regular monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held, Bro. A. T. B. Turner W.M. occupying the chair, the visitors being Bros. J. W. Marshall P.M. 660 and Major McCachin P.M. 1991. The business consisted of the raising of Bros. J. Smith and J. L. Spetch to the third degree, the ceremonial being performed by Bro. Whytehead. The W.M., Bro. Turner, was heartily congratulated upon his restoration to health, and a most pleasant evening was subsequently spent in the smoke room, where songs and toasts were agreeably interspersed, and a right good Masonic even-ing was enjoyed.

## CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of this small, but good working and harmonious Lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Chertsey, when there was a satisfactory attend-ance of members and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. S. Ward. Amongst those also present were: Bros. B. Williams I.P.M., J. M. Bastone S.W. and W.M. elect, F. Woodin J.W., T. Vincent P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., V. W. Morfit S.D., C. Thomasset J.D, F. A. Manning P.M., G. Warner, G. J. Westfield, J. W. Flesknoe, and others. The numerous company of Visitors who accepted invitations included: Bros. J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex, W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702 P.P.G.J.W., John Hill Sec. 1702, Hepburn P.M. 1702, J. Charlton 1702, A. C. Wylie P.M. 859 P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Hitchings (Aldershot), Croker, J. Seaton, &c. Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Lodge was subse-

being thus bestowed :—Bros. S. Ward I.P.M., F. Woodin S.W., Morfit J.W., Thos. Vincent P.M. Treas., H. E. Frances P.M. ). Thomasset S.D., G. J. Westfield J.D., G. Warner I.G., and vler Tyler. Some formal business having been transacted, was closed with the usual harmony and good feeling, and the en afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, the whole of angements made for their comfort and enjoyment by Bro. and 'lesknoe, being everything that could be desired. At the con- of the repast the loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, eeted with an enthusiastic reception from the brethren. The ext gave the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. General lholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, . Greenwood, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, t and Past, the toast being suitably acknowledged by Bros. Frances and Thos. Vincent. The next toast was that of the liate Past Master, whose excellent services and the active it he had manifested in the welfare of the Lodge were cordi- cognized by the W.M., who spoke of Bro. Ward's working in ost eulogistic terms. In the name of the Lodge he presented to Bro. Ward a handsome Past Master's as a mark of esteem and affection, and in recognition of the anner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during m of office. Bro. Ward, after returning thanks for the com- tary and kind manner in which the Worshipful Master had of his efforts on behalf of the Lodge, said he highly appre- the gift with which he had been presented that evening. It be an incentive to him, if indeed any were needed, to continue ertions for the advancement of the Claremont Lodge as he had in the past. That jewel would remind him of many happy spent in association with the brethren of the Lodge, and he l the harmony and good understanding which now prevailed at the whole of the brethren would long continue to subsist. Worshipful Master then extended a hearty welcome to the rs, observing that this was a toast always received with genuine ation and pleasure by the members of the Claremont Lodge. s very pleased to see so many Visitors present that evening, ped they would have the pleasure of their company on many occasions. The toast was heartily received and responded Bro. Tickle P.P.G. Registrar Middlesex. He was always l to visit the brethren of the Claremont Lodge, sed as it was of many of his best personal friends; , there seemed to be quite a band of good fellow- between the Claremont and the Sub-Urban Lodges. ped that feeling might long continue, and be strengthened rs rolled by. Brothers Buck and J. Hill also responded, g the remarks of the previous speaker as to the relations which existed between the Lodges he had men- . The healths of the Past Masters were then given in felicitous by the Worshipful Master, reference being made to their con- and unwearying zeal in upholding the prestige of the Lodge, a cementing good fellowship amongst the brethren. Bro. T. t, as the "Father" and Treasurer of the Lodge, in the of his response, said he was deeply indebted to the Worshipful r for the kind and flattering terms in which he had spoken of and to the brethren for the warmth and cordiality with which ad received the toast. He assured them that he had, and s should have, the welfare of the Claremont Lodge at heart; was a source of genuine gratification to him to know that two initiates had passed the chair, namely, Bros. B. Williams and rd. He was very proud of Bro. Williams, for, although only a Mason, he had worked the ceremonies in the most able and ent manner. Bro. Morfit, their Junior Warden, was also one initiates, and he looked forward to that brother's filling the ably and efficiently. Bro. Frances also responded in his y eloquent style. Several other toasts followed, the proceed- eing enlivened by some excellent harmony. After spending enjoyable afternoon and evening the brethren returned to respective homes, all speaking in the warmest manner of the able arrangements which had been made for their enjoyment proverbially favourite and admirably appointed hostelry, the .

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**lelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—On Wednesday th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, The Alfred, Roman Road, Barns- Bro. R. Ross occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. . Ferguson Preceptor, Silvester Treasurer, Dimsdale Secre- Bleakley, Gregory, Ament, &c. Lodge was opened, and the es of last meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. Ferguson, d by the brethren, worked the first section of the second lecture. was then resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Ross rehearsed remony of initiation in good style, Bro. Silvester acting as late. Bro. Bleakley was unanimously elected W.M. for the g meeting.

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**eaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A meeting eld on the 22nd instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk- Shepherd's Bush, when there were present Bros. Breitbart Sims P.M. S.W., Williams J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, s S.D., Child P.M. J.D.; P.M.'s Spiegel, Gillingham, ies Preceptor; also Bros. Stonnill, Moloney, Stroud, Marsh, Gilbert, Manders. Lodge was opened and the minutes of

## FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

FOR some time past, several prominent brethren in York have been anxious to establish in that ancient centre of English Freemasonry a working body in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland; but it was not until quite lately that the way became clear for the consummation of their wishes. A few months ago, however, application was made to the ruling body of the Order at Edinburgh, and the result was that a regular petition was forwarded to the Earl of Rosslyn Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, praying him to constitute a Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire, and nominating Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., Rector of Whixley, near York, as the Provincial Grand Master. The petition was signed by members of the Order residing at York, Hull, Scarbro', Bedale, and Richmond, and, in due course, the request was granted, and the warrant was issued. The York brethren were very anxious to secure the presence of the Deputy Grand Master on the occasion of the ceremony of constitution, and, after some delay, the 10th July was named by his lordship for the date of his official visitation. Several members of the Grand Lodge of the Order in Edinburgh were anxious to take the chance of visiting York, and expressed a desire to have an opportunity of meeting some of their brethren in the Craft. Accordingly arrangements were made for an emergency meeting on the 9th July of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, for the purpose of welcoming the visitors from the Northern kingdom. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who was supported by Bros. C. G. Padel P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M., W. Brown S.W., J. Kay Sec., W. Lockenby J.D., W. Stephenson I.G., W. Storey J.D., Irving, J. W. Blenkin, W. Sharp, H. Mennell, J. E. Wilkinson, J. L. Spetch, and others. The visitors from Edinburgh consisted of Bros. J. T. S. Elliot, Grand Junior Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, J. Crichton P.M 1, W. Edwards P.M. 36 V.P.G.S., R. S. Brown P.M. 145 G.S., and J. Taylor P.M. 349; and there were also present Bros. D. Scott 219 (S.C.), J. Webster 160 (S.C.), and W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304 (Leeds). The acting W.M. welcomed the visitors to York, and expressed the pleasure it afforded the Eboracum Lodge to greet so many distinguished brethren upon classic ground; and Bro. Elliot responded on behalf of the visitors. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, and a candidate was conducted through the ceremony. The Lodge having been lowered, Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge three valuable Masonic engraved portraits of Bros. Thomas Dundas Prov. Grand Master, Bishop Wykeham of Winchester, and Thomas Locke, which had been framed by Bros. Balmford and Halliwell, and, after interchange of good wishes, the Lodge was closed. An adjournment was made to the supper-room, where the brethren entertained their visitors, and subsequently in the smoke-room there was speech making and harmony, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

On Saturday morning the Northern brethren were conducted by Bro. Whytehead to the gardens of the Philosophical Society, to the Merchants' Hall, and to other places of interest, and at three p.m. they once more found themselves in the St. Saviourgate Hall, where preparations had been made for the ceremony of the Royal Order. Here were assembled the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, Bros. W. Mann Deputy Grand Governor, Alexander Hay Grand Senior Warden, William Hay Grand Junior Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, C. S. Dickson Grand Treasurer, William Edwards G.G. of the T., J. T. S. Elliot Grand Standard Bearer, R. S. Brown Grand Ex., James Crichton, C. F. Matier P.D.G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire, G. P. Brockbank P.D.G.M., C. Fendelow Wolverhampton, G. J. McKay Deputy Provincial G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire. By dispensation a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, who was supported by Bros. J. W. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, W. H. Cowper, William Brown, Donald Grant, George Simpson, and others, and thereafter the Grand Lodge was received and saluted. The throne was then taken by the Earl of Rosslyn, and several brethren were advanced to this ancient Order. The Patent of Bro. the Rev. William Valentine as Provincial Grand Master was read, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire was constituted, and the Provincial Grand Master installed. The Office Bearers were then presented, after which the Earl of Rosslyn congratulated the York brethren upon the formation of the body and wished them all success; the Provincial Grand Master replied on behalf of his brethren. The Provincial Grand Master also thanked the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge for the compliment paid to York Masonry in their attendance on this important occasion, and the Earl of Rosslyn, attended by his Officers, retired. The following are the Officers appointed by Brother Valentine :—

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| Bro. T. B. Whytehead - - - | Deputy Prov. Grand Master |
| W. H. Cowper (Middlesborough) - | Senior Warden |
| Lieut. Donald Grant (19th Regt.) - | Junior Warden |
| W. H. B. Atkinson (Pontefract) - | Standard Bearer |
| Wm. Watson (Leeds) - - | Examiner |
| Wm. B. Dyson (York) - - | Marischal |
| Wm. Fraser (Scarborough) - | Guarder. |

A telegram was read from Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, from Storen, in Norway, congratulating the brethren; also one from Bro. J. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec. for Lancashire and Cheshire, giving hearty good wishes from his Provincial Grand Lodge, and other letters and telegrams of a similar nature were read, after which

ry reason to believe that he should soon have the honour of the Prince of Wales, who would become the Hereditary ister of the Order in the natural course of events. ded by proposing the health of the Provincial Grand the Rev. W. Valentine, complimenting the York brethren rent of the day. Bro. W. Mann Deputy Grand Governor uccess to the newly constituted Provincial Grand Lodge e, which was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who ld be the object of the Yorkshire brethren to make their eat success, and a model of good working. Bro. W. H. re the healths of the members of the deputation from lge, which was responded to by Bro. Alexander Hay od Warden. Bro. W. Brown proposed the Visitors, and Matier (London) and G. McKay (Lancashire and Cheshire)

Later in the evening the Northern visitors were con-Bro. Whytehead to view the old Merchants' Hall in York, esses many interesting Masonic associations, and when he party once more drew together and spent some time interchange of ideas.

y morning most of the visitors attended the service in the here Bro. the Very Rev. Purey-Cust worthily and kindly fter lunch, with Bro. Whytehead, they paid a visit to the ing to the York Lodge, 236, and were shown by Bro. asurer the ancient Records of the Grand Lodge of all other notable curiosities. The new adornments of the eatly admired, and during their visit Bro. Whytehead lection of Scotch airs on the beautiful organ lately e party next bent their steps to the gardens of the l Society, and had a delightful ramble amongst the ruins Abbey, the old Roman fortifications, and the Norman St. Leonard's, and thence to dinner. In the gloaming forth was made, and the city walls were circumam-assembling once more about ten p.m. for a farewell the Scotch brethren returning by the midnight train to ns, having spent a most pleasant and improving time leaving behind them a most agreeable impression upon their York entertainers, who are looking forward to an nity of making a Masonic descent upon the City of

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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e.—The success that attended the performance of Ruin" at Mr. T. Thorne's benefit, last Friday week, has nagement to place it in the evening bill for a short . Whether this course will prove a success remains e piece hardly inspires us with respect for the actions rs; some of the scenes between Harry Dornton and , if introduced into a more modern piece would, we y criticised. The company is an exceptionally strong g well suited to their parts, caused the play to be Mr. Charles Warner is seen at his best as Harry t this part suits him better than any other we have a long time. Silky, the money lender, is a part well powers of Mr. Thomas Thorne, and he does ample e. Old Dornton was creditably taken by Mr. James le Mr. Royce Carleton was well to the fore as Sulky. well acted by Mr. Fred Thorne, while Mr. Fuller t to the part of Milford. Sophia, in the hands of , was perfect; this young lady sustaining the part quisite skill, combined with natural grace. Miss rsonated admirably the character of Widow Warren, praise is due to Miss Louisa Peach, as the maid " will be revived at the end of August, so that any o have not as yet seen that most successful comedy ve the chance.

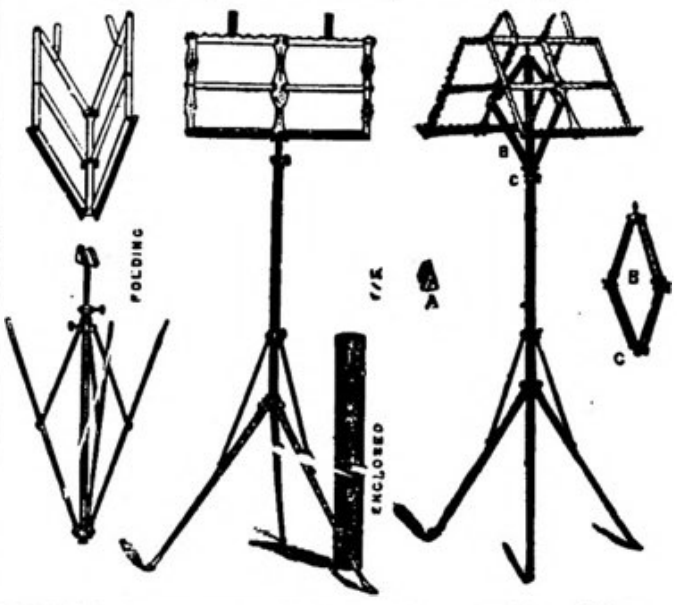
more absurd or repulsive piece than "Our ed here last Monday—can scarcely be conceived. ginning it was seen that the "new and original was doomed, and act after act was received with Agency" is by Messrs. Burlington Brumell and and is intended to depict several persons who either on the music-hall or the dramatic stage. to a conclusion by the *grand* "Clito" ballet. by seven *coryphées* with Madame Besanio as Several groups—most of which cannot be said miliar picture—are formed, but on Monday the rong tendency to falling over, or stepping down Act 2 shows us the agents' dramatic offices and d here we are subjected to a display which one e outside "Richardson's Show" at a country fair. w in the same strain, but they go from bad to ing we can only say that it might have been h. The only artistes really worthy of mention vald, as the agent, Harry Burlington, and Mr. dolphus Boyd. Of the others the least said the it that if Messrs. Brumell and Duval want to eir management, they must present something Our Agency."


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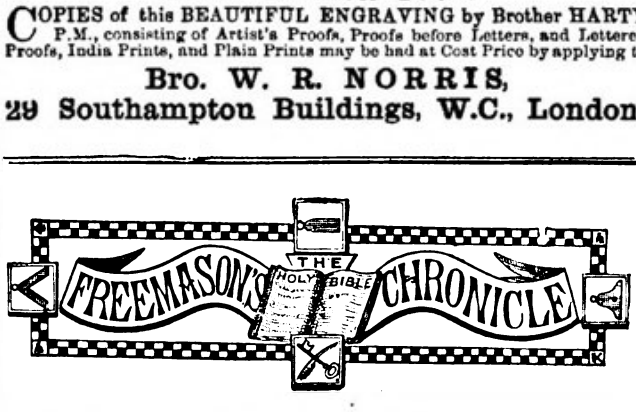
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## ABOUT A "SCARLET BOOK OF FREEMASONRY." *

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN the preface to the said "Scarlet Book," the author says: "Freemasonry being a benevolent institution, and entirely unsectarian, it is hardly credible that its votaries have for centuries been objects of bitter persecution, and that large numbers of them have suffered death in defence of their principles; yet such is the case, as the Roman Catholic Church has relentlessly persecuted, tortured, and burnt them at the stake for the past six hundred years, and this persecution is still carried on, wherever Popery has its power to do its bloody work."

I must call attention to two exaggerations in the above paragraph: First, if any one will read in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 19th June, pp 387 and 394, the speeches made by

* Described on the title page, as "containing thrilling and authentic accounts of the imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom of Freemasons, and Knights Templars for the past six hundred years; also an authentic account of the education, remarkable career, and tragic death of the renowned philosopher, Pythagoras. Recent remarkable discoveries of Masonic emblems on the ancient obelisk in Egypt. By the author of Masonic Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled, Guide to

Masonic luminaries in Rhode Island at the late dedica- of a Masonic Temple, he will learn, that Freemasonry America *is not entirely free from sectarianism.* Indeed, it sheer impudent humbug to assert that American sonry is "entirely unsectarian"; and second, among Masonic persecutions enumerated in the "Scarlet Book," persecutions of the Templars in the beginning of the teenth century are given in full, and over eighty pages devoted to Templars alone. In the whole trials of the plars as given in the "Scarlet Book," there is no indica- whatever that the Templars were Masons, or had any- g to do with Masonry; their persecutions and martyr- s should not therefore have been numbered among onic persecutions. But the fact is, there are a large ber of Masons in America who are ignorant of history, whom Masonic charlatans persuaded that the old plars were Masons; and hence our modern Masons made to believe that, for a certain sum of dollars, they become old Knights Templars; and as the titles, dis- ons, cocked hats and feathers, are very flattering to minds, large numbers of American Masons have d into Templarism, and to that class it must be very ng to read how our old brothers Masonic Knight lar have suffered for their Masonic principles. After story of the martyrdom of the Templars, the author "Scarlet Book" treats his reader with a chapter of h history, which is as astonishing as Mr. Colvill's al Revelations about our ancient Egyptian brethren; id Chapter is headed "Persecution—Murder," &c., ys:—

llowing the sanguinary persecutions and martyr- about the Templars] recorded in the two previous rs, we come to the period when Henry the Fourth for Henry VI.] was in his minority. At that time al power was vested in Humphry, Duke of Gloucester, nry Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester; the latter was ted papist, vain and haughty, and, on his being d with power, he began to exhibit his true nature of tyranny against all whom he found in his way, found no trouble in securing agents and followers to assist him in gaining his ends.

the Church of Rome has always arrogated to itself t to know everything that was transpiring, both olitical, and religious, in countries where they had er to enforce their behests, it has placed itself in ntagonism to all secret societies, particularly the Freemasons. Therefore, as it was in conformity inciples of the Catholic Church, and congenial to ical nature of the Bishop, he embraced the first ity to proceed against the Masons in England, termination to either bring them under subjection up their organizations. Finding that the task ng them up would be a difficult one, he managed e an enactment of a law to abolish the Order of roughout the realm. This Act proved to be ter, as the Fraternity were nowhere interfered even an attempt made to enforce the Bishop's s thwarted in his cherished designs, the crafty termined to enforce the law himself, and to this ered about him a large number of fanatical with a view to usurping the government, to the least of carrying out his measures, but this the knowledge of the Duke of Gloucester, he at haste to the Mayor of London * * * (and) d him to see that the City was securely watched d, as an attempt to take it would be made that e Bishop, either hearing that unusual measures taken in guarding the City, or for some other ferred his attack until nine o'clock the next hen, with a large band of armed followers, he o enter the City by the bridge, but not being gh to force an entrance, he held his position l gathered a large additional force of archers arms, when a furious assault was made on the was repulsed; a parley was then arranged, ed in a partial reconciliation of the Duke of with the fanatical Bishop, and peace was he City."

p, however, was determined to have his way, trary to the King's peace." The answer of "the crafty Bishop" was, "that it was true he sent for the Duke of Bedford to come over in haste, * * * but, "he did not mean it of any design of his own, but concerning the secret and seditious assemblies of Masons, who being dissatisfied with the last Act of Parliament concerning their wages, had made seditious speeches and menacing threats against great men of the Kingdom, which tended much to rebellion, and that the Duke of Gloucester did not endeavour, as he should have done in his position, to suppress those unlawful assemblies, therefore he feared that the King and his subjects must have made a field to withstand them; it was to prevent this that he desired the Duke of Bedford to come over."

In short, all the disputes between the Bishop of Winchester and the Duke of Gloucester, and all the Duke's misfortunes which followed, including the imprisonment of the Duchess of Gloucester for witchcraft, the imprisonment of the Duke, and his suspicious sudden death while in prison, was, according to the author of the "Scarlet Book," due to his having been "an eminent brother and true friend" of the Masonic Fraternity; and this wonderful historical narrative winds up as follows:—

"At this time the Masonic Fraternity comprised within its ranks a large number of men of superior ability and acquirements, as is evidenced by the superb edifices erected by them, notably King's College Chapel, Cambridge; and they stood so high in the estimation of the higher classes, that the King desired to join them, and was made a Mason by the Duke of Gloucester, a few years before the death of the Duke."

The above extracts prove conclusively—first, that manufacturers of Masonic histories can still find customers in America for their trash, hence it is evident that a large number of our Masons, especially the Knights, for whose edification the book was mainly designed, are as yet ignorant both of Masonic and English history; and second, as the said "Scarlet Book" has been circulated for the past six years, and, as far as I know, not one of our Masonic editors has ever attempted to expose its fallacies, it is, therefore, evident that they are either "know-nothings," or, if they do know, they are favourers of such kind of Masonic histories.

But the question is, "Who is the author of that famous book?" I questioned some of my friends about it in Boston, but they could not guess. Well, then I ventured to guess that the redoubtable Sir Knight Bro. Rob Morris was the author of that book. Bro. Morris visited Jerusalem twice at least, and he published some books about the Holy Land. I do not know how many such books he published, nor am I acquainted with their titles; and I never heard of any other American Masonic writers who wrote books on Masonry in Jerusalem. Besides which, Bro. Morris was the author of "Masonic Monitors," "Masonic Jurisprudence," and numerous et ceteras besides; and I believe, therefore, that I run no risk of an action for damages in any Court by ascribing the authorship of the "Scarlet Book" to Bro. Rob Morris. To be sure, I may be mistaken, but if I am, we shall doubtless hear of it.

I shall only add that the book contains 473 pages; it has a number of pictures, both coloured and uncoloured; it is bound in Morocco, with gilt edges; and on the cover is impressed a grand golden sword, with tassels, and also two crosses—these were evidently designed to attract the sharp eye of an enthusiastic K.T.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. There was a fair attendance of brethren, and the D.P.G.M.M. (Rev. R. Loveland Loveland) presided. The Lodge having been opened in

ondolence to the P.G.M. on the great loss he had ned by the decease of his son. The minutes of the ng held at Southampton in June last were read and ned. The P.G. Treasurer's accounts were submitted ssed, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick was unanimously re- d Treasurer. A statement was then read by the P.G. Bro. Tilling) showing the progress of Mark Masonry Province; one new Lodge had recently been added roll, making twelve Lodges now in the Province. was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be on the lists of Bros. Low, John Taylour, and F. ll, Stewards from this Province. The following ren were then appointed and invested as officers for suing year :—

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## ECDOTE OF BRO. GEN. A. J. SMITH.

:O. R. M. Simpson, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, sends us the following :—

he *Keystone* of 13th March, I noticed under the head of "Anec- of General Hancock," two very pleasing incidents in the life of eat soldier and lamented brother. The first one had additional ions for me from the fact that the other leading character ing, General A. J. Smith—"an uncle of mine"—once took another incident which I had thought of sending to the *Key*- ome time ago.

eral A. J. Smith is, as General Hancock was, a Mason, with a mprehension of the depth and meaning of the word, having d, I believe, all the three degrees in a Military Lodge, at ille, Ky., during the war for the Union, a form of Lodge quite in the National army during the war, a Charter being fre- y obtained for the brethren in a regiment, when it was about g for the field, from the Grand Lodge of its State.

for the other incident: I had seen General A. J. Smith at nt times during my youthful days, but after the close of the on we did not happen to meet again until a few years ago, when th his wife, came up the Mississippi to visit his relatives and the arsenal on Rock Island. In the meantime, I had become a r of the "faithful band and true," though I did not know that he e. As I entered the room to meet him he noticed a Masonic at I wore, and in a few minutes he sat down beside me and the conversation toward it and its meaning. While we sat apart, pleasantly echoing each other's sentiments, his wife, divining the subject of our exclusive little talk from words d then reaching her ears, said to me in a pleasant way—

ere is no use of you talking to *him* about the Freemasons, he ot care anything about them. No man is ever any better for good Mason."

General quickly looked up and replied, in a kind but decisive r—

u are mistaken there, wife; a man cannot be a 'bad man' if he ood Mason,' and lives according to the teachings and obliga- f the Fraternity."

ing further was said on the subject, but I thought at the time good deal was expressed in those few words.

ve not seen General Smith since. He is living in St. Louis, am indebted to Dr. Olney, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, an "esteemed fficial, and prominent Mason," for the information regarding litary Lodges and General Smith's "raising" in one of them, ing been in Smith's division during much of the war.—*Key-*

Garden Party in connection with the Chiswick Lodge,

# Old Warrants (M).

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**Warrant of Confirmation, "Anchor and Hope," No. 234, Calcutta.**

ZETLAND, G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren.

Seal.

We, THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, *Baron Dundas*, Of Aske in the County of York, &c., &c.,

**Grand Master,**

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Send Greeting:

Wherras, it appears by the Records of our GRAND LODGE that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three a Warrant of Constitution was granted authorizing certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta, in the Presidency of Bengal, in the East Indies, which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, No. 452, And wherras by the general alterations or closing up of Numbers which took place in the years 1781 and 1792 respectively, the said Lodge became successively Nos. 360 and 292, and by the alteration of Numbers consequent upon the union of the Two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th December 1813 it became No. 413, and again by the general alteration of Numbers in the year 1832 it become No. 284,* and is now holden at Calcutta in Bengal aforesaid, under the Title or Denomination of

## The "Anchor and Hope" Lodge, No. 284.*

And wherras by a petition bearing date the 14th May 1840, it has been represented to us by our Right Trusty and well beloved Brethren ALEXANDER GRANT, the Master of the said Lodge, HENRY JAMES FREDERICK, Senior Warden, JOHN CAMERON, Junior Warden, J. A. GUEST, D. MONTEITH, JOHN COWING, and others, that the original Warrant hath been lost or destroyed, and have therefore prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye We being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request and from the confidence reposed in the said Brethren do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation authorizing and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta aforesaid, at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear requisite and necessary, and be regulated by their By-Laws in conformity with the general Laws of the Grand Lodge, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient Rites and Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known World. And we do confirm the said Lodge in its original Rank, Station, and Priority, giving full power and authority to the Brethren to elect a Master from time to time in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft and their own By-Laws, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge as Master shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we require you the said ALEXANDER GRANT and your successors to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders, contained in the Book of Constitution, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall, to the majority of the Members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in Books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Right Honorable RICHARD WILLIAM PENN CURZON HOWE, Earl HOWE, Viscount and Baron CURZON of PENN, and Baron HOWE, G.C.H., Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty Queen Adelaide, &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year a List of the Members of your Lodge and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 30th day of April, A.L. 5811, A.D. 1811.

By command of the Most Worshipful GRAND MASTER,

HOWE, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

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## RAPID PROGRESS IN MASONRY.

SONRY is an allegorical science. It presents to the inquiring mind a broad field for study and ation. The ceremonies of initiation simply open to phyte the way to enter this field, and confer upon e right and privilege of acquiring a knowledge ie could not otherwise obtain. He is required to ipulated sum for this privilege, and in return has a demand all that is implied in the contract. He n good faith, after having paid his money, and is d that he will always find well-informed brethren y to give as he is ready to receive instruction. nly a smattering of the first degree he is rushed through succeeding degrees, gaining about as nowledge of them as a passenger on a lightning train does of the towns through which he passes. there is seen dangling on his watch guard a l gold double-headed eagle. He writes 32° after e (sometimes 33°), and is recognised as a "high It took only a few months, and only about one and fifty dollars to complete the metamorphosis. a college or university graduates a man, and he fter his name, A.B., LL.D., M.D., or whatever onferred upon him, it is an evidence to the world knowledge is such as will entitle him to the ble distinction thus conferred. He receives his nd in honest pride exhibits it to show that he is ick. A Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, ives a diploma, certified by an officer of the Council, designating the high rank to which he ied. If put to the test, how many such could their own knowledge that they are indeed Sub- ces of the Royal Secret? The answer will not in print.

ive Masons were employed in building that mag- Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem. They were ito classes (or degrees), and wrought diligently in assigned them in their respective grades. There dvancing from one degree to another without a ledge of the first. The skill of the Operative s shown in the fact that when the Temple was it had more the appearance of being the handi- ie Supreme Architect of the Universe than of nds.

tive Masons are also engaged in erecting a The Architect's design presents it as a grand ficent edifice. As of old, the idea of classes of or degrees, is still maintained, but here the ends. At the start, some Lodges require a little oficiency before advancement, but very many do ter that none whatever is required. The light- takes them through in quick time, as fast and heir fare is paid. Even some who write 33° names are not competent to instruct an Entered in his work. What sort of builders are these, kind of a Temple are they erecting. Will it pearance of being the handiwork of the Supreme the Universe? No man can build a house oking at the picture of one, or walking through erected. He must first know every piece of is to go into it, its use in the building, and e and put them together. Not only this, but t learn how to handle the various tools required vork. Even more than that and hardest to ist understand all the many lines, marks and the plans of the Architect, and the names e different parts of the work. Then, and not i he entitled to rank as a Master Builder.

said that Speculative Masonry of the present require or expect its votaries to attain such a roficiency as we have above indicated. We ist that it does, but we do insist that it would ter for Masonry, and for all who become mem- would take time to acquire a more thorough f each degree before advancing to another. from visiting a Consistory because they could not even prove themselves Master Masons. We felt sorry and humiliated that they had nothing to show for their high rank and the money paid for it that would give them the privileges of a visitor. We could not but feel that the great lack of interest in Masonry, on the part of so many Masons, was the direct result of their having only been made one in name.—*Masonic Advocate.*

## ADVANTAGES OF MASONRY.

ARE there no peculiar advantages, no valuable instructions imparted in modern Masonry? I address not those who fail to appreciate what they do not understand; nor those who, armed with an impenetrable panoply of vain self-sufficiency, idly deride where they have not candour enough to examine. Let such men close a deaf ear to the voice of reproof, and as we require not their countenance, we ask not their favourable construction of the principles and operation of our Fraternity. But if others listen in the spirit of ingenuous inquiry, I point them to the best names on the rolls of modern philanthropy and moral improvement, and triumphantly demand whether such men could have lent themselves to what did not merit their support? To seek no further than the limits of our land, for the noblest examples of Masonic virtue, could Warren, the generous hero of the great prologue to our Revolutionary drama, have cherished the institution without sufficient cause? Could Washington, whose every quality was a virtue deserving of the herald's blazon?—Washington, the saviour of his country, the "tyrant-tamer," the founder of the first of the free nations of the age! Could Franklin, the stern republican, the sage counsellor, the stoic companion for princes, and the instructor of the instructors of civilized Europe? Could La Fayette, the noble-hearted and chivalrous defender of freedom, in whatsoever clime its rallying cry is sounded, or its brazen eagles upraised to lead the battle?—Oh, no; he must be skeptic indeed, who, unenlightened, will deny the utility of an object which such

"Lights of the world and demigods of fame"

have been proud to sanction.

The fundamental principle of Freemasonry, the keystone of its beautiful arch is philantrophy. It gives the iniated brother a passport in every land; for where has not the Fraternity taken root, what soil in the civilized world is not overshadowed with its branches? Its symbols are a species of universal tongue, the utility of which they alone can duly appreciate, who, in foreign climes, have appealed to the Masonic name for friendship, sympathy and assistance, and appealed not in vain. Whoever can syllable its Delphic language, and sign its mystic signs, is sure that, whatsoever region he may traverse, his hand will be pressed with the hearty responding grip of a brother, and he be welcome to the full enjoyment of a liberal hospitality. Though "a stranger in a strange land," he knows that he possesses the secret of which sages and knights and professors of the polished arts have availed themselves before him, in their pilgrimages in quest of wisdom, in defence of virtue, or in the practice of skill; and that, guided by it to the bosom of the Lodge, he shall be cheered there by willing friends, prompt to succour and constant to uphold.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the regular officials. The recommendations of the previous Board having been confirmed, the new petitions were considered. Two of the cases were dismissed, seven deferred, and the remainder relieved with a





# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 24th JULY.

79—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
75—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
97—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
64—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
41—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
24—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
78—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
71—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
12—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
nal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

93—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
64—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
31—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
77—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
82—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
18—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

## MONDAY, 26th JULY.

2—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
74—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
0—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
12—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
18—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
75—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

25—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
59—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
67—Metropolitan, The Mermaid, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
65—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
88—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
23—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
93—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
15—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
91—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
91—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

18—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
2—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
8—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
9—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
7—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
9—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Penton.
A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
A. 1206—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

## TUESDAY, 27th JULY.

dit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
6—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
5—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1—Faith, Victoria Clam'ers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
7—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
8—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
4—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
3—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
0—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
9—Bailhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

4—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
9—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
8—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
2—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
3—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
5—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
7—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
3—Brixton, Prince Regent Du wich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

tropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
704—Camden, The Mermaid, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

1—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 6.30 (In)
1—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
5—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
9—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartford
1—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
5—Perseverance, Shakestone Hotel, Hales Owen
1—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham

1—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
6—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaington
3—Elkington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
0—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
0—Antiquity Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—St. George, St. George's Head, Stonehouse, Devon

47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
368—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
538—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
18—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
815—Bleir, Town Hall, Holme, Manchester
1604—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1, 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
111—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY.

—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instructi
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instructi
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (I
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instructio
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Horusea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastl
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## THURSDAY, 29th JULY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Station Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1389—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Mydelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
161—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1625—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1672—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, York-place Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M.32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 30th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Inst)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1769—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Plantagenet, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 131—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 242—Magnalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

## SATURDAY, 31st JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
775—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
964—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Leicester, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2062—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Grand Master's Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8





## SAVING LIFE FROM SHIPWRECK.

be travelling a little from the beaten track to refer to the ject implied in the above title, but inasmuch as the active the Craft has just at this season of the year lapsed into its quietude, and moreover, as the saving of life and the tion of human sorrow in any of its varied forms are so nearly he principles inculcated in Freemasonry, no apology is needed words of comment on the matter. On the contrary, it as much prominence as journalism representative of the give it, seeing that ours is the hand ever extended to the suffering, and the reduction to a minimum the sum of oes. Happening the other day to be in conversation with a three, "across the walnuts and the wine," our remarks ound from a great variety of topics to the valuable aid by Freemasonry to many a humane and merciful object, upport rendered by the Craft to the Royal National Life- other institutions whose tendency lead in a similar direc- e respected brother grew eloquent on the "storm warriors" at the tempestuous waves, and grapple with the seething ever the call of duty is heard, to succour a shipwrecked d many a thrilling incident was related by our seafaring he spoke of gallant deeds performed in rescuing precious the angry jaws of the insatiable sea. It was evidently a e with our Brother who had "ploughed the watery main" ditions of wind and weather, and who had himself been n almost inevitable death on the iron bound shores of our oast. Probably here was the well-spring of his enthusiasm bject, which enabled him to keep up a running fire of on which interested us all on that congenial evening. s no lifeboat, however, in his particular escape, which was y means of a hawser shot from a "rocket apparatus;" and rise to a dissertation on the many improvements and inven- h have been matured of recent years, or are still in embryo nious minds of those who make the subject a life study. e way," continued our versatile companion, "there is an for rendering aid to vessels in distress which supersedes f the kind that has yet received popular approval and It was conceived in the mind of an old and respected son many years ago; but strangely enough, though pro- the highest maritime authorities at home and abroad as ts efficacy and simplicity of working, has for some reason en retarded and stifled out of official recognition. This which is intended as an auxiliary to the lifeboat service, the place of the present apparatus, consists of a series of One is a tri-fluke, or folding anchor; another a cone, so that it can be fired from a mortar or by a rocket, or any rdnance. In practice, however, a mortar is most Attached to the anchor is a block, so made as to prevent choked in beds of seaweed. It will also allow knots or to pass freely. By the aid of this block a rove rope or can be fired from the shore over a wreck, and the two ope being in hand, a hawser or larger rope can be immc- fast, and passed out to the vessel. The whole appa- id service, including mortar, ropes, windlass, anchors, s arranged for conveyance in a carriage 6 feet long, and ide. For service on board ship it requires much less rriage, &c., being dispensed with. The cone, which is rinciple, but much lighter in weight is intended for ve rope over a ship, when wrecked near the shore, thus vhen time is life itself. By the mode at present in ne only is fired, and the sufferers on board have to line to get a rove rope, whereas our Brother's inven- rove rope at once; with far more accurate aim. A his appliance on board could communicate with the of disaster; even though no help were near. The f this invention is one that cannot be over-estimated, rrying of a double, instead of a single, line, thus ren- able immediate communication between a ship and he shore and a wreck."

ent—whether by accident or design I trow not—the our company, and we were all pleased to receive an Bro. John Banting Rogers. He, of course, was iastic in the theme, and produced with pardonable l photographs of the invention, which were inspected interest and curiosity. I cannot enter into further s except to explain that it consists of two forms of carrying a double rope by means of the block pro- projectile, one of which is in the form of a cone shot ver the ship in distress, and the other a tri-fluked h a lifeboat can be launched with shore aid without ertions of the crew. The chief advantages claimed are unerring accuracy of aim, whereas the rocket rratic in its flight, and greater rapidity of communi- he shore and the wreck by means of the double rope, only carries a single line, to which the hawser has by the crew on board the foundering ship, already erhaps clinging to the rigging. Supposing a vessel a lee shore, and the ordinary apparatus is called lay the rocket tube, and try to hit her. But the more than a big squib, and unreliable in its flight, ntion cannot err, being a shot direct, subject to of gunnery.

the course of the conversation, observed that, on apparatus several times used, he was struck with its aim, and the consequent unreliability of the . He accordingly studied the principles of gunnery, interesting trial of experiments at the Crystal Palace. Since then the apparatus has been tried, under the auspices of the Admiralty, at Portsmouth, Sherness, and elsewhere, and was favourably recommended by the Board of Trade. It was tested before the Royal Yacht Squadron off the Isle of Wight; before the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board; the Pilots of South Shields, &c., winning for itself the most cordial testimony as to its unquestionable superiority over the system favoured by the Board of Trade, and to which that department clings with a perversity which is not only wilful, but, considering the momentous issue involved, absolutely criminal.

I could quite endorse the opinion expressed that "why one official of the State should exercise his veto unchallenged in a question of life and death—why he should hold the lives of British sailors so cheap that he will not even grant the poor boon the inventor asks for, namely, a fair trial of his apparatus, is a matter which concerns not merely Bro. Rogers, but the country at large." It is high time that Parliament intervened, and that the Board of Trade should be called to account through its President. Without entering into political questions, perhaps with the new Government about to take over the reins of office, Bro. Rogers may be able to appeal to them with a greater chance of success than has attended his efforts with Liberal Presidents of the Board of Trade. At any rate I hope so, for like many other inventors our worthy brother, though in possession of a whole budget of flattering testimonials, not only from our own Navy and Mercantile Marine, but from foreign and colonial governments, is prevented from reaping the deserved fruits of a labour which has absorbed a great portion of his useful life. Unfortunately, he is not possessed of a superabundance of this world's goods, and the maxim of some in authority seems to be "when a man is down, keep him there." That is not in accordance with the spirit of Masonry, and I sincerely trust Bro. Rogers may yet gather in a substantial harvest for his toils in the humane direction of saving life at sea. If this notice conduces even in the slightest degree to that end, none will feel more highly gratified than the writer of this article.

Amidst the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," our evening party passed off with the utmost harmony and good feeling, and amidst the toasts proposed, none was more heartily welcomed than that of prosperity to Bro. Roger's Life Saving Apparatus, coupled with the hope that it may soon receive the recognition it deserves at the hands of the powers that be, and who are alone able to bring it into general use for the benefit of the British sailor. So mote it be.

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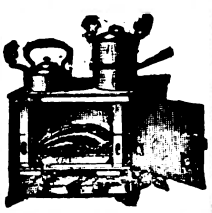
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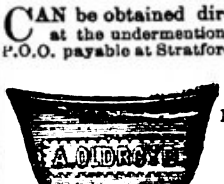
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## REEMASONRY IN OXFORDSHIRE.

year 1885 was a busy one for the Freemasons of Oxfordshire, the newly-appointed Provincial Grand (the Right Honourable the Earl of Jersey) and cial Grand Superintendent (Rev. H. Adair Pickard S.) having been duly installed into their respective during the twelve months. The Prov. G.M. on his tment had to take charge of ten Lodges, with a joint rship of 540 brethren; while the Prov. G. Superin- assumed the direction of three Chapters, the fol- particulars in regard to which are given in the sons' Calendar and Directory for the Province for —

| dge | Meeting at | No. of Members. |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | Alfred, Oxford | 110 |
| 57 | Apollo University, Oxford | 163 |
| 78 | Churchill, Oxford | 46 |
| 99 | Cherwell, Banbury | 51 |
| 36 | Bowyer, Chipping Norton | 16 |
| 09 | Marlborough, Woodstock | 23 |
| 15 | Bertie, Oxford | 34 |
| 03 | Windrush, Witney | 39 |
| 33 | St. Mary's, Thame | 18 |
| 95 | Thames, Henley-on-Thames | 40 |
| ter | | |
| 0 | Alfred, Oxford | 93 |
| 7 | Apollo University, Oxford | 32 |
| 9 | Marlborough, Woodstock | 19 |

rovince of Oxfordshire presents many features of o the Freemason, among which may be mentioned hat one of its Lodges—the Alfred, No. 340—was warranted by the United Grand Lodge of England union of 1813. Then we can trace to Oxfordshire tion of many of the highest luminaries of the he present day, and the mere perusal of the lists fficers given in the Calendar already referred to ctical illustration of the equality which Free- duces even among the highest in the land. As e we may refer to the list of Past Provincial wards, among whom we find that H.R.H. the of Albany served in 1875, rising to the dignity ial Grand Master the following year, and occupy- osition until the time of his death in 1884. nany other well-known names to be met with in Past Provincial Grand Stewards, that of Lord ill occurring in the list of 1873, and Lord le, our much-beloved Deputy Grand Master, in 7, while in the lists of other Officers of the e find many to whom special reference could be Provincial Grand Secretaryship appears to pecially favoured, such brethren as the Earl of Percy, the Earl of Donoughmore, the Earl of scount Adaire, Viscount Newry, and Rev. C. J. earing in the list of those who have filled the rs gone by.

est Lodge in the Province—the Apollo No. 357—the membership of which is given as and sixty-three, can boast a history uncqualled in the kingdom, most of the brethren to whom st referred having been initiated into Free- of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presided over the Lodge in 1852 and 1854. The Chapters of Oxfordshire can boast some noble members, but not perhaps to the same extent as the Lodges, as very many of those initiated left the neighbourhood before advancing to the Royal Arch Degree.

## MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Eighteenth Annual Festival of the Mark Master Masons' Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday last, in the Venetian Salon at the Holborn Restaurant, Wor. Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, presiding. The company comprised a large number of the Stewards and their friends and ladies, about 150 covers being laid. Amongst others present we noticed Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, C. H. Driver, Baron De Ferrieres, Alfred Williams, R. Berridge, George Cooper, W. A. Scurrah, C. F. Matier, G. P. Festa, E. Letchworth, James Moon, T. C. Walls, James Terry, W. Lake, E. M. Lott, E. Massey, Rev. Richard Morris, J. S. Holloway, James Stevens, H. S. Goodall, D. P. Cama, J. T. Briggs, W. J. Freer, Henry Stone, Henry Roberts, Percy Wallis, W. G. Grosvenor, R. J. Voisey, G. Graveley, Col. W. Newton, J. D. Murray, W. J. Thompson, J. F. Tweedale, T. T. Strachan, Col. R. G. Smith, T. C. Thorburn, G. Hardiman, J. Sillitoe, &c., &c. The banquet was in every respect worthy of the repute of the well-known Restaurant, and, under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp, was most efficiently served. During the repast a string band enlivened the entertainment, and added considerably to the general enjoyment. At its conclusion, Grace (from the Laudi Spirituali, A.D. 1545) was sung by Miss Madeline Hardy, R.A.M., Miss Minnie Kirton, and Bros. Reginald Groome and Stanley Smith, under the direction of Wor. Bro. Edwin M. Lott Past Grand Organist, who accompanied a choice programme of music during the remainder of the evening. The toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry was given from the chair, Bro. Godson remarking on the many qualities which had endeared our Sovereign to her subjects during a reign of half a century, and especially to those of them who are Freemasons by her patronage. This toast was enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.M.M., the Chairman referred to the recent installation of His Royal Highness as Grand Master of Mark Masons, and the happy augury it afforded of the great prosperity of the Order; and, knowing what the Prince of Wales undertook was certain of thorough performance, he congratulated Mark Masonry on the important event. Bro. Brook Smith, of the Province of Gloucestershire, was called upon to propose the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the Past Grand Masters, the names of the latter brethren being recited at length. Bro. Smith said that though he came from the west, he should certainly be very far west indeed if he did not know that every brother present would welcome this toast in hearty expression of high esteem and





)bly and worthily as these brethren had done theirs. Bro. nith's remarks were heartily endorsed. The R.W. eputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of atton, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, was pro-sed by Bro. E. Letchworth, who descanted on the great ides made in Mark Masonry during the past few years, d which could be attributed to no other cause than the ercise of zeal, ability, and energy on the part of those ho had been entrusted with the conduct of its affairs. To e of the present Grand Officers, Bro. James Moon, and Treasurer, he desired particularly to refer, as that other was associated with him in connection with the yal Masonic Institution for Girls, and with him he uld leave the response to the toast. Bro. Moon acknow-lged gratefully the honour to every Grand Officer, as ll Past as Present, by the appointments which had been nferred on them, and he could speak with certainty for due performance by the present Grand Officers of the ties which devolved on them as supporters of their Royal and Master. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.W., pro-sed the next toast, that of the Chairman, and eulogised services which Bro. Godson had performed in every nk of Freemasonry. Particularly in the Mark Degree, erein he now holds the high office of Provincial Grand ster of Worcestershire, had Bro. Godson distinguished nself, and the Degree itself was fortunate in having ured such services. On this occasion it should not be gotten that the presence of the Chairman was at some rifice of personal convenience, for the business tters resulting from his recent election as Member of rliament, upon the result of which the brethren would rtily congratulate him, still required attention. He uld not embarass Bro. Godson by saying all he might with candour as to his merits, but he would add that firm conviction was that the Chairman of this stival would continue an honour to Society, to Commons House of Parliament, and to Freemasonry. . Godson, on rising to return thanks, was most cordially eived, and, after the applause has subsided, expressed his nks for the reception accorded to him. He hoped that egard to this Festival the brethren would take the will he deed. Under circumstances with which they had n made acquainted by the last speaker he had done his , though perhaps that best should have been better, to il the position in which, by their favour, he was placed. was proud to belong to Mark Masonry, which was now a t power, and no brother could desire more than he did erform good suit and service in its behalf. After a few ber remarks, personal to himself, Bro. Godson said he approached the toast of the evening, which was Pros-ty to the Mark Benevolent Fund, with which the name anon Portal Past Grand Master must always be re-ised and associated. He was the moving spirit in its ination, and since his time of office had watched over s year by year it increased in prosperity. Last year, er the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the est contribution to its funds at a Festival meeting was sed. To-day, probably, so large a contribution might be received, nor was it to be reasonably expected, for a d of great trade depression, and the disturbance in-rable from electioneering proceedings, would certainly fere with appeals of the nature put forth by this volent Fund. Nevertheless, he hoped that the returns h would presently be read might not be deemed ether unsatisfactory. Canon Portal had said than an ge of a thousand pounds a-year would certainly in the fund, and there did not appear to be any n to fear that such an amount would not be forthcoming, ugh times were not so good as they had been, and t even now be worse. No worthier object could be d before the brethren than the support of their volent and Educational Funds, and he was sure they d have their continued assistance. He would now n Bro. Matier for the particulars of the subscription

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Matier anced the contributions, of which we give a list on the page.

e Chairman, after the reading of the lists, proposed tewards, thanking them generally for their exertions uring the subscriptions announced, and the Special ards for their excellent catering for the banquet and provision for musical entertainment. Bro. Driver owledged the compliment on behalf of the Stewards, romised a continuance of their efforts on behalf of thanks. The toast of the Ladies was proposed by Br Baron de Ferrieres, and was admirably responded to. Br Berridge proposed the Visitors, to which response wi given by Bros. Strachan and Sillitoe. The last toast wi that of the Special Stewards, coupled with the name Bro. C. Matier, who, in reply, said his labour had been labour of love. To the direction of the Chairman the Board of Stewards, the Hon. Treasurer, and the Sub Committee, they owed much of the success of the Festival although not quite so large an amount as last year ha been received in contributions. There certainly was difference on the wrong side of £200, but the amoun promised was still £200 more than in 1884, and as much a £1,423 more than was announced at the Festival ten years ago. What might be received from a similar source ten years hence none there could say, but he hoped for a like proportionate increase, and he could wish that all now present might be spared to see such progress made. Bro. Matier's speech concluded the proceedings of the evening, and the company then separated, all agreeing that the Festival had been a pronounced success throughout and in every respect. We missed several familiar faces on this occasion, notably that of the esteemed Secretary of the Mark Masons' Degree, Bro. F. Binckes, whose absence was particularly regretted by many of the brethren; but, with the solitary exception of "missing friends," nothing was wanting to make the reunion complete, and satisfactory to all who had the privilege of attending.

## MASONRY'S MISSION NOW.

WE are in troublous times. The sky of the commercial world is dark. Clouds have arisen. As a speck they appeared in the far west and have come eastwardly, gathering blackness and danger in their course. The breeze of discontented labour has grown to a storm of fearful magnitude. As the hurricane that spreads desolation on every side, it threatens some of the greatest interests of the land. Unchecked it will spread its dark, murky canopy over our whole land, and bring distress and famine and every sort of evil upon us. The outlook is certainly unpropitious. There is perhaps no doubt that the working man has much to complain of. There is no doubt there are many hardships they have endured. In many instances, perhaps, necessity has compelled them to submit to indignities that they should resent. They have seen days of suffering and hard work. They have, it may be, not had all that was their due, but how is it to be remedied? Will destruction of property secure it? Certainly not; for in the destruction of property the very means of securing employment is destroyed. Just demands, made in a firm spirit, will do much more than force of arms.

What then, can Masonry do now? Masonry teaches peace, moderation, submission to rightful rule. It abhors discord and riot. It discountenances rebellion. It holds up the scales of justice in the face of the whole world. There are Masons on both sides of this question. There are Masons among the capitalists, there are Masons among the labourers. These Masons ought to be brought together, for Masonry places all men on a level. All Masons, rich and poor, meet upon the level. All Masons *should* act by the plumb. And if the magnates will meet with the employées and in the spirit of Masonry, yielding to what is right on both sides, the question of labour and capital will be settled on a basis of peace and unity. Masonry frowns upon the oppression of the poor, hard-working mechanic, and equally upon the wicked revolt of the labourer, who, taking the law into his own hands, destroys property that is not his own. Masonry should now stand as a mediator between these two mighty forces, and by the exercise of its mild, but firm policy, speak peace, and bring harmony out of discord. This can be done. The Masons in the "Knights of Labour" and the Masons in the "Knights of Money" can meet upon a level, and forgetting the difference in a worldly point, can settle the troubles between them; for just as surely as the *Masons on both sides* look at the question from an unbiassed standpoint, and in the spirit of justice as taught by the Order, they can agree. Masonry belts the world, and its influence can be made to be felt in every clime and among all people. Let Masonry promote peace and fraternity, and aid to bind up the wounds and

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following is a list of the amounts collected by the Stewards of the Eighteenth Annual Festival of the Mark olent Fund:—

## LONDON.

| | £ | s | d |
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| Masters, Br. R Berridge | 36 | 15 | 0 |
| Stewards, Br. R P Spice | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| coord, Br. J M Collins | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| nt, Br. J Ramsey | 42 | 10 | 6 |
| P L Simmonds | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| G Kenning | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| G P Festa | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| S H Goldschmidt | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| E Letchworth | 23 | 2 | 0 |

### UNATTACHED.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Br. Jas Moon | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| A Tisley | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Henry George | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| S Mattison | | | |
| J T Tweedale | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Geo Cooper | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Alfred Williams | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| C H Driver | 27 | 6 | 0 |
| C F Matier | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| Samuel Kelly | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Dr. Geo Mickley | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Rev. R Morris, LL.D. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Wm Maple | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| C S Lane | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| A H Jefferis | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| T M Humphries | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. T C Smith, D.D. | 5 | 5 | 0 |

## PROVINCES.

### BERKS AND OXON.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Stephens | 15 | 7 | 0 |
| Stephen Knight | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Maurice Wheeler | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| F J Ferguson | 14 | 1 | 0 |

### BRISTOL.

Col. J R Bramble

### UCKINGHAMSHIRE.

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| A McDowall | 12 | 12 | 0 |

### CHESHIRE.

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| T C Thorburn | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| W Roberts | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Lilley Ellis | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| W Wylde | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### NWALL AND DEVON.

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| F Crouch | 30 | 10 | 6 |

### ERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.

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| T Atkinson | 36 | 15 | 0 |

### EAST ANGLIA.

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| J P Lewin | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| A C Jones | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| ioo Graveley (See Middlesex and Surrey) | | | |
| H Moyes | 15 | 15 | 0 |

### GIBRALTAR.

Province Sir H Burford Hancock

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Province | J Brook-Smith | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | |
| 10 | R V Vassar-Smith | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 340 | Dr W C Heane | 13 | 0 | 0 |

### HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

| | | | | |
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| 54 | H Stone | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 305 | F Powell | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| 320 | Col Lord J H Taylour | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### HERTFORDSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 241 | J E Dawson | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 354 | F T Bennett | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 366 | H C Heard | 14 | 18 | 0 |
| 367 | J Brittain | 8 | 12 | 0 |

### KENT.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Province | Rev H Cummings | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | |
| 226 | George Spinks | 31 | 16 | 6 |
| 309 | A H Bateman | 12 | 15 | 0 |
| 322 | E G A Binstead | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 332 | Henry Roberts | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### LANCASHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| T.I. | J Kenyon | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 32 | J L Aspland | | | |
| 65 | W Brackenbury<br>D Davies | | | |
| 113 | G T Hardman | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 158 | J D Murray | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, AND DERBYSHIRE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Province | W J Freer | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | |
| 302 | W Whittaker | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| | A Woodiwiss | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | R L Homer Mole | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 339 | W L Ball | | | |
| 353 | G Fletcher | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| | Percy Wallis | 21 | 0 | 0 |

### LINCOLNSHIRE.

Province Jack Sutcliffe

### MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Province | P A Scratchley | 19 | 2 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | |
| 4 | James Shilcock | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| 5 | E M Lott | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| 104 | Jabez Church | 40 | 19 | 0 |
| 13 | D P Cama | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 114 | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 139 | E Whittaker | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 144 | C Quennell | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 181 | J T Briggs | 21 | 10 | 6 |
| 199 | J Allud | | | |
| 211 | W T Rickwood<br>John Mason | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 223 | H J Lardner | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 234 | J S Holliday | 21 | 15 | 0 |
| 238 | T C Walls | 13 | 2 | 0 |
| 239 | H S Goodall | 12 | 1 | 6 |
| 251 | T Pargeter | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 284 | J D Birkin | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| 315 | James Terry | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 331 | Algernon C Banke | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| 350 | Geo Graveley | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 355 | James Willing jun. | 15 | 15 | 0 |

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

| | | | | |
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| Norman Selfe | 10 | 10 | 0 |

### NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

| | | | | |
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| Province | Thomas Bradley | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### NOTTINGHAM.

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| Province | J Toplis | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | |
| 265 | Colonel W Newton | 40 | 0 | 0 |

### SUSSEX.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | J Harrison | | | |

### WARWICKSHIRE.

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| 174 | Wm Corder | 10 | 10 | 0 |

### WORCESTERSHIRE.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Province | A F Godson | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | W B Williamson | 13 | 2 | 6 |
| 59 | H F Dale | | | |
| 330 | W G Grosvenor | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### YORKSHIRE (Town of Hull).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colonel R G Smith | 8 | 6 | 0 |

### DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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| De Irwin G F Tuckey | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matier, Br. W Jaffrey | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Metropolitan, Br. Robert Roy | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Concord, Br. W. J. Thomson | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 7 Webster Glynes | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 15 W A Scurrah | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| 16 Dr. Stewart | 21 | 10 | 6 |
| C Belton | 5 | 5 | 0 |

### RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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| County Palatine, Br. J W Edwards | 14 | 14 | 0 |

### SUMMARY.

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| Berks and Oxon | 47 | 3 | 6 |
| Bristol | | | |
| Buckinghamshire | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Cheshire | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| Cornwall and Devon | 30 | 10 | 6 |
| Cumberland and Westmorland | 36 | 15 | 0 |
| East Anglia | 56 | 15 | 0 |
| Gibraltar | | | |
| Gloucestershire | 39 | 5 | 0 |
| Hants and Isle of Wight | 39 | 0 | 6 |
| Hertfordshire | 44 | 5 | 0 |
| Kent | 165 | 6 | 6 |
| Lancashire | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Leicester, Northampton, and Derbyshire | 86 | 0 | 0 |
| Lincolnshire | | | |
| Middlesex and Surrey | 297 | 11 | 6 |
| New South Wales | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Northumberland and Durham | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Nottingham | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| Sussex | | | |
| Warwickshire | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Worcestershire | 70 | 17 | 6 |
| Yorkshire (Town of Hull) | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| Royal Ark Mariners | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Allied Masonic Degrees | 82 | 8 | 6 |
| Red Cross of Constantine | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| London, 26 Stewards | £363 | 5 | 0 |

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## DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL.

*n Address by Rev. James Byron Murray Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York, 3rd February 1886.*

BEFORE Homer sang his great song by the Ægean Sea, and Grecian temples rose, the wonder and spiration of art, or Rome became the representative of minion and law, on the hillsides of Judea David sang s songs, the voice and utterance of a world-wide manity. He was the poet of the spiritual man, whether the al sinks under the burden of misery, or tosses on the mes of passion, or rises in exultation of victory over ong. Homer, in his exquisitely carved lines; Shakes-are, in the richly wrought architecture of his drama, esent the physical and mental aspect of their age. Its cial thought, its activities, its intellectual forces, its uggles arise before the eye, touched with the beauty of nius, instinct with the emotions, and breathing with ong pressure of the time and place. But the separate, rsonal individuality of the poets is lost in the grandeur the work they wrought. History, with its variety of ail; man, in the travail of labour and of thought, what said, what he did, are mirrored in their writings, as the ountain and cloud and splendour of sunset are mirrored a tideless or many-waved sea. They were prophets with nessage for their age and country; and in the move-nts of mind and deed, which they crystallize into immor-ity, they speak with impressive voice, lessons for all s and conditions of men. But the lessons are so in-ought in their subject, that it is only by a fine sensibility mind can separate them from the numberless incidents the humanity which they have presented with such ensity of colour, or touched into life with a master id.

With David, the age and its movements are on a different ne. He reflects them as they relate to the spiritual l moral in man. His power and place in history was cial and peculiar. He was one of those rare gifts to n; one of those centres of influence which send forth uence to cease only with the mortal life of mankind. sessed by the spirit of the seer and teacher; gifted with large and generous emotion of the poet, all the faculties his being are gathered into one burning flame, which es fire and light to the utterances of his spirit. In his ses all the stormy and lurid passions of man; all his tures of devotion; his hopes, shames, hates, loves, itence, moral defects, moral victories, have broken into ifoldness of colour, as the burning touches, the calm ity of a day of heat or day of quiet, have wrought mselves into the massed richness of a sunset. Inspira-seizes him and guides his manhood, until from the heart, the thousand voices that speak for all man's are pour themselves forth in immortal expression. In ning words, in gentler tones, he laid his hand upon his rt and spoke to the heart of humanity. But though his lms have all this variety; though they reflect, in their rer or darker depths, man's higher and lower nature; gh they unveil in delicate lines his spiritual and moral g; though they glow as with the flame of the morning profound and warmer sympathies, he is not lost in his ject, or drawn from his purpose. And by this variety s no longer a man of one race, but of all races. His ds are therefore the words of the ages: "Lord, I cry Thee; make haste to help me. Thou art my strong and my castle. In thee do I put my trust. I will unto to the Lord, because he hath dealt lovingly with

How say ye then to my soul that she should flee as a unto the mountains. I do not fear what man can do me. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about a that fear Him, and delivereth them. Wait on the l and let thy heart be strong. The Lord is my light my salvation; whom, then, shall I fear? Oh, that I wings like a dove, for then should I flee away and be est. As the mountains stand round about Jerusalem, he Lord standeth round about his people from this time h, for evermore. The moon and the stars, which Thou ordained. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Let every-g that hath breath praise the Lord." So he speaks for anity, whether man moans in darkness or rises in victory of faith treads with imperial steps the stardust the heavens.

Without the splendid gifts and intellectual resources Plato and the cultured thinkers of Greece, David was philosopher and statesman. He saw with a truer glan and clearer intuition than most men the underlying mor and social elements which were integral parts of a natio and which affect its destiny. He laid bare with fine insight the traditions and movements which clustere around Israel and lifted it to a moral grandeur in the his tory of the world. In the unseen nature of man, he reache out with the vision of a prophet to comprehend those highes interests and forces which act and react with unceasing influence for the growth or decay of humanity. Wit august power, with emotions strong and deep as the earth' central fires, he puts forth every faculty of his being t the unfolding of those principles which would in any way contribute to the progress and moral culture of men. In the great temple of spiritual thought he touched sancitified things which no other hand had touched. He saw into the deeper realities, the far-reaching responsibilities, the everlasting forces which live and move behind the outward aspects of this felt-visible life. And out of this knowledge and prophetic vision he assured mankind that the life for individuals and nations was the life of righteousness and morality, and that this life would be blessed with increasing power and the sight of Him whose presence will transform all being into immortality.

As a teacher, he is directed in his teaching by a divine inspiration. As a seer, his visions are shaped by poetry, to come near the masses of men and vivify them. As one commissioned by God to elevate man, his lips are aflame with sacred messages, and he touches all with the grace and lustre of a sanctified imagination. Teacher, seer, herald—he is a threefold man, yet a monarch in each manhood. Into this high estate in history David came, not alone by the working of his own powers, but by a power and design more grand than his. He was one chosen for a special purpose—to be the founder of a school of higher thought, and the expressed voice of the voiceless emotions that are shrined in the deeper recesses of the heart. He was an appointed one to bring man face to face with the passions and hidden movements of his own spirit. And in a large measure this grew out of the position which he occupied, and his nation occupied, as the expression of a plan of God in His dealings with men. In the nation was contained the seed which was to grow and fill the earth, and be for all times and races the revealing of His glory and law. For his nation had been drawn into close and particular relationship with God as its ruler and authority. The movements, therefore, of one who represented this authority and ruled because God designed him to rule, would, of necessity, be regarded as bearing in them a divine force and influence. Upon this special thought David rested unshaken, yet swept by all the impulses and passions that overwhelm the soul, and lifted up by the aspirations that make life a consecration and power. His life, therefore, was a typical life of whatever the spirit suffers or needs, of whatever delight and whatever sorrow it feels. He ascended to heights of rapture; he descended to depths of agony, such as only the most sensitive spirits can know. Centuries of humanity were unfolded before his prophetic gaze, and he would be their voice. And this was an element of his power. Hence all the grandest desires of the soul; all the yearnings of the weak and humble; all the tears and griefs that master nature can enter into his words and inspirations and claim them for their own. Standing in this attitude he saw that which others did not see, and became the interpreter of that marvel of marvels, the human soul.

> He dipped into the future, farther than the human eye could see,
> Saw the vision of the world and all the wonders that would be.

Among those, therefore, who have led men in spiritual power and impressed their own spirit as a hand on the centuries and moved in the inner destinies of men, David King of Israel, is of the highest. In the moralities of life, in the solemnities of religion, his Psalms have been a treasure-house of devotion. His name has been a name of marvellous force. It has opened to the mind a vast field of reflection; it has suggested the most sacred subjects, and molded to itself a literature of sad and earnest of dark





t; in the ministries of influence, he is a living man iving present. He had a deep fellowship with men, l his deeds and words are but the incidents that around this brotherhood. And viewing his life in ht, its record is the record on an universal field of es and conflicts of all men. His own career was a ading from wonder to wonder. From a simple d in Bethlehem he is led by patience and dis- to sit among the kings of the earth. And yet this great an illustration of brotherhood of men, so and so weak, so erring and so penitent, so guilty spiritual, recedes from us as we seek to place him in eteenth century with its magnificent unfoldings of t, and its splendour of achievement. But among tely throngs of men who stand enshrined in the niches of history, poets, warriors, philosophers, en, thinkers, reformers, heroic achievers in the nd saddening battles of life, no man of dead age into such close contact with the frailties and , the yearning and hopes of this individuality of His life-strength grew out of the weakness, his life- as shaped out of those secret inner struggles, which heritage of mankind. His purity was not the f the unstained soul of a child, but a purity wrought fashioned as the hot steel is fashioned by the g blows of hammer, by those fiercer conflicts with s that would destroy all that is best and noblest an. And out of such a life his words flow wide in their meaning as a many-voiced sea. They depths of wretchedness unfathomable; of tempests rce than those that beat the seas into troubles; of that follows storms more gentle than the massed he still waters; of alternations of joy and sorrow, ass into the heart of all ranks and principalities es of men. Beneath that varied life of the King s then a bond of union and interest which makes in its victory and defeats, a life of high signi- the world and a personal present force.

ceaseless progress and activities of our age there unseeming eye, no connection between the spirit g for a higher life and the spirit of David. An epherd amid the sheepfolds is not the energetic century that has swept into brief compass worlds t, of invention and discovery which call for every man to make them things of use and power. And hepherd is taken from his humble toil to mark iny for himself and by his utterances a destiny people. The valleys and hills of Bethlehem were ng places. God was educating him amid the terchange of day and night, and the varying nature. From the manifestations of the seen, he g him to thoughts of the unseen. The lowly e but the opening ways to higher things. His as disciplined to nobler daring in the defense of

Storms and sunshine were teachers of the he invisible. In these he learned to lean on God, eans he knew not, was fitted for solemn times in history; and made strong to guide the troublous man ignorance and human jealousy, and turn channels of power.

disciplined in this way for his kinghood by a cipline than by schools of philosophy; for his hip by wiser councils than the senates of men. uide was pointing out the path he should go, as ut the path for every man. And here is the between David and each living soul. A divine s; a divine voice speaks to it, amid the common e severer competitions of life.

Discipline he was led through times of waiting f peril One was guiding the manifold currents however wide or narrow, however calm or s they might be. The hills and valleys of were his learning places only as they revealed ade them. He had watched from their summits e grander march of the planets in the far off en the firmament break into starflame as the into night. He had heard the wind as it swept mountain gorges or passed along the ravines, that He who created these things was greater ated. They taught him that he was surrounded c force. They lifted his spirit to think of a illuminated dwelling, calm, still, marvellous, but in it was a divine presence moving and directing by law those that inhabited it. The divine hand opened the gates of the morning and revealed the glory of the day; folded the veils of the day and spread abroad the splendours of the night. The worlds above and around him were vocal of the God that was leading him from the small to the great; from the pasture lands to the throne of material and spiritual empire. His spirit was admitted behind the veil that curtains creation, and brought into the vision of Him who orders all things on wise and unlimited plans. As the humble and the trusting are led to the shore of the sea by the products that are everywhere around them, and need no other proofs to tell them that there is the great wide sea; so the poet shepherd did not need the sharper process of reason, or the marshaled facts of argument to tell him that the hand of God was visible in creation, and that the wonders which encompassed him were but the unfolding of the infinite mind and will. He did not, like the modern doubter, pierce into the unseen law of the countless worlds above him to confirm his doubt, but to acknowledge the truth that a divine power was in the movements of the heavens. He did not take the plant that grew at his feet to assert that it sprung into being at its own will, but to accept it as the formation of one who sets His mystery in the smallest as the greatest. As the Mason before the inspired word needs no argument to confirm his belief in the truth that it is the word of God, and with bowed head and bended knee proclaims his faith, "I trust in God;" so David, kneeling face to face with the infinite in the depths of his spiritual being, proclaims his belief in God, his Creator. For God, by His wonders in nature and the outgoings of His Providence, had educated his soul to trust in Him, and disciplined it for the darkness or bightness of a throne.

And when the hour came in Israel's history for one to take the kingdom and govern it is a divine trust David was equal to the time and work. The questions that were waiting to be solved were questions that had a bearing not alone on Israel, but on the nations that came after it. The time was a time of danger and perplexity, and needed the wisdom of the statesman and the tempered chivalry of the hero. And it found them in that shepherd of the hills; in David whose skill was the skill of the warrior, and whose wisdom was the wisdom of the leader of men. He was the combined force of determination and gentleness—of gentleness because his spirit was tremulous at the thought of a Presence near at hand; of determination because it trusted in that Presence. And he was lifted from his shepherd life to the throne of Israel to make Judea a centre of influence and formulate fragments and tribes into a nation, and develop principles which were to be as widespread and healthful to humanity as the sea is widespread and healful to the thousand growths of the earth.

In those solemn silences of the hills his faith in God was so fashioned that it was strong to sustain him in all his after life, as warrior, poet, exile, "in the fierce light that beats about a throne." It was the calm trust of a bird that falls and floats on the air; of the wild fowl that, with bowed head and folded wing, rests in the confidence of repose on the broad, dark waters. Like many of the leaders and commanders of the people, his life was attempered by the unconscious forces that touch it in the lonely places of nature. There is brought into the spirit in such places the treasure of a conscious faith, a wealth of new revelations of power. The mind becomes its own subject of thought, and learns the greatness of itself and of Him who made it, and gifted it with the imperial gifts of reason and imagination, of faith and aspiration.

God's power was manifest in that life of David, and by His presence working into visible action in the worlds around him and in the movements of his own being. He had disciplined and kept and led him up to the unfolding of a grand purpose and providential design. The King had given himself into God's hand, to guide by His rod and staff his life to dark or bright and more glorious issues at the end.

That old life of Bethlehem and Judea unfolds a truth for all men. Whatever may be the outward form, whatever may be the action of men's lives, they come within the circle of a general and special providence. In human

l of gold all along its seeming chances and changes. life, as man designed it and God designed, is not one. reality does not answer to the rich ideals he has ned with such splendour of imagination. The ideals e wrought with grander colours than nature gives in brighest moods. But as life deepens in its meaning results, the colours have vanished, leaving only the ɔd coldness as of a sky when the warmer sunset has e. Its success is only a partial success, and is altoher removed from the gorgeous dreams that seemed only ɪwait action to interpret them with victory. And here t life of Bethlehem teaches us that there is an Infinite ɔer back of all the working of man; back of his ting times and thinking times, as the sun is back of the ɪds turning them into beauty or blessing of the rainp, and making them sources of warning or influence, or fruitage for himself and others.

Two great events in the world's history prepared the rld for a broader civilisation and progress. They were unconscious heralds of the proclamation of the brotherɔd of the race. The Hebrew kingdom, with its wealth spiritual power, its sacred associations, and its divine cles, passed away; but that which seemed to be a ɪtruction was only the source of a wider spread of its nciples and a higher culture for the nations. The man empire, with its order and law, was shattered into gments by blows of Goth and Vandal and Hun, as the eat rock is shattered into pieces by blows of the hammer. ıt as each piece has in it the potentiality of a finished ne in a building, so these fragments had in them the ssibility of order and law for new empires. They were ormed with life; moved with thought, and held in them t only ideals but forces to press where they touched ɔiety into newer civilisations and into polities and growth all that makes a people great. What Rome did for the ɔrld in government, civilisation and law, Judea did in ɔrality and religion. The Hebrew, though retaining his ɔe peculiarity, became, by his divine oracles, an inhabitant all tribes and nationalities. Moving in all directions, afficking with every people, he formed for those ancient ys means of communication as widespread and enduring those of modern life. And the seeds of truth, which he rried from land to land, dropped unconsciously, perhaps, ɔm his grasp, grew and spread, until they found larger lds and richer soil in the commonwealths and kingdoms the earth. And with this growth of truth, the Psalms

David passed on through lands and centuries like a ver flowing without waste in its floods, the source and ntain of refreshment for man in his spiritual convictions ıd in his moral want of fulness. And this unites Judea ıd the present not only in the bond of history, but by ıose more subtle and unseen bonds of influence and ıought. For David embodied in himself the epochs and ıe movements of the age and country, and in the passing these through kingdoms and peoples he united all epochs ɔ the present, and unfolded with a higher meaning the ıth of the brotherhood of man. The fall of Jerusalem as the rise of kingdoms. The destruction of civilisation as the development of civilisation. The shattering of mpire was the building up of the grander empire of the nity of the race.

Into our thoughts and feelings, into our emotions and ıterests, these Psalms of David have come. They have ɔund their way through that great and manifold tissue of uman life and action we call civilisation. Into our emoons and interests in our Masonic life as part of that ivilisation they have penetrated and been enshrined as a isible power. Into our seventh degree they have wrought hemselves as an educating and necessary force. And in hat degree with its parable of the exile of man and his etnrn to his true home, their hymned utterances have made hat return a prayer and a manifestation of toil. And so mong the leaders and builders, the philosophers and poets, he thinkers and achievers of our Order, David, king of srael, takes his place and becomes a teacher in this great emple of Masonic thought and work.

David's life furnishes us with three thoughts. He gives ıs a temple, growth and an ever-rising structure, which hough they may not seem of the subject, yet are a part of t, as the fruit of the tree is unlike the tree, and yet is a

# FREEMASONRY IN BENGAL, 1740—1813, &c.

By Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. England.

Dedicated to the W. Bro. Prosonno Coomar Dutt.

Bro. P. C. Dutt (P.M. 234, &c., &c.), a zealous Craftsman of Calcutta, has kindly sent me, for my friend and Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records" (now preparing), copies of warrants of certain old Lodges, for which I have often asked, but without avail, until now. These transcripts (or rather one of them) open up a curious question or point for decision, for if the particulars the present warrant recites be correct, my "Masonic Register" of 1878 is wrong, which is based upon Grand Lodge Calendars, so they are wrong also. To put it clearly, there were seventeen Lodges granted for Bengal by the *regular* Grand Lodge known as the "Moderns" from 1740 to 1793, they being numbered respectively 1 to 13 in Bengal, four being excepted from such a renumeration.

They were as follows, with numbers as noted, and as altered:—

| Warranted | Numbers from 1781 | 1792 | 1814 | 1832 | 1863 | Town. | In Bengal. To 1792 | After 1793 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1740 | 77 | 70 | 93 | 80 | 67 | Calcutta | 1 | 1 |
| 1752 | 101 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Chardanagore | ... | ... |
| 1761 | 167 | 143 | 174 | 126 | 109 | Calcutta | 2 | 2 |
| 1768 | 273 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Patna | 3 | ... |
| 1768 | 280 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Burdwan | 4 | ... |
| 1772 | 349 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Dacca | 5 | ... |
| 1772 | 350 | 288 | 365 | ... | ... | Calcutta | 6 | 3 |
| 1772 | 351 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1st Brigade | 7 | ... |
| 1772 | 352 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3rd do. | 8 | ... |
| 1772 | 353 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2nd do. | 9 | ... |
| 1773 | 360 | 292 | 371 | ... | ... | Muxadavad (Cawnpore) | 10 | 6 |
| 1773 | 361 | 293 | 373 | ... | ... | Calcutta | 11 | 5 |
| 1775 | 388 | 316 | ... | ... | ... | 3rd Brigade | 12 | 4 |
| 1786 | 489 | 399 | ... | ... | ... | Futtyghur | ... | ... |
| 1789 | 555 | 464 | ... | ... | ... | Fredericksnagore | 13 | 7 |
| 1793 | ... | 528 | ... | ... | ... | Chunar | ... | 8 |
| 1793 | ... | 529 | ... | ... | ... | Cawnpore | ... | 9 |

A curious local change occurred in 1793, as several Lodges had died out; the No. 10 at Cawnpore, so the return stated to the Grand Lodge (Bro. Lane tells me) was not in existence, but *another* Lodge not *previously registered*, but working apparently from 1793, was put in its place as No. 292, and was numbered 292 in like manner, but locally in the re-arrangement it took No. 6, *old eleven* becoming 5, and *old twelve* becoming 4, old No. 6 taking the third position; Nos. 1 and 2 being undisturbed, 7 to 9 falling in as indicated. The new 6 was called "Anchor and Hope." At the *Union* of the two rival Grand Lodges in December 1813, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were numbered locally as before (according to my researches) on the *revised* Roll, but the new 6 of 1793 became 4, and the new 5 of 1793 remained 5, the others being erased.

The "Atholl" Grand Lodge (Seceders) had warranted four Lodges, all for Calcutta, viz.:—

| Warranted | | Numbers from 1814 | 1832 | 1863 | Name. | No. in Bengal. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1797 | 315 | 383 | 265 | 218 | True Friendship | 3 |
| 1798 | 317 | 402 | 279 | 229 | Humility, &c. | 4 |
| 1801 | 323 | 410 | 282 | 232 | Marine | 5 |
| 1801 | 325 | 413 | 284 | 234 | Anchor and Hope | 6 |

The local numbers, 3 to 6, were taken after the removal from the Roll of 365, 371, and 373 of the regular Grand Lodge, which occurred in 1817.

I have a copy of 218 warrant, but it lacks the *original* number. This I want badly, for although it was 315 before the "Union" of 1813, it took the place of 301 immediately afterwards. Will some brother kindly examine the document to discover the *original* number? The warrant of 229 Bro. Dutt has kindly sent me, and also that of 232, both of which accord with my "Masonic Register," and Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," at least fairly so. *But*, the real point is as to No. 234, the warrant sent me by Bro. Dutt, or rather copy, printed in the Bye-laws of A.D. 1885 (being one of *confirmation*) recites that it was a *Modern* Lodge, not an "Atholl" Lodge, as all our Calendars state from 1815, (published a year in advance, as now) dating really from 1773 and bearing the numbers of 360

numbered 284, as presumed to be taken by orig- "Atholl," and thus is now 234, dating from 1801.

Now, either the recital of the warrant of con- is wrong, or all our Calendars are wrong from o discover which, I should like to know what of the earlier records throw on the subject, prior ber 1813, for according to our Registers, 292 (in ame 371 in 1814, and died out in 1817. I await rs with much interest, and hope that some compe- her will find a solution, and that speedily, in time Lane's new work.—*Masonic Record of Western*

## ALLED OFF FROM LABOUR.

are at the close of the annual period of labour, nd about to enter on the succeeding season of ent. Ten months of continuous work in the pares the brethren for the enjoyment of one or ths of rest. The sweltering nights of July and nay be spent in more airy quarters than those a Lodge or Chapter affords, and to the majority of ns, therefore, the announcement of one or two refreshment comes with no unwelcome sound. It alled off from labour, which, however pleasant, he more enjoyed after its cessation for a brief time. It means a break in our usual Masonic ent. It means a seasonable change, which must ie better, since it rests and recuperates those which have been habitually called into action. ve recognise the utility of a season of midsummer the body and mind, and as Masons we may ily profit by being called off from the Craft's y labour.

s a just analogy between the refreshment which bour at the meeting of a Masonic body, and the est which comes from the closing over during the f July and August. Among the Jews, on the of the Feast, at the beginning of the Christian abbis tell us that when water was drawn from ain of Siloam, and borne into the Temple, with l of the trumpet, "he who hath not seen the on the drawing of this water hath seen no t all." So he who has not seen Freemasons go ur to refreshment, in the Lodge, Chapter or ery, and from the continuous labour of ten the enjoyable refreshment afforded by a two acation, has failed to see the Craft when it is hen its members are most gleesome, and their elings most unmistakably manifested.

el never falls with happier sound than it does at of the leafy month of June, when in its own says, "closed until the next stated meeting in " The green doors of the year are thrown open we all step out into God's first Temple, amid the ature, where we see around us the buttercups , poetically styled "splashes from the chariot he sun;" where we breathe the perfume-laden en to the carol of birds, and perchance to the ie waters as they play over the rocks in some brook. In these June and July days nature "more light" materially than ever during the nay gain more light Masonically, also, if we e our time. Times of rest are not times of s a pleasant time to read, to enjoy *The Keystone*, missionary work for it among the brethren— proved entertaining and instructive to you, it same to them. As the days are lengthened, id mind may thus be strengthened, and you be take a higher place in the Craft during the er, when St. John's Day rolls around again. who fail, during this season of Refreshment, to mire the temples of Wisdom. Strength and h the Grand Architect of the Universe is rear- ire around us—the trees robed in green, the ied with bloom, the grass as glossy as velvet, the best enjoyment from this season. In these we may realize more potently than at any of the revolving year the Wisdom of the Strength of His laws which govern the balmiest, and human faces all around us manifest the happiest play of countenance. We are "called off" from vocation to avocation, from thinking of Masonic work to enjoying Masonic rest, from contemplating self and man to contemplating Nature and God. That Masonic body which labours ten months is entitled to refreshment for two months; and yet there are times when it seems impossible to take such refreshment. Exigencies arise which seem to forbid a cessation of labour. There may be a continued request for the degrees, or an urgent demand for advancement, and either of these justifies a Masonic body in not closing over. Duty before pleasure should always be our rule, and however much we might enjoy a midsummer rest from Masonic labour, if that rest would be at the expense of the welfare of the Lodge, or to the detriment of the individual interest of some of the members who are seeking advancement, it would be indulged in at too great a cost. The Masonic refreshment that refreshes is that which comes from general consent, and is not forced upon a body, when a large minority is opposed to it. We have attended, as many of the readers of *The Keystone* no doubt have, most enjoyable Masonic meetings held during the months of July or August. When the weather is warmest sometimes the fraternal feelings are strongest. At all events not a few Freemasons are ready to yield to the call of duty, and you may sometimes judge as to who are the most assiduous, and perhaps self-sacrificing members of a Lodge, by noting those that are present at a meeting held during the "dog days."

One thing let us never be "called off"—from our ceaseless devotion to the highest interests of our Fraternity. Neither summer nor winter, labour nor refreshment, youth nor age should weaken our attachment to Freemasonry. Its principles are so pure, its membership so noble in character as well as strong in numbers, its past is so glorious, its present so prosperous and its future so promising, that it is worthy of our continuous admiration and our unflagging support.—*Keystone.*

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We regret to have to record the death of Bro. William Mann P.M. 186, which occurred on Sunday, the 18th inst. at St. Leonards. It will be in the memory of our readers that Bro. Mann for many years occupied the position of Secretary of the Industry Lodge. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

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It is with extreme pleasure we hear that Bro. John Parrott, who was one of the earliest members of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, and who, during the past few years, has risen to high rank in the Province of which he is a member, is fast recovering from his recent indisposition. With the characteristic bluntness of Bro. Parrott, he writes us that he has "left off the crutches." We trust he may never have occasion to bring them again into use, but that he may enjoy continued good health for many years to come.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 4th day of August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

*To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.*

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April to the 20th July 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

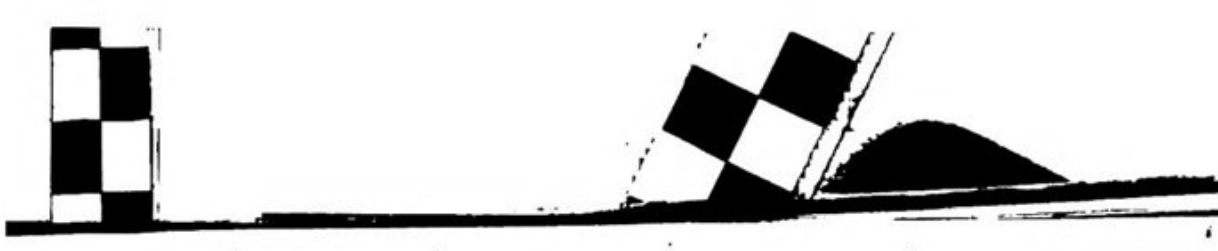
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| Balance Grand Chapter | 220 | 10 | 0 | Disbursements during the quarter | 466 | 5 | 4 |
| ,, Unappropriated Account | 198 | 3 | 10 | Balance ,, Unappropriated Account | 109 | 8 | 11 |
| Subsequent Receipts | 348 | 8 | 9 | | 191 | 3 | 4 |
| | £766 | 17 | 7 | | £766 | 17 | 7 |

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions George Francis Travers-Dapos as Z., Newton Edward Jennings as H., Clavell F. Filliter as J., and seven

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on, to be called the Pegu Chapter, and to meet at Rangoon,

From Companions Andrew Lawson as Z., George Thomas as H., William Joseph Rogerson as J., and six others, for a r to be attached to the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, Nottingham, alled the Annesley Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, gham, Nottinghamshire.

From Companions John Tricks Spalding as Z., Julius Marx as iam Phelps as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, Nottingham, to be called the on Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, ngamshire.

From Companions Richard Carter as Z., Thomas Riley as H., hardson as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached arrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate, to be called ogate and Claro Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire (Western Division).

regoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee ed that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

Committee have also received memorials, with copies of e removal of the undermentioned Chapters:—

Mary's Chapter, No. 63, Kew Bridge, Ealing, for permis- nove to Freemasons' Hall, London.

nhope Chapter, No. 1269, Southwark, for permission to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

mittee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, l that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

s' Hall, London, W.C.
st July 1886.

## IC BANQUET AT WIMBLEDON CAMP.

interesting and novel event took place on Wednesday g, 21st July, at the Camp, Wimbledon, which was an nquet to the Indian and Colonial brethren in Camp, Worshipful Master and brethren of the Royal Arthur 360. This was a spontaneous and generous movement of Brother W. N. Wingfield W.M., and the brethren Arthur Lodge, meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, to do honour to those visitors from India and the Camp, who were Masons, and to whom invitations were The banquet took place at the Pavilion in the Camp, ng of Bro. Bertram left nothing to be desired. Amongst were: Bros. Reeves and Leech, of the Indian team; r Le Page, Guernsey; Priestman, Jersey; Captain vate Mitchell, Canada; Reeves P.M.; Bird Treasurer; S.W., Cranmer, W. S. Heath, Band Master Watkins ie Press was represented by Bros. H. Thompson P.M. ancock, Bebbington, and others. At the conclusion of o. Wingfield W.M., who presided, gave the Queen and h was duly honoured, and afterwards the health of ness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of Masons, said a few days ago he had the pleasure and privilege when his Royal Highness installed his brother, the ught, as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and ng could be more truly Masonic than the way in off all reserve upon that occasion, leaving all royalty behind him, and completely identifying himself with whom he was surrounded, and exemplifying the true emasonry. The toast was enthusiastically responded ful Master said if the next toast was his last, is was least, as it was the health of the Visitors. Their ial brethren had come amongst them at great in- at a large charge upon their funds from all parts of brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge thought that time to give them an entertainment in the mother usted that when they left they would go away r recollections of Wimbledon Camp and the Royal He asked the brethren to drink to the health of Colonial visitors, and coupled with the toast the the Press. The toast was most cordially received. the Canadian team, said the reception they had they had been far exceeded his most sanguine e should feel delighted if he should again come to was sure he should always meet with a kindly nt-Major Le Page, from Guernsey, and Sergeant rsey, severally returned thanks. On a call for a t of the Press, Bro. H. Thompson P.M. said he fallen upon some other brother, who could more uately return thanks for the toast which had been r, as he was the oldest member of the Press then nded every meeting of the Association since it initiated by Her Majesty in 1860, he felt it an name associated with the toast, however inefficiy to it. He certainly congratulated the Worship- brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge on the truly ic hospitality with which they had received their ago, when there were theatrical performances, concerts, and camp fires in the Camp after the business of the day, he had suggested to his brother Ma ons who were present that they should endeavour to get up a meeting of Freemasons in the Camp, but it being then urged that such a meeting would lose its interest unless they could hold a Lodge, and as there was no place in which to hold it that could be properly tiled, for this and other reasons the idea was abandoned, and it had been left for the Royal Arthur Lodge after the lapse of many years to carry that idea into effect. He thanked the brethren for the kindness with which the toast had been received. They had that night met on the level, and like good Masons, he hoped that whenever they met they would always part on the square. Bro. R. Hancock and Bro. Bebbington, both of the Gallery Lodge, also returned thanks; the former alluding to a visit he recently paid to Jersey for the benefit of his health, and speaking in warm terms of the kindness he had received in the four Lodges on that island. The health of Bro. Wingfield W.M. was then given, and in returning thanks, he said he was always willing to do everything in his power for the good of Freemasonry in general, and the Royal Arthur Lodge in particular. For the kindness with which the toast had been received he tendered his hearty thanks, and he trusted that they might all be spared to meet next year in the true spirit of hospitality which should ever characterise Freemasonry. The meeting, which had been one of unalloyed pleasure, then terminated.

On the same evening on which the Masonic banquet was held, a banquet was given by the Council of the National Rifle Association, in another part of the Pavilion, to the Indian and Colonial Rifle Teams. Sir Henry Wilmot, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and there were present: Lieutenant-Colonel Rivett Carnec, C.I.E., commanding the Indian team; Colonel Tyrwhitt, commanding the Canadian team; Colonel Sleep, commanding the Australian team; Colonel Tandiff, commanding the Guernsey team; Major Robin, commanding the Jersey team; Colonel Wilson, captain of the Scotch eight; Colonel Wood, C.B.; Sir Saul Samuel; Sir Henry Fletcher; Colonel Eaton; Majors Bird, Waller, and Tynte; Captain St. John Mildmay, &c., &c.

## Old Warrants (N).

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**No. 54, "Atholl" Register. 74 at the "Union." Erased 1823.**

No. 54. KELLY Grand Master.

LAURENCE DERMOTT for
WILLM. DICKEY S.G.W. WILLM. OSBORN D.G.M. JAMES GIBSON J.G.W.

*To all whom it may concern.*

WE the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled viz. The Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Thomas Erskine Earl of Kelly Viscount Fenton Lord Baron of Pitten Ween in Great Britain GRAND MASTER OF MASONS! The Worshipful Mr. William Osborn Deputy Grand Master The Worshipful Mr. William Dickey Senior Grand Warden and the Worshipful James Gibson, Esqr. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. Mr. Thomas Bold one of our Master Masons Mr. William Trew his Senior Warden, and Mr. David Morgan his Junior Warden to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the sign of the Sun in Wheat Streat, Brecon, upon the of every month and on all seasonable Times and lawful occasions And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World, And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Messrs. Thos. Bold, William Trew and David Morgan (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate chuse and install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate chuse and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this LODGE for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful GRAND LODGE otherwise this WARRANT to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE in London this twenty-seventh Day of December in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred sixty and four and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred sixty and four.

LAU DERMOTT Grand Secretary

Renewed December 1764.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge Vol. 2nd, Letter B, and bears date } June 14th 1756.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a perpetual period of trial should seek the

# THE BIBLE AN ANCIENT MASONIC LANDMARK?

WE reprint the following letter from the *Detroit Freemason*, of the 3rd instant:—

*To the Editor of the Detroit Freemason.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—A few months ago you published a er of mine, wherein I endeavoured to convince the luminaries of Grand Lodges of Texas, Ohio, and Canada, that belief in the in- ration of the Bible is not required of a candidate for Masonry ler the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. I have ortunately lost the said paper, but I remember, on reading my mmunication, that it contained several aggravating typographical nders, to which I then called your attention; also that the said er was reprinted in Canada with all the blunders. This fact ves conclusively that printers can make mistakes, and thus turn writers ideas topsy-turvy. But transcribers of books or manu- ipts have also, either through carelessness or design, changed the ding in their copies and even interpolated whole paragraphs. y, I can even point out books which were ascribed by their hors to writers who had died centuries before the books were tten. Now, if Masons are required to believe in the inspiration the Bible or to be expelled from Masonry it should at least be nonstrated: first, that the founders of our Masonry laid that rule vn in their earliest Constitution; and second, it should also be ved that transcribers of the Bible never did, nor could have nged either a word or syllable. I do not indeed expect to uence the luminaries of the said three jurisdictions, for it is the ure of that class of Pietists never to recede from any false step y have taken. I may, however, stop the Contagion from eading.

First then, the original Masonic association was simply a trade ild; their object was precisely that of our trade unions. In ac- dance with the fashion of trade guilds in the middle ages, Masons, d to have their patron saints (not necessarily the Saints John), d to believe in the doctrines of the church established by the law the land; and such were the laws of the English Masons up to 17, after which the Masonic organization was revolutionised. It on became what we call speculative or symbolic Masonry; the old ws and ritual were superceded by new laws and a new ritual, and nbolic teachings were then first introduced into the Masonic ual; and from the earliest constitutions and rituals of the re- anized Masonry after 1717, we can best learn the aim and object the new institution. Well, the first charge in the 1723 constitu- n says:

'But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every ntry to be of the religion of that country . . . whatever it s; yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to at religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions themselves, that is to be good men, and true men of honour and nesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be dis- guished, whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union and means conciliating true friendship among persons that must have nained at a perpetual distance."

The re is no belief in the inspiration of the Bible mentioned in the ove, nor is the Bible mentioned in the whole Constitution. That e Bible was not used in the Lodges at all even after 1723, may be rned from Dr. Anderson's narrative of 1730, when the Duke of rfolk was installed Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was opened due form, and on the pedestal (equivalent to our altar) was laid the Bible, square, &c., but the Book of Constitutions, with a ord thereon, just the same as is now done in French Lodges.

Again, in four of the earliest rituals, the word Bible is not ntioned. In one of the early catechisms there is a question, viz: What were you sworn by?" Answer:—"By God and the square;" as proving that the Bible was not used even for obligating the ndidate. "Three lights" were indeed in the earliest rituals, but ey were differently explained, thus they were made to refer to the Master Warden, and Fellow." Again, "A Right East, South and est," also, "Sun, Master and Square." There were also two er lights, viz: "One to see to go in, and another to see to work." French writer remarked, that,

'Allegory is an instrument which will do anything. The system figurative meaning once admitted, one soon sees anything and erything in the clouds. The matter is never embarassing in all it is wanted in spirit and imagination. The field is large and tile for whatever explication may be required."

Our early ritual tinkers also saw anything and everything in the uds; sectarian explanations of the symbols were early introduced o the catechisms, but it took some years before they saw the Bible the clouds, and still more years before they introduced the Bible a great light; thus, in a ritual of 1730 the Bible, compass and uare made their first appearance in a ritual, not however, as great hts, but as "the furniture of the Lodge."

Now, the Bible doubtless contains excellent codes of morals and ws, but the sacred books of the Egyptians, Hindoos, Buddhists, &c., o contain very good and just laws and morals. Why then must elieve that writers of the Bible were inspired, while the writers the other sacred books were not inspired? Besides which, there are the Bible certain narratives, dogmas and discrepancies, which ndreds of commentators and thousands of sermonisers were and unable to explain or to reconcile. I will just give an instance. sebius doubted the inspirations of the Book of Revelations, and so Erasmus, and Luther stoutly denied that the said book belongs the Scriptures. I can name other Christians who are very "shaky" out the doctrine of inspiration, but nevertheless they are good

Martin Luther, Erasmus, Eusebius, and many others I could name, simply because they believe that every word in the Bible was inspired by the Holy Ghost.

Assuming, however, that every writer of every book in the Bible was supernaturally inspired, the question next comes are we very sure that every one of those books came down to our time just as they were written, without omissions, additions or alterations. The following facts must satisfy anyone that even the Bible was liable to mishaps.

First, Justin Marter wrote an account of a controversy he had with a Jew named Trypho. Justin was a Greek, who early in the second century was converted to Christianity. As he did not know Hebrew, he derived his information from a Greek translation of the Old Testament. In a grove Justin happened to meet Trypho, whom he immediately tried to convert to Christianity. Justin informed Trypho that Isaiah said; "Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel." Trypho, however, at once denied that Isaiah ever said so. According to Trypho's version Isaiah said, "Behold the young woman is pregnant and will give birth to a son, and you shall call his name Emanuel." We see now what a difference between the two Bibles. One has it, a Virgin shall conceive, and the other refers to a "young woman" who had already conceived; one says, "they shall call," and the other "you shall call." Justin then exclaimed, "you Jews have corrupted your scriptures." Well, it is certain that either Jews or Christians have corrupted Isaiah's prophecy, and if passages in the Bible could be changed in one case why could not other parts of the Bible also have been changed?

Second; the Samaritans are said to possess the oldest manuscrip Hebrew copy of the five books of Moses. Now, if you will read in the third volume of Smith's dictionary of the Bible, from page 1106 to 1118, I think you will find about two hundred variations between the Samaritans' version and the ordinary accepted Hebrew Pentateuch.

And third; there are a very large number of old manuscript copies of the New Testament preserved; some of them are perfect, some imperfect and also numerous fragments. The three oldest copies are known as the "Sinatic," the "Vatican," and "Alexandrian." Now, in Tischendorf's New Testament, the said oldest copies are compared with the King James' version, and I think that there are about five thousand variations between the said four versions, and some important variations too. For instance, the last twelve verses in the Book of Mark and the first eleven verses of the 8th chapter of the gospel of John, are minns in the Sinatic as well as in the Vatican copies, and verses 7th and 8th in the fifth chapter of the 1st Epistle of John are wanting in all the three copies. The Rev. Bro. Savage said in his pulpit, that on comparing all the old versions, manuscript, New Testaments (fragments included), with the King James' version, the variations figure up (I believe he said) to 30,000. And strange to say though the above subject has been extensively ventilated through the press and otherways, that our Masonic luminaries of three American Grand Lodges, seem as yet to be utterly ignorant thereof.

My dear brother, "the world moves" in spite of old opinions that it stood still. What was deemed orthodox in one age is regarded as superstitution in the next age. One instance will suffice to demonstrate that fact. Well, about 200 years ago the people of Salem, in Massachusetts, were as firm believers that every word in the Bible was inspired by the Holy Ghost as our Masonic luminaries of three American jurisdictions do to-day; and as the Bible commands to kill all the witches, the good people of Salem went to work and burnt witches by wholesale; you see that the Salemites were then firm believers in witchcraft. But now, if Cotton Mather and Samuel Parris were brought to life and were allowed to visit Salem, oh! would not they jump! Yes, even you if you had not met and conversed with the Salem folks, you would scarcely believe how much they were changed since the days of Cotton Mather; why, even ministers of the gospel in Salem no longer believe in witchcraft. As an instance, the present worthy chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who is highly esteemed for his piety and theologic lore, is a minister of a church in Salem, and he actually disbelieves in witchcraft, though witchcraft is still in the Bible; and I venture to assert that if the G. L. of Mass. took a notion to expel every Mason in her jurisdiction who does not believe that every word in the Bible was miraculously inspired by the Holy Ghost, that not a solitary conscientious man, who was endowed with a particle of common sense would remain in any of her Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

## ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.

ON Wednesday, the 21st inst., the members of this Lodge held their annual picnic, the place selected being the Dukeries. The party—eighty-one in number—were conveyed from Saddleworth Station in three saloon carriages, starting at half-past seven in the morning. At Stalybridge they were taken in hand by the M. S. and L. Railway, and they went round by Guide Bridge and through Woodhead on to Worksop, which they reached at half-past ten, having been three hours on the journey. At Worksop they alighted, and were then conveyed in waggonettes to the Dukeries. This entailed an hour or two's further riding, for the distance was 30 miles. At Welbeck Park the party lunched, and after taking a hurried survey of the beautiful scenery, they started again in waggonettes for Worksop, and on arrival they sat down to an excellent repast, provided at the Lion Hotel. They left Worksop by train at eight o'clock, and

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## BLESSINGS OF THE LODGE.

T the dedication of the new apartments of a Lodge in his jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Abraham H. and jun. Grand Master of Masons in Massachussetts, red the subjoined beautiful portrayal of the Blessings Lodge:

ese apartments, worthy of the Craft, should be ed by those who strive to walk uprightly, to work tly, live creditably, and act honourably by all men. this altar should go forth such as are not only im- vith loyalty to country, and such as are strong in inciples of freedom and equality, but such as are with loyalty to truth; such as are strong in the ent and hopeful principles of our Constitutions; and as realise the opportunities to affect the al good by striving for the physical, mental ral welfare of the entire people. 'The world is d.' Upon you rests the great responsibility of the radiance of our Great Lights into the business, , and struggle of life. Yours it is to exemplify nets which have survived the centuries, and which r tended to the peace, progress, and happiness of . Yours it is, walking fearlessly in the path of seek humanity's good, which is one of the principal f our Order. Let the light of the United Brethren making others happy; in shunning hate, vengeance, crime; in respecting wisdom, virtue, and inno- n sharing other's adversity, sorrow, and defeat, and ng all things that dishonour the body and stain

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pportunity of renewed interest is now presented, you, brethren, rests the responsibility of recog- l discharging it. Excepting your own true and homes, what place has more tender bonds and ns? Where are we brought more directly to present duty and present responsibility? s the jar of the world less felt and of temptation less audible? Tired with ness whirl and ceaseless warfare, would Are you desirous of communing with wisdom, and friends. This very place is consecrated to nd urges you to share its blessings.

pportunity is now presented of frequent fraternal of renewed works in behalf of the deserving widow or orphans, of listening to a service armed an innumerable company, and of teaching those truths upon which the present and re of mankind depends. Let not such oppor- unheeded, but seize them with true Masonic hereby discharging your responsibility and the brotherhood of our Order. Such duties Such benefits are within your reach. To such es has this hall been dedicated. To the full them every member of this Lodge is called. em, to keep them, to increase them, and thers to possess and enjoy them, is for the existence of this Lodge. To opportunities by absence from the meetings, o the work, violation of obligations and an alk in the world, is to defeat in a measure nd the benefits of its principles.

ding of the evening in this consecrated place, nent of Brotherly Love and concord, is in- able to passing it in frivolity and idleness. es from the noise and conflict of life, and is he rich lessons our ritual presents. The , altar, lights, furniture, with the ever im- pour unmeasured benefits into the receptive st with its history, written and unwritten, ith its opportunities, responsibilities, and he future with its hopes are here unfolded. enerations of mankind have venerated for disclose their hidden truth. The great an life—youth, manhood, and age—passes and power, teaching the frailty of the hope of immortality. Is it not large and stimulate the mind by teaching Is it not beneficial to soften the heart and sympathy by teaching such lessons? Like great good, Masonry is too often neglected. conquer vice, allay strife, upbuild manhood. It stands as a beacon light on the shore of time, casting its beams over the dangers around us and through the darkness before us, lighting up the pathway that leads to health and happiness, peace and love."—*Voice of Masonry.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### GREENWOOD LODGE, No. 1982.

IN these days, when pastoral plays are becoming the rage, and the grandest thoughts of our best poets are listened to by delighted audiences "'neath the greenwood tree," we often wish that the installation ceremonies of some of our "summer" Lodges could similarly be performed in the open air, under a leafy canopy. But so far, we believe, arrangements have not been perfected for such a gathering in this country, and it would almost appear that the difficulties in the way of being "close tiled" present an almost insurmountable obstacle. This wish was foremost in our thoughts on the occasion of the installation meeting of the above Lodge, which took place on the 24th inst., but the Public Hall, Epsom, being the Masonic home of the Greenwood brethren, the gathering took place there. If there is a spot in Surrey the sun delights to warm, it would seem to be this quaint old town, a fact fully realised by those who visited it on Saturday. At the appointed hour a goodly number of the members and visitors assembled, amongst them being the W.M., Bro. S. Pidcock, with P.M.'s J. Steele P.P.G. Std. Br., C. R. Ellis P.P.G.S.B., H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., H. J. Levett S.W. W.M. elect, T. Squire J.W. P.P.G.P., H. H. Greenwood S.D., W. H. Down J.D., Nathan I.G. The honorary members present were: Bro. C. Greenwood D.P.G.M., T. Vincent P.P.G.S.B.; while Bros. Minns, Smyth, Carter, Rev. G. A. McDonnell, M.A., and A. Rosenbaum, represented the members. The visitors were Bro. G. White P.P.G.W., J. Rhodes P.P.G O., H. Slyman P.G.D.C. Midx., C. M. Ohren P.M. 452, and E. Stenson P.M. 15. The initiation of another of the sons of the worthy and honoured brother whose name the Lodge bears, Mr. Climson Greenwood, with two of his personal friends, Messrs. Dakin, M.D., and Baillie, M.R.C.S., was an interesting event in the evening's business, though the low tone of voice in which the W.M. delivered the ritual, together with the bad acoustic qualities of the hall, somewhat marred the ceremony. The chair was then taken by Bro. Frances, who was better heard. Bro. Rosenbaum was passed, and Bros. Carter, Smyth, and McDonnell, were raised. Bro. Levett was presented for installation, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Frances; the addresses being well rendered by Bro. Ellis P.M. The officers appointed were: Bros. T. Squire S.W., H. H. Greenwood J.W., Down S.D., Nathan I.G., Rev. G. A. McDonnell, M.A., Chaplain, Steele P.M. Treasurer, Frances P.M. Secretary. A jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., and the Lodge closed. At the banquet, which took place at the King's Head Hotel, the usual toasts were given by the W.M. in brief, comprehensive, and eloquent terms. Bro. C. Greenwood D.P.G.M., in returning thanks for the Province, spoke of his long connection with it, and the deep interest he took in its present and future welfare. Bro. Frances proposed the health of the W.M., alluding to him as one qualified in every way to do the work of the Lodge, conversant with the ceremonies, and to whom nature had given great histrionic powers, which he knew well how to use. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and ably replied to. The initiates were also received with acclamation. Bro. G. White P.P.G.D. responded for the Visitors, testifying to the excellence of working and the cordial hospitality. Bro. Ellis replied in an eloquent manner for the P.M.'s; Bros. Steele P.M. and Frances P.M. for the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Squire for the Officers. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the singing of Bro. C. M. Ohren P.M. 452, who to an excellent voice unites a refined taste and exquisite feeling. Bros. Ellis, Minns, and Slyman, also contributed to the harmony, Bro. Rhodes P.G.O. putting to good use the piano, which the host had thoughtfully provided. When the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a conclusion, each and all admitted that a most delightful day had been spent.

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**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 21st instant, held at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, Brother Bleakley occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Ferguson Preceptor, Ross, Aurent, Messer, Silvester Treasurer, Dimsdale Secretary, &c. After Lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Ferguson worked the second and third sections of the third lecture. Lodge was resumed to the third degree; Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate for raising was examined and entrusted. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in an impressive manner. No further business offering. Lodge closed in due form. Bro. Ross was unanimously elected W.M. for the following week.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges roughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their ays of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those at are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 31st JULY.

9—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
5—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
4—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
ni Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
2—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
5—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

## MONDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

2—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
5—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
4—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
0—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
2—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
8—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
5—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
5—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
8—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
7—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
5—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
8—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
3—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
3—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
7—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
3—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
3—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
4—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
6—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
6—York, Masonic Hall, York
1—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
1—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
1—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
7—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
3—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
0—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
8—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
5—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
0—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
8—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
0—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
9—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
4—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
2—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
0—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
9—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
9—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
3—Carndoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
8—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
6—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
8—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

lonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
5—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
5—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
1—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
7—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
8—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
4—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
53—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
0—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
0—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
4—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
9—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
0—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
6—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
2—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
0—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
8—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
7—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
9—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
tropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
0—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
3—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
0—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
2—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
4—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
6—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
1—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
8—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
5—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
4—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
3—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
3—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
8—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
3—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
4—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
1—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
7—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
5—St. Barnabas, Masonic Rooms, Lockside, Leighton Buzzard
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 908—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 4th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
Mark Benevolent Festival, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 29 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 1 to North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

## THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Row, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1674—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Shire Hall, Chelmsford
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Ramsgate
285—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-[illegible], Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Conservance Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield

-Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
-Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
-Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
-Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
-Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
-Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
-Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
-Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
-Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
-Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
87—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
96—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
81—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
87—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
58—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
3—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 6th AUGUST.

olitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
ion Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
obert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (Id)
nited Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
anelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
oric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
etropolitan, Portural Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
oyal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
apton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
arquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
l Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
nique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
nge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
anmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
-Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
-Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
ld Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
-Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

ndship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
ic, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
idence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
ed, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
rwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
th, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
rey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
hpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
tton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
er, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
rt Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
cumbe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
e of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
rth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
ge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
ral Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
ncerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
lope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
l Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

## SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST.

ester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
on, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
ck, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
r of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
y of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

t, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## ORPHAN HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

eks ago, says the *New York Dispatch*, we sent a circular o various brethren all over the world, asking for informa- ng Orphan Homes and Schools, and have received quite a esponses. The following, from our distinguished Bro. well-known Masonic historian, is so full of interest that sure give it to our readers:—

"Torquay, England, 14th June 1886.

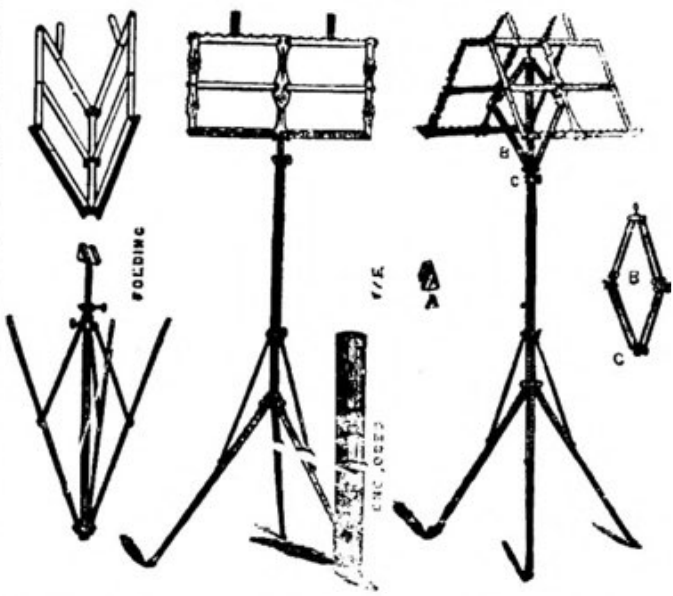
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## EEMASONRY AS A PEACEMAKER.

ONG the thousands ranged under the banner of Freemasonry there are few who have not at one other been asked if there really are any secrets ed with the Order? and although some of these may en unable to satisfy their interrogators on the sub- ere are many who have contented themselves with hand answer in the affirmative, without for one t giving themselves the trouble to consider the nce of the secrecy which does, and always should, d the doings of the Craft. Even those who have en associated with the inner working of Free- y, and might be considered to be in a position to preciate the necessity for secrecy, sometimes fail to e subject in its fullest extent, and although they o so far as to divulge any of the signs or tokens ich they have been entrusted, they occasionally deprive Freemasonry of a part of that secrecy which surround the actions of its members, and the main- of which may be described as of far greater nce than the mere keeping of a knowledge of certain d words from those who have not been regularly in the several degrees. In this light we may n the rule which forbids the discussion of religious, and outside subjects at Masonic meetings as part rictive code intended to ensure the secrecy of Free- . The doings of the outside world should be as ed up with the affairs of the Lodge, as should the e brethren be published to those not interested in k. If once general subjects were meddled with nasons at their stated gatherings the basis of n which the Order rests would disappear, and the reemasonry as a purely free Institution would ollow. Every decision arrived at on general sub- ld have to be defended on general grounds, and y be maintained by a disclosure of the why and of the Masonic ruling, and the special features nents which led to it; without these a Masonic uld be valueless in the sight of the general public. last issue we inserted an extract from the *New atch*, in which it is advised that Freemasonry called in to act the part of a peacemaker between ting representatives of capital and labour, or, as nporary puts it, "the Masons in the 'Knights ' and the Masons in the 'Knights of Money' pon a level, and, forgetting the difference in a int, can settle the troubles between them." We sorry to see any such mediation undertaken by s as Freemasons. So far as those who belong sections referred to, and who may be associated rder of Freemasonry are concerned, there is no existing which should prevent them meeting on s Freemasons; but if once they import outside s into Freemasonry it will speedily be found lo a gulf can separate them in the Lodge as ever their mercantile relations. This must neces- he case. The equality of Freemasonry can only ng as all are equal on the floor of the Lodge. mber takes up an independent position, and and it would be unwise to force their discussion on the members of the Order, for reasons already given. A decision one way or other would, in all probability, be binding only on those who were satisfied with it, and how would it be possible to enforce obedience from those who did not choose to adopt it? The mere publication of a decision of public interest by a secret society would be an anomaly; those outside the Order might urge, as a just cause of complaint, the fact that they had not been heard in support of their particular views; while they might further argue—and reasonably so—that undue influence had been brought to bear in securing the decision. Whatever Freemasonry may accomplish as a means of securing peace and goodwill among its individual members, it certainly is not possible for it to occupy a prominent place among the peacemakers of the world at large, and we hope that whenever a suggestion is put forward which is likely to bring the Order into conflict with any particular section of the community, there may be found brethren able and willing to direct their fellows in the right course—which, to our mind, is to keep entirely clear of all discussions other than those associated with Freemasonry.

Looking further into the subject, as treated by our contemporary, we find other points on which a few words may be written. He says, "there are Masons among the Capitalists; there are Masons among the labourers. These Masons ought to be brought together, for Masonry places all men on a level. All Masons, rich and poor, meet upon the level." This is true in theory and also in practice—but only so far as concerns Freemasonry. The prince and the peasant, the rich and the poor, are equal in Freemasonry, but the equality ceases immediately they leave the work of the Craft, just as it was non-existent previous to their admission to the Order. It is not correct to say there are Masons among the capitalists and Masons among the labourers who can meet upon the level of Freemasonry for the discussion of their private business concerns; once import Freemasonry into the matter, and they are no longer capitalists or labourers, but each and all are Brother Masons—on a level as regards their having all received the light of Freemasonry in a similar state—and all bound by the same laws to discuss outside any subject likely to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge. Who will say that such subjects as disagreements between employers and employed are not likely to disturb peace and harmony, more especially if they are discussed by the employers and employés themselves? It is certainly no part of the work of Freemasonry to fix the hours of labour, or the price which shall be paid for an hour's work; therefore it is impossible for Masons to decide the question of "yielding to what is right on both sides," or to "stand as a mediator between these two mighty forces." The question is one weightier perhaps than Freemasonry itself, at all events it is one far removed from the action of the Craft, and while it is true that Masonic toleration might be beneficially preached among those who have to decide the question, it would be unwise to treat the matter from a purely Masonic point of view. This is essentially a subject which should not be forced upon the functions of Freemasonry, and when a brother is so far led away by his desire to benefit his

## DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL.

*An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York, 3rd February 1886.*

(Continued from page 70.)

WE enter the temple of Masonry as we enter the temples of worship. There is in it, as in them, an unseen presiding spirit, which transforms all and gives to everything a colour and a shape. In the Capella Di San Sisto at Rome you feel as in the presence of Michael Angelo. From floor to ceiling there are the visible touches of his invisible spirit. His thought has blossomed into fruitage on all, and broken into flower and foliage on arch and roof. One mind animates each; and the rapt form of prophet and apostle, the figure of man and brooding shape of sybyl, are joined together by one soul, which, unseen, lends a unity of design and grandeur to all that varied work. So in this temple of Masonry, there is one spirit which pervades all. Moses, with the Divine Law; David, with the inspired Psalms; Solomon, with his builders; Prophets, with their prophecy of a second temple greater than the first; the Master of all, with His parable of labour and its reward, are joined together by one Great Spirit, who gives to all unity of design and beauty of colour. It is the Spirit which transforms all religion, all morality into the nature of man, until man becomes the incarnation of religion; the visible form of morality and law; the outward temple in which they grow and ripen. Within its sacred folds are the altar with the inspired Word, the lesson and guide of life; the square, with its suggestions for the shaping of character; the compass, which, finding a fixed point, circles life and thought; the likeness of the ark, with its promise of a covenant between God and man; the manna, with its historic witness of the fact that God is the supply of our necessities; the budding and blossoming rod, which tells us that the service rendered to God and man is our true priesthood. These are the ornaments of the temple, the great thought that breaks into flower and fruitage from tessellated floor to roof. These are the symbols of the highest and best things that can influence the mind. And this inspired truth, these symbols of truth have attested their value and power in every age. And Masonry is in these, more than in gorgeous rite or splendid ritual; for these are the implements which build up not the architecture of houses of stone, but the temple which outlasts the works of art and "temples made with hands."

Or, to change the figure with the Psalmist, these are the seeds which we, as Masons, are to sow in our hearts, that they may become part of our lives. There is the ground spread out in hill and valley or plain, but as it lies there fallow, it is the manifestation of no energy; it symbolizes no action. But what a contrast between it and the plant that grows in it, and holds its chalice for every raindrop, and in return sends forth its fragrance as an incense for all. But the unseen energies of that ground, when the seeds that lay dry and useless in the sower's hand have fallen into it, contribute to their growth, push themselves through root and fibre, until, in the calling down of rain and sunlight, all are transformed into flower or harvest, and the bare and indolent fields glow with beauty or bend beneath the golden benedictions of the grain. So with this divine truth and these symbols of truth in our Order. They may lie in Lodge or Chapter guarded as precious things, but until they are sown in the mind and conscience, they are not fruitful, they are not the inspirers and shapers of Masonic virtues and an ever growing and ripening character.

For we need not say that Masonry has gained its present power not alone by looking back on the past, but by looking inwards on its laws and teaching. In these laws are the ever unfolding possibilities of higher and better things —the growth of mind and character. And for each member of the Order to live without the culture of these things is to waste opportunity and be untrue to all the high traditions and principles which are the glory of the Institution. If he is proud only of what has been done, instead of doing his part, then it needs no prophet to foretell that the height is reached and the descent into decay is sure. He can only keep the inspiration of the past as a felt-abiding power by uttering it in the present.

correspondence in nature that each thing gives and rece
The great things and the best things are not to be
away as if they had no use in the world but to be imps
to others. This truth underlies all growth, all moven
all life. The law of reciprocal influence is a universal
And the value and power of anything are attested by
it imparts as well as what it receives. The visible creatic
a constant witness of this mutual action. There is a
petual system of communication between light and
and the animal and vegetable life on the earth. The e
tric forces are the healers of the atmosphere. The
seemingly a waste of uncultivated waters, contributes to
air its moistures, to descend again in refreshing rains.
their benign charities they show forth the beauty
thought of their Maker. To receive and not to give i
weakness that ends in decay. For interchange is enlar
ment and vitality in all spheres of creation.

And the law operates in the higher world of reason a
human thought. The noble ideas, the splendid utteranc
the moral forces stored in books, are for humanity. Tl
are not simply manifestations of genius which are to
admired, but profounder methods of service rendered
man. They are the recognition of the great fact, tl
each individual is not an isolated thing, but a part of
living body, joined together by a law as beautiful and
marvellous in its power as the law which pervades all t
parts of any separate organism and binds them into uni
of action and life.

It is the truth on which society rests. Interchange
communion, of thought, of industry, passes into all t
varied elements which form it. Tastes, ideas, emotion flo
in tides unseen but powerful. It is thus bound together
one being, and the act of each individual affects all. Th
was the thought of David when he sent his Psalms to
the magnificent refrain of the human heart till the end
time. It is the inspiration of all growth, and progress, an
achievement, in communities or nations. Were it not
railroads, steamships, telegraphs, and the manifold imple
ments of labour, would pass away withered and dea
ideas.

And this is the truth on which our Order rests. Whe
the magnificent thought of brotherhood in social life tool
shape out of the higher religion, it was to be a brotherhoo
of receiving and giving. It was formed by ideas, it wa
enlarged by hearts, and animated with the trust of mutua
fellowship. And this gives scope for the mind; furnishe
a school for thought; a seminary of education; a place fo
intelligent achievement; a form in which to mould con
victions and direct the intellect and heart of the members
of the body. It lays, therefore, on every member a burden
of giving all the truths within it a visible reality and
manifestation in life. Else Masonry is only a receptive
thing, not a permanent moral force passing into and
inspiring society. And only when its members rise to a
conception of this truth, become living members with the
life-blood circulating and rejoicing through all the arteries
and veins, through fibre and tissue, shall the Masonic
Institution flourish as the tree flourishes and bears the
fruitage of nobler service, of richer graces and larger good
for mankind. Then shall it be a full and grand conception
of the brotherhood of man; the home of purer impulses;
the wealth of thought and force to improve itself as one of
the most potent energies in the history of the world.

For Masonry is a witness of this fellowship of man and
man. And even if it takes, as it necessarily must, a lower
place than our divine religion, it is still to be the constant
attestation of this truth. Doubtless, this was the intention
of its founders when, from its beginning, they saw the
structure rising and placing its roots among the deepest
and truest things of mind and conscience. Lately, as we
were reading, we read of the completion of a great struc-
ture, which ended the work of centuries. In a German
city beyond the sea, there is a cathedral among the noblest
of the houses of stone for the worship of God. Centuries
have passed since the foundation was laid; but year after
year the work of building went on, until in the year of
grace 1880 the temple stood complete. The walls massive
and strong; the tracery delicate and refined; flowers of
stone blooming on pillar and arch; windows pictured with
the marvellous life of One of Bethlehem; spires rising to
meet the sunlight, the minster stands on a sure foundation,
a monument of man's art and enduring toil.

The master mind that wrought the design had passed





w the temple complete in its magnificence and beauty. th our Order, the master builders, looking down the saw it complete; its walls not built of carved stone, the richer sculpture, the character and thought of But yet it is only in the travail and growth of ries. Each year has its own work; each member his art, in laying a stone on the foundation to be finished er times. This constant building is the incarnation mind of the founders and of our mind; the visible iment of truth, duties, interests, obligations; the sed facts of our inner, secret life. We work in a of more refined culture, of wider knowledge than of the past. The grandeur of our time, its progress, lustries are, in a great measure, the unfolding of the nd achievements of other generations. We enter e designs which they wrought with generous toil. ructures which adorn our common civilization have oots embedded in the foundations they laid. And g to them more grace and beauty by a knowledge of nciples on which they laboured than by ignoring or them by as the things of a dead age. The great ns of the Order and of the day are given us to work they worked out the problems from which these of e are born. We are to unfold their design and to fulness by the toils of our mind and hands. Thus e write history, not of wars and kingdoms erected e, but the history of moral actions and ideas. And liest members of the Institution by this mysterious ion with the thought of the past will become great. truth of the principles which surround them will m their minds to a likeness of those principles. ere is a real grandeur in the thought that we are with those of the past, carrying to broader pro- and higher altitudes the structures on which they It is a great thing to be fellow-labourers with ho wrought in the temple of the moral and social But we must work wisely and well, according to ciples of our Institution. These principles have own to us with regal splendour through the s. Time has energized them and given them the d majesty of a coronation. Life will be enlarged principles, and they will enrich it by bringing their to operation before the eyes of all men. The more e follow the ideals that are given us, the more noble will our life become. The faculties we are immortal, the culture we attain is eternal. esh hold we take on those principles of belief and will be an education for ourselves and others, the higher development which shall find its issue in easing power. As the old cathedral builders for its walls the stones from the quarries on which lation was laid, so we must bring from the truths our Order rests contributions for its structure, ibution of our lives with all that life means; each ur generation laying a stone on the walls as our ve done; and seeing as we pass away, with the arger faith, the temple rising higher and higher, its massive grandeur, it stands complete, the of man's art, the monument of a moral toil that hable.

rings the subject at length to a high conclusion. ts an end of all our toil and a reward for all our Thou shalt show me the path of life. At Thy there are pleasures for evermore. In Thy light e light." To the seeing eye the world above and w everywhere the footprints of Him who made e hearing ear, nature, animate and inanimate, wisdom and goodness of Him who governs it. aloud the manifoldness and greatness of His e is clothed with majesty and honour. He imself with light as it were with a garment, and ut the heavens like a curtain. He maketh the chariot; He walketh on the wings of the wind. th the mountains from above. The earth is th the fruit of His works. The invisible things understood by the things that are made. If ouch the mountains they smoke. If He looketh rth it trembleth. If He speaks in the gladness vidence, at His word the valleys stand so thick y laugh and sing. For, as the heaven is high arth, so great is His mercy toward them that "As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower so he flourisheth. But the mercy of the Lord Redeemer of all. So David points us to grander visions than the material universe. The visible heavens shall shrivel and fall away; the stars shall drop from their spheres; the earth shall melt and disappear, but out of the wreck of worlds shall arise a new heaven and a new earth, in which the mortalities of man shall pass into immortality, and in the radiance of the eternal vision he shall see the meaning of a life that liveth evermore. And as he enters into the presence of Him who is life's source and life's reward, man and God face to face in the completed covenant, there shall be heard through the music of heaven, the words of the Psalmist in a higher, diviner meaning: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and this King of my glory shall enter in."—*Voice of Masonry.*

## OF NO IMPORTANCE.

SUCH is the idea that many units of the population entertain in certain matters which are not of vital interest to themselves. Concerning anything affecting their own pockets or interests they are watchful enough, and show good judgment and a considerable amount of energy; but for anything affecting the general public, of which they are members, they are of "no importance," and fancy that the machine of the state or of society can go on properly without their assistance or supervision. Such nonentities are, however, the first to grumble at, and find fault with, the faults of others, and the first to come to the front if any personal advantage is to be gained; in fact, they are the drones of society. The ocean is formed of drops, each drop has a function to perform; take away one drop and the economy of the ocean is disturbed; it may be in an infinitesimal degree, but it is disturbed; remove all the drops and the ocean would cease to exist; just so is it in society; one drone, and its economy is slightly disturbed; if all are drones, society will fall to pieces. No one lives to himself. All our actions, like the pebble thrown into the lake, with its circling eddies, act and react on one another either for good or evil, and form what we call fashion, which holds society in its relentless grasp, and forms an unwritten law, having far greater power over society than any act ever passed by Parliament.

The same remarks are true as regards Masonry. We have, unfortunately, a number in our Lodges who fancy, or what is still worse, pretend to fancy, that they are of "no importance" in carrying on the noble work of the Craft. No Mason is unimportant to his Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general. Every one has his work to do; if he neglect that work from carelessness, so far as he is concerned, the Craft is at a standstill. Such ought not to be. We have visited Lodges where there were not enough members present to open the Lodge; in one case, where only two members were present, the W.M. and the Secretary. Each thought he was "of no importance," as far as Lodge work was concerned, with the result that the business had to be carried on by members of other Lodges. Society and Masonry is made up of units. What these units individually are, so is the whole that the units make up. Let each brother then consider that he is of importance in his proper sphere. Let him act as if the Lodge to which he belongs could not go on without him, and immediately we will have such a reformation as will give the Craft a push upwards and forwards in usefulness, such as it has not experienced in this sunny land. There are cases, when absence is a duty, where a brother has to attend to business or sickness in family, &c., but these do not form the hundredth part of the reasons that are given for inattention to Lodge duties. Is Masonry so unimportant that its duties must be left till everything else is done? Or must it give way to every trivial circumstance that may arise? Are our members so unmethodical that they cannot arrange their time table so as to leave time for Lodge work, and see that this time is devoted to that purpose, and not to what chance may throw in the way? Besides, this idea and the line of action consequent on it is unfair to others. It throws all the work on the shoulders of willing brethren, and when they see selfishness and carelessness in others they are apt, from example, to become so too. Thus the Craft not only loses the work it has a right to expect from every member, but the influence exercised by these

for which purpose our Craft is only one of the levers. "Masonry expects that every Mason will do his duty;" he who does not is not a true Mason.—*Sydney Freemason.*

## MASONRY AMONG THE ABORIGINES.

A VERY eloquent lecture was delivered in 1851 at the Tremont Temple, Boston, by the Rev. Kah-ge-ga-gah-bowh, *alias* George Copway, on the religion, oratory, and poetry of the Indians of this country. He acquitted himself with great ability, and was listened to by the audience with profound attention and frequent bursts of applause.

Among other remarks which attracted attention, was a description of the medicine men among the tribes, and their long preparation; for they excelled not merely in knowledge of medical herbs and plants, and the virtues of roots, but they were the religious teachers and prophets of the nation. They were supposed to be favourites of the Great Spirit, and directed the worship of the people. He observed that they were eight years in pursuing their education—belonging to a Fraternity who were under the injunction of secrecy, and passed through four degrees in their advancement. He barely touched on this subject, but *verbum sat sapienti*—the *attentive* ear lost not a word.

In a conversation which I have since had with Bro. Copway, I was satisfied that Freemasonry existed among the Indians of America. His explanation of that part of his lecture alluded to above satisfied me of the fact that the elements of our Institution had long been known among the tribes of the forest. The proficients in the Art wore a small badge of cloth, adorned with wampum, and surrounded by a fringe of feathers. On its face was the device of a finger pointing to a long road, emblematical of their future life of instruction. This badge was worn nearest the skin on the breast. Was it not the Indian's diploma—a talisman ever lying at his heart—the voucher of his character—the mystic credentials of his standing wherever he went? Such an emblem was worn among the Menomenee, Potawatomee, Sioux, Knistenava, and Sache and Fox tribes, as well as the Ojibway tribe, to which Bro. Copway belonged—a tribe which dwelt on the north-western shores of Lake Superior, near the head waters of the Mississippi.

Our late illustrious Bro. De Witt Clinton investigated this subject in his lifetime, and found many interesting facts touching Indian Freemasonry. He relates some cases among the Iroquois in one of his Masonic addresses.

Giles F. Yates, Esq., of Schenectady, made a communication in the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*—I think it is in one of the early volumes—wherein it was stated that Francis Lewis, father of Gen. Morgan Lewis, former Grand Master of New York, was taken captive in the French war, and found some Indians of Welsh descent; and, in 1660, Rev. Morgan Lewis was taken by the Tuscarora Indians and condemned to death. It was at Port Royal, South Carolina. At his sign of distress, wherein he addressed them in his native Welsh, the Sachem of the Doeg tribes saved his life.

Tecumseh was a Mason—a terrible warrior, but we must remember, he fought for his oppressed country. At the battle of the River Raisin, he rescued several pale faces from destruction, on finding they were brothers.

This subject opens a wide field for antiquarian inquiry. It is worthy the attention of such of our brethren, who are blessed with learning and leisure, and dwell in the far West, where some of the tribes still exist. If the light of Masonry ever illumed the brain among the remnants of our Northern and Eastern tribes, it must have been extinct long ago. For in intelligence, appearance, and character, they are almost infinitely inferior to that nation from which sprang the Indian orator, who charmed us so much the other evening, and whose gentlemanly bearing, cultivated mind, and Christian conduct, gather friends around his path wherever he goes. Nearly six feet in height, and well proportioned, he is a noble specimen of the red man of the forest, whose ancestors once held all the lakes, mountains, and rivers of this continent, with an imperial sway, as the eagle now rules the dominions of the air.—*Keystone.*

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## WHAT IS MASONIC?

ANENT the Gurney and Dadmun discussion as to w is Masonic, Companion Hill says:

"In this discussion, as will be seen, there is much f for thought, and the positions taken in the arguments well worthy of study. The vital question as to the ri of the Symbolic Lodge to exercise control over all Maso Bodies is not to be lightly passed by. It may be cal the 'burning question' of the day. Certainly the pe and harmony of several, if not all, jurisdictions are bou up with it. It is essential, in the discussion, to be sure the definitions which are used. In the use of the te *Masonic*, there is evidently a want of agreement as to meaning on the part of the parties to the discussion. Co panion Gurney holds the term 'Masonic' to me *essential to the life of Masonry*. Thus, any degree wh can be dispensed with and yet leave Masonry practica uninjured, is not Masonic. Companion Dadmun eviden seems to hold that any degree which was *first conferred Masons in a Masonic Lodge* is Masonic. This, then v give us a key to the solution of the difficulty. If we c answer the question as to what was included in Mason originally, we can readily determine that the claims of bodies to the use of the word 'Masonic' must be constru to mean that which pertains to Masonry. Masonry he will be the point of divergence, for one will say *Origi* and another *Modern* Masonry. Thus, there is a solid grou for the argument of disputants, based upon the defi tion of Masonry. If it can be shown that the Mason of the Fathers was substantially the Masonry genera regarded as such to day, then the argument of Co panion Gurney necessarily falls to the ground; whi if, on the contrary, it is proven that in this stage Masonry it differs from what it was originally, then t position of Companion Gurney is impregnable. It will conceded that as it is 'not within the power of any ma or body of men, to alter the body of Masonry,' additio which have been the work of late years are not Masonic the proper sense. It does not make a degree Mason because it is conferred only on Masons and only within t tyled precincts of a Lodge. There must be some vit relation existing between the degree so conferred, and t three degrees which are the acknowledged foundation the Masonic Temple. It was a common practice years ag and may be in some quarters to-day, to confer what a called 'side degrees' within the body of the Lodge c Masons, and yet no one will for a moment contend for th Masonic character of such degrees.

"Another point about which there can be no disput Masonry has passed through a process of development sin its authentic written history has been a guide to i characteristics and proportions. Whatever may be claime for the various degrees which are called Masonic to-day, c whatever the process by which they were evolved, if the were part of original Masonry, then it must have been i the nature of principle, and not as full-fledged degrees, pr vided with all the paraphernalia of ritual and kindr accessories. In ascending the stream of reliable Mason history we lose all testimony, save such as we find in th 'Old Charges' or 'Constitutions,' as soon as we hav passed the year 1646, from which date we have writte testimony on most of the essential points in Mason inquiry. The 'Old Charges' bear different dates from tha ascribed to the 'Halliwell Book,' which is of late in th fourteenth century, down to the Harris Roll, or the Kraus Manuscripts of the eighteenth century, all of which hav more or less information concerning Masonry. It i generally admitted that the earliest reliable information s to degrees in Masonry, limits them to not more than thre including the Master's office as a degree. Many conten that there was but one, and that all the ceremonies con nected with the Master's introduction to his office did no take to exceed five minutes. If in 1717 there was but single ceremonial for all who entered the Temple, it wil be hard to prove that later outgrowths are Masonic in th true sense. In any case, to have the seal *Masonic* attached a degree must have been recognised as part of the systen prior to the adoption of the article of the Constitution o 1722, which put it out of the power of any person to ad to the body of Masonry. The division of Masonry int degrees was hardly accomplished at the time of th adoption of Anderson's Constitutions, but the honorar

re of the Grand Lodge, and as such, a part of the of Masonry, making no change in the fundamental iples, but rather retaining some to be communi- when the Mason had proven himself worthy of ional honour. But here the division made no radical ge in the body of Masonry. Now, however, when we to an examination of all the higher degrees we find a al change has taken place, and that there has been duced a new feature, hitherto unknown to the body of nry. The basis of fellowship has been radically ged in some of the added degrees, while in the case of hapter a new organic structure has been created, which ates it altogether from the Lodge from whence it s its membership. In the Templar degree we have a test for membership by which the catholicity of nry is narrowed. Companion Dadmun here contends his is in reality no departure from the true principles sonry, and alleges that some of the fundamental prin- and teachings of Symbolic Masonry are in conflict the Hebrew faith. The doctrine of a resurrection, not held by the Sadducees, was still not in conflict the Hebrew faith. It was the accepted doctrine of who are recognised as the representatives of the e. It is true that there were sects who rejected the ine of the resurrection, but that the Sadducees were numerous enough to stand for the Hebrew people, anion Dadmun will hardly claim.

dmitting all that the most zealous may choose to as to the teachings of the higher degrees, it is ful whether they have added anything to the body gma which it is essential for Masons to know, as as. The truths of Capitular Masonry might well been made the property of a larger circle than are ntitled to their possession. Had the constitutional rement for admission been exactly the same as the re- nent for the Entered Apprentice, the slight alterations necessary thereby would have been more than com- nsated for in the wider circle which would have been d by the sublime truths taught in the degrees. One all will admit: The degrees have received at least a n kind of recognition from all Masons, and to that are entitled to the term Masonic. If it has not possible to give that absolute recognition which settle this question for ever, it has left the question ependence within the control of Chapter and Com- ry, and with the independence it has given to us which otherwise might have been disputed. er as associations of Masons or as Masonic bodies, it us with power to control our degrees and make all ary regulations for the government of our members. e this power would leave us poor indeed, and pave y to dissolution. For this reason this discussion is sense timely, and will have a tendency to bring out cts in Masonic history as are of value to the Craft le all to understand the principles which underlie stitution in all its parts, whether foundation or ructure.

## HE SEPARATENESS OF LIFE.

PATHY, fellowship and co-operation are all grand rds, to which special emphasis is given in the un- of the Masonic system. Man is recognised as a ing, and so are provided the communions and the which claim the attention of the Craft. Meeting odge, and on various occasions which call forth terchanges of thought and feeling, brethren are ery closely together, and thus derive very much of of life, while they are moved to a faithful discharge ties which devolve upon them in the way of their d relations and responsibilities.

is is most excellent, but it is only one part of the gulation of life, and only one side of Masonic teach- requirement. Man was made to have a distinctive ; and in many things of thought, expression and bility he must stand apart from the multitude in ise of the prerogatives of a God-given personality. ential to the best culture of his intellectual and ing that he should maintain a strong individualism ; should often be by himself and walk by himself, in self-communings from which will come some must plan and do first of all, if he would become the wise, successful man of duty and large accomplishments.

> "Man, who man would be,
> Must rule the empire of itself; in it
> Must be supreme, establishing his throne
> Of vanquished will, quelling the anarchy
> Of hopes and fears, *being himself alone.*"

George Herbert wisely says, "By all means choose some time to be alone." Some persons seem to dread any separateness of life. They appear to be lost if there is not a clatter of tongues in their ears. They are not disposed to welcome any occasional period of solitude, or engage in earnest thought and meditation respecting the great questions of life and duty. The gregarious instinct is altogether too strong in such natures. They need to be taught the worth of occasional isolation from the busy world, and to be instructed concerning the importance of personal reflection as bearing upon the production of a noble, true character, and the right regulation of conduct. It was a good rule that Pythagoras gave his disciples, viz.: that each should take an hour each day to be by himself alone, to meet his own mind and learn what oracle it had to impart.

Freemasonry, while calling men to fellowship, preparing the way and making the opportunity for so many social joys, not the less insists upon the maintenance of a distinctive selfhood. It has its chambers of reflection as well as its banquet halls. It requires of its members that they should develop a vigorous personality, and realise in their own inner thought and consciousness the right proportions and due adjustment of all the various conditions in life to which they are respectively connected. It would not have him lose individuality in the general flood of being; or regard company and association as supplying all that is needed for the highest personal development. The genius of Freemasonry demands much independent thought and activity, some isolation of being, and a good deal of close communion with one's self, as well as that free flowing, abundant fellowship of spirit which is of the first importance.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

## Obituary.

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### BRO. ALBERT BROWN.

THE members of Royds Lodge, No. 1204, have sustained a severe loss in the death of Bro. Albert Brown, the founder and first W.M. of the Lodge, which took place on the 27th July, in his 53rd year. Bro. Brown, who for 25 years had been Manager of the Malvern Branch of the Worcester Old Bank, was an old and zealous Mason. He was a P.M. of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529; had passed the chair in the Royal Arch, Mark, Temple, and Rose Croix; filled all Provincial offices up to S.G.W., and had been for some years P.G. Treasurer. In 1867 he was the chief mover in founding the Royds Lodge, of which he occupied the chair for the first two years, and of which he was the Treasurer from the beginning. Both in his Masonic and civil capacity Bro. Brown was well-known and highly respected.

THE GARDENS OF OLYMPIA.—An important additional feature has been added to the new National Agricultural Hall, the great enterprise at Kensington, which will be popularly known as "Olympia." The Directors, of which the Earl of Lathom is Chairman, and Sir John Humphreys the Deputy-Chairman, have made a wise purchase of land adjoining their present estate, with the intention of transforming it into delightful gardens, where the people, after the close of the Colonial Exhibition, may continue to enjoy music and accompanying pleasures in the open air. This is a work of real usefulness, and one that can only tend to the happiness of the people. The *Lancet* recently devoted an article to the subject, in which it said, "We have long felt, looking at the matter from a health point of view, that something ought to be done to supply London with means of out-door amusement available for the summer evenings, and for the classes whose only time of leisure occurs after the business hours of the day are over, as well as for those who can resort to such pleasurable scenes by day." The company now possesses twelve acres of land of great value, in the heart of fashionable London, four acres of which is being covered with buildings, while there will be eight acres of open grounds available for musical promenade, sports, tennis, &c.

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## BEAUTIES OF MASONRY.

IT has oftentimes perplexed good men, to satisfy their own minds, how Masons of different nations and religious creeds could meet and harmonise so cordially in the Lodge. Not one jarring atom, say they, is discoverable in their Masonic intercourse. With some few exceptions, arising from the admission of an unworthy member, followed by a strict and close discipline, that is literally true. But on this point the diversity of opinion wholly arises from the different aspects of the case in the minds of the members, and not from the principles of the Institution.

The peculiar union which pervades the whole body of the Masonic Brotherhood is obvious to every man; and the reasons why it is thus may be seen from the following brief considerations: We meet as Masons, and not as religious sectarians. We meet as brethren of the great family of man, having a community of interests. We meet for the express purpose of transacting such business as appropriately appertains to an institution having respect to the common good of all mankind. Hence we meet on a level, and part on the square.

The system of moral truths, adopted and embraced, covers each principle and harmonises on every point of common and universal interest which is inseparably connected with the well being of man. All these principles are such as every man's conscience instinctively approves, and, of course, utterly preclude all diversity of opinion in respect to the personal interest of each member concerned, the common good of the brotherhood collectively, and the general well being of the human family. Hence, no member can lay an objection which does not contravene his own interest, and his own happiness, both as a rational man and a social being.

Masonry prescribes those relative duties concerning which there can be but one uniform opinion, as to obligation, expediency and fitness, inasmuch as they grow out of those very relations which are interwoven with our existence. All the connecting and binding links of social intercourse and civil society consist of relations and dependencies; and the strength, the security, the harmony, the happiness, and the common interests of all men are connected with the due observance of each. No rational man can overlook, disregard or deny such duties as from the nature of our existence are necessarily involved in that entire circle of relations and dependencies, and, of course, has neither cause to dissent, nor inclination to controvert them.

The same is true in respect to those obligations of love, reverence and obedience, arising from the relation and dependence of *all men* on God as their Creator. From an acknowledgement of this truth each point of duty becomes self-evident, and every man of an enlightened understanding is conscious of the obligation. Hence, on this ground, no sundering difference of opinion can find an entering place.

Masonry enjoins that humanity and benevolence towards all our species, a conscientious sense of the fitness of which is equally deep-rooted and co-existent with the sympathies of every man's nature. Under the impress of his Maker's hand the spontaneous feelings of commiseration, in view of suffering and distress, find a lodgment in every man's bosom. These in-wrought feelings are neither blunted nor blotted out by a ruthless violence to the native sensibilities of the heart, and the stifling of an admonitory conscience.

Principles and duties so obviously involving universal obligation, embracing the common interests of all, both individually and collectively, and promoting mutual concord and general happiness, constitute a bond of Masonic union which can never interfere either with sectarian peculiarities or national distinctions. All meet on the broad foundation laid by those moral truths concerning which there neither is nor can be the least ground for controversy. Hence, in the character of Masons, each member is agreed in the acknowledgment of those obligations of duty, and principles of morality, which, by the testimony of his own conscience, are binding, fundamentally and immutably; and in the exercise of that humanity, benevolence and charity, which are instinctive propensities of our nature.

From this simple sketch, it must appear evident that Masonry proposes the accomplishment of the greatest

precludes co-ordinate sectarian peculiarities in prom
human happiness, nor impedes local, or national, m
benevolent, or religious effort, according to the va
notions of men in doing good; nor shackles indivi
opinion freely exercised as to the best and most effic
modes of carrying out and applying points, subordi
minor, or inferential from any of the great principles
which all views and all minds accord.—*Voice of Mason*

## SACRIFICE REQUISITE.

TO win all benefits Masonry can bestow, you mus
prepared to make sacrifices in its behalf, whenever
are required at your hands.

It is somewhere said that in the olden time a cer
nobleman, desirous of erecting a magnificent castle, wh
should be an ornament to his kingdom, sent forth, enga
the needed workmen, and procured the materials for
construction. It happened that when the work was
far advanced to be abandoned without serious loss to
owner and much suffering to the labourers, a drought, sev
and prolonged, afflicted the land. The streams failed f
their channels, the springs disappeared in the earth,
those engaged in the erection of the edifice could
obtain the water to mix the cement for the stones, of wh
the structure was to be composed. The nobleman, see
the distress, and recognising the necessity of prompt rel
brought forth the rich wines with which his vaults w
stored, and with them the cement that was to hold
castle, stone by stone, was made. The sacrifice seeme
great one; but ever after the breezes which blew above
castle walls carried on their wings the rare fragrance of
rich wine's breath and filled the valleys round about with
exquisite perfume of the luscious grape; and so it came
pass, that far and near, the very air was burdened with
story of the kindly act which raised the castle from
rough to the perfect ashlar; while even the flowers a
the trees, made more fragrant by the breath of the caressi
winds, bore sweet testimony to the nobleman's generc
deed.

Let us as Masons imitate the example thus presented, a
when the need shall be, stand ready to pour out as a libati
on the altars of Masonry the possessions which we cheri
and then from their horns will ascend the incense whc
snowy clouds shall envelop our lives in the doul
blessings which reward self-sacrifice and devotion. A
in future days those who may take our places here will
aroused to better and nobler deeds, in the sincere desire
profit by that example which illustrated the brotherly lo
of men, and the glorious perfections of the institution whi
made such love a possibility. —JOHN S. DAVIDSON.

## SYMBOLISM OF THE TABERNACLE.

IT will not be questioned that the Tabernacle primari
signified the presence of Jehovah with His peopl
The structure as a whole indicated the being of Almigh
God. It stood as a visible sign of that fact so impressive
emphasised by the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Ho
place, viz., that God was mercifully pleased to sit upon th
mercy seat, as upon a throne, in the midst of His chose
Israel. One of the first directions given to Moses after th
delivery of the Law had respect to this building: "An
thou shalt rear up the Tabernacle according to the fashio
thereof which was shewed thee in the mount." So th
structure was reared and furnished, and the sacred object
which it was to enclose were installed with proper observ
ance into their respective places, within one year after th
Hebrews had escaped out of Egypt. Then came a mani
festation that it was to be regarded as the dwelling-plac
of the Most High: "Behold, a cloud covered the tent o
the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled th
Tabernacle." Thenceforward the Divine Majesty occupie
its prepared abode. We may not know just what th
miraculous appearance was, any more than we may discern
the precise moral application of everything connected wit
the sacred edifice; of the main fact, however, we need hav
no doubt, for the Holy Scriptures are most distinct in thei
showing that the Tabernacle and its furniture were pri
marily intended to cause the people of Israel to recognise
the being and presence of Almighty God.

c instruction is of a two-fold character. It signifies the at, eternal truth, that God is present on the earth with children. "Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with , and He will dwell with them and they shall be His ple." Here we have the beloved disciple making use figure or symbol, of well understood import, to set h a doctrine alike precious under the old dispensation the new. However and wherever the Tabernacle is ght to mind, let its true symbolism be recognised, for will come an influence to restrain men from evil and urage them in goodness.

second important element in the symbolism of the ernacle is the suggestion that a state of perfect under- ding and holiness is only to be attained by gradual s. The Court, Sanctuary, and Holy of Holies, were any distinct gradations of a sacred place. Without undue use of the symbolism, it may yet remind us of legrees that mark a progressive moral life; and how, he court of obedience, the altar of sacrifice, and the sing of holiness, we may hope to pass the veil of death ter at last upon a state of heavenly blessedness.

f course the old Sinaitic Tabernacle has other symbolic ings, but its principle features are those here indi- . They are important; they touch fundamental s and have to do with eternal verities, and thus are deserving our attention. As Masons we are specially ned to heed the primary, essential truths thus sym- d. It is true, indeed, that the tabernacle of Masonic ion does not point directly to the sacred structure d in the wilderness; nevertheless there are associa- and references thereto quite sufficient to make it an of careful thought to the intelligent Craftsman. The h Tabernacle is worthy of attention as it stands d to the religious life of God's chosen people, as it a special manifestation of Divine Light and glory to nd as it signifies the way through which faithful pass on to holiness and heaven.—"*Freemasons' tory.*"

## A PERNICIOUS CUSTOM.

s sad to think that there are in our Lodges many who em to have no higher motive in view than their own rement, and who are willing to prostitute our sacred tion to obtain for themselves a position and rank their brethren which neither their heads nor hearts them to hold. Everywhere the office should seek ; more especially should it in a place so sacred as ic Lodge. But we do not always find this to be . Too often it occurs that the retiring modesty of ly worthy deters them from assuming the responsi- of a position which they are eminently qualified to le the effrontery of the undeserving as often bears to places which their incapacity or unworthiness hem to disgrace. We notice this evil existing in our Lodges. In frequent cases, no sooner is a appointed Steward than he becomes impressed with that he is now placed on the high road to the chair. There exists an impression, too, among hren, that the party who is selected as Senior must, in turn, be elected Junior Warden, and so pective of qualification. "He is a good fellow, 'll not do to supplant him," is the cry, and thus ent and sometimes unworthy brethren are placed sitions to the great detriment of the Craft. It is of all good Masons to set their faces determinedly is pernicious custom—for custom it has become ree to unite upon the best, the most capable among fill the important positions in their Lodges. When ne, we may hope to see the Oriental Chair filled, filled by those who will be an honour to their d a benefit to the Craft.—JAMES W. ANDERSON.

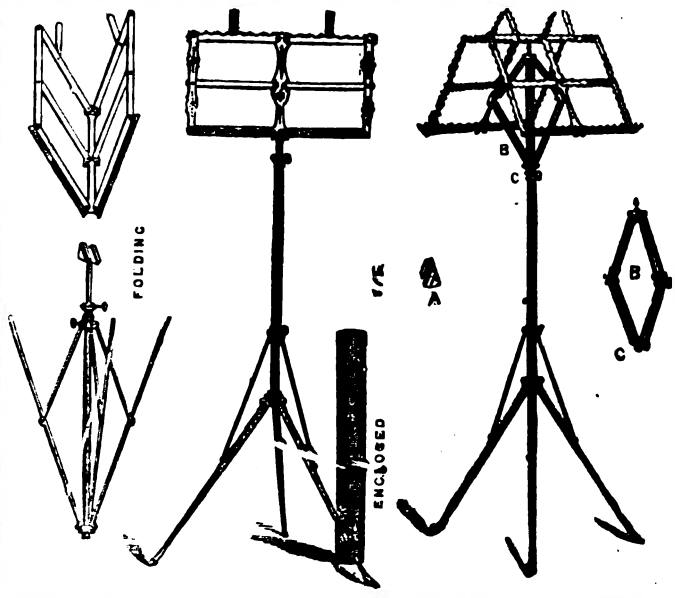
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| Inverness ... ,, | — | — | — | 8 5 | 11 50 | 2 45 | 2 45 | 6 5 | 10 |

The 8·40 p.m. EXPRESS from EUSTON to PERTH will run from Wedn day, 28th July to Tuesday, 10th August (Saturday and Sunday nights a cepted), as a Relief Train to the 8·50 p.m. Limited Mail. The Train will t saloons with family parties and sleeping and ordinary carriages for Pe and beyond, but will not pick up passengers en route. By this means undisturbed journey will be secured, and the earlier arrival at Perth give ample time for breakfast, &c., before going forward to the Highla

The HIGHLAND EXPRESS (8·0 p.m.) will run every night (except Sa days).

**A** will run every night, but on Sunday mornings its arrival at Dundee wil 9·5 a.m., Inverness 1·30 p.m., and it will have no connection to O (Saturday nights from London.) **B** will run every night, but will have no c nection to Edinburgh and the North on Saturday night. **C** will run ev night (Saturdays excepted).

On Saturdays passengers by the 11·0 a.m. Train from London are not c veyed beyond Perth by the Highland Railway, and only as far as Aberdeen the Caledonian Railway.

Carriages with lavatory accommodation are run on the principal Expr Trains between London and Scotland, without extra charge.

IMPROVED SLEEPING SALOONS, accompanied by an attendant, are on the night trains between London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Stranr and Perth. Extra charge, 5s for each berth.

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For particulars of improved train service from Scotland to London see Companies' time bills.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager, L. and N.W. Railway
J. THOMPSON, General Manager, Caledonian Railway

July 1886.





## GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Masonic Ha Abergavenny, under the banner of the Philanthrop Lodge, No. 818, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Notwithstandi the weather was unfavourable, a goodly number of brethr came into the town by the morning trains. After t completion of business, the brethren, accompanied by t Blaenavon Band, under Mr. George Palmer, proceeded St. Mary's Church, in procession. First came the Tyle with swords; twelve banners borne by sons of Mason band; visiting brethren not of the Province of Monmout shire, two deep; the rough ashlar, borne on a cushion; a then the Lodges, in the following order: Homfray Lodg No. 1562, Risca; Albert Edward Prince of Wales, 14 Newport; Kennard, 1258, Pontypool; St. George's, 109 Tredegar; Philanthropic, 818, Abergavenny; Isca, 6 Newport; Silurian, 471, Newport; Loyal Monmouthshi 457, Monmouth; the brethren of each Lodge, following order, each being preceded by its banner, and Tyler wi sword; next came the visiting brethren, Officers, and P Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges other than that Monmouthshire, followed by the Provincial Grand Lod of Monmouthshire, in this order: Assist. Prov. G. Tyl with drawn sword, Bro. T. L. Preece; twelve banne borne by sons of Masons: Past Prov. G. Pursuivant Prov. G. Pursuivant, Bro. G. Hazell; Past Prov. G. Star ard Bearers; Past Prov. G. Organists; Prov. G. Organi Bro. E. W. Perren; Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers; P

s. of Works; Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Bro. R
ghts; Past Prov. G. Deacons; Past Prov. G. Regis-
; Prov. G. Assist. Secretary, Bro. A. Taylor, with
: of Constitutions; Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. A.
lahon; Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. E. Baker, with
Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. W. Pickford; Past Prov.
haplains; Prov. G. Stewards with wands; Prov. G.
plains, Bros. the Rev. J. W. Osman and D. Wilks.
Sacred Law, on a cushion, was borne by four Masons'
and was opened at the tenth chapter of the Book of
bers. After the Provincial Grand Chaplain came the
Provincial Grand Wardens, the Corinthian, Doric,
Ionic lights, borne by Masters of Lodges; the column
ie Provincial Grand Junior Warden, borne by a P.M.
Lodge; Bro. J. O. Marsh Prov. G.J.W., with plumb
the column of the Prov. Grand Senior Warden,
by a P.M. of a Lodge; Bro. W. Watkins Prov.
V., with a level; Bro. W. R. Eames P.G.S. Prov.
)., Standard Bearer of the Prov. Grand Lodge, with
. Visitors of distinction followed, namely, Bros.
in S. G. Homfray W. D.P.G.M. P.G.A.D.C.,
ies P.G. Sword Bearer, Col. C. Lyne R.W. P.G.M.,
el C. Lyne, C. W. Widdowson P.G.S.D., and Bro.
e P.G. Tyler, with drawn sword. Having arrived
western entrance to St. Mary's Church, the proces-
halted, the brethren opened right and left, facing
ds, allowing the Provincial Grand Master to pass up
ntre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers,
rovincial Grand Officers and brethren following in
ed order of procession. The brethren were accom-
ed with seats in the nave, and presented a truly
ng appearance. The service was conducted by
the Rev. D. Wilks P.P.G.C., assisted by the
J. Rees and Bro. the Rev. J. W. Osman.
'rovincial Grand Chaplain preached an excellent and
riate sermon, from Psalm xli. 1: "Blessed is he
onsidereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in
' trouble." The following was the order of the Ser-
Introductory, voluntary Andante in E (H. Smart);
sional Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers;" Prayers
ening Service; Psalms lxvi. Turner in A, and
in D; cxxxviii. Tonus Peregrinus; cl. Walmsley
First Lesson, 2 Chron. i.; Magnificat, Goss in A;
Lesson, St. Luke x.-xxv.; Nunc Dimittis, Goss
Anthem, Psalm cxxxiii.; "Behold how good and
'—(Whitfield); Bass Solo, Mr. Way; Soprano
Mrs. Pegler and Mrs. T. Biggs; Hymn before Ser-
Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all:" Sermon; Hymn
ermon, O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea; con-
voluntary, chorus in D major (Guilmant). The
part of the Service was under the direction of
muel Cross, assisted by Mr. Throne Biggs, organist
Mary's. After Service the brethren formed into
on again and returned to the Lodge. Several of
especple did honour to the occasion by displaying
id bannerets from their windows. At four p.m.,
iness of the Lodge having been concluded, the
repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where a ban-
a récherché description awaited them.

## IG A FOUNDATION STONE IN DUNDEE.

iday a most successful ceremonial of laying a foundation
e took place in Dundee. The building is the completion
ier end (west) of Whitehall-street, and is to be one of the
inent of all the structures put up under the new Towns
ent Schome. The street takes its name from the Royal
Whitehall, which stood on the same site as the present
to occupy. Our readers are referred to Grant's "Yellow
for an interesting account of that Royal residence.
ey will own the whole block, and is to occupy the base-
t and second floors and saloons, as an immense retail
aberdashery, and house furnishing establishment. Every
pliance for the comfort of the public and the assistants is
vided for. Some time ago Mr. Blackney conceived the
ting the edifice founded in true and proper form, and
he made application to the Deputy Provincial Grand
he Grand Lodge was consulted as to precedent, and gave
on. The Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. F. Lyon, of
itle, then consented to perform the work. The Lodges of
country were summoned to obey the commands of the
Grand Master, and the result was a gratifying response,
t of three hundred Craftsmen to support him. Provincial
go was opened in the ancient hall, and stood adjourned
mpletion of the ceremony. The stone was laid in the
f a vast number of spectators, Lady Anna Lindsay, of
tlemen were invited to a grand stand, erected by Mr. Blackney, having a good view of the proceedings. The usual symbolic formula having been performed, the Hon. F. Lyon delivered an address, complimenting the town on the vast improvements made under its wise and capable Council, and Mr. Blackney on the grand spirit of enterprise that led him to push the old and clumsy system of business aside, and join in the general improvement of Dundee. A cake and wine banquet, to which about four hundred sat down, closed the proceedings of the day, every one expressing satisfaction at being present. The Provincial Grand Master has thus earned his first silver trowel —a handsome one—given by Mr. Blackney.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### THE EQUALITY OF FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue contains three direct and striking references to the equality which exists among Freemasons, and which has been so frequently referred to by Masonic writers and speakers in the past. I presume the three references are accidental so far as similarity is concerned, as they appear to have such varied origins, and can hardly have been written as three illustrations of one person's idea, inasmuch as the reasons for each are manifest. The first case is where you speak of the position occupied by H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Oxfordshire Freemasonry, as a practical illustration of the equality which Freemasonry induces; the next occurs in an article headed "Masonry's Mission Now," the writer of which speaks of the equality of Freemasonry being resorted to for the purpose of arranging disputes between capital and labour; while the third is in a report of a Masonic banquet at Wimbledon Camp, when the Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Prince of Wales Grand Master of Masons, referred to the installation by His Royal Highness of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, when the Prince of Wales is said to have thrown off all reserve, "leaving all royalty except his title behind him, and completely identifying himself with the brethren by whom he was surrounded."

These three references, although they all point to one great Masonic truth, serve, I think, to illustrate very opposite ideas. Equality exists in Freemasonry perhaps more than in any other section of society, yet I cannot believe that it is to overweigh all other considerations; nor do I think it would be wise to allow the equality of Freemasonry to have any influence on outside matters. My reason for writing thus is to offer my protest against the views set down in the article on "Masonry's Mission Now," to which I have already referred. Surely it is not the general wish of Freemasons that the equality which they enjoy among themselves shall be made use of to influence trade disputes? If so, I fear the worst results must ensue. If Masonry connects itself with the quarrels between capital and labour it may be asked to act similarly in connection with other disputes, and eventually the Order will be brought into the position usually occupied by those who interfere in the quarrels of others—abused by all concerned. This is hardly the equality I imagine to be taught by the lessons of Freemasonry; the other two references being more in accordance with my view of the case. Freemasonry teaches equality—that equality which allows one member of the Royal Family of England to take a humble office in a Lodge and serve in conjunction with others far beneath him in so far as birth and rank is concerned; while another member of the same family—the heir to the throne—can meet the brethren of a large Province, and others who choose to visit it, on perfect terms of brotherhood. But neither of these latter could be said to afford an opportunity of discussing with the Royal Family of England subjects outside the scope of Freemasonry; nor should the brotherly tie which exists between the capitalist and the labourer be violated by the discussion of anything not connected with the Order.

Yours fraternally,

CELTIC.

### QUEEN ELEANOR CROSS, WALTHAM.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to thank you for the space you have previously given in your columns for reference to the restoration of the Eleanor Cross, at Waltham. Will you again enable me to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Lodges that have already subscribed, and to furnish the following particulars?

Several tenders have been received for part of the work, and that of Bro. Harry Hems, of Exeter, has been accepted.

For the complete renovation and preservation of this ancient and artistic monument there is still a deficiency to make up, of about £900, and it is to be hoped that brethren and Lodges that can afford it will send a small amount to help in this endeavour to preserve one of England's best monuments. This gem of mediæval art could not have been placed in better hands than that of Bro. Harry Hems, who has worked at over 1000 cathedrals and churches. One has only to visit St. Alban's Abbey to see the loving tenderness with which he treats his work, as shown in the restoration of the great altar screen, [illegible] about three years. This

ecclesiastics, and saints, who in times past were associated with the Abbey. With such a sculptor, and for architect Mr. C. E. Ponting, whose treatment of the Churches of Bishops Cannings, Broad, Hinton, Swindon, Avebury, and works of like character, sufficiently guarantees that the work of the Eleanor Cross will be done in the most careful and reverential manner.

Lodges intending to subscribe towards this work, should address the Secretaries of the Eleanor Cross Preservation Committee, Waltham Cross, Herts.

Yours fraternally,

J. TYDEMAN.

Waltham Cross, N., 5th August 1886.

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The Secretaries thankfully acknowledge receipt of subscriptions from the following Lodges:—

| Lodge. | No. | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| King Harold | 1327 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Worsley | 1814 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kenlis | 1267 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Duke of Cornwall | 1529 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dalhousie | 865 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Belvedere | 503 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Merlin | 1578 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Royal Sussex | 312 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| St. George | 231 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Corinthian | 1382 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Royal Preston | 333 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hertford | 403 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cuthberga | 622 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gresham | 869 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| St. Thomas | 992 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Indefatigable | 237 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Stortford | 409 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| St. Michael | 1097 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Commercial | 411 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Faithful | 85 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Royds (per Bro. Stanley Haynes) | 1204 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bagshaw | 1457 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Neptune | 22 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilson Iles | 2054 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Caradoc | 1573 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| St. Peter | 481 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| St. Martin | 510 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Suffield | 1808 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| St. Peter and St. Paul | 1410 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lodge of Triumph | 1061 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Sphinx | 1329 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Atlantic Phœnix, Bermuda | 224 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Promises from the following Lodges have been made:—

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| St. John | 327 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rose and Lily, M.M.M. | 354 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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## "DESECRATION OR SACRILEGE?"

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read a paper, under the caption of "Desecration or Sacrilege?" in a late issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which has excited in equal parts my astonishment and my indignation. That *any* erasure should be made from the foundation-stone of a Masonic edifice, justly planted with solemn ceremonial, is an offence against history, truth and justice. Such an act, so far as I know, is unprecedented. Erasures have been made from gravestones, from public monuments, &c., either by order of Courts or during public excitement, but never, so far as I am informed, from a *Masonic foundation-stone*. During the anti-Masonic spasm in this country, 1826 to 1836, a proposition was entertained by the authorities of Boston, Massachusetts, to erase from the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill monument all allusions to the fact that "the stone was planted under Masonic patronage;" but public sentiment forbade the desecration, and the inscription remains as originally written.

This act must be searchingly investigated, and a black mark placed upon the criminal hand that removed an honoured and respected name from the foundation-stone and replaced it by one unknown or insignificant in Freemasonry. I shall watch the proceedings in the case with great interest.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, U.S.A.
July 1886.

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## EDUCATING THE ORPHANS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have noted frequent references in your columns to the varied systems of education adopted by the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and other funds which are devoted by the Freemasons of England to the education and maintenance of the orphan children of their brethren, and I recently heard from a distinguished Craftsman—none other than Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., the Chairman of the [illegible] from your report). He, in speaking of the Educational Bran the Mark Fund, said that the children educated under it educated near their own homes, which was altogether differe the education afforded by the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Sch where they were educated away from their own homes. Thi you are well aware, is the system also adopted in several of the vinces of England which have established, and are able to main local funds for the relief of their own cases of distress.

I do not wish to draw any comparisons between the system o door and outdoor maintenance, but I cannot help making one comr as to the former. In your last issue is a copy of a letter of Hughan's, in which he says the building of the Masonic Institutio Boys at Wood Green, has cost £65,000! Now as to the o system, that of education at schools near the homes of the pu Would it not be possible to extend this system to such an exten to afford relief to *every* deserving case brought under the notic the Craft? I am aware this would entail a great outlay, but i one which could be met by Freemasons, if they entered heart soul into the project, and it would be a great gratification to k there was not a single deserving child of a deceased Mason throu out England who was not receiving the blessings of education think if this subject was sufficiently ventilated among the membe the Order something might be done, and if you will kindly in this letter you will do much to bring the subject under the notic those whom it concerns.

Yours fraternally,

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Prince's.** — On Thursday, 29th July, Dion Boucicault, author ever popular with playgoers, produced a new English Come in five acts, entitled "The Jilt." The Jilt, a celebrated Lon belle, marries Sir Budleigh Woodstock, a Yorkshire Baronet of gr wealth. Previous to this marriage, the death of a former admire the lady takes place. As a dying gift, he bequeaths the love lett which had passed between them to his executors, to be given to Budleigh. Lord Marcus Wylie, who is a suitor of Kitty Woodstocl (Lord Budleigh's sister), secures possession of these letters, and threatening to expose her brother's wife, attempts to forward suit; he is, however, prevented from doing so by the interposition Myles O'Hara. Mr. Dion Boucicault takes the part of Myles, and ready wit and perfect acting was continuously applauded. In Act a race is supposed to take place, on an invisible race-course, wher horse belonging to Sir Budleigh, ridden by Phyllis Welter, comes the conqueror; whilst an animal, late the property of O'Hara, ridden by Geoffrey Tudor, comes in second. Geoffrey, son Colonel Tudor, Kitty Woodstock's guardian, is an Eton boy of ni teen, and is continually "getting into messes." Mrs. Welter, mother of Kitty, entertains a great fondness for racing; this s plainly shows by her restless condition when racing subjects are c versed upon. At the conclusion, "The Jilt" confesses to her h band that although she had no love for him at the time of th marriage, by his manly conduct and unceasing care for her she learned to love him dearly. Myles O'Hara pairs off with Sir B leigh's sister Kitty; Geoffrey Tudor with Phyllis; and Colonel Tuc with Mrs. Welter. Mr. J. G. Grahame ably conceived the part the frank Yorkshire Baronet; Mr. J. G. Taylor took the difficult p of James Daisy, a betting scoundrel, and was most successful in delineation. Miss Kitty Woodstock was played by Miss Thorndy who is a sterling actress. She has a good voice, pleasant appe ance, and met with a very favourable reception. Miss Myra Hol played the Jilt, and enacted her difficult part successfully. Mi Webster as Phyllis Welter displayed earnestness. The minor part of Curate, Butler, and aged Huntsman, were taken respectively Mr. E. W. Gardiner, Mr. Sidney Harcourt, and Mr. Belton. At t close the author was called for, and the artistes engaged were loud applauded.

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**Haymarket.**—On Saturday, the 31st ult., the Vaughan-Co way Comedy Company produced Sheridan's renowned Comedy t "School for Scandal." The piece was admirably put on the stag and its portrayal resulted in a success. Miss Kate Vaughan took t part of Lady Teazle. Her acting and by-play were admirable, w meriting the applause she received. Miss Marie Illington h evidently carefully studied the character of Lady Sneerwell. S Peter Teazle was characterised in an able and spirited manner b Mr. J. A. Howell. The buoyancy and jovial manner of Charles Su face was well shown by Mr. H. B. Conway; Joseph Surface and h sentimental utterances were delineated by Mr. Forbes Dawso Moses was excellently made up, and was amusingly rendered by M C. Collette. Sir Oliver Surface was well represented by Mr. I Crisp. In the second act a minuet, most gracefully danced, called fort an encore.

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The Installation meeting of the Ethelbert Lodge No. 2099, will be held at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE regular Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter . was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under e presidency of Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. Comp. omas Fenn occupied the chair of Grand H., and Comp. ter de Lande Long that of Grand J. The other Grand icers present were Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., . Thomas Robinson S.N., Rev. W. Mortimer Heath ., James Glashier as 1st Assistant, Dr. Ralph Gooding nd Assistant, D. P. Cama Treasurer, F. Richardson as ., &c. The minutes having been confirmed, the several s of business given in the agenda published in our last e were disposed of, the prayers of the several petitions re Grand Chapter being granted.

## PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

HE Royal Arch Masons of Kent held their annual convocation on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the nic Temple, Canterbury, under the presidency of the incial Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Earl erst. There was a fair attendance of Companions and sual business was transacted. The annual returns the several Chapters of the Province gave evidence of crease of the Royal Arch Degree in the county during welve months. A large sum was voted from the of the Provincial Chapter for the purposes of y.

following Companions were appointed as Officers e year :—

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| . S. Eastes P.Z. 503 709 (re-appointed) | H. |
| Wm. Russell, P.Z. 829 - - | J. |
| . S. Warne P.Z. 20 (re-appointed) - | S.E. |
| . F. Girard P.Z. 784 Z. 31 - - | S.N. |
| . H. Chexfield P.Z. 429 - - | P.S. |
| ohn Brothers P.Z. 709 - - | 1st A.S. |
| . C. Walker P.Z. 199 - - | 2nd A.S. |
| . K. Thorpe P.Z. 709 (re-elected) - | Treasurer |
| . Graham P.Z. 874 - - - | Registrar |
| . Burley P.Z. 1273 - - - | Sword Bearer |
| enry Mason P.Z. 913 - - | Standard Bearer |
| M. Rigg P.Z. 158 - - - | D.C. |
| . Tice P.Z. 31 - - - | Organist |
| hn Cooke 709 (re-appointed) - | Janitor |

## MASONIC STATISTICS, 1886.

BY BRO. J. H. DRUMMOND, P.G.M.

| Grand Lodges | Members | Raised |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 7,726 | 299 |
| rizona | 353 | 11 |
| rkansas | 10,452 | 531 |
| ritish Columbia | 312 | 10 |
| alifornia | 14,260 | 598 |
| anada | 18,983 | 1,009 |
| olorado | 3,756 | 264 |
| onnecticut | 14,904 | 389 |
| akota | 2,644 | 317 |
| elaware | 1,457 | 66 |
| istrict of Columbia | 3,032 | 113 |
| orida | 2,302 | 173 |
| orgia | 11,024 | 602 |
| aho | 495 | 26 |
| nois | 40,015 | 1,424 |
| diana | 22,548 | 989 |
| dian Territory | 653 | 89 |
| va | 21,309 | 784 |
| nsas | 13,277 | 922 |
| ntucky | 14,823 | 713 |
| isiana | 3,826 | 118 |
| ne | 20,077 | 662 |
| nitoba | 1,350 | 136 |
| yland | 4,896 | 82 |
| ssachusetts | 27,590 | 1,027 |
| nigan | 27 045 | 1,282 |
| nesota | 8,677 | 600 |
| issippi | 8,422 | 208 |
| ouri | 25,821 | 1,000 |
| tana | 1,234 | 73 |
| raska | 5,979 | 428 |
| ada | 1,095 | 37 |
| Brunswick | 1,910 | 115 |
| New York | 72,318 | 2,119 |
| North Carolina | 8,211 | 345 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,966 | 187 |
| Ohio | 29,345 | 1,160 |
| Oregon | 3,261 | 131 |
| Pennsylvania | 37,175 | 1,696 |
| P.E. Island | 428 | 35 |
| Quebec | 2,822 | 141 |
| Rhode Island | 3,597 | 127 |
| South Carolina | 5,477 | 232 |
| Tennessee | 14,755 | 474 |
| Texas | 18,690 | 965 |
| Utah | 474 | 23 |
| Vermont | 7,940 | 334 |
| Virginia | 9,013 | — |
| Washington | 1,703 | 106 |
| West Virginia | 3,542 | 156 |
| Wisconsin | 12,968 | 646 |
| Wyoming | 432 | 37 |
| Total | 596,464 | 24,818 |

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

AS, on the 17th inst., Miss Davis will complete a period of twenty-five years' service as Head Mistress of the Masonic Girls School, a Committee has been formed for the purpose of giving effect to a feeling which, it is believed, very generally prevails among the supporters of the Institution, that the event should be marked by the presentation to her of some testimonial in recognition of the very excellent services she has rendered to the Institution during that period. Elected at an unusually early age to a position of great responsibility, Miss Davis from the first fully justified the high expectations which induced the Committee of the School, in the year 1861, to invite her to undertake the duties she has since so well and so thoroughly discharged. It is felt that the present very satisfactory position of the School, as an educational establishment, is mainly due to the ability and attainments of Miss Davis, by whom the whole of her admirable staff of teachers have been trained, while the high standard of tone and bearing which has been maintained among the scholars is due in a very great measure to the personal influence exercised by her over those placed under her charge. In order to afford a large number of the supporters and friends of the Institution an opportunity of contributing to the fund proposed to be raised it has been determined that *individual* subscriptions may be for any sums not exceeding one guinea. Brethren desirous of contributing are requested to forward cheques or postal orders to the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. Herbert Dicketts, 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., before the 30th September next. The Secretary will be pleased to forward collecting cards on application. The following brethren comprise the officers of the Testimonial Fund :—

President—BRO. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, F.S.A.

Vice-President—BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—BRO. HERBERT DICKETTS.

Committee—

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| Bro. Bailey, William | Bro. Letchworth, Edward |
| Berridge, Robert | Long, Peter de Lande |
| Bowyer, Edgar | Lambert, Geo. |
| Chancellor, J. G. | Marshall, Horace Brooks |
| Clerke, Col. Shadwell H. | Mather, E. C. |
| Clutton, Ralph | Mather, J. L. |
| Davies, E. C. | Matier, Charles F. |
| Dicketts, Herbert | Matthews, J. H. |
| Duke, Charles W. | Monckton, Sir John B. |
| Faulkner, John | Moon, James |
| Fenn, Thomas | Nettleship, W. F. |
| Grey, Robert | Nunn, Joshua |
| Hammerton, Charles | Peters, Col. James |
| Hedges, F. R. W. | Philbrick, Q.C., F. A. |
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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## MONDAY, 9th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington

47—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
70—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
48—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1512—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 422—All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
465—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
583—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 11th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruct
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instructi
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Ins
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., a ... (
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Ins. ...
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Ins
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hookmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Symphony, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Jenison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghams ..., George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 258—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 29—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 34—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 356—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 12th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructi
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's Road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
177—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruct
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
753—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instructio

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Grange, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (
1598—Bey Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instructio
1625—Trevelyan, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Row, E., at 7.30. (In
1673—Langton, White Hart, Holborn Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (I
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, (In

Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
Concent Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
Marine, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
Isaac Ely, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
Windsor, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
Unity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
Action, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
Bee, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
Lion Stone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
Fortescue, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
Prince Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
Unity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
Eagle, Masonic Hall, Mosborough
Hegdon, Ellery Arms Hotel, Blythe
Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Dead
Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
Hilton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
Lodge, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Lloyd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala
Queen, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
Welbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
Velet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
Wales, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
Equality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
Queen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
Hilington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
Keystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

## FRIDAY, 13th AUGUST.

Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Bolls, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Pimlico, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Centaur C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
Pythagorean Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
Cornwall, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
Cardiff, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Snaidburn
Hall, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Mid Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
Grand of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
South, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich

Grosvenor and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
Hill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesihill
Egbert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
School of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

## SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST.

Lancaster, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
Three Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Shetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Red Lion, Leytonstone
Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
Of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
Asylum, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

Private Rooms, Meltham
Yorke, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
Harrow
Masonic Hall, Leeds

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, King Street, Manchester. was opened in due form by the Worshipful Master, Bro. 5·30, and after the formal business of confirming the work shown on the agenda—that of passing two brethren ed with by the W.M. in a manner described by the andiloquent, particularly the lecture in this degree, ared by one of the Past Masters to have been ren-had done, and was likely to do to those who sought its aid, and concluded by exhorting the members, not only of this Lodge, but all other Lodges meeting in this room—of which there are six—to attend and receive instruction and practice that will fit them to occupy any office in Craft Lodge with credit to themselves and satisfaction to their brethren. Other important matters of business were brought before the Lodge by the indefatigable Treasurer, Bro. Barton, and were referred to by Past Masters, and disposed of in a business like manner and in true Masonic spirit. The W.M. then closed the Lodge, and invited the brethren, particularly the visitors, to join him at the festive board. His invitation was universally accepted, and in a few moments the festive board, always invitingly laid out by Mrs. Edwards, was surrounded by the visitors and members of the Lodge. The toasts were given and received in the enthusiastic manner characteristic of this Lodge, whose popularity has spread almost over the Masonic world of Great Britain. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by several of the brethren singing Masonic and patriotic songs, and Bro. Rattray, a respected and very diligent officer, gave an anecdotal sketch in a dialect peculiar to a part of Northumberland, the scene of his early days; the anecdote, which pointed a moral, was very amusing and given in a pleasing, if not altogether understandable, language. The toast of the visitors was proposed by Bro. Barton, the Treasurer, in a few well chosen remarks; it was responded to in gratifying terms, one guest remarking they had been very kindly received and had enjoyed a great Masonic treat in the working of the Master and his Officers. The toast of the Past Masters was then proposed by the W.M., who feelingly acknowledged their services, and the great help he derived from them; he hoped he might continue to receive their counsel and advice for a long time to come. This toast was responded to by Past Masters Harris, Hunt, and Darbyshire. The health of the W.M. was proposed by one of the Past Masters, who expressed the pleasure he always felt in proposing this toast; from experience he knew that this toast had the effect of strengthening the Master and inspiring him to feel more and more the importance of the high position he held. Moreover, it teaches the younger members of the Order that they must look up to their Master for Masonic teaching. The Officers' toast, given by the Master, was responded to by the S.W. and J.W., both of whom gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and promised continued support and attention to the duties of their respective offices, or in any work in connection with the Lodge. The genial Tyler, Bro. Sharp, having given his toast, the brethren dispersed, at 10·30, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings ever remembered in connection with this happy and prosperous East Lancashire Lodge.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 28th July, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, when there were present: Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., J. D. Langton P.G.J.W. Surrey I.P.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser P.M. Sec., M. L. Levèy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., J. C. Leaver Steward, and W. Lawe Tyler; also Bros. R. W. Wilson, A. Matthey, E. C. Holdsworth, E. C. Leaver, W. Fraser, and C. Holden. Visitors—Bros. W. H. M. Smith W.M. 463, W. H. Rawson W.M. 1790, J. Harling P.M. and Treasurer 30, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554, A. Poisson J.W. 431, F. Knight 1185, and T. H. Garland 1987. Bros. A. Matthey and E. C. Leaver were raised to the third degree, and the names of two gentlemen given in for initiation. Bro. J. D. Langton I.P.M. gave notice of motion, to alter the regular day of meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the second Saturday of the month. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, dinner being served under the personal supervision of Bro. T. H. Bentley, the genial manager of the hotel.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—Held on Thursday, the 29th July, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, when there were present—Bros. Sims P.M. W.M., W. W. Williams S.W., Cavers J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Child S.D., Austin J.D., also Bros. Spiegel P.M., J. Davies P.M. Preceptor, Head, Marsh, Hughes, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Williams offering himself as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Head offering himself as candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Thursday, 5th inst. Bros. Williams W.M., Cavers S.W., Austin J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Craggs S.D., Sims P.M. J.D., Stonnil I.G.; also Bros. Davies Preceptor, Breitbart, Head, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, P.M. Chalfont candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after initiation. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. gave the explanation of the first tracing board, in a very excellent and correct manner. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed, after Bro. Cavers had been elected W.M. for next Thursday.

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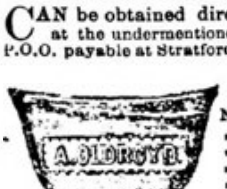


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## LATE HOURS IN FREEMASONRY.

WITHIN a few days many brethren who are now enjoying the rest which is associated with the mer vacation so general among English Lodges will aking arrangements for the opening of their regular onic season, and no doubt there are some among them will, at the same time, form good resolutions as to the they will play in the work which will have to erformed. There is plenty of room for improvement, most every side, and while it is our present intention ave individual brethren to discover for themselves matters which effect them personally, there are s of a more general character the ventilation of h in our columns may prove beneficial. Among the we may mention an evil—the cause of great incon- nce to a large number of brethren—which appears to year by year, and which often robs Masonic gather- of much of the enjoyment which forms so important a re in connection with the actual labour of Free- nry. We allude to the late hours to which meetings prolonged, and the indifference with which the bers of some Lodges appear to regard the comfort of guests or others who may have to make a journey e reaching home. In many quarters where all that is ble is done to "welcome the coming guest," but little ne to "speed the parting" one, and the result is that who have not taken the precaution to ascertain full ulars in regard to the local train service not unfre- tly find themselves, after thorough enjoyment at a e meeting, in a difficulty as to how to get home, with sult that they not only lose all remembrance of their ment, but come to look upon their outing as resulting convenience rather than pleasure. Improvement of tate of affairs can only come from one source—those rrange the programme for a Masonic meeting must all necessary allowances. Otherwise reform is sible.

order to suggest a method of removing the evil we first trace its origin, and in doing so we find that is causes are at work which tend to delay the close sonic gatherings, but principal amongst these are sire to accomplish too much in a given time, and the f punctuality on the part of officers and candidates, absence at an appointed time causes delay in the r carrying out of the programme. To these may be the charge of forgetfulness on the part of those who ut a short distance from the place of meeting that are others who may have a long journey before

most frequent cause of late hours is, undoubtedly, sire to crowd too much work into the short space of which can be devoted to a meeting, and this is par- rly the case on Installation nights, when, in addition ceremony inseparable from the regular change of s, it is not unusual to work each of the three degrees. this is attempted without due allowance being made e many exceptional delays which may arise on such ons, it results in the Lodge being kept at work an r more beyond the time arranged for. Then more lost over the banquet, which is seldom completed two or three hours' work into one, or else delay the time for closing far beyond that originally intended. The result of all this is, as most of us are aware, to rob the after proceedings of much of that enjoyment they are usually expected to afford, whilst it places many of the guests in the unfortunate predicament of having to leave the meeting immediately after the banquet, or give up all idea of reaching home until the next day. We do not suggest that the ceremonial work on such occasions should be limited to that of Installation, but we would urge that unless it is absolutely certain everything can be completed by a given time, the work of initiation should be the only other degree attempted. There can be no sufficient reason to urge in opposition to our proposal that the advancement of candidates for the second or third degrees should be postponed on such occasions, if arrangements cannot be made to work the ceremonies without interfering with the comfort of the general body of members; while, on the contrary, there is much to recommend such a course, foremost among the arguments being, the desire to secure for a Lodge the reputation of finishing at a time which suits the convenience of both its visitors and its members. It is not unusual for officials to pride themselves on the amount of work they had before them on the day of installation, and although it may be customary to refer to a full agenda in terms of approval, we very much question if, on reflection, the inconvenience which frequently results does not more than counterbalance any feeling of satisfaction entertained at the time. We think it natural that a newly installed Worshipful Master should desire to initiate any candidates who may come forward on the day of his installation, more especially as it frequently happens they are personal friends, whom he may desire to have around him on the first occasion of his presiding in the Lodge, but the same arguments seldom apply in the case of candidates for advancement. Doubtless they are anxious to get through as speedily as possible, but there are very few cases in which a month's delay is of serious moment, and of course it is always possible to make an exception on behalf of such candidates when occasion requires.

So much has been said in regard to punctuality, both of officers and candidates, that there is little room for further comment, but as the lack of punctuality forms so important a factor in the subject under consideration, we can but devote a few lines to it. Custom has ordained in many cases that a call for six o'clock means half-past, and as this system of half-an hour's grace is beginning to be adopted in Masonic matters, we would suggest that allowance be made for it in future. If a Master desires to open his Lodge at four o'clock, it would seem to be necessary to call it at half-past three for four, but a moment's reflection will show how absurd this would appear on an agenda embracing perhaps three degrees and the installation, each of which would have to be doubly timed. Even this would, however, be better than having to wait for a candidate, an event which has become far too frequent of late, and is an annoyance mainly due to the introducer, who should impress on his friend that in Masonry punctuality is an essential qualification.

In calculating the time during which a Lodge will be open, too little attention is paid to the fact

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of little moment if taken singly, they mount up to no inconsiderable total during the progress of a long sitting, and should unquestionably be taken into consideration when arranging the programme of the day.

It is not necessary to carry the discussion of this subject much further, our readers have no doubt experienced the inconvenience arising from late hours, and although we may not have considered every cause which leads to delay, we have given them sufficient ground on which to work should they desire to effect improvement in any particular Lodge with which they are associated.

## THE SECOND AND THIRD DEGREES.

AMONG the many questions concerning the history of the Craft none are more important than that of the antiquity of the *second* and *third* degrees, as compared with the *first*. This question does not arise from the source from which it might naturally be expected, the exploration and comparison of all the matters in the three degrees, collectively and severally; by which any discrepancy or inconsistency between the parts of the system involved in the first and those in the others might be detected; but on the contrary from the very want of such exploration.

It is not here intended to discuss any of the countless characteristics, or the admirable order of either of the degrees, or the remarkable conformity between them, or the completeness of the whole as a system; but to call attention to another question which springs out of the former and the mode of discussing the same, adopted by those who assert the modern origin of the second and third of the series.

This question affects the dignity and honour of the Institution much more than Masons generally suppose; for it involves a charge raised directly by some, and by necessary implication by others, that the Masonic Lodge, or system of Ancient Craft Masonry as it now exists, is not only modern, contrary to the claim of its votaries, and its own authorized utterances, but that it was put forth and palmed upon the world as ancient *knowingly* and *wilfully* by *concerted fraud* and *false pretence*, contrived by its leaders and connived at by its Fraternity, during the years from about A.D. 1716 to 1736, in *both England and Scotland*. It is not pretended here that such being the effect of the charge goes to prove that it is either false or true, or that the degrees in question are either ancient or modern; but it is simply intended to set forth what is one of the unmistakable issues raised upon the *official* and *public acts* and declarations of the *Grand Lodges of England* and *Scotland*, through their principal officers and authorized agents, when engaged in perfecting the reorganization of the Craft in those countries, in the early part of the last century. It is very true that many writers who favour the notion of the modern origin of the degrees are far from making any direct assertion of dishonest conduct on the part of the leaders of the revival of 1717; yet what they utter is in substance the same, notwithstanding the politeness of language and expression with which their suggestive remarks are put forth.

It is not necessary to feel or express any regret, on being compelled to differ in conclusion from writers who show themselves reckless in sentiment or unfair in their presentation of facts or arguments; but the case is different in calling attention to anything offered by such brethren as Right Worshipful W. J. Hughan, a writer whose utterances can only invite the most respectful consideration of those who may feel warranted in drawing inferences from facts different from those suggested by him. That distinguished brother in an article in the March number of the Voice of Masonry, favoured its readers with some further results of his careful and conscientious labours among the existing archives of the "Lodges Kilwinning," of Scotland; which contribution is of much interest and value to all Masons, and deserving of hearty thanks.

In that article, speaking of the "St John's Old Kilwinning Lodge," after mentioning the histories of Lyon, Hunter and others, he says: "So far as they or we know or can discover, the esoteric ceremony in vogue until the second or third decades of the last century was confined to the admission of apprentices; after which all were on the whether Apprentices, Fellow Crafts or Masters. I ar that this statement has not passed unchallenged, br never been disproved. Should any records be proving that three distinct and separate degree worked before the origin of the Premier Grand L England 1716-17, and exhibiting also proof that th written before the second decade of the last cent England, and the second and third decades for Scot shall be among the first to acknowledge the eviden *not till then.*"

On the opposite page in speaking of the charter by the new Grand Lodge of Scotland to said "St. Lodge," and a petition therefore by the Lodge, and s its contents, he further says: "The charter issued Grand Lodge recites that 'it was evidently made to to us and our brethren of the Grand Lodge by proper ments, that from the 27th of December, one thousa hundred and seventy-eight, they have been constitu a regular Masson Lodge by the name and designat Old Inverness Kilwinning aforesaid, since which time have been in use to keep regular meetings, in which have *received and entered Apprentices, past Fellow Craf raised Master Masons;* and for that purpose have regular books, wherein they entered their proceedin the way and manner practised in other well gov Massons' Lodges," &c.

I looked at the end of this paragraph to find Hughan's acknowledgment; seeing that here was furn proof which certainly would be deemed sufficient i ordinary or similar cases, that the three degrees had conferred in said St. John's Lodge from the year 1678, down to the year 1737, the date of the charter— this had been made *evidently* to *appear* by "proper d ments," before the officers and brethren of that G Lodge; and more, that the Lodge had kept its books *the way and manner practised* in *other well gove* Masson's Lodges." But I looked in vain for any admis that this official recital of facts proves anything.

Now, what would seem to be a reasonable construction be put upon the language of this or any other cha asserting like facts, issued by a Grand body of any resp able fraternity, upon a considerate reading of the sa by a stranger, who should know the character in which Officers acted, and that they were executing the determ ation of a body of men like the Masons of Scotland, that the charter was *genuine*, and that a petition fo charter had been offered to the Grand Lodge which omit mention of degrees? Clearly it would be something l this—that the document being *genuine* and *authen* issued for the purposes, and on behalf of the Grand Bo mentioned therein, must be taken as sufficient proof several things. First, that whatever the petition mig have contained or omitted, the Grand Lodge had requir and considered *proofs* by other means. Secondly, that t proofs were made by *proper documents*; that is, such as t usage then or before that time required. Thirdly, th those proofs were concerning the conferring of the degre mentioned. Fourthly, that the Lodge had made the proo satisfactorily to both officers and brethren "*evidently,*" use the language of the charter.) This statement is sul mitted as what such a document as the charter mentione *does* show, *in the absence of wilful fraud*; for a *mistal* seems out of the question.

Brother Hughan does not find such conclusion warranted by this charter; but looking to the contents o the *petition* for the charter, and the *absence* of othe *documents* after the lapse of one hundred and forty-nin years," he says: "Happily both the charters [this an that of No. 2. Edinburgh,] are preserved. Now it should be noted that *neither* the *petition* nor aught else from Inverness, *so far as we know*, said aught about the con ferring of the three degrees from 1678. No warrant issued before 1717 ever alludes to such, and no records exist which refer to the third degree prior to the last century; *so that the declaration* of the *Grand Lodge officials* in 1737 respecting this old Lodge and its working three degrees from 1678, is *purely fanciful.*" (The italics are mine—also those words in brackets.)

The above expressed in blunt terms is simply this: that the statement was *made up*, contrary to the truth, by men who *knew* what had been done.

The questions whether such degrees were conferred, and

tory to the human mind under certain circum-, in reaching positive conclusions.

certainly fair to ask, *How* can any Grand Lodge r furnish evidence or muniments of *anything* which duty to *adjudicate* and *determine*; except through ds of its Officers who execute its determinations and ons; and of what use can be the most solemn official ates, verified by signatures and seal, even though ed in presence of the assembled Craft, if the most ant document it can frame and deliver is to be set as *false* the moment the *acts* and *judgments* it nces run counter to an assumed theory of those who no weight whatever to *positive* evidence, but insist on f *any* evidence as proving *affirmative facts*: to wit, wo Grand Lodges of an honourable society, one in nd and one in Scotland, through a space of twenty with all their Officers and subordinate Lodges, red to foist upon the world the falsehood that two s of their own fabrication had been in use for a erable length of time?

at is the matter with the charter to the Inverness , that its recitals and verified statements of facts are branded as "*fanciful?*" Does it assert that the contains something not found in it? Not the least ays the proof was "evidently" made by "*proper ents.*" Of course the *petition* could not be called per document" to prove aught except the wishes of embers of the Lodge at Inverness. As to the docu- mentioned in the charter, what reason has any one consider their absence of any weight in forming an n? The first question in regard to them must be, ought they to be found, if anywhere? And the must be, Not in the archives of the Grand Lodge, by chance those to whom they belonged chose to der them to its custody.

many hundreds of thousands of judgments of n law courts of record in England and the United have been entered in cases tried on *documentary*, since December 1678? Yet in which of them did rt ever retain the documents on which the judg- was founded? If search were made everywhere hout both countries, how many out of the millions ould be found? I suppose the case is the same in nd in determinations of like character as those at n law; but perhaps not. But however that may be, is no presumption that the Grand Lodge took ion of Lodge or individual personal property without t; or that the Lodge or other persons to whom such ents belonged gave them up for no cause whatever hey were used as proofs, although they *may* have in some instances.

as only forty years from the time when the first Lodge of Illinois is known to have been in exist- efore Bro. J. C. Reynolds compiled the history of Masonry for the Grand Lodge now existing; yet short time all trace of records or documents of the ree, or perhaps five or six years, of the existence of *d Lodge* which had set in ample form, officered by the mpetent men of the State, and in correspondence e or more years with other Grand Lodges, had completely *lost*, so that *one* charter issued to n Star Lodge, being mentioned by that Lodge in ng its former charter to the Grand Lodge of Penn- a, is all which can be found in the shape of an proceeding, to show that the Grand Lodge of was in existence during the two years preceding e of that charter; and the latter is only known by atement of the Western Star Officers to the Secretary of Pennsylvania. This kind of work has ways going on in every department of affairs, and n expect to find a chain or body of documents of nd, outside public archives, after a century and a cept there was always some special known reason ey should be preserved? These last matters are not d for any other purpose than to indicate some rations which should be borne in mind in making nions concerning transactions of the Fraternity took place so many years ago as these in question.

ne same article Bro. Hughan further says: "On the ution of the Lodge thus officially, the *membership* to the granting of the charter. How did they get them? Was the new Grand Lodge formed of Masons having but one degree? If they had as many as the members of the Inverness Lodge, where and how did the other Lodges they came from become possessed of them? I suppose that whatever was the form of general organisation in Scotland, no one disputes that the Masons of that country had a Grand Master at their head during many generations previously to 1737, or that the office being hereditary there, the Earl of Sinclair who then held the office re-signed in order that the Grand Lodge of 1736 might be formed with an *elective* Grand Master, and was himself made the first Grand Master under the new arrangement. If this is correct, or if there was any Grand Master at all, in Scotland there must have been at least one head of the Fraternity whose duty it was to look after the Lodges, and see that they did not utterly overthrow the established usages, by making another and different institution out of the one they had, as would be the result of taking on two new degrees. But it appears that all these nineteen Masons with the *three* degrees were *members* of the Lodge at Inverness, and everything going on in harmony. Besides any such change would of course become a subject of tradition, even if suppressed in all records, and we all understand how persistent such traditions are. But no such tradition is cited to show that *new* degrees came in; but the tradition has been to the contrary.

When the representatives of the "St. John's Old Kilwinning" returned to Inverness, they and all the others of the nineteen Masters of the Lodge must have known whether the new charter they had secured was truthful or false; and so in the case of any other Lodge, whose members might be informed by the charter they received, that they had been making Master and Fellow Craft Masons during a long space of time; and it would seem impossible for fifty-five members, some of them probably of forty years' standing, to bear such a matter for the first time without considerable surprise, to say the least.

As there are now, and have been for some years past, a constantly increasing number of those who are deeply interested in the *propagation* of the modern "High Degrees," so-called, who are consequently interested in *destroying* the one great characteristic of Ancient Craft Masonry which overshadows their enterprises, they have of late years ceased their former attempt to maintain the pretended antiquity of their own establishments, and are now endeavouring to bring about the equality of the latter with genuine Masonry, by getting the Craft to believe that what they call the "Blue Lodge" is as *modern* as their own rites. As many of them have secured large influence as distinguished Masons, the remarkable change in their published *opinions* as they grow warmer in the work of filling the United States with a brood of European inventions, can be easily understood on reflection. These opinions are cited with delight by many well wishers of the Ancient Craft, who do not stop to examine into the cause of their inconsistency with the former utterances by the same *authorities* (?). It is a great satisfaction to know that Bro. Hughan cites some of these opinions in his last book, "Origin of the English Rite," with manifest appreciation of their inconsistency and little value, although, like most of the Craft, little noticing how the zeal of *propagating* "high" rites goes hand in hand with *new* opinions touching the *modern* origin of *all* degrees.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## MASONRY ELEVEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO IN AMERICA.

THERE was a time, and that not very remote, when it was asserted that America possessed *no* antiquities, and that for these we must resort to the old world; but of late it is claimed that the tables have been turned. If certain authors are to be credited, the old world is the new, and the new world is the old. Dr. Warren has found the Garden of Eden at the North Pole; while Mr. Donnelly makes the lost island of Atlantis the source equally of the civilization of Central America and Egypt; and Dr. Le Plongeon finds Yucatan to have been the great original central source of light, both profane and Masonic, and he

mediæval cathedrals of Europe, or of King Solomon's Temple, or of the Great Pyramid, or even in Paradise Lodge, No. 1, of the Garden of Eden, with Adam as Worshipful Master, we crave pardon for directing their attention to Bro. Dr. Le Plongeon's "Sacred Mysteries among the Mayas and the Quiches, 11,5[illegible]0 Years Ago," just published by Bro. Robert Macoy.* This volume is a handsomely illustrated and finely printed one, and challenges the attention of the antiquary and the Freemason.

The reader is likely aware that the Mayas and Quiches were races or tribes of Indians (so-called) inhabiting Yucatan and Guatemala. Their origin is unknown, or only surmised. At one period they were quite highly civilized, but like the peoples of India, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, they rose and fell, and have left nothing behind them to tell the tale of their achievements and civilization, save a few fragmentary architectural remains, and equally fragmentary manuscripts. Bro. Le Plongeon has been a diligent student of these, as John L. Stephens and other explorers and antiquaries were before him; but he thinks he has found what they did not find, evidence of a remarkably remote antiquity, of the highest civilization, and of genuine Freemasonry. We are concerned only with his latter "find," and shall invite attention to it.

Bro. Le Plongeon introduces his work with a reference to the ancient mysteries of India, Egypt, and Greece—the *Mahatmas* or brothers of India, the Mysteries of Osiris in Egypt, and the Eleusinian Mysteries of Greece, preparatory to saying that

Maya colonists transported their ancient religious rites and ceremonies not only to the banks of the Nile, but to those of the Euphrates, and the shores of the Indian Ocean, not less than 11,500 years ago.

First he describes to us an artificial mound of peculiar construction at Uxmal, Yucatan, originally ninety-five feet in height, on the upper plane of the frustrum of which was the "Sanctuary, or Holy of Holies, with the ground plan in the shape of a cross." This he styles the "Temple of Mysteries." We quote again:—

The middle chamber is now devoid of decorations of any sort. Its length, *seven* metres, is to-day the only vestige which remains to indicate that in it, in former times, were practised rites and ceremonies pertaining to the third degree of initiation. * * * The exterior of the monument was once ornamented with elaborate and beautifully executed sculptures, which have now in great part disappeared. Still those that adorn the exterior walls of the Sanctuary remain as specimens of the beautiful handiwork and of the great skill of the artists; whilst the exquisite architectural proportions of the whole edifice bespeak the mathematical and other scientific attainments of the architects who planned the building and superintended its erection.

The ornaments that cover these walls are remarkable in more than one sense. They are not only inscriptions in the Maya language, written in characters identical with and having the same meaning and value as those carved on the temples of Egypt, but among them are symbols known to have belonged to the ancient sacred mysteries of the Egyptians, and to modern Freemasonry. In August 1880, among the débris at the foot of the mound just described, I found traces of what once had been the statue of a priest. The part of the statue from the waist to the knee particularly attracted my attention. Over his dress the personage wore an apron with an extended hand, as seen in the adjoining illustration—a symbol that will easily be recognised by members of the Masonic Fraternity. * * * This may be considered the oldest known edifice in the world consecrated to secret rites and ceremonies; and its builders the founders of the sacred mysteries that were transported from Mayax to India, Chaldea, Egypt and Etruria, by colonists or missionaries.

Does not the American reader feel prouder of his continent since it is alleged to be not only the seat of the earliest civilization of the world, but also of the earliest Freemasonry? And if he is asked, Where Masonry originated? he can reply (in the language of Dr. Le Plongeon),—In Yucatan; And when? At least eleven thousand five hundred years ago!

The ceremonies of the Quiches of Guatemala, we are told, were kindred to those of the Mayas of Yucatan.

We learn from the *Popol-Vuh*, sacred book of the Quiches, that the applicants for initiation to the mysteries were made to cross two rivers, one of mud, the other of blood, before they reached the four roads that led to the place where the priests awaited them. * * * Guards were placed all round, to prevent the candidates from holding intercourse with the outer world. Then a lighted torch of pine wood and a cigar were given to each. These were not to be extinguished. Still they had to be returned whole at sunrise, when the officer in charge of the house came to demand them. Woe to him who allowed his torch and cigar to get consumed. Terrible chastisements, death even, awaited him.

* Sacred Mysteries among the Mayas and the Quiches, 11,500 years ago; their relation to the Sacred Mysteries of Egypt, Greece, Chaldea, and India. Freemasonry in times anterior to the [illegible]

The author then goes on to state that the general plan of the "Temple of the Mysteries," was in the of an oblong square, that is of their letter M, pror *Ma*; that among the mystic symbols was an equilat angle, though which passed a ribbon tied in a knot, cross; and he concludes:—

That sacred mysteries were celebrated from times immem the temple of Mayax, Xibalba, Nachan (Palenque of to-day), and other places of Central America, there can be no doubt. I have presented, without commentaries, a few of the fac twelve years' researches among the ruins of the antique temp palaces of the Mayas, a knowledge of their language (still spo their descendants, and in some places, as in the vicinity of P all its pristine purity, the deciphering of certain mural inscr the study of the sacred book of the Quiches, and the interpr of passages in the Troano MS., have disclosed to me concerni history, civilization, cosmogorical conceptions, religious tene practices of the ancient inhabitants of Yucatan.

It is fortunate that this work has appeared prior t sixth and concluding volume of Bro. Gould's Histo Freemasonry, to be devoted in part to America, sin now has the opportunity to make, as it were, the cap the corner-stone of his history. If Freemasonry origi in America, and India, Egypt, Greece, Etruria, and Britain owe to our continent the origin of their Ar Mysteries and Freemasonry, the sooner it is gen known and admitted the better it will be for America. then too it helps to explain another fact. Boston, more remote than Philadelphia from the original se Masonry in Yucatan, naturally did not receive its Ma light at so early a date as the "City of Brotherly L Indeed, is it not possible it *may* be made to appear Philadelphia itself was not only the "Mother-city of masonry in America" (as it unmistakably is), but also mother-city of Freemasonry in the world, and that 1 years ago the Mayas and Quiches of Central Am came up to the Lodges of the Delawares, erected on present site of Philadelphia, and there received Masonic light? If Bro. Gould would delay the issuin his sixth volume a few years, it is barely possible he m be enabled to include this statement!

But what are the actual facts with regard to the quity of American civilization? Beyond a doubt tendency of modern research is in favour of some antiq for this civilization. It antedated the Spanish conq but how long is a matter of conjecture. It seems t agreed, however, that the Maya civilization was the ancient of all that which was native (so-called). T were schools in the principal towns of Guatemala, and chief one had as many as 70 masters and 5,000 pupils. the Mayas, like the Mexicans, were as fond of amusen as they were of study, and had a great predilection entertaining each other at banquets, and to their shame it said, the feast lasted until all were intoxicated, and t the wives led their helpless husbands home. All the dences of early civilization in Central America, as foun monumental remains, manuscripts, and the writings mediæval Spanish authors, have been diligently conside by such scholars as Stephens and Bancroft, and we acc their views, rather than the more fanciful ones of spe lative writers, who are always sure to find what they for. We cannot agree that the civilization of the Ma and Quiches has been proven to antedate that of Eg Persia, and India. According to Stephens, there have been found any Cyclopean ruins; there is not a sin excavation; and the pyramids are entirely unlike those Egypt, in that they are merely platforms of earth trunca at the top, prepared expressly for buildings to rest u them, and having no interior chambers. Mr. Steph says:—

I am inclined to think that there are not sufficient grounds for belief in the great antiquity that has been ascribed to these ru that they are not the works of people who have passed away, whose history has become unknown; but, opposed as is my ide all previous speculations, that they were constructed by the r who occupied the country at the time of the invasion by the Sp ards, or of some not very distant progenitors. And this opinio f nded upon the appearance and condition of the remains themsel The climate and rank luxuriance of soil are most destructive t perishable materials. For six months every year exposed to deluge of tropical rains, and with trees growing through the door of buildings and on the tops, it seems impossible that after a lap two or three thousand years, a single edifice could now be standi

Dr. Le Plongeon himself says of the Mayas (as we h already quoted), "their language is still spoken by t

cannot be the language of 11,500 years ago, or even ousand years ago,—language is too variable for Proud as we should be to think that America is the rld (so to speak), and the seat of the earliest civil-, and that Freemasonry existed here 11,000 years vith all due respect we must say that Dr. Le on has not presented to us *facts* that warrant any onclusion. He gives Philadelphia the just credit of , in 1732, a Masonic Lodge, "held in Tun Tavern," e mistakenly says: "Henry Price was the first icial Grand Master, appointed by the Grand Lodge gland on April 30th, 1733." The records themselves Grand Lodge of England show that Daniel Coxe he first Provincial Grand Master, for New York, ersey and Pennsylvania, appointed on June 5, 1730. Le Plongeon's work is illustrated with over thirty vings, including a ground plan of the "Temple of ries," Cross-bones and Skeletons carved on the e of the Sanctuary, extracts from the Troano MS., map of the Maya Empire. The work is dedicated Pierre Lorillard, through whose liberal patronage it ublished. Bro. Le Plongeon tells us he has a work . entitled "Monuments of Mayax, and their Historic ings," which he says throws much additional light America's antiquities. It no doubt has value, but if uld claim less, it might prove more. The author the volume under review by saying: "Not a few, among them, earnestly believe that Masonry existed Adam was created. I believe it, because I am nced that this pretended ancestor of man is a myth—as never existed." Dr. Le Plongeon doubts so much lf, that he will doubtless pardon us for doubting er Masonry existed in Yucatan 11,500 years ago.—*ne.*

## LODGE HISTORIES.

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### ENARY OF THE PHŒNIX LODGE, NO. 257.

Saturday, the 31st ult., a Masonic ceremony that will long be emembered by those who had the pleasure of taking part in conducted in connection with the 100th birthday of the Lodge, and in presence of the Right Hon. the Earl of , Deputy Grand Master of England, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., . Le Feuvre Esq., the Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, most of the Officers of vincial Grand Lodge, several Masters of Lodges, and a very umber of other influential Masons of the district, including t others Sir Samuel Wilson, M.P. The ceremony was conjointly by Lord Lathom and Col. Crease, R.M.A., the Master odge, although it is right to say that the greater part of the ested on the shoulders of the latter gentleman, who is an astic Mason. The brethren having assembled in the hand-id commodious building in Highbury-street, Portsmouth, and al processions having taken place, the Earl of Lathom briefly ed the gathering, stating the pleasure that it gave him to he Centenary Festival of so renowned a Lodge as that of the of Portsmouth. He congratulated the members of the Lodge long list of distinguished Masters; he was sure that it had od service not only in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth, but nry in general, and nothing would give him greater pleasure come amongst them on many occasions, but he must ask remember that, in addition to his public duties, he had the o discharge those of Grand Master of a large Northern pro-He took the greatest interest in Masonry, and he was glad t flourishing in the South, as it undoubtedly did in the North nd. The warrant for the constitution of the Lodge and the for the centenary jewel having been read, the following ng historical memorandum, giving the names of distinguished s of the Lodge, was read by Bro. J. Ridd Hayman, who, at its on, received the cordial and grateful thanks of the Lodge for ble he had taken in its compilation.

Phœnix Lodge was constituted under a warrant of the Grand f England, dated the 20th of May 1786, but from the fact Royal Arch Chapter attached to it is considerably older than ge itself, and that twenty years prior to this there were no five lodges in existence in Portsmouth, there is very little at the Lodge whose centenary was celebrated on Saturday vival of a much older one.

the years 1786 to 1794 the Lodge met at the George Inn; 94 to 1800 at private rooms; from 1800 to 1814 at the Foun-(now the Soldiers' Institute); from 1814 to 1822 at the Inn; from 1822 to 1824 at the King's Arms; from 1824 to private rooms; and from 1854 to the present time at the ooms, 110 High-street, which were formerly the mess rooms oyal Marine Artillery.

rst W.M. was Bro. Samuel Palmer, a P.M. of King George Sunderland, and among the founders was Thomas Telford, the Lodge for seven years. During the century of its existence the Lodge has numbered among its members some of the most distinguished Officers of both Services, whilst the names of most of the leading local families in Portsmouth and the neighbourhood will be found on its muster roll. The first three brethren initiated in the Lodge were officers of the Royal Marines, and their names were Lieutenants Charles Wright Cartwright, John Mascell, and John James. The first naval officer initiated was Commander John Withers. The following are a few noteworthy members of the Lodge:—

1786.—Richard Burbey, a banker and influential citizen.

1787.—Roger Callaway, a leading solicitor of the town, the founder of the business now carried on by Messrs. Hellard and Son. He became Master of the Lodge in 1792.

1787.—William Grant, grandfather of Mr. William Grant, of the banking firm of Grant, Gillman, and Long.

1787.—Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart., who was an active member.

1791.—Captain Thomas Byam Martin, who was created a G.C.B. for his distinguished services, and made Admiral of the Fleet in 1854.

1805.—Edward Casher, Mayor of Portsmouth.

1807.—Dr. John Porter, an eminent physician.

1813.—Thomas Edgcumbe, father of a member of a well-known firm of solicitors.

1823.—Lord John George Lennox, W.M. of the Lodge 1830, and Grand Warden of the Province in 1850. In connection with other members of the Lodge, Lord John Lennox took an active part in organising the banquet to the naval and military forces engaged in the war with Russia in 1854-1856.

1825.—William Minchin, another well-known local solicitor. He was W.M. in 1842 1844, and and Senior G. Warden of the Province in the latter year.

1825.—Rev. James Henville, Vicar of Wymering and Widley, and brother of the Vicar of Portsmouth.

1826.—Lieutenant (afterward General) Whylock.

1827.—General Sir James Lyon, Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth.

1827.—Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., being at that time a Captain R.N. He died an Admiral of the Fleet. He was W.M. of the Lodge in 1834-1835, was appointed S.G.W. of the Province in the first of these years, Deputy P.G. Master in 1837, and P.G.M. in 1840, which office he held for 29 years.

1827.—Lieutenant-Colonel Lord John Lennox, Brigade-Major of Portsmouth. He was made a Grand Warden of England.

1827.—Bro. John Lindergreo, an influential local banker and West India merchant (who built the Baltic Wharf at Portsmouth), was W.M. in 1827, and Senior Grand Warden of the Province in 1850.

1827.—Major Joseph Oates Travers, for a great number of years an active Magistrate of the Borough.

1829.—Lieutenant Samuel Perkins Pritchard and Lieutenant John White Pritchard, both afterwards Admirals.

1829.—Lord William Paget, Captain R.N., then commanding H.M.S. North Star.

1831.—Lord George de La Poer Beresford, son of the Marquis of Waterford.

1832.—Dr. George Deane Meadows and Dr. Edward Scott, two well-known physicians. Dr. Meadows was Master of the Lodge for two years in succession, and was Junior G.W. of the Province in 1840. Dr. Scott was also Master in 1843.

1832.—Sir William Eden, Bart. (a brother of Bishop Eden), afterwards one of the Lords of the Admiralty.

1832.—Admiral Hyde Parker, C.B., (then Captain of H.M.S. Rodney. He died in 1854, at which time he was Senior Lord of the Admiralty.

1832.—Viscount Torrington, at that time a youth of 20. He afterwards rose to great distinction, and the University of Oxford conferred upon him the Degree of D.C.L. He was for several years Governor of Ceylon. He was a great favourite of the Prince Consort, and was his Lord-in-Waiting for sixteen years.

1832.—Lacy Walter Lee, then a subaltern, who was killed at Sebastopol, where he displayed conspicuous bravery.

1836.—Admiral Sir James Whitley Deans Dundas, G.C.B. (M.P. for Warwickshire), at that time in command of H.M.S. Britannia.

1837—J. Brent Mackay, a well-known chemist. He is still a subscribing member, and is believed to be the oldest living member of the Lodge, and the brethren cordially welcome him to the Lodge today.

1841.—Lieutenant (afterwards Captain) Andrew Robert Savage, who was one of the most conspicuous working members of the Lodge. He was Master in 1846, J.G.W. in 1846, and S.G.W. of the Province in 1855.

1841.—Dr. Perks, a well-known member of the medical profession, who is still living at Portsea.

1841.—Major General Sir John Eardley Wilmot Inglis, then a Lieutenant in the 32nd Regiment.

1841.—Major Ferris Charles Robb, who was untiring in his exertions to promote the interests and influence of the Lodge. He was one of its most liberal benefactors, and his virtues and munificence are emblazoned on the walls of the Lodge. The whole of the unique Lodge furniture was his gift, including the handsome bronze chandelier in the centre of the Phœnix Lodge-room. He also formed a valuable collection of books, but like many other Masonic libraries it gradually became dispersed, and the various volumes now form a part of private libraries. Major Robb was W.M. of the Lodge for two years in succession, and Senior G.W. of the Province in 1847.

1842.—Richard W. Bradley, the oldest surviving Past Master, and one of the most valued members of the Lodge. The older brethren gratefully remember the invaluable services rendered to the Phœnix Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry generally, by Bro. Bradley,

1843.—Lieutenant John Ackworth Ommaney, afterwards Admiral Sir John Ommaney, K.C.B.

1845.—Lieutenant George Henry Hodgson—a brave officer who was lost in the Polar expedition of Sir John Franklin.

1847.—The Hon. Augustus Charles Hobart, son of the Earl of Buckinghamshire. This distinguished Officer commanded H.M.S. Driver during the Russian war. He afterwards became an Admiral in the Turkish Navy, and is better known to his countrymen as Hobart Pasha. He died a few weeks since.

1845.—Major-General J. William Coleman Williams—now Deputy-Adjutant-General of the Forces. General Williams was W.M. of the Lodge in 1859, was some years since offered the collar of Senior Grand Warden of the Province, but for some reason declined the honour.

1846.—Edwin Low, a well-known solicitor of Portsmouth, and now head of an important legal firm in London. Bro. Low was W.M. in 1851, and J.G.W. of the Province in 1855. Next to Bro. Bradley he is the oldest P.M. of the Lodge.

1848.—Lord Amelius Wentworth Beauclerc, son of the Duke of St. Albans.

1848.—Kester Edward Knight, a well-known member of the medical profession, still practising in Southsea.

1849.—Alderman Richard William Ford, a well-known member of the legal profession, still practising in Portsmouth. He was Mayor of the borough in 1865, and his year of office was distinguished by the splendid entertainment given to the officers of the French Fleet on their visit to England. Bro. Ford was W.M. of the Lodge in 1853, and Grand Registrar of the Province in 1856.

1849.—Sir Henry Blackwood, Bart. (Captain H.M.S. Vengeance) and Lieutenant Charles Joseph Frederick Ewart, afterwards Admiral Ewart, C.B.; Lieutenant Gerard John Napier, afterwards Rear Admiral Napier; Sir John Trotter Bethune, Bart.

1849.—Rev. Joseph Woolley, Chaplain of the Dockyard. He was W.M. in 1854, and Provincial Grand Chaplain in 1857.

1850.—Henry Wood, Fellow Inst. C.E., Her Majesty's Dockyard. He was W.M. in 1858, and is the third oldest P.M. of the Lodge.

1850.—Sir Alfred Balliston was initiated in the Lodge. He was the first S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge at Gosport.

1850.—Binsteed Goble, solicitor, and brother of the present Provincial Grand Secretary.

1851.—Lieutenant John Charles Dalrymple Hay (afterwards Admiral Sir John), and a Lord of the Admiralty.

1851.—Joseph George Churchward, Editor of the *Morning Herald*, and a well-known politician.

1853.—Alderman Henry Ford, a liable member of the legal profession, and one of the leading Masons in the Province. He was W.M. in 1860, and Junior G.W. of the Province in the previous year, and S.G.W. in 1876. Bro. Ford was Mayor in 1858, and for many years an Alderman of the Borough. During his Mayoralty the handsome gold chain now worn by the Chief Magistrate was purchased.

1853.—John Morris Savage, Lieut. R.A., who was killed before Sebastopol.

1853.—Fitzgerald Algernon Foley, then First Lieutenant of the Royal Yacht; afterwards Admiral-Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard.

1854.—Duncan Macpherson, then an ensign in the Black Watch (afterwards Colonel Sir Duncan Macpherson, K.C.B). He was one of the famous Macphersons of Cluny Castle, and served with great distinction in the Indian campaign, Ashantee, and Egyptian wars.

1854.—Francis Cunninghame Scott, also an ensign in the Black Watch, afterwards Colonel and a C.B. He was mentioned in the despatches for signal bravery at Alma, Balaclava, Sebastopol, and in the Indian mutiny.

1854.—Lieutenant Charles Henry Spencer (son of the Duke of Marlborough), Sir William Fielder Bart., Lord Francis Conyngham.

1854.—In this year there was a remarkable influx of military officers into the Lodge. The 4th Royal Middlesex and the 1st Lancashire Regiments were stationed in Portsmouth, and the whole of the officers of the two regiments were either iniated or admitted as joining members, including Colonel William Assheton Cross, Major Sir Wm. Fielden, Bart., the Hon. Richard Charles Reynolds Moreton, and the Hon. Frederick William Wemyss Charteris. Lord Francis Nathaniel Conyngham (who served in the Baltic and Black Seas, and afterwards went into Parliament) was also initiated at the same time.

1859.—General Sir Arthur Augustus Thurlow Cunninghame Thurlow, K.C.B., who was initiated in the Lodge in this year, was a very distinguished officer, and afterwards Governor of Cape Colony.

1859.—Colonel Sir Francis Festing, C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., an officer well known in Portsmouth, was initiated in the Lodge in this year.

Among the later members of the Lodge were Lieutenant W. Graham, R.N., now Admiral Graham, C.B., Controller of the Navy and Lord of the Admiralty, A. M. Garrington, J. W. More Miller, E. Parsons (members of the medical profession), Colonel E. Galt, a Magistrate of Portsmouth, and Mayor of the borough in 1868, and Senior Grand Deacon of the Province in 1850, Rear-Admiral Thomas Hutchinson Mangles Martin (first W.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461), Albert Besant, Owen Low (members of the legal profession), J. B. Goldsmith (the present Junior Grand Warden of the Province), Colonel Meehan (twice W.M. of the Lodge, in 1864 and 1866, second W.M. of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069, and Senior Grand Warden of the Province in 1865), C. B. Longcroft (County Coroner, and father of the head of a well-known firm of local solicitors), Alfred Heather (W.M. in 1855, who held the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer for 10 years), and many others.

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of England then presented a jewel to Mr. Mackay, of London, the oldest member of the Lodge, after which Colonel Crease, in a graceful and appropriate

acknowledged his sense of his obligation to the members.
thanks were then given to the Grand and Provincial Grand
for their attendance, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The day's proceedings concluded with a banquet which
its utmost the resources of the George Hotel, part of the gue
accommodated in the large room downstairs, and the re
upstairs. The speeches at the banquet were of the usual
character, Lord Lathom remarking amongst other things
considered it the duty of a Provincial Grand Master to vis
Lodge and Chapter of his Province, if possible, once a year.
Crease, in introducing the toast of the Queen, gave an int
historical sketch of the progress and extent of the British Em

The following is a list of the present members of the
Lodge:—The Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom R.W. the
Grand Master, Bros. J. Mackay, R. W. Bradley P.M. 257 P.
Edwin Low P.M. 257 P.P.G.W., Henry Wood, F.S.C.E., P.
William Roofe, Thomas Cousins P.M. 487 P.P.G.W., John
Cornelius Wheeler P.M. 257, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. 309, the
H. De Fraine, M.A., P.M. 257 P.G. Chaplain Chap 257, E
Joliffe, William H. C. St. Clair P.M. 257, Francis Court P.
Francis Pineo P.M. 257 P.P.G.W., Captain Adolphus F. St. C
T. Oliver, J. B. Mackay, G. Constable Puttock P.M. 257,
Pink, T. R. Williams P.M. 257 D. of C., G. E. Kent jun.,
King, Lieutenant-Colonel W. M. Richards P.M., George
M.R.C.S., J. Ridd Hayman P.M. 257 P.M. 309 P.P.G.R., Pete
croft, Gordon Miller P.M. 257, Ernest Hall P.M. 257 P.P.G.
intendent Works Treasurer, Herbert J. Rolls, C. Gerard Rul
master R. R. Richards, Arthur Joliffe P.M. 257, Robert
Captain Richard T. E. Dowse, Captain William Frederick N
R E., Arthur R. Holbrook P.M. 309, Albert Addison, Colonel
Crease, C.B., R.M.A., W.M. 257, John Brickwood P.M. 342
Edwin Frost P.M. 437 P.M. 1069 P.P.G. Treasurer P.S
Captain Gerard H. U. Noel, R.N., John Selby Hall, James
J.P., A. R. Carter, Surgeon Alfred T. Corrie, M.D., M.R.C.S
Major William Campbell, R.M.A., J.W., Arthur O. Bay
257, Rev. Dr. Thomas White P.M. 151 P.P.G. Chaplain N
Henry Drummond Secretary 257, Staff-Surgeon John T
M.R.C.S., R.N., P.M. 914, J. H. Ferguson Inspect
Machinery, R.N., H. Martin Green P.M. 304, P.M. 1958 P.
S. B. Darwin S.D. 257, Herbert H. Hudson, Capt. L. M. H. K
Stwd. 257, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Grover, R.E., Messrs. David
A. W. Chalmers Peakett, M.R.C.S., Sydney P. Hall, Charles
Long Stwd. 257, Lieutenant W. G. Barr, R.N., W. G. P.
S.W. 257, Thomas Pettle, John Bonham Carter, Captain
bert, F. W. Dwyer, Paymaster Henry M. Bernard, R.N.,
Comyn Platt, George D. Lovegrove Organist 257, Edgar F.
Thomas A. Bramsdon, W. D. King, J.P., P.M. 1776, C. S
Erskine, Matthew Hyde, J. H. Ball, C.E., Alfred B. Burt
Rev. T. F. Morton, M.A., Chaplain 257 P.P.G. Chaplain
Graham, Collier, Philip Vanderbyl, Bovill Smith, Major Alex.
R.M.A., Major-General Sir William Crossman, M.P., K.C
Winfrid A. C. Platt, Lieutenant-General Sir G. H. Willis,
Francis Elgar, LL.D., F.R.S. Edinburgh, M.I.N.A., M.I.C.
Breda Vanderbyl, T. B. Worthington, M.D., M.R.C.S., Captain
Markham, R.N., Colonel Sir Francis Festing, C.B., K.C.M.G.,
R.M.A., E. Aslatt, C.E., H. Stainer, H. Deadman, Percy Bo
M.I.C.E., Commander C. G. Robinson, J. A. Strone, G. C. I
S. Wilson, K.C.M.G., M.P., Captain J. R. E. Pattison, R.N.—
*shire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle.*

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The *Borough of Lewisham Gazette*, which is most
conducted by an old Past Master of our Order,
chatty and agreeable reading in its pages. Our este
brother has some pithy remarks in a late issue on the
gress Freemasonry has made in the Province of Kent,
we have pleasure in reproducing from his column
following:—

While on Masonic matters, we would remind our brethre
may visit Canterbury that there is a beautiful temple in that a
city. It is situate on the right hand side of the street, after p
the gate from the railway station. The brother in charge (w
sorry we forget his name, for he is a courteous, worthy M
will be happy to show the Temple. Even now it is very hand
and when all the stalls are filled in, with their shields and bann
will indeed be a grand home of the various sections that are bas
and cognate with, the Blue. With such a Temple, and such a l
spirit as prevails in Kent, something ought to be done to r
Canterbury Cathedral from its shameful condition. The cloiste
bad enough, but the big hall leading out of them is still worse
a brother Mason whom we met in the Cathedral on the occasi
our visit, said it was well we could not see the crypt, or we s
have been still more shocked. The Cathedral is a grand pile,
withstanding the decay that has been allowed to destroy much
beauty, but what a monument it might become were it restor
something like its original dimensions and magnificence. W
tribute it would be to the Craft to carry out the restoration
what evidence it would afford of the reality of Masonic princ
We Freemasons obtain a great part of our interest as a body
the connection our ancient brethren had with the practical
building. Our ceremonies derive their life from symbols and
in connection with architecture, and the best specimens of the
all ages have come from men whom we believe to be our forem
in the Craft. We ought, therefore, to watch all the monume
the land that tell of our ancestors, and cherish them as prou
heritances.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-ndents.*
*tters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not sarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*
*not undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### EEMASONRY AMONG THE ABORIGINES.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—On reading the article under the above in last week's issue I was under the impression that you, been caught napping, but on reflection I came to the conclu-at you simply reprinted it for a joke. The first part of the referring to the lecture of Mr. George Copway, is reasonable but as it is 35 years since it was delivered, I am rather d our American brethren have not made better use of it. e breast cloth alluded to is a garment of great antiquity, I o the Arba Kamfoth (see Numb. xv. 37-40). Now the only account for this garment being adopted by the Indians is, that dispersion of the twelve tribes one of them, or a portion of nd its way to America, and probably initiated the native and all who were admitted were invested with the four-d cloth; a section of the tribes also wandered into Wales, logists find that many Welsh words have a Semitic origin. so Freemasonry would be established, hence Brother the rgan Lewis would be able to make himself known to his in 1660; another instance of the universality of the Craft blessings it brings on those placed in such a state of trial, an opportunity for investigation; it will take a "Hughan," d," a "Murray Lyon," and a "Woodford," all knocked into write the history of Indian Freemasonry, and I have no doubt individual will be found across "the pond." Indeed, I ex-shall soon hear of a buffalo hide having been discovered in ession of a medicine man, on which are inscribed all the t Charges" before the flood. This would knock all the past f our historians and students into a "cocked hat." The latest ave heard of is, the "Royal Order of Egyptian Masonry," and commercial point of view it appears to be a very good thing parties that are running it. Now I venture to predict that soon hear of the "Royal Order of Red Skins," wherein the e will have to pass through many trials. He will have all plucked from his head, barring the scalp-lock, and, on being with the breast cloth, will be informed that this is more than the badge of the Order of Buffaloes, and more honour-n the "Stars and Garters" which we occasionally hear some exclaiming about. Well, Bro. Editor, I will not trouble my opinions on this interesting subject further, but will to the caustic criticism of your welcome contributor, Bro. of Boston, when he can spare the time.

Yours fraternally,

A MODERN MASON.

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nembers of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, elected Bro. H. B. Marshall (Past G. Treasurer) for the ensuing year, Bro. Marshall proposes, evening of his installation, the last Saturday in , to initiate his son into the mysteries of the Craft. invariably considered an interesting episode, but present occasion our worthy brother will have the privilege of investing his son with the Charity Jewel lar, an honour and distinction, we believe, never conferred on an Entered Apprentice on the evening tiation. Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall jun. has been of each of our Masonic Charitable Institutions for he past. We extract from the pages of the *Citizen* wing in reference to this young gentleman's attain-his majority :—

tation from the employés of the firm of Marshall and Son, et, waited upon Mr. H. B. Marshall jun. on Thursday, Mr. H. B. Marshall, J.P., the senior partner, being present. ation consisted of the heads of each department. Mr. John he manager, after a few appropriate words, read the fol-ress, as under: "To Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq. jun.— dersigned, on behalf of the employés, tender to you our d warmest congratulations upon attaining your majority, our acceptance of our best wishes for your future life, hope will be one of happiness and prosperity. Signed on the subscribers, being the whole of the employés of the rshall and Son, by the undermentioned heads of depart-hn Morgan, Joseph Henry Forrester, James Biden, Edwd. William James Cook, William Smith, Edward George Corn-ury Jackson, Edward Grimwood. 5th August 1886." Marshall jun., in reply, expressed the hope that the bond hip which existed between his father and the employés continued and strengthened between them and him. For

## GLEANINGS.

In the 94 years that the Grand Lodge of Rhode has been in existence, 34 persons have held the position of Grand Master.

Masonry is hostile to no creed or race as such, and represents none.

In the United States, the first Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons on the Western Continent was established at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1733, near the place where that bark of freedom, the "Mayflower," landed her cargo of free men and women a little more than a century before. In 1783 there were in America 187 Lodges; in 1884 there were in the United States nearly 10,000 Lodges, with a membership of 559,386.

THE RIGHT KIND OF MASONS.—Let us have Masons who will be true to their obligations, active and earnest in sharing in the work of the Craft, and life-long lovers of the Fraternity; men who will read. We have men in the Craft who never subscribe for a Masonic paper or buy a Masonic book; those kind of men, as a general rule, never attend the Lodge or other Society unless they hold office. They aspire to be great, but nature has done for them what art and science can never remove—they are "rough ashlars."

We must not imagine that the brother clothed in faultless attire, with his breast covered with studded jewels, and his title and rank composed of many appellations, is any more of a Mason than the brother whose apparel is quite the reverse. These high distinctions are but for show, and do not indicate the inner qualities of the man.

The richest Lodge in the United States, *per capita*, is St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston. Its membership is limited to 26, and its property is valued at 20,000 dollars (over £5,000).

Masonry is nothing if not practical and instructive. Most of its symbols are taken from operative Masonry, and made to bear a deep spiritual meaning. The most important lesson the weary sojourner can learn as he comes into the Royal Arch Degree and surveys the magnificence and beauty of the completed temple is the great truth that life should be a finished structure. That as students of a more noble architecture we should learn to build the soul into a temple fit for the indwelling of God. Wholeness, completeness, this is the ideal placed before us, and yet how little the impression it seems to make. We are all more or less exposed to the sarcasm of Jesus: "This man began to build, and was not able to finish." We have no finished men. Our temple is in the rough, a crude foundation and but little more. We all sadly fail to come into life's Royal Arch Degree.

Masonry stands ranged beside the Church of God, as one of the great interpreters and monitors of human life. It bears to that Divine Society a relation much like that which the Holy Saint John Baptist, whom Masonry ever delights to honour as a patron, bore to the Prophet of Prophets, Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. It goes before the Church's face, to prepare her way, to be a herald and forerunner of the fuller truth, and of the mightier office, of which the Church is the sole and only instrument of reconciling human souls to God. Masonry does not profess to make men saints. The Church does that. She is the preceptress, the mother, the *alma mater* of the saints. But Masonry can and does profess to inculcate that morality—not the cold, ethical abstractions of the philosopher—but that evangelical morality; that glowing religious morality—if I may use a term like that—which will prepare men for those transforming and sanctifying powers of the world to come, which the Church will bring to bear upon them. Masonry does a preparatory work in bringing men into a state wherein they will be more readily susceptible to the motives of the Spirit of the Lord, and the animation of the spiritual and supernatural life.

Masonry is an institution not of yesterday, to-day, or to-morrow, but for all time. As it has withstood adversity in the past, so it will in the future, and the only limit to it is from its own members. When Masonry dies, as an institution, it will be a *felo de se*, and the guilty will be found within the ranks of those who *ought* to be its most watchful guardians and defenders.

It is a mistake to attempt to confer too many degrees at one meeting. It renders the last part tame and spiritless. It is bad, too, because it prevents the regular study and practice of the work. One long evening is not half so beneficial as two or three short ones. One degree is enough for one meeting.

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.—We may talk of religion, its doctrines, its precepts, and its privileges; we may talk of philosophy, with all its train of human perfections and human acquirements; we may become Masons, boast of its secrecy, its science, and its morals; put on all its gaudy trappings and ornaments, and decorate ourselves with its richest external jewels. But if our religion is destitute of love to God and charity towards our fellow creatures; if our philosophy is destitute of philanthropy, or if our Masonry is void of the activity of doing good, away with religious profession, it is but an empty name; away with philosophical sentiment, it is but as sounding brass; away with Masonic pretensions, they are but as tinkling cymbals.

Electioneering for office in the Grand Lodge of Iowa seems to have reached an intensity of manifestation, if we may judge by the severe criticism of Grand Master Granger of that jurisdiction, in his address to that body at its last session. He maintains that there ought to be

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## PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

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### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE C ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SOUTHEND.

ON Saturday, the 31st ult., the Right Hon. the Lord R.W. P.G.M. Essex, held a special Provincial Grand L Southend, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremon foundation stone of the Church of All Saints', which is to t place of the temporary iron structure now in use. The proc commenced at the Public Hall, where a large number of b assembled, and on his Lordship entering with his Officers he ceived with much applause. The Provincial Grand Mas explaining the object of the meeting, said their gathering wa what of a unique character, for, as far as could be gathere the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge, only on two p occasions had the Freemasons of Essex assembled for a simil pose. The first of these was at Colchester, on the 8th Augus when the foundation stone of the Church of St. Mary Magdele laid; and the other was at Southend, on the 21st May 1872 the corner stone of the new Chancel to the Church of St. Jol laid with Masonic ceremonial. His lordship added that he fe that they as Masons could not be better occupied than in pro the erection of a building to the honour of the Great Archi the Universe. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Tre seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. Eng. (acting as Depu vincial Grand Master, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. F Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar), the sum of ten guineas wa to the building fund; and it was also agreed that the sum guineas should be left on the stone for the benefit of the wo A procession was then formed in Masonic order, and marched site, a distance of about a mile, where the stone was laid acc to antient Masonic form, the acting officers being the Lord P.G.M., Bros. B. L. Tandy S.G.W, F. R. Hales J.G.W., th Henry Hayes P.P.G.C. as Grand Chaplain, Andrew Durrant G. Thos. J. Ralling G. Sec., John Glass G. Supt. of Works, Locking G.D.C. The silver trowel—suitably inscribed—wa sented to his Lordship by Mrs. Burnett, wife of the Vic religious service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Bu the Archdeacon of Essex, the Rev. H. F. Johnson (Rector of C ford) reading the lesson—Ezra iii, 10-11. The Archdeacon delivered a short address, in the course of which, after thanki Lordship and the Masonic body for their attendance, which had brilliancy and dignity to the proceedings, he congratulated the and congregation of All Saints' upon this happy commencemen much-needed work. The district had been increasing rapidly, more permanent Church was required than the temporary which they at present worshipped. He thought that those wh charge of the work were wise in commencing with a be Chancel, because his experience was that where this was the Nave was sure to follow. In conclusion the Ven. Archdeacon exp a hope that those engaged in the work would be free from acciden that all might be spared to attend the consecration of the new C During the singing of the Old Hundredth, purses were deposi the stone, many of them by little girls, and as the procession out of the enclosure an offertory was made at the gates. A containing current coin of the realm, and a copy of the *Time* deposited under the stone. A luncheon afterwards took place Institute, the vicar presiding, supported by Lord Brooke a Archdeacon of Essex. There were also present a large num ladies and gentlemen. In the course of the proceedings, the stated that the financial result of the day's proceedings w wards of £130. The brethren present during the day include following Prov. G. Officers:—Lord Brooke P.G.M., Bros. Joshua P.G.S.B. England acting as D.G.M., B. L. Tandy I.P.M. 1280 F. R. Hales I.P.M. 650 J.W., Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 Trea Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 Secretary, F. P. Southery 276 S.D., F. Dorrell Grayson I.P.M. 1000 J.D., John Glass 453 Supt. of Works, Albert Locking G. Pursuivant England, P. Sec. 1000 Dir. of Cers., Charles Beaumont I.P.M. 1343 Assist. I Cers., J. Thompson 1457 Organist, John Hutley I.P.M. 1024 John Taylor jun. I.P.M. 1817 Standard Bearers, T. S. Sarel The following were also present:—Lodge No. 51.—Bros. J Grimes I.P.M. P.G. Steward, John Brooks. 160.—Bros. G. F. P.P.G.W. W.M., J. F. Harrington P.M. P.P.G.P., H. Harper Sec. P.P.G.S.B., W. V. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S.B., A. Harrington Flitton, R. M. Beeson, Harry Sims, W. Kilpin, Thomas W 214.—Bro. W. W. Brown P.M. P.P.G.O. 276.—Bros. Andr Durrant Worshipful Master, A. C. Veley Past Master P.P. and Edwd. Durrant. 433.—Bros. Adam Smith I.P.M. Rev. Britton. 453.—Bros. B. W. Pearson W.M., Alfred Buck P.P.G.W., John Corble I.P.M. P.G. Steward, A. J. Dixie 697—Bros. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones P.P.G.C. W.M., and Skingley J.W. 1000—Bros. G. R. Dawson W.M., E. England P P.M. P.P.G.D., F. Wood P.M. P.P.G.W., J. C. Johnstone

rell, W. M. Peacey, Henry Luker, and H. Martin 1024—Bros. C. Blyth W.M., Edmund Gowers I.P.M. P.P.G.O., George P. Jay P.M. G.W., Bros. Arthur Barritt S.D., W. Gowers J.D., and W. F. astie. 1280—Bro. J. W. Whitlock P.M. 1343—Bros. Henry nell J.W., M. T. Tuck. 1437—Bros Thos. Humphreys W.M., H. Heasman P.M. and Sec., W. Burroughs I.P.M., E. West P.M., o. Davey J.W., Henry T. Hardy, and Robert Jennings I.G. 1457 ros. Thos. T. Nunn W.M., Herbert J. Day I.G., Jas. H. Langdon, E. Pettitt. 1543—Bro. J. P. Lewin W.M. P.P.G.S. of W. 1734 ro. Sidney Smith W.M., Ed. Judd P.M. P.P.G.R., H. Halliard, C. Witham, and Edwin C. Sparrow S.D. 1799—Brother ry Finer W.M. 1817—Bros. J. W. Lightowlers W.M., G. J. scock P.M. P.P.G.Sw.B., G. Thomas, S. W. Burton, S. Turner, A. land, G. F. Harris, W. Cox J.D., G. P. Stewart, W. Berridge, G. T. Rodeo. 1977—Bros. S. H. Ellis W.M., Robert Smith S.W., W. M. Richardson. 2005—Bros. G. H. Finch W.M., and Joseph er Treas. 2006—Bro. A. J. Dudgeon I.P.M. and Sec. 2063—W. M. Foxcroft S.W. 2077—Bros. James Salmon W.M., E. G. s I.P.M., and T. J. Woodrow S.W. *Visitors*:—Bros. Wm. Roe-G.S.B., Henry Garrod P.G.P., George Graveley P.M., W. Lewis 1327, Bradshaw Brown P.G.S., John Maitland 673, H. Massey 1928, W. T. Perkins 1928, James Hughes P.M. 1816, J. Martin ks 1491, &c. &c.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

Thursday, the 5th inst., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held at Chelmsford, under the presidency of the ncial Grand Master, the Lord Brooke. His lordship arrived Easton Lodge, Dunmow, at 12·45, and was met at Chelmsford n by Bro. Andrew C. Durrant W.M. 276, and was driven at to the Saracen's Head Hotel for luncheon. Grand Lodge was d at two o'clock at the Shire Hall, his Lordship being assisted e Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.) and the other Provincial Grand Officers. The minutes e Provincial Grand Lodge last year at Saffron Walden, and of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge at Southend on day, having been read and confirmed, letters, expressing their ty to attend, were read from Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. k, Col. Shadwell Clerke G. Sec. of England, B. L. Tandy S.G.W., d Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., &c. The roll of the s was then called over, and it was found that all the 24 Lodges ising the Province were duly represented. The Provincial Secretary next read an abstract of the Lodge returns for which showed that there were 1,139 subscribing members, inst 1,109 last year, an increase of 30. The contributions he Lodges showed a falling off, but this was accounted for by ct that in the previous year there were some exceptional s of income. The report of the auditors showed a balance in nds of the Provincial Grand Treasurer of over £93. The of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Bro. Fred. P.M. and Treas. 1000 P.P.G.S.W., and was of a very satisfac-aracter. The candidates supported by the Province had been ; and the votes owing by the Committee had been very much l. The Calendar Committee's report was to the effect that, aying for the cost of production, there was a small balance in It was decided to continue the publication another year, brethren speaking in high terms of the usefulness of the book. orts were adopted. The Provincial Grand Master then ad-the brethren. His lordship expressed his great pleasure in re meeting the brethren of the Province, and thanked them ordial support they had always accorded to him. The returns an increase in their roll of members, and though there was off in the contributions, that was fully accounted for. The , he was glad to say, had, as usual, liberally supported the utral Charities of the Order, the aggregate contributions of amounting to £593. During the last four years Essex had ted to these Charities the handsome sum of £3,425. While subject, his Lordship said he should ever remember with the handsome support the Province accorded to him when led at the Girls' Festival. The report of the Charity Com-as very gratifying. The way in which the candidates which sent up from the Province had been elected was due, no the loyal support of the brethren, but it was also in a large owing to the tact shown by those who kindly represented the e at the Elections, and he thought the thanks of the Provin-d Lodge were due to them for the time and trouble they e work. After referring with satisfaction to the very success-ng they had at Southend on Saturday, his Lordship said that rday they were to consecrate a new Lodge at Halstead. It nsure to see Freemasonry extending in the Province, but at time the granting of new warrants was always the subject consideration, and the brethren might rely that no new would be sanctioned that would in any way interfere with odges. He believed they were doing right in establishing lge at Halstead, and he sincerely trusted that the brethren vince would support him on Saturday at the consecration. ommended the Calendar to the favourable notice of the and expressed his thanks to the Provincial Grand Secre-e trouble he had taken in connection therewith; his Lord-nced that he would hold the Provincial Grand Lodge for mford. In conclusion, his Lordship expressed his thanks Imsford brethren for the excellent arrangements they had the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. On the Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C., seconded by Veley P.M. 276 P.P.G.J.W., Bro. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 . was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ar. The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

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| Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry I.P.M. 214 | Senior Warden |
| A. C. Durrant W.M. 276 | Junior Warden |
| Rev. Henry Stevens Chap. 1280 | Chaplains |
| Rev. C. Marriott Chap. 1000 | Chaplains |
| Andrew Durrant P.M. and Treas. 276 (eighth year) | Treasurer |
| James Salmon W.M. 2077 | Registrar |
| Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 (tenth year) | Secretary |
| A. J. Dudgeon I.P.M. and Sec. 2006 | Senior Deacon |
| H. R. Heasman P.M. and Sec. 1437 | Junior Deacon |
| Joseph Grimes I.P.M. 51 | Supt. of Works |
| A. Lucking P.M. and Sec. 1000 (thirteenth year) | Director of Ceremonies |
| John Corbie I.P.M. 453 | Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| Joseph Cleaver P.M. and Treas. 2005 | Sword Bearer |
| G. C. Sewell P.M. 1457 | Standard Bearers |
| S. H. Ellis W.M. 1977 | Standard Bearers |
| T. Winniatt Smith Org. 276 | Organist |
| Alex. Rattray I.P.M. 1543 | Assist. Secretary |
| J. T. Bailey I.P.M. 697 | Pursuivant |
| George Riches P.M. 433 | Assist. Pursuivant |
| T. S. Sarel 276 | Tyler |
| G. R. Dawson W.M. 1000 | Stewards |
| T. Lightowlers W.M. 1817 | Stewards |
| R. J. Warren P.M. 1437 | Stewards |
| A. G. Maskell S.W. 276 | Stewards |
| Wilson Metcalfe J.W. 276 | Stewards |
| Edward Durrant Stwd. 276 | Stewards |

On the motion of Bro. E. G. Lewis I.P.M. 2077, seconded by Bro. J. J. Cavill P.M. 1312 P.P.G.D., Bro. James Salmon W.M. 2077 P.G.R. was elected to serve on the Charity Committee in place of Bro. F. Wood, who retired by rotation. The P.G. Sec. explained that Bro. Wood's valuable services would not be lost to the Committee, as he was an *ex officio* member by reason of the amount of his contributions towards the Charities. The following grants were voted: £10 10s each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Chelmsford Infirmary, and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, for their excellent arrangements for the meeting of P.G.L.; to the Great Eastern Railway, for the facilities they had given; and to the County Magistrates for the use of the Shire Hall. P.G.L. was then closed, and about 60 Brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the P.G.M. During the after proceedings, Bros. Osmond, Turner, Towers, Sparling, and T. Winniatt Smith performed a choice programme of music. The Brethren present during the day included the following Provincial Grand Officers—The Lord Broke P.G.M., Bros. Fred A. Philbrick D.M., F. R. Hales I.P.M. 650 J.W., Rev. Thomas Stevens Chap., Andrew Durrant Treas., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 Sec., F. P. Sutherley P.M. 276 S.D., Albert Lucking P.M. 1000 D.C., Chas. Beaumont P.M. 1343 A.D.C., G. J. Thompson Org., John Hutley I.P.M. 1024, and John Taylor jun. I.P.M. 1817 Std. Bs., T. S. Sarel Tyler. The following brethren were also present:—51—Bros. A. S. B. Sparling W.M., Joseph Grimes I.P.M., E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.G.S.W., John J. C. Turner P.M. P.P.G.O., C. Osmond P.M. P.P.G.O., George Harrison P.M. S.W., R. Haward Ives P.M. P.P.G.A. Sec., and Joseph Hanly. 160—Bro. G. H. Baxter. 214—Bro. F. Imbert-Terry I.P.M. 276—Bros. A. C. Veley P.M. P.P.G.W., F. Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.D. Treas., Arthur Mead P.M. P.P.G.S. of W.. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C., A. G. Maskell S.W., W. Metcalfe J.W., W. Laugham S.D., T. Winniatt-Smith Org., Edward Durrant Steward, T. R. Jarvis, John Taylor, F. H. Meggy, H. W. Tanner, J. C. Creswell, W. H. L. Pattison, and J. W. Hair acting Sec. P.P.G.R. 433—Bros. J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D.C., and Geo. Riches P.M. 453—Bros. Alfred Buck P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Geo. Corbie P.M. and Sec. P.P.J.G.W., John Corbie I.P.M. P.G. Stwd.; Alfred J. Dixie J.W. 650—Bro. A. G. Parsons S.W. 697—Bros. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones I.P.M. P.P.G.C., J. T. Bailey I.P.M., the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.P.G.C., Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.Sw.B., Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.Sw.B., Robt. Smith P.M., H. J. Skingley J.W., L. F. Manley, F. Dupont, and W. Jelley. 1000—Bros. G. R. Dawson W.M., Fred Wood P.M. and Treas. P.P.G.S.W., the Rev. C. Marriott Chap. 1024—Bros. C. S. Blyth W.M., Edmund Gowers I.P.M. P.P.G.O., T. J. D. Cramphorn P.M. P.P.G.D., C. W. Ker J.W., and C. R. Finch. 1280—Rev. Thos. Stevens Chap. 1312—Bros J. Nunn I.P.M. P.G.S.B. Eng., J. J. Cavill P.M. P.P.G.D., R. G. Kellett P.M. P.P.G.Sw.B., William Bright. 1343—Bros. Chas. C. Potter W.M., Henry Burnett J.W. 1437—Bros. Thos. Humphreys W.M., H. R. Heasman P.M. and Sec., Thos. Beeson P.M., W. Burroughes I.P.M., Robt. J. Warren P.M., G. B. Gilbey J.D., and Henry T. Hardy Stwd. 1457—Bros. Thos. T. Nunn W.M., G. C. Sewell P.M., and H. J. Day I.G. 1543—Bros. J. P. Lewin W.M. P.P.G.S. of W., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R., F. J. Snell P.M. P.G.R., Alexander Rattray I.P.M., W. Rowe S.W. 1734—Bro. F. J. Wiseman P.M. P.P.G.J.W. 1799—Bro. Henry Finer W.M., G. Canler J.W., and J. H. Reeland. 1817—Bros. T. Lightowlers W.M., G. J. Glasscock P.M. P.P.G.Sw.B. 1977—Bros. S. H. Ellis W.M., G. A. Eustace Sec. and P.M. 697 P.P.G.Std.B., S. Shawyer J.W., W. Stratt Treas., M. W. Meade S.D., W. Rudrum J.D., G. F. Smith jun. P.P.G.O., J. Blyth, and J. Grout. 2005—Bros. G. H. Finch W.M., Joseph Clever Treas. 2006—Bro. A. J. Dudgeon I.P.M. and Sec. 2063—Bro. John Dean P.M. P.P.G.Std.B. 2077—Bros. Jas. Salmon W.M., E. G. Lewis I.P.M., Bros. T. J. Woodrow S.W., Edw. Lawrence Geo. H. Smith, and W. E.

## CONSECRATION OF THE JOSHUA NUNN LODGE. No. 2154, HALSTEAD.

FREEMASONRY in Essex during the last few years has been making rapid strides, both in regard to its efforts in support of the Charities of the Order, and also as to its numerical strength. Since the advent of Lord Brooke to the Provincial Grand Mastership of the Province, five Lodges, with an aggregate of two hundred members, have been added to the roll, and on Saturday last a sixth was consecrated, bringing up the number of Lodges in the Province to twenty-five. The new Lodge is called the Joshua Nunn, a name well known in Masonic circles both in Essex and the country generally, Bro. Nunn (who now resides at Bocking Hall) having been for many years connected with the Board of Benevolence, first as Vice President, and more recently as President. He is also a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, and has for many years taken an active part in all good works connected with Masonry. The Lodge is numbered 2154. Bro. Joshua Nunn's name naturally headed the petition as W.M. designate, the other signatories being Bros. Vero W. Taylor P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. S.W. designate, J. J. Cavill W.M. (second time) 1312 J.W. designate, R. G. Kellett P.M. 1312 P.P. Grand Sword Bearer, E. H. Inman P.M. 1312, and George Copus, Mark Gentry, and Thomas Adams. On Saturday a large number of brethren assembled to witness or assist in the consecration of the new Lodge. It had been announced that the ceremony would be performed by Lord Brooke, but at the last moment his Lordship telegraphed that he had been detained, and his place as Consecrating Officer was ably filled by Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, D.P.G.M. of the Province. On taking the chair the D.P.G.M. appointed the following Officers pro tem :—Bros. Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. S.W., Andrew C. Durrant W.M. 276 P.G.J.W. J.W., Rev. Thomas Stevens (Vicar of Saffron Walden) Chaplain 1280 Chaplain, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.G. Sec. Secretary, Albert Lucking G.P. England P.G.D.C. D.C., and A. J. Dudgeon P.M. 2006 P.G.S.D. I.G. After the usual preliminaries, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master briefly explained the object of the meeting. They were, he said, all aware of the purpose for which they were gathered together—it was to consecrate a new Lodge in that Province and in that town, under circumstances which rendered it peculiarly interesting. The consecration of a new Lodge of Freemasons was always an interesting occasion, but there in that town of Halstead they were about again to bring the habitation of a Lodge, after a lapse of something like 30 years, during which time the town had been without the advantage of having a Lodge meeting there. He need scarcely say at this stage in the history of Masonry in England, and particularly in this Province, the granting of a warrant of constitution by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master was not a matter which was lightly regarded. The brethren who sought to constitute themselves into a Lodge had to show some real need for the foundation of a Lodge, and some prospect that the undertaking would be successful, before a warrant was granted. On this occasion the need had been testified, and the success, as they trusted, assured. The M.W. Grand Master had, at the instance of their respected and esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, granted a warrant, which was the foundation of their proceedings that day. It was granted at the request, as they knew, of a very old brother in the Craft, one whose Masonic record was a record of honour to himself and of usefulness to the great cause they all had at heart—fitly, therefore, the Lodge was to bear the name of Joshua Nunn. An oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was given by the Acting Chaplain. He said the consecration of a new Masonic Lodge, marking as it did an extension of the Order, ought to recall to their minds the principles which formed the foundation of Freemasonry. There could be no doubt that Freemasonry was growing in popularity in England, but this circumstance was not without its dangers. It was a pleasant thing to belong to a popular institution, but they must not forget that Freemasonry had its duties as well as its privileges. Freemasonry was a system of morality, and from each Lodge, new or old, as from a centre, should radiate the beams of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The outward signs and symbols of the Craft were nothing in themselves, unless they led the mind and heart to the things which they signified and symbolised. Those symbols, many and various as they were, had all one great aim and object, which all might and should recognise—the fear of God, the Great Architect and Geometrician of the Universe, and next to this, blending with this, the good of their fellow-men, especially their brethren in Masonry. The practical duties of Masonry were bound up with, and set forth continually in, its ritual. They might, too, on a day like that recall with advantage the fact that they were not only Freemasons, but English Freemasons. The wide, broad principles of the Craft were not of one country more than another, but for every time and for every place. They were as Catholic as they were immutable; they had been handed down to the Freemasons of the present day from the remotest antiquity, and they had been upheld by men of every race, colour, and tongue. But granting this, they knew that the development of those principles might be hindered or advanced by surrounding conditions—the moral or social, or religious atmosphere, under which they existed. In some respects they in England might congratulate themselves upon the conditions by which they found themselves surrounded, especially perhaps in two important particulars—viz., their relation to religion as professed by the great mass of their countrymen, and their relation to the State. All must regret that by one great section of the Christian Church Free-masonry was excommunicated. There was no reason why this should undertakings. As to their relations with the State, as Freems they had no politics. The established and constituted order of Gov ment in this country had no more loyal supporters than ar Masons, and it was inconceivable that any danger should arise to State from a body of men of the character of English Freemasons conclusion, the Chaplain expressed the hope that the blessing the Most High would rest upon the New Lodge at Halstead, that its members might be distinguished, not alone by the ex lence of their working, but by their fidelity to the grand principl the Order, so as to be a source of strength to the Province of Es and a means of furthering the great aims and objects of their and honoured Brotherhood. The customary ceremony of conse tion was then proceeded with, and was impressively performe the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The music was excelle rendered, under the direction of Bro. Charles Osmond P.M. P.P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros. John J. C. Turner P.M P.P.G.O., Edmund Gowers P.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., A. B. Spar W.M. 51, Bro. J. Adams presiding at the organ. The Lodge ha been dedicated and constituted, the Deputy Provincial Grand Ma installed Bro. Joshua Nunn as first Worshipful Master. Bro. N then invested his Officers as under:—Bros. Vero W. Taylor S J. J. Cavill J.W., M. Gentry S.D., T. Adams J.D., E. H. Inman retary, R. G. Kellett Dir. of Cers., G. J. Copus I.G. The electio Treasurer and Tyler was postponed. On the motion of Bro. Kel seconded by Bro. M. Gentry, Bro. Cavill was elected to represent Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The Worshi Master having expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Bro proposed a vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Gr Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for their assistance in the consecration of the Lodge. Although they all plored the absence of the Prov. G.M., they would agree with that the ceremonies had lost none of their impressiveness thro being performed by the esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Mas Bro. Vero W. Taylor seconded the proposition, which was car unanimously. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Ca Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Bro. the Rev. T. Stevens, Bro. T. J. Rall and Bro. A. Lucking were elected honorary members of the Lod Brq. Philbrick briefly thanked the Lodge for this mark of esteem himself and the other P.G. Officers, and expressed the hope that new Lodge would have a very successful career. Between 40 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, u the presidency of the W.M. It may be interesting to mention the Lodge furniture has been all presented by the founders. Joshua Nunn gave a handsome Bible, with silver square and c passes, and a set of solid silver Officer's jewels and Tyler's swo Bro. Vero W. Taylor, the Officers' collars; Bro. J. J. Cavill, knee stool and cushion; Bro. R. G. Kellett, tracing boar Bro. Gentry, oak candlesticks; Bro. Copus, oak pe tals; and Brother Inman dirk for I.G. and box. Lodge that formerly met at Halstead was called the Lodg Confidence, No. 662. The warrant was granted in 1838 for the Lo to meet at the Angel Inn, but it was subsequently removed to Ca Hedingham, and after a somewhat chequered career lapsed in 1 The brethren who attended the meeting on Saturday, besides th above mentioned, included: the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick P.G. Cl Eng., Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., A. C. Veley 276 P.P.G.J.W., George Corble P.M. and Sec. 453 P.P.G.J B. L. Tandy I.P.M. 1280 P.P.G.S.W., C. H. Vincent P.M. P.P.G.R. Suff., Frank Whitmore P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.D., J Corble I.P.M. 453 P.A.D.C., J. T. Bailey I.P.M. 697 P.G J. P. Lewin W.M. 1543 P.P.G.S. of W., Rev. W. Mo Jones W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., John Noyes P.M. Grand Stew Lodge, Joseph Grimes I.P.M. 51 P.G.S.W., J. F. Hills P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Suffolk, F. W. Jennings P.M. 1224 P.G.S. of W Suffolk, James E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., S. H. Ellis W 1977 P.G. Standard Bearer, L. Loyd P.M. 1201, C. W. Grimw P.M. 1224, George Hollington P.M. 933, W. Strutt Treasurer 1 Rev. J. P. Britton 433 P.P.G.C., Fred. Horsman J.D. 51, A. J. D J.W. 453, M. W. Meade S.D. 1977, H. J. Skingley J.W. 697, F Atkinson J.D. 376, F. W. Frigout S.D. 171, T. Winnistt Se Organist 276 P.G. Organist, M. Read D.C. 1224, J. M. Tu Steward 1977, W. Sargent 1332, W. L. Barrett 1319, F. A. Rensh 453, J. George Steward 1224, Herbert Roberts 811, George Me Tyler 1312, &c.—*Essex Standard.*

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The Annual Summer Banquet of the Kings Cross Lo of Instruction will take place on Thursday, the 19th i at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet. The brethren start from the Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Squ at 10 o'clock, in four-in-hand brakes. They will tak prolonged drive through the country, and reach the R Lion about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Banquet will served at 5 o'clock. Tickets may be had of Brother Procter, 94 Tottenham Court Road, Secretary to Committee.

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### SIMON DE ST. LIZ LODGE, No. 245.

NE of the most noteworthy gatherings of the above Lodge was a special emergency meeting, held on Tuesday evening, 10th in-, at Northampton, under the presidency of the Worshipful er, Bro. G. H. Perceval Provincial Grand Inspector of Works, ted by Bros. J. J. Hart Provincial G.M. Overseer, Henry Brown I.G.W., G. Ellard P.P.G. Overseer, Past Masters; and the wing Officers and brethren:—Bro. Butler Wilkins S.W., R. Croft , J. Carrall M.O., A. Jones S.O., H. V. Tebbutt J.O., Rev. T. C. ley P.P.G.C. acting Chaplain, T. Emery Treasurer, T. Phipps ıan Registrar of Marks, G. Butcher Secretary, H. Hodges G. Edmund Organist, J. A. Jowett I.G., Robinson S.S., obinson Tyler, J. Eunson, W. J. Howe, C. R. Nunn, H. J. Eun-S. B. Fletcher, J. R. Shearsmith, J. A. S. Bonverie, R. J. John- &c. After the routine formalities a ballot was taken, and Bro. arl of Euston was introduced for the purpose of being advanced s honourable degree. The impressive ceremony was performed faultless manner by the Worshipful Master. The brethren ards adjourned to a banquet, arranged by Mrs. Forth of the ck Hotel, in the Lower Hall, where the usual toast list was d by the Queen and Mark Masonry, and H.R.H. the Prince of M.W.G. Mark Master, the Earl of Kintore M.W. Pro Grand r, Lord Egerton of Tatton Dep. G.M.M., H.R.H. the Duke of ught G.S.W., Lord Saltoun G.J.W., and the Officers of Mark Lodge. Bro. Wilkins proposed the R.W. Provincial Grand William Kelly, Esq., F.H.S. Leicester, and the Provincial Officers, present and past. Bro. Hart Prov. G.M.O. responded; easley was entrusted with the toast of the W.M. of the Simon Liz Lodge. Bro. Dorman proposed the Past Masters, Bro. wn P.P.G.J.W. responding; and the Visitors was proposed by nes, and responded to by Bro. Johnston. The Officers of the was submitted by Bro. Eunson, and responded to by Bro. J.W. Other toasts followed. The pleasure of the evening atly enhanced by Bro. Edward's manipulation of the piano-

### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

members of this Lodge gave a garden party on Thursday, th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when a of ladies and brethren assembled. Supper was served at lock, previous to which dancing was enjoyed on the lawn, to ins of the band of the local school. Bro. George Gardner, shipful Master of the Lodge, presided at the supper, and at asion, he proposed the toast of the Queen, a toast which he would be as heartily honoured in the mixed assembly before ver it was at a regular Lodge meeting. Bro. Tyler, who vice chair, proposed the health of the Chairman, to whose irs, he said, they were indebted for the day's gathering. dner was a worthy Mason in every respect, a man of worth, indefatigable in his endeavours to advance the of Freemasonry, and always ready to do anything that s power for his brethren's enjoyment. Brother Gardner his sincere thanks for the toast. He trusted the present be the last occasion on which he should meet those then m under similar circumstances. So long as he had health gth it would be his endeavour to do all he could to secure ness and comfort of those with whom he was associated in nry. He next proposed the health of the Ladies, which acknowledged by Bro. Wilson, after which the company o the large hall of the Star and Garter, where dancing was nd continued until a late hour. Bro. J. Brill, the host of ishment, was most attentive to the wants of his patrons, l that lay in his power to ensure the enjoyment of those lime light which he had provided, and which was directed lawn during the evening, had a very pleasing effect, as the evening was rather heavy and overcast ose present were: Bros. G. Gardner and party· 2045, H. Fruen and friends, W. Clowes 2012, F. Walden riends, E. A. Tilbury 975, F. J. Harding 177 and friends, nan 198 and friends, F. Tyler S.W. 59 and friends, C. 2, A. Skinner 2012, L. Hollingsworth 1507, R. Tyser 2012, , 2012 and friends, W. C. Dickey 2012, H. G. Hayden yld 72 and friends, N. Defriez P.M. 185, L. P. Collins S.D. 2012 and Miss Sales, W. H. Ellis 554, J. Edwards 1662 dwards, W. Lewin P.M. 1695, F. W. Wheeler 2012, W. S.C.), R. G. Brooke, J. D. Ashby, A. J. Wise, R. W. Pit-r Jackson, G. Slatter, E. Lister and friends, Mr. field, H. Ewen and friends, Bro. and Mrs. Saunders, , C. H. Furrows, Arthur Bradbury, and others. Lord ilton, who is a member of the Lodge, was expected, but oment his Lordship had to send a telegram expressing to attend, and desiring to be excused to those who were

**Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the weekly at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, ut, Bro. Gregory occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. H. Ross J.W., R. Ross S.D., Bleakley J.D., Ament n Precentor Salcator m

section of the lecture. Bro. Pitt, of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Messer was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Present:—Bros. Cavers W.M., Sims P.M. S.W., Breithart J.W., Austin Treas., Chalfont P.M. Sec., Purdue P.M. S.D., Child J.D., Jennings I.G.; P.M.'s Spiegel, J. Davies Preceptor; Bros. W. W. Williams, Wood, Strout, Cross, Head. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes confirmed; the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Davies. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Cavers offered himself a candidate for raising, and answered the usual questions; he was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 3rd section of the lecture was then worked, and Lodge was closed to the first degree. The W.M. Bro. Cavers then took the chair, and the 2nd section of the first lecture was worked. Bro. Sims was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

## THE SUBLIME DEGREE.

THERE can be no doubt as to the moral significance of this degree. It inculcates the sublimest lessons which are anywhere sought to be conveyed in the Masonic ritual. It touches the noblest side of life, and represents an heroic loyalty to truth and duty most worthy of consideration. Beyond the ordinary line of moral teaching it applies its teachings, making impressive illustrations of the fact that there is a resurrection state for man, that his real being survives the grave, being destined for immortal light and glory. All through the ritual and ceremony of the third degree there runs a line of excellent, far-reaching philosophy, as well as of ethical truth and religious suggestiveness. It makes no difference that the purport of the degree is not always clearly discerned and that its lessons may sometimes be misapprehended, there is still enough apparent to make the ceremony of the Master's degree alike interesting and impressive. True, it may be worked in such a manner as to darken its most valuable lessons, and produce an effect far from pleasant on the minds of intelligent beholders. We do not think this is often the case, but it is possible, for the line is a very narrow one which separates the sublime from the ridiculous. The utmost care is requisite in illustrating the legends and lessons of the third degree; and because they are of such exalted nature and tendency so much the greater need is there of their right handling in the work of the Lodge.

It is thought by some of our brethren who have given special thought to the matter that the best interests of the Craft would be promoted by making a radical change in the present ritual. It is suggested that more of force and beauty would attach to the degree if it were made wholly dramatic and spectacular, and arranged in an artistic way of presentation that would be altogether edifying. The *New York Dispatch*, advocating such a new departure, says: "The third degree could be made a powerful drama in the hands of experts, with its various characters, instead of an incongruous hodge-podge and a long lecture detailing the history of the degree. The drama should, by its own action, tell its own history, with such short explanations as may be necessary for instruction, as an epilogue."

We are not convinced that the change proposed is called for, or that it would be wise and expedient thus to recast the ritual and change the working of the degree; but we are convinced that some things in the ceremony should be toned down, and that special care should be taken to preserve a devout, solemn manner in representing the grand truths that are embodied in the ritual and ceremony. When this is done, and when the work is in capable hands, the symbols, allegories, and traditions of the third degree will surely make their due impression.—*Freemason's Repository.*

WHAT MASONRY IS.—Masonry is the law of Divine love condensed into one brief sentence: "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." It cannot be confined to the Lodge room. Its sublime teachings must be fixed in our hearts as a sure guide in all our dealings with our fellows. No true man has ever been a Mason

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds

## MONDAY, 16th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
976—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1109—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

## TUESDAY, 17th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
418—Mechanics, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lisskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Feversham and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1096—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1044—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Surrey, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Dunyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 256—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 18th AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Instruction)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Instruction)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1427—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1607—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Oper haw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Albany, Golden Lion Hotel, Ryeleigh
1958—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

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## THURSDAY, 19th AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon S., Rotherhithe New R
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (I
1227—Upton, The Nunns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1275—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Instruction)
1658—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at
1694—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (c
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruct
179[illegible]—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush.
1958—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at

Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street. Ashton-under-Lyne
Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
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Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
Hanbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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## FRIDAY, 20th AUGUST.

Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Old Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Shelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Eric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Tigre, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Canonbury C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
St.-Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
Old Kent, Crown and CushionLondon Wall,E.C. (Instruction)
Lune, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
Irwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
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Wield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
Lund, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
Peer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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Ashley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
Duke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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## SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST.

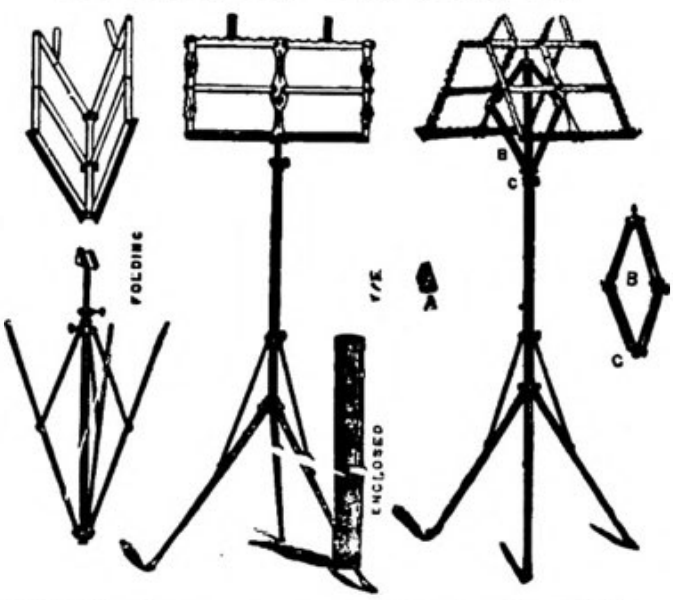
Chester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
Union, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
Lion, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Wick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Star of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
Lodge of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Amsterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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## ENTY-FIVE YEARS SERVICE IN MASONRY.

HEN we look back on the last twenty-five years in the History of Freemasonry we seem to have a that is scarcely worthy of special consideration in rison with the long ages through which our beloved has flourished, but if we take these twenty-five years ciation with the Masonic career of an individual er of the Fraternity what a different aspect presents to our view. In the one case, the twenty-five years one of many similar periods through which Free- ry has passed, and will pass again; in the other the epresents a considerable portion of an ordinary life- while it may be said to be far above the average of a Brother's connection with the Order. At the t time, when Masonic Lodges are to be found in all f the globe, and their subscribing members may be d by hundreds of thousands, it hardly seems pos- hat twenty-five years since the larger number of Lodges were unthought of, while the majority of the rs of to-day had not emerged from the happy time hood; yet such is the case, and the brother who can n uninterrupted Masonic career of twenty-five years a position in the Craft which should entitle him to han respect at the hands of his fellows. There many brethren who can point to such a period of c activity, and hence it is that the honour is all the o be prized. It would not indeed be a difficult to count the brethren who have taken an active ntinuous interest in Freemasonry during the last -five years, and, strange as it may seem, were we we should find in their midst some of the most ent Masons of the present day, thus proving that a sociation with the Order does not necessarily result s of interest in its concerns.

e is one brother whose name is at present promi- before the English Craft, who, by his untiring during the past thirty-five years on behalf of sonry, has played no unimportant part in raising ier to its present state of prosperity. We do not t without him the Order would have been less than now it is, but we do believe that one of its principles, that of Charity—as exemplified in the ance of the widow and orphan, and the education oung—would not have assumed so large and pro- hape as it at present enjoys in this country had he is earlier days, devoted himself to its promulgation, ith unceasing energy during the last twenty-five ntinued his efforts to promote its practice. "Our s," as some ten years since we designated the of whom we speak, has lost none of that zeal and ance of which he then possessed so large a share, ch formed the basis on which rested his right to we selected for him. On the contrary, the time passed since then unquestionably has given him experience, and increased his desire to help those e behalf he has so long pleaded, and for whom he all that has lain in his power. Recognizing these is not surprising that a movement has been inaugu- r the purpose of raising a testimonial to be presented Binckes, in recognition of his twenty-five years

We have already said that to Bro. Binckes much credit is due for the share he has taken in raising Freemasonry to its present position, and if we are to recognise any brother or body of brethren as being the cause, wholly or in part, of the progress of the Order, then our statement is a just one, for it would be hard to point to another who has worked as zealously as he has done in furtherance of the true principles of Freemasonry. We will not speak of his career previous to his appointment as Secretary of the Boys' School; it is in that position he has made for himself the reputation he now enjoys; moreover, it is in recognition of his services in his Secretarial capacity that the testimonial now proposed is being raised. In 1861, when Bro. Binckes undertook the duties of Secretary, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was, comparatively speaking, and basing our opinion on its present dimensions, an insignificant affair, enjoying an income from all sources of say £2,048 per annum. It then had seventy boys on its foundation; fifty of these were educated and maintained in a house which had been purchased and adapted for the purpose, while the remaining twenty were educated outside, a system which, as our readers are aware, has been abolished for some years. In the interval which has passed since the election of Bro. Binckes as Secretary, the Institution has grown to such an extent that to-day we find it in possession of some twelve acres of freehold land, with schools and other buildings erected thereon, which together have cost no less a sum than £80,000. In addition to this, the funded property has been increased to £17,500, and the number of boys on the establishment to 240, all being educated and maintained in the buildings of the Institution, at an annual cost of £11,000. How much of this increase is due to natural growth, and how much to the persistent attention of Bro. Binckes, it is impossible to say, but no one who has heard him advocate the claims of the Charity—and what Mason has not?—will venture the opinion that he is not entitled to a large share of the credit. For many years Bro. Binckes has never lost an opportunity of urging on the Freemasons of England the claims of the orphan, the widow, and the needy brother; he has never refused an invitation to attend a meeting unless a previous engagement prevented it, and no journey has been too long for him providing it was possible to reach his destination in time for the gathering. At Newcastle perhaps one day, he would journey to the South of England the next, and then back to the Midland counties for the following, and so on, week after week, month after month, aye, and year after year. Brethren who are in the habit of attending their own Lodges some six or eight times a year, and who accept one or two invitations from others in the course of the twelve months, can form no idea of the fatigue this continuous visiting entails. The incessant excitement and the repeated repetition of the same forms and ceremonies is more than some men could endure, but "Our Hercules" has proved himself above the average in this respect, and to-day enjoys a reputation unique in the annals of Freemasonry or of any kindred organization. Can it be doubted this continued visiting and repeated advocacy of the claims of Charity has had no result? Rather should the present condition of the Masonic Institutions and the large sums annually contributed for their maintenance be

templated, the brethren of England should show their appreciation of what he has accomplished.

In the earlier part of our remarks we omitted reference to Bro. Binckes's Masonic career previous to his appointment to the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, firstly, because we have already mentioned it in these pages, and secondly because it was not necessary to speak of it when referring to his Secretaryship. As, however, a new generation of Masons has sprung up since the sketch of "Our Hercules" appeared, and as it may interest Masons of to-day to know that Bro. Binckes has distinguished himself in other ways than as an official of one of our Institutions, we now briefly refer to his earlier Masonic career. He was initiated in December 1851 in the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, and filled the chair of his mother Lodge in 1856, but previous to that year he had made a name for himself in Grand Lodge, being then recognised as an able debater on any subject he approached. In 1855-6 he took a prominent part in the discussions on the Canadian and other great questions, and was recognised as a leader on what has always been recognised as the "Blue" side of Grand Lodge. He was one of the members of the Board of General Purposes of 1856-57, and a member of the first Building Committee appointed to consider the re-erection of Freemasons' Hall. Here his independent spirit brought him into opposition with some of his colleagues, notably with the then President of the Board, and a determination was expressed that he should not be re-elected, which determination, by reason of a little manœuvring on the part of his opponents, was duly carried into effect. In 1860 he filled the chair of the Crescent Lodge, No. 1090, and since then has occupied the same exalted position in the Peace and Harmony, Grand Stewards, Lewis, and other Lodges. In the Royal Arch, and in the higher degrees of Freemasonry, he has likewise distinguished himself; no small share of his popularity having been achieved in connection with the Mark Degree, of which he has been the Grand Secretary for almost as long a period as he has been Secretary of the Boys' School; in fact, he received the two appointments during the one year. It would be unwise to give Brother Binckes the credit of all the progress which has taken place in Mark Masonry, but here also no small portion is due to his endeavours. When he was appointed to the Grand Secretaryship there were but 60 Lodges under the rule of the Mark Grand body, now there are 388, and to the brethren of most of these Lodges Bro. Binckes is personally known, either as consecrating officer, visitor, or personal friend; indeed it would be difficult to point to one who has more usefully devoted his talents to Freemasonry or who enjoys a wider circle of Masonic friends than does the brother whose twenty-five years of Secretarial service have done so much for Freemasonry in general, and for the cause of Charity and the Mark Degree in particular.

In another part of our present issue we give a copy of the circular which has been issued by the Executive of the Testimonial Fund; from this it will be seen that the proposal is to limit individual subscriptions to one guinea, and to allow the subscription lists to remain open until the end of March next, by which time all who may desire to do so will have had an opportunity of showing their appreciation of merit. It is only necessary to add that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, is the President of the Fund, while the Vice Presidents are the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective Provincial G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial G.M. Middlesex, Colonel Edward C. Malet De Carteret Provincial G.M. Jersey, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Provincial G.M. Suffolk, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore Pro G.M.M.M., his Grace the Duke of Manchester Provincial G.M. Northants and Hunts, and the Rev. Canon Portal Past G.M.M.M. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart is Chairman, Bro. John L. Mather Deputy Chairman, Bro. George Plucknett Treasurer, and Bro. C. F. Hogard Secretary of the Fund, while the brethren enrolled on the Committee are some of the most active workers in Freemasonry, the mere co-operation of whom would be sufficient to stamp any proposal as worthy of support; we give a list of their names elsewhere. It is not our intention to urge our readers to support this Testimonial Fund. We leave them to decide for themselves the part they will take in it. We have referred—very feebly, we are aware—to the doings of a brother who has deserving of much from those of his brethre that reward should follow labour.

In devoting our space to this subject, it v intention to associate with it another propos before the Craft of a similar nature, but as alike in many particulars, it will perhaps be be from our intention rather than leave this secon testimonial to a later issue. We have already re however, so that our readers will need no tell now speak of the proposed testimonial to Miss Head Mistress of the Royal Masonic Institutio who in her own sphere has been equally active period of twenty-five years. It is not only in of time that the case of Miss Davis is similar Bro. Binckes; she, equally with him, has devoted of her energy and ability to the duties she has l form, and how far she has succeeded the prese efficiency of the Girls' School is the best ans brethren who have interested themselves on l and of whom we recently gave a list, are e known to those on Bro. Binckes's Testimonial C and we feel it is only necessary that Craftsmen should know what is being done in order to secu a substantial recognition for what they have acc Of course Miss Davis has been debarred, by th Freemasonry, from playing so active a part in as her coadjutor, but she has done what it was p her to do, with equal credit to herself and, we may equal benefit to the cause with which she has ciated. These two officials—each of whom has test of a quarter of a century's trial—may well be patterns worthy of imitation by the pupils of the Institutions with which they have been so long a May they both live for many years longer to honours they have worked so hard to secure.

## RED, WHITE, AND BLUE.

WHITE, blue, and red, are famous colour words, "The red, white, and blue," ha significance, as all know, when uttered in imp oratory, or chanted in the chorus of a song of home, and fatherland. By common perception sent, they are allied with Liberty, Equality, and Fr in the highest sense of those terms, which include to charity, truth, and order. The ideas and thoug represent are but a few of those excellencies wh their origin within the tessellated border of the Lo flourish in the light of its blazing star.

The Star Spangled Banner, the only flag on eart is strictly Masonic, is but one of the gifts of Ma the champions of humanity. It bears the white, a and red, of the Ancient Craft, with its star, the pe whose lines, each continually returning on itself, emblem of infinity and symbol of "Masonic light."

All things Masonic belong to ancient Craft M otherwise there would be a part of its "mystery" e from its own Lodge, which is its receptacle; her strange that we hear of "the *Blue* Lodge," mean Ancient Craft Lodge. True it is, there is what m termed the blue Lodge or degree, but will those v the term please inform the Craft where, or what, *white* Lodge, or the *red* Lodge? Those who know a blue Lodge ought to know the two other Lodges, ready to point them out. Why should the "blue be so often mentioned, and the others never heard o

It is also true that there are three Lodges, wh gether form a *one*, as the three degrees of the u form a one, or unity, which term unity always *union*; consequently, as the colours are three there i they are separated, one for each Lodge, but, when three for the entire Lodge.

Every one can tell on hearing for the first time white Lodge, that it is the Entered Apprentices' for there is the *white apron*, the emblem of innocenc any Mason where he received his white badge—t badge of a Mason—and he will answer, "In the Lo Masons"—the first degree—it belongs there.

Which Lodge is next, the blue or the scarlet? Ce not the scarlet, for the men who instituted the Roya knew too much to adopt for that the colour of the Craft; so it might be determined from that fact that "in the olden time" the colour of the second

he Royal Arch, which in its substance is only the per-
on of the Master's Lodge, separated from the latter
appropriated by the former, could not take as its
ial colour any of the three principal colours of the
ient Craft Lodge but that of the *third degree*, and it
not. The specific colour of the Master's degree is, and
t have always been, red. When Lodges are desig-
d by colour, it is the Red Lodge. When the legend
ie Holy Royal Ark (spelt arch and arche) was com-
icated by the Masters in possession of it, "under the
rant of the Worshipful Master," as it is said was done
re the organization of Royal Arch Chapters, the only
t was to *complete* the *Master's* degree, and not to
er a *fourth* degree, which, properly, has no place in
onry. The same is its only proper Masonic effect
.
taking away the final work of the Master's degree,
colour of course was taken with it, for there was no
r colour to take—not that it deprived the Master's de-
of its colour—but that the Master Masons of the
al Arch, having the degree *complete*, *retained* the colour
g with whatever else they kept in their own establish-
t, when they began to assume that the same was a
rth degree."
he white, blue, and red, having been the principal
urs of the Lodge from time immemorial, they still so
ain, and had not the final work been displaced, as it
demonstrably is, there would have been no cause for
confusion in the matter; and if any one should have
en of the "Blue Lodge," every one else would have
erstood that he meant the Fellow Craft Lodge, the one
h is opened on the *square*, and which corresponds to
colour blue, and not the Master's Lodge, which is
ed on the *centre*, that is, of the *circle*, which corres-
s with the colour *red*.
he three colours belong to *the Lodge*, and there is but
Symbolic Lodge, consequently the colours *together* per-
to the *three degrees* of Masonry. There is no such
ibution in the latter as *three* colours to *four* degrees,
ng one without any colour at all, nor is there any
thing in Masonic order as four degrees, but if we
ose four, with three colours, and consequently *two*
ng *one* colour, which two could they be, considering
one is modern and three ancient? It is a very differ-
natter from the *three* stations and *four* cardinal points,
e latter disposition of *three* and *four* involves a very
ent set of conditions, the explanation of which cannot
tered on here, for want of space.
must not be supposed that Masonry, like many other
rn systems of so-called symbolical character, takes
sance of colours on account of any beauty or variety
exhibit, severally or in combination, much less for any
y fanciful suggestions they may offer, or conventional
ications, upon which a voluble degree-monger may
ccasion to fustianize to a considerable extent. On the
ary, it is only because of the illustration they afford of
rder and harmony of natural laws, and their connec-
and correspondence with the particular laws of
etry and numbers.
t us examine for a moment the three colours and the
ony between them and other symbols in the geometric
ther parts of the work, bearing in mind that the
rs belong together to the Lodge entire, and to each
e in the same manner as other symbols; for instance,
wo great pillars. They are *not* the three *primary*
rs, that is, the three from which all other colours,
s and tints have their origin. The primary colours
d, *yellow*, and blue. How does it come that these
ot the colours of the Lodge, but instead of them,
blue, and red, or in the contrary order, red, blue,
*hite?*
d and blue are two of the primary colours, and the pri-
and secondary of the triad which they compose. They
e first and fifth in the scale displayed in the spectrum,
orrespond in position with the notes C and G in the
ic scale of music. There is also what is called the
ic scale of colours, containing seven, being the most
ctly different, and which Sir Isaac Newton thought
d in intervals of *space* in the spectrum in the same
rtion as the seven musical notes differ in *pitch*. But
eems to be disproved, while the division of the entire

The octaves of the spectrum show the following order: *red*, orange, yellow, green, *blue*, indigo, violet—red again, and so on. *White* is not one of the colours of the spectrum, that is, of the colours seen through the triangular prism. As to the orange, it lies between the *red* and *yellow*; the *green* lies between the *yellow* and *blue*, and the violet between the indigo and the red of the next octave. The *red*, *yellow*, and *blue*, are the three colours which cannot be composed of other colours; while orange can be composed of red and yellow, green of blue and yellow, violet of indigo and red; in each case the two colours lying next on each side. Red, blue, and yellow, are thus original or primary colours. By the intermingling of these seven colours, that is of the three original colours (for the other four can be composed of them), the astonishing number of colours, shades and tints discernible by the eye are formed. Doubtless every child in the United States could have a ribbon of a shade of colour different from that of every other.

But *white* and *black* are left out of this scale, and it is generally taught that they are not colours at all, but that white is the presence of all the colours (that is, of all the rays of light), and black the absence of all colour or rays of light. This, in the scientific sense of the term colour, is doubtless true, but it is also true that in the common meaning of the word colour, white and black are as real colours *to the eye* as red or blue, whether they appear in the spectrum or not, and the same is true of their shades.

Here we come to the point sought to be brought out by the above sketch: that besides two of the primary colours, red and blue, *white*, which is the composition of *all* colours, is the first colour of Masonry in the numerical order of degrees, or order of communication, and the last in the order of dignity, instead of *yellow*, the other and middle primary colour which is excluded. This may appear to be a discrepancy—a breach of that exquisite and admirable order which pervades every part of the symbology of the Lodge, but it is not, and, as in the case of the three stations and four cardinal points, a solution is within reach of the "skill and assiduity" which never go unrewarded.

The same condition of things is found in the geometric representation exhibited in the great lights. There we find the *triangle*, the simplest (primary) form possible in geometry, of which all other forms are composed; the square, the second simplest form possible (composed of straight lines), and the circle, the most comprehensive form possible, in which all other forms are contained; the three forms which are indispensable in producing and *proving* the figure of the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, as drawn on the Master's carpet (with a right angle of equal sides), the representation of the Divine Order in creation, and hence of the Divine Providence which is perpetual creation, which representation cannot be entered on in a short article.

While the seven colours of the spectrum form a scale which might well be termed the "gamut" of colours, there is, doubtless, a similar scale of odours, tastes and forms, that is, the notes or sounds which are perceived by means of the auditory nerves (those of hearing)—the colours which are perceived by the organs of vision—the odours perceived by the olfactory nerves, and bodies whose countless forms are perceived by the organs of touch without aid from other senses, and taste of those qualities of bodies perceptible through the gustatory organs, like all other manifestations of nature, are in perfect and complete order, and have their scales or octaves, comparatively as those of music, and consequently their harmonies and melodies, their concords and discords. These, in the case of colours, tastes and odours, are more or less distinctly discernible, particularly in colours, the harmonies of which are reduced to laws as well defined in many respects, though not so easily apprehended, as those of music. The others are less easily discerned or verified: doubtless not because their laws are less perfect, but because the organs of reception and perception in these cases are not so exquisitely delicate and acute, and consequently their sensations are not so vivid and exact as those of the organs of hearing and vision. This is according to order, for nature's work is more or less perfect, according to the *necessity* therefor in each instance. So in man, the organs of smell and taste are not developed as those of hearing and sight, but in many of the lower animals they are wonderfully perfected

every sort, is the perfection of the art of architecture, and these laws so conform to those of statics, that strength and beauty are conjoined in harmony, and this is why the pillar of *beauty* is a *support*.

From these and other considerations, which cannot be introduced here, it can be understood in part why such an institution as Masonry should have to do with colours. Whether any particular combination of colours should be exhibited as proper colours of the Lodge depends on the peculiar *aspect* of natural things and their laws which is intended to be set forth, for Masonry cannot attempt to bring forward all things of its own, either in its work or symbology. To do so in a system necessarily confined to three degrees would render the latter interminable, and require volumes of scientific and symbolic lore without number. For such reasons we must be content when partial representations are drawn from such sources only as present the most perspicuous and comprehensive illustrations of sublime truths, leaving many allied subjects to be discerned and brought forward in their order, by the searcher of Masonic lore, as time and opportunity may permit.

The three colours in question are wonderfully well chosen for the purpose they subserve, to wit, the exposition in part of the correspondence and interweaving of the laws which control the complex of things visible and invisible, and their co-ordination with those of the moral and intellectual degrees—the will and understanding of man. Thus, the colour red is, and always was, recognised by the common perception of men, and would be if no system of Masonry were in existence, as the representative of the affections, especially of love, charity, benevolence, and the like, and Masonic symbology teaches its correspondence with the odour and the taste which we call *sweet;* with the *circle* among the figures of geometry, and with the *sphere* among the forms of solids. Blue, the most intense and persistent of colours, is equally recognised as the sign or symbol of *truth*, of fidelity, and of integrity. It corresponds with the *square* (right angle and quadrangle) in geometry—the square on which the Fellow Craft's Lodge is opened and closed in proper work—and with the *cube* among solids; with all things of the *intellect* of man, as red corresponds with those of the *will:* hence these two, red and blue, represent charity and faith. They are the two extremes of the primary colours of the prismatic spectrum, yellow being the middle one of the three in the prismatic, and the middle of all in the diffraction spectrum. But yellow is omitted, and white takes its place in the Masonic scale, for it is in the design of the Lodge to present those phenomena which illustrate most clearly the correspondence between physical, intellectual and moral laws.

White is the *union* of *all* colours. It shows that which no colour of the spectrum can. It represents the communion and harmony of minds of different capacities and faiths which constitute the true essence of fraternity. It is the colour of *light*—even the *embodiment* of light itself in its *fulness*; unlike the other colours, which are partial, and by the universal perception of mankind it has been always hailed as the sign and type of *purity*—the badge of *innocence;* those prime qualities of heart and life which must be the foundation of the first degree. Hence we have the three: *White*—innocence, purity, light, union. *Blue*—truth, understanding, fidelity, integrity. *Red*—charity, fervency, devotion, brotherly love, benevolence. And what for the Royal Arch? Let it be content with the three colours, as well as with the white apron of the Master, or otherwise add the *fourth*, viz., *purple*. The old Royal Arch aprons were embroidered with *indented* work of *white*, *blue*, *red* and *purple*.—*Voice of Masonry*.

## PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

THE propriety of holding public Masonic installations has been frequently discussed of late, both in the periodicals representing the Craft and by Committees of Correspondence in the published Proceedings of Grand Bodies. On the one hand the argument has been made that giving publicity to such an installing service is uncalled for, as there are plenty of other occasions when brethren may invite their friends not in the Order, including ladies, to the Lodge room. It is held by those who they have little claim to support. But beyond th objection do such eminent writers as Bros. Vaux Calla, of Pennsylvania, advance; for they take th that public installations are innovations, and that is an infringement upon Masonic law and tes countenance them. Bro. MacCalla's arguments a cisms, in the *Keystone*, relating to this subject ha been brought to the notice of readers of this r Those who have followed the discussion with ca seen, we think, that there are some strong rea opposing the practice of public installations now so Not altogether persuaded by the reasoning of our whose zeal in opposing what he considers an inno most admirable, we have yet appreciated the force of his statements, and have not hesitated to exp thought that public installations ought to be seldom, not being in keeping with the common, usage of the Craft, and hardly in accord with the such an organization as ours, which avoids notori enacts but few of its ceremonies before the public

On the other side, however, favouring the pra which we speak, are prominent brethren and able who join issue with the avowal that public inst constitute an innovation, and uphold such services way proper and helpful. Bro. J. H. Drummond, o in his report, as Committee of Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of that State at its recent sessio a very exhaustive treatment of the subject under He deals first with the proposition that there ca public Masonic ceremonies, and shows by reference law and practice of various jurisdictions that such position cannot be maintained. Lodges are op Masonic work is done by these organizations resp at the laying of corner stones and the burial of d brethren. There is no need that we should presc Drummond's statement, for the fact is beyond disp admits, however, that because there are public ceremonies, it by no means follows that public insta are proper. Their propriety depends upon the na the ceremonies and the usages of the Craft. In this question, Bro. Drummond says: "From the fa the full ceremonies have been published with the sanction of Grand Lodges in many cases, and the sanction of Grand Lodges in many other cases, it to say that there is anything in the *nature* of th monies which renders their public use improper. necessary to enumerate the Monitors, Ahiman Rezo Text Books which contain these ceremonies, as one published since 1792 does not contain them. these ceremonies have been fully published all thes and their publication has never been forbidden, n condemned until since this discussion has commenc then only by Bros. Vaux and MacCalla."

Passing to consider what the *usage* has been, Bro. mond affirms that the practice of public installatio vailed in England previous too 1800. To suppo statement, he gives the following references: "Shak Lodge, No. 586, was dedicated 4th June 1793, a ceremonies, as described in a Masonic magazine public. In the Memoirs of the Life and Writ Richard Gardiner is an account of the constitutio Lodge, 17th December 1764, at Swaffham, in the of Norfolk. A Deputy was commissioned to ins new Master; the Lodges formed, marched to the where a sermon was preached, and after the divine the new Master was installed with the usual cere According to contemporaneous account, the Royal wick Lodge was publicly constituted 28th July 179 a collection was made for the charity school for poo The charity girls sung a Masonic hymn at the conse and installation of the Royal Brunswick Lodge."

In this country he claims that the public constitu Lodges and installation of their Officers has alway common. Under this head he cites the institution Grand Lodge of Maine, 24th June 1820, the ser that occasion being open to the general public, as v installation of the Grand Officers. Mention is m other services of a like character to which the publi admitted. Referring to the well approved forms f stituting Lodges and installing officers, our brothe that the following jurisdictions expressly provide performing of such a service in public, viz.: Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mi

West Virginia. In Virginia public installa-
vere sanctioned until about 1870. In 1877 a fourth
ı of Bro. Dove's text book for Masons in Virginia
ublished, which contained forms for constituting
s and installing officers in public, precisely the same
that had appeared in earlier editions, "a note being
to the forms for installations to the effect that a
Master had decided in 1870, that 'Public Installa-
re improper,' thus making a distinction between the
nies of *constituting a lodge* and those of *installing an*
—allowing the former to be public and not allowing
ter to be!" Bro. Drummond evidently regards this
stinction without a difference, and does not esteem
rginia support of the Pennsylvania theory to be of
ongest. He quotes from the Monitors and text
accepted as authority in nearly all jurisdictions of
untry, gathering from such sources much cumula-
idence to show that public installations have been
lly recognized as a proper part of a Masonic cere-
In Pennsylvania the practice has never gained
This, according to Bro. Drummond, is accounted
the fact that the Dermott standard has been the
ed method of Masonic work within that state, while
everywhere else in the United States the Webb
as been followed. At any rate the usage of Penn-
a has been peculiar in the matter of public installa-
nd not less so in some other matters.
propriety of such public services is earnestly affirmed
eport presented by our distinguished Brother. He
'We believe that such a service, once in a while, is
ntial value to the Craft. Each Mason, in the
e of those who have a stake in Freemasonry, scarcely
n himself, is reminded of his duties as a Mason, not
his Brother, but to himself, his family, his country
God, and renews his solemn obligations to perform
ties. Can any one doubt that the presence of such
s makes the ceremonies more impressive? Or that
Masons present are not more strongly moved to
their lives by the principles of the Institution? No
o has had the actual experience, doubts it. Again,
those who are not Masons a more correct and
dea of Masonry and what they have a right to
f Masons. It is true that sometimes, but rarely,
, public installations are conducted on a more
e scale; but the display even then is a secondary
we simply call more witnesses to our pledges of
o the Institution and the principles on which it is
We have been present at a good many public
ons; at no one have we seen Masonry dragged in
on the contrary, we never attended one which
in our judgment, have a beneficial effect upon
t and upon the community in which it happened."
oints at issue are clearly presented and ably argued
Drummond; hence we are glad to review his report
ent extracts therefrom. Our readers may still be
as to the expediency of engaging in the public
on of the officers of a Masonic Lodge; many of
ll not approve the practice, but they will be
we think, to say that there is no violation of
Law in such a public ceremony, and that the
*innovation* is hardly sustained. There may be—
—public Masonic ceremonies: the vital, practical
is: Ought the installation service to be included
ie ceremonies that are enacted in the presence of
o are not Craftsmen.' The right answering of
ion depends upon conditions of time and place
in upon technical law or the precedents of the
l things lawful are not expedient.—*Freemasons'*
*y.*

## E MYSTERY OF MASONRY'S DESCENT.

f the most prolific, and at the same time most
eresting, topics for speculation in Freemasonry is
he Craft's origin and descent. The long and
t furnishes latitude and longitude enough for the
ference of opinion. On the one side is the cold-
exacting logician, who will accept nothing but
facts, which must naturally chain themselves so
an irrefragable argument; whilst on the other
wildly imaginative spirit, whose facts are fig-

whom all probabilities which serve to support his views are as Holy Writ. Intermediate to these are a host of others, less false to just reason and well-founded facts than either extreme; who are logical without being unreasonable, and fanciful without permitting their imagination to run away with them and throw them into error.

Freemasonry is all through essentially a mystery. Always from principle kept cautiously concealed, in some of its aspects it is wholly unknown. Beyond question it was originally not only a mystery, but a mastery—a calling, an art, an education. The primitive Freemason was a skilled builder, an architect who was master of his art, which was a mystery to all who were not initiates. No one could learn the mystery who had not accomplished the mastery, and all who did participated in what St. Paul aptly styled the "fellowship of the mystery."

Freemasonry was always intended to be a mystery to the profane—but not to the Freemason. When time was young, and indeed in the elder time before the art of printing was invented, it was a complete mystery to the outer world; but since the types have scattered knowledge, as the clouds scatter rain over the thirsty ground, and have immortalised knowledge by preserving it, it is no longer the profound mystery that it was once. Masonry is as changeless as circumstances will permit, but circumstances are always changing, and Freemasons being men change with them. Some even change faster than they. The world does not ask to see Masonic work performed, does not care much, if anything about it, but some indiscreet Freemasons rush out into the world from the Lodge and say, Come in and look at us, admire us, and see how we perform certain of our work. Behold our officers in all their glory—one of them a Solomon. See their stations and their implements. Listen to their words of wisdom. Learn how admirable are our principles, and if you approve them come and join us. This is the invocation of the public installationists. They are willing to "give away" a part of the mystery of Masonry, in order to win public applause for themselves, and recruits for their ranks. They do not appreciate the esoteric value of their Fraternity. They regard it rather as a big show, with themselves playing the rôle of Barnum. Verily, they have their reward—in the praise of the profane.

There is one thing beyond the reach of the exposers of our mystery, and that is the puzzle of the origin and descent of the Craft. They cannot give that away, any more than the illiterate man can give away learning. We are thankful that there is something on which the public installationists cannot lay violent hands. How they would like to open all of our family history to the public—if they could. What a clean breast they would make of it. How they would print it all in the papers, and recite it all in some public hall, and enact it all as a spectacular performance. If they could determine the day, and the hour and the minute when Freemasonry was born, who delivered it, who nursed it to manhood, who educated it, who gifted it with immortality, so that it has come down the ages without being buried by time, without going like everything else mundane into decay, they would proclaim it not only to Masons, but also to whomsoever would listen to them in the wide, wide world. But this one thing is beyond their power. They can play their little play in public, strut for a brief time before the profane in their Masonic clothing in the Lodge-room, but they cannot tell what they do not know. Let us thank Heaven for their ignorance, and pray that it might be increased. A little learning has made them mad, and much ignorance might bring them to themselves.

Will the mystery of Masonry's origin and descent ever be fully explained? We trust not. As a French writer has said, "It is the dim haze of mystery that adds enchantment to pursuit." The man who has nothing to learn has nothing to live for. The best zest to existence grows out of expectancy. Every one desires to be wiser, or richer, or more honourable. Who would stagnate on the level plain where he was born, while all around him are delightful eminences up to which he may easily climb, if he will, and not only behold charming prospects, but opportunities for rare adventure, congenial endeavour and abounding success? All praise to the horizon, which everywhere limits one's view. Let us congratulate ourselves upon the fact that Freemasonry is *par excellence* a mystery, and let us do all that in us lies to maintain its *secret* character. Let us frown upon the manner of some,

profane. No one who has not been regularly proposed, approved and initiated is entitled to be present at the performance of the *least* of the Masonic mysteries, even of installation; and he who is instrumental in admitting the profane, it may be, it must be, ignorantly, but no less certainly, betrays his trust as a Freemason.—*Keystone.*

## WIT AND WISDOM.

GREAT conquerors, either of savage or civilised peoples, have not earned the distinguishing titles awarded them merely because they were brave and *aggressive* in thought and physical force. Powers of *resistance* and innate wisdom for *defence* are requisite to make a soldier-general, as well as the impulse and nerve of the *fighting* qualities.

Let no Lodge *quorum* suppose that novel innovations which over-bound or cumber the perfection of legitimate work and, therefore, render it imperfect, will convince and conquer the opinion and judgment of wise, genuine Freemasons, by any arbitrary determination or decree.

Indeed, a *robe* is a loose garment, whether of a costly texture or not, being sufficiently ample; whether worn by a dignitary of the civil court, a lord-bishop, priest, or chancel-singer; an artist's classic model, a slumbering beauty, or an American Indian. As a "symbol," a robe of suitable material, dimensions and folding outlines, *may* speak of mental graces, truth's sovereignty, honourable distinction, modesty, and, if *white*, purity. Why not then a symbol in Masonry? if tolerated, and why should it not be tolerated or admitted in those Grand Lodges where something new is perpetually desired, even as infants are best pleased with new toys every hour,—albeit because they have destroyed those in hand?

A crown is of very great importance to a Crown Prince or Princess Royal; and to the reigning sovereign of a limited dukedom, a nihilistic empire, or a cholera-stricken kingdom. A native citizen of the latest born of established republics need not try hard to "guess" that His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of the German Empire, or His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Great Britain, India, &c., would "just now," with supreme delight assume an attitude of mock humility before Kaiser or "Empress," were either parent "ready" to abdicate in favour of the favoured heir. Well, then, as human nature loves crowns, every Grand (great) Master, whether head of a government, family, Lodge or church, may consistently wear a crown—tinsel or bell-metal—at any time, in any place, when he would be happy in so pleasing—himself.

The ritual response, "*Yes, Worshipful,*" is not always cheerfully and heartily given. A dignified reproof, a *masterly* compulsion in such rare instances, is sure to follow. It is better by far to acquiesce in a trifling duty, to submit at once, where submission is the inevitable result, outwardly at least, than to be compelled by the gentlest arbitrary force.

Not every stone in a grand edifice or Temple can be an *eben pinah!* Not every true Mason may become an "important personage" in the Grand Lodge of his state or region, but all may become perfect ashlars—polished stones—parts of the Temple of Truth.

*Cubic* truth—symbolic—although not a "*thing* of beauty, a joy for ever," is nevertheless a firm support for the feet of a man. Standing upon such foundation he may safely contemplate and admire all the beauty of the earth around, the glory of the hills and the majesty of the celestial bodies.

It has been said that Freemasonry always builds up, and never tears down. Yes, but what are some "Masonic" disputes and disagreements doing for the reputation of the old-time Craft and its eternal principles?

An eminent Christian divine of the metropolis has declared that "nowhere more certainly than in Masonry" does the true brother "learn the brotherhood of man."

The truth-guarded sphere of Masonic thought gives no birth to those intellectual specialists called *inventors*, but discoverers there may be within the bounds and privileges of the Fraternity. These are not merely finders of mislaid or forgotten details, either as *jewels* or ritualistic forms, nor sifters of regalia rubbish of the past, nor delvers in rusty

is a nobler triumph for man's diligence. Numbers c masons may hope to become such discoverers.

Advancement or development by *forcing* or *graft* horticulturist may consistently say. A little paddi and there reveals the secret art, or *forms* it, of the and the *policy* of the man milliner. What is kn "high art" approves neither stratagem nor proce yet Grand Nature not entirely disdains the empi art and the artificial in beauty. Freemasonry, h by its mathematical and symbolic features, as nat nature herself, must not degenerate by the adoption expediencies presumptive, as the "improver" of flowers or fashionables may employ.

So surely as the whitest and purest beam of sol may become discoloured or deadened by the foreign the opacity of medium or substance through w passes, or on which it falls, the glory and perfec truth's rays may be dispelled or perverted by irres unprincipled teachers. Let inexperienced Masoni taries remember this proposition, which is neither matical nor tentative.

The late Dr. Mackay, Masonic philosopher and breathed from a lofty plane of sincerity. His unw trust in the principles of the Craft was more than siasm, broader than personal ambition, stronger tha This fervour of an immortal mind is shared felicito some who survive him, and songfully by the venera *laureate* of Freemasonry.

Intellectual force and spiritual expansion, em from one true soul, may vivify many feeble existenc

*Experience* of itself, as the earlier civilizations ha has become valued as a key to unlock every door, o to draw aside every exclusive veil, in the temple of ledge, and yet the *winding stairs* of *gradual* attainm too often supposed, step by step, to have reached t nacle of eternal wisdom! Let the neophytes re that the journey is long!

*Advice* has always been "too cheap." It certainl always a production of wisdom.

In our audacious and pretentious times, with thei deforming dialects, both the aim and the scope of thought and speech rank so far beneath the geometric and the ideal beauty of the Grecian classical age, as mitted to us, that even within the sacred refinem the Lodge, educating leaders, even aside from requirements, need solemnly to demonstrate the ge linguistic purity and the exaltation of harmonious ments.

Just how far any of the Greek sages saw within t lime deeps of man's capacity to think, apprel mysteries some of which modern intellects have " lated," no scholar of the present is able to declare. their architecture it is doubtful if they did "buil than they knew," the fervent firmness of their challenges modern contemplation beyond the deg admitted.

The wise and meritorious are not always prefer exalted stations.

Here is a poem in a stanza, by Brother the d Victor Hugo:

> "The scarf, seven-tinted, which the hurricane
> Leaves in the clouds, a trophy to the sun."
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Cork, Ireland, 1842.

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A Handsome Gavel.—An exquisitely wrought and finishe intended by Mr. Ashford for presentation to Occident Lodge and Accepted Masons, Toronto, Canada, was recently exhibit workmanship and polishing of the article enlisted the se three first-class artificers. The handle is composed of orange algaroba, and cocoanut woods. The head consists of puhi kou, sandal, milo, and kauwila, so that the whole implement ten varieties of native woods. The handle is also finished at with a neatly wrought piece of walrus tusk from the late Emma's effects. All the islands in the kingdom were laid un tribution to provide the several pieces. One piece comes fr the site of Captain Cook's monument, another from Kailua, t seat of missionary operations, a third comes from the King' at Waikiki, and the rest from other points of historic int *Honolulu Bulletin.*

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-ndents.*
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*sot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### LATE HOURS IN FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to belong to a ct" little Lodge. The members are splendid fellows; the fairly done at all times; we meet at pleasant quarters, and ge has distinguished itself by the way it has supported ritable Institutions. But we have a "skeleton" in our , and whenever I invite a friend to visit us I am in dread ther or no the said "skeleton's" bones will rattle. We call ge for say six o'clock, but we cannot induce the members to t the time fixed on the summons. Sometimes some half or perhaps more members, drop in, but as all the Officers are tendance, delay arises before Lodge is opened, and though striven to the best of my poor ability to get this defect , we are generally thirty or forty minutes late before the ounded for the business to commence. I read your article above heading last week, with much pleasure, and at our ting shall take opportunity to call the attention of our Lodge t says, and I trust it may do something to inaugurate a new punctuality.

months back I was invited to attend a consecration meeting, oking at the agenda paper I was surprised to see the time the proceedings to commence was "High Twelve." It on this same day I had an important engagement, which much concern as to whether I should be able to get back time to fulfil it. My friend, to whom I thus expressed sured me he knew the brethren who were to be engaged in of consecration; they were men of business, and might be in regard to punctuality. Under these circumstances I visit, and the result was I spent one of the most agreeable able days I ever remember in connection with Freemasonry. ck struck, the brethren entered their Lodge room, and not uring throughout the proceedings, all were enabled to sit fortably to the luncheon, which was served at 2 o'clock. proceedings were equally well carried out, and I was able appointment in town at 6 o'clock, without any of the cramble I so much detest.

your efforts to induce punctuality in Lodge work will their reward,

I remain, yours fraternally,

A "FUSSY" OLD CODGER.

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### HE EQUALITY OF FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "CELTIC" has ren-nge version of the extent to which Masonic equality goes, think that his view will be generally accepted, although idly admit, now he has raised the question, that my long otion of absolute equality has been rudely shaken. in the habit, perhaps unwisely, of taking the words, ong Masons, in their abstract sense, but now I can re- Masonic equality only exists in Freemasonry, and that Brother leaves the Lodge he should be as free from erference as if he was not associated with the Order. ot so it would of course be possible to approach, as nplies, the heir to the throne of England, or any official known to be associated with Freemasonry, and how the idea of such a proceeding now appears.

would not be at all a bad idea to work more up to idea of equality, and to publish it to the world at large equality only applies to matters Masonic. In that some of those of whom we frequently hear so much, masonry for unworthy motives, would be frightened Order would lose that attraction it now presents to

n, I must thank "CELTIC" for having enlightened me concerning which I had an erroneous opinion, and r troubling you,

I remain, yours fraternally,

R. C.

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### AND PREFERENCE AMONG MASONS.

*he Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

D BROTHER,—The question of equality among mem-tic tie is one on which a great deal of misunderstand- it has often surprised me that it should be so. That imagine that by joining Freemasonry he was raised to h every other brother is absurd, and yet I venture many have considered such a "levelling up" pos-

business and in the conduct of public affairs, to the detriment of those who are not associated with the Craft. I have always expressed a strong opinion on this point, and have frequently assured inquirers that there is no such unholy compact among Freemasons as is generally supposed to exist, but that in all affairs of a public character a Freemason stands no better chance of succeeding than a non-Mason. A proof of the existence of this feeling occurred to me some few weeks back, when a friend who was a candidate for a Municipal appointment assured me he had little or no chance of obtaining the situation, because his principal opponent, the only one indeed whose "interest" he feared, was a Freemason, as also were most of the members of the Town Council, who had to decide the appointment. I told him he had nothing to fear on that score, and subsequent events have proved the truth of my assertion, as my friend secured the appointment by an overwhelming majority as compared with the "brother" whom he opposed.

The view of this candidate in regard to the possible side influence of Masonry was adopted by a very large number of his supporters and fellow townsmen, and I believe that had the Mason been appointed to the office, the selection would have been ascribed to the influences of Freemasonry, a result which would have been of no service to the Order or the brethren of the district.

Yours, &c.,

A PROVINCIAL MASON.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, Bro. Messer took the chair; he was supported by Bros. W. H. Ross S.W., R. Ross J.W., Ferguson Preceptor, Silvester Treasurer, Ament S.D., Bleakley J.D., Gregory I.G., Pitt, Dimsdale Secretary, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Messer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Silvester, who rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bros. Dimsdale and Bleakley acting as the respective candidates. Between the ceremonies Bro. Ferguson worked the second and third sections of the second lecture. Bro. Dimsdale reported that the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction had unanimously agreed to work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on the fourth Wednesday in October. Bro. W. H. Ross was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge closed in due form.

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**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. Present—Bros. Sims P.M. W.M., Breitbart S.W., Pardue J.W., Child P.M. S.D., Wood J.D., Cave s I.G., P.M.'s Spiegel, J. Davies Preceptor; Bro. Chatwin. After preliminary business, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing Bro. Chatwin as candidate. The 2nd section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by the brethren, and the 4th section by Bro. Spiegel P.M. and the Preceptor. Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and closed to the 1st. Bro. Breitbart S.W. was elected W.M. for next Thursday. Lodge was then closed.

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The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has just donated five hundred dollars to the Natchez Orphan Asylum.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset held its a meeting in the Masonic Hall, Blandford, on T day, the 5th inst. The R.W. Provincial Grand M Bro. Montague Guest presided, and amongst others pr were :—

Bros. Col. Hambro, M.P., D.P.G.M., W. Bond P.G.S.W., Budden P.P.G.S.W. acting P.G.J.W., Rev. H. J. Mason P.G. R. D. Thornton P.G. Treas., P. L. Budge P.G. Reg., R. Cas Sec., W. Burt P.G. Supt. of Works, J. E. Stroud P.G.D.C., W. P.G.S.B., F. Budden P.G. Org., the Rev. W. M. Heath G. P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G. Chap. Dorset, W. E. Brymer P.P.G.S.W., Gregory P.P.G.S.W., L. H. Ruegg P.P.G.S.W., H. C. Burt P.P.G W. D. Dugdale P.P.G.J.W., C. H. W. Parkinson P.P.G.J.W Graham P.P.G.J.W., J. G. Brymer P.P.G. Chap., J. Whitehead P.P.G.D.C., J. W. Fletcher P.P.G. Sup. of Works, Milledge, L Furnival, Brennard, Luff, Stickland, White, Atkins, Barry, Fu Gibbs, Rev. R. Milner, Wheatley, Bradford, Merson, Osmond, Todd, Fookes, Hanham, James, New, Harvey, Dunman, Mars others.

The Lodge was opened at one o'clock p.m., and formal business, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the H. J. Mason, delivered a lecture on the social, moral intellectual education and culture which Masonry a to its earnest and zealous disciples. The Prov. G Master, in his annual address, reviewed the work o Grand Lodge during the past year, and noted with s emphasis the installation at Brighton, by the M.W. of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Mast Sussex. He then reviewed the past year's Masonic in his own province, and congratulated the brethren Sherborne Lodge on having secured private premi which to hold their meetings. The Charity work o province was next referred to, and satisfaction exp at the support given to the Royal Masonic Bene Institution at the last Festival, when Dorset was ninth on the list of provinces in order of merit, the s £180 being handed in by the Steward for the pro Bro. E. T. Budden P.P.G.S.W. The Girls' Schoo also been well supported, and the Stewards—Bros. Du and Milledge—had handed in a joint list of over £13 then alluded to the work of the Dorset Masonic Ch and called on the honorary Secretary to read the a report, which was as follows :—

The Sixth Annual Report of the General Committee of the Masonic Charity to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, at Blandford, Thursday, 5th August 1886.

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—last Report it was our pleasing duty to congratulate the P on the completion of the first stage of the financial work Dorset Masonic Charity, viz.: the attainment and investm £2,125 as a permanent endowment for the Charity.

The past year may be considered as the first year of our work, unembarrassed by any anxiety as to the Endowment and relieved from the duty of making appeals to the Lodge brethren for the accomplishment of that object.

We have had to solicit for nothing more than a subscrip 5s a year from every brother to make up an adequate revenue operations of relief to distressed brethren, assistance to wid Dorset Masons, and help towards the education and advance life of the children of poor or deceased Dorset Masons.

The brethren on the whole fairly respond, and one Lod especially distinguished itself by the very large number of subs in proportion to its roll of members. The Manor Lodge, Bea out of a roll of twenty-eight members, has sent in a list of twe subscribers, or seventy-five per cent., which is by far the larg centage yet reached by any Lodge in the Province, and is an of what we may hope for, if in every Lodge we could sec co-operation of so zealous and ardent a Mason as Worshipful Baskett, to whose admirable energy this success is mainly due

The total amount received from the Lodges and brethren the financial year just closed is as follows :—

| Lodge | |
|---|---|
| 1367, Beaminster, 19 subscriptions for 1885 | £ |
| „ 21 subscriptions, 1886 | 4 |
| 622, Wimborne | 5 |
| 1168, Sherborne (Bro. White W.M., £5) | 7 |

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| ge | | | |
| , Swanage, for 1886 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| , Shaftesbury, for 1886 | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| , Poole, for 1886 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| , Bridport, Bro. Montagu's subscription for 1885-6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| , Lyme Regis, for 1886 | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| , Dorchester, for 1886 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| , Blandford, for 1886 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| , Portland | Nil. | | |

e total contributions for the year amount to £56 5s 6d, of which ls 6d are annual subscriptions, and £13 2s 6d are donations.
nual subscriptions form part of the revenue, and are applied to ', assistance, and education.
nations go to the capital account, and are invested as opportunity offers.
e revenue for the year ending 30th June 1886 is as follows:—

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| nterest and dividends | 91 | 16 | 10 |
| nnual subscriptions | 43 | 3 | 6 |
| Total revenue | £135 | 0 | 4 |

ble for the objects of the Charity.

.—If the other Lodges and brethren in the Province will only e the example of Beaminster, the revenue will be brought up ot £200 a-year, and the Charity will then be able to carry out ts educational objects.

petitioners have been relieved during the year, viz.:—

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| idow, 472 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| rs. S., 1168 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| rs. S., 1168 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| o. 1037 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis, 622 | 20 | 0 | 0 |

advancement in life. This sum is now applied for the lad's nd lodging as an out of door apprentice to a chemist and st; his parents not having a home, and living with friends at ce from the lad's place of employment.
to the education and advancement in life of the children of e unfortunate brethren that the efforts of the Dorset Masonic might be more especially directed, with a prospect of everng usefulness; for no other object affords so good a return itable work as giving to the young a good preparation for the f life.
bstract of Accounts will show the exact state of the finances harity.
pecial thanks of the General Committee and of the P.G. re due to Lady Charlotte Schreiber, for her kind donation of Bro. E. A. Hambro, for his annual subscription of £5; and to White, for a donation of £5 during his Mastership of Lodge erborne.
pecial thanks are also due to the brethren of the Manor o 1367, Beaminster, for their wide and general support as rs, and the brilliant example they have given to the prowhat may be accomplished by hearty and zealous co-operaternally recommend this example to the other Lodges and in the province, and exhort them to "go and do likewise."

(Signed) HENRY C. BURT, Chairman.
E. T. BUDDEN, Hon. Sec.

y 1886.

PENDIX 1.—SHEWING ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Cash Account for year ending 30th June 1886.

35, to June 30 1886.

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| t and dividends | 91 | 16 | 10 |
| Subscriptions | 43 | 3 | 6 |
| | 135 | 0 | 4 |
| s | 13 | 2 | 0 |
| of previous account | 29 | 0 | 10 |
| deemed | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Bond ditto | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| | £337 | 3 | 2 |

5, to 30th June 1886.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ills | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| unior | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| nith | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| arren | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| hur Bugden | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| of petition, printing, &c. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| e of Stock | 103 | 0 | 0 |
| rence" on Norwegian Bonds | 1 | 18 | 8 |
| in hand viz.: | | | |

Relief Account.

| 1st July 1885 to 30th June 1886. | £ | s | d | | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To balance of previous account | 27 | 8 | 5 | By Grants | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Revenue | 135 | 0 | 4 | „ Sundry payments | 2 | 18 | 8 |
| | | | | „ Balance | 74 | 10 | 1 |
| | £162 | 8 | 9 | | £162 | 8 | 9 |

Capital Account.

| 1st July 1885. | £ | s | d | 30th June 1886. | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To capital as per account 30th June 1886. | 2127 | 5 | 5 | By investments | 2068 | 13 | 0 |
| „ Donations | 13 | 2 | 0 | „ Cash at Bank* | 71 | 14 | 5 |
| | £2140 | 7 | 5 | | £2140 | 7 | 5 |

Examined and found correct,
(Signed) H. GIBBS W.M. 170.
Weymouth, 5th July 1886. ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE P.M. 170.

* This amount has been invested by the Trustees since the date of this Report.

The Report was approved and unanimously adopted by P.G. Lodge, and the customary thanks voted to the supporters of the Charity. A donation of 10 guineas was then voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. W. James P.M. 707 was appointed Provincial Steward for the next Festival. Several additions and revisions of the bye-laws were then adopted, and the usual thanks voted to the W.M. and brethren of 1266—the entertaining Lodge. Swanage was named as the place for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1887. The Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, as follows:—

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|---|---|
| Bro. J. W. Luff (Mayor of Blandford) P.M. 622 and 1266 | Senior Warden |
| J. Whitehead Smith P.M. 622 | Junior Warden |
| Rev. Richard Milner P.M. 1616 and 1266 | Chaplain |
| Reginald D. Thornton P.M. 1037 (re-elected) | Treasurer |
| Thomas Randell P.M. 1146 | Registrar |
| Robert Case P.M. 417 (re-appointed) | Secretary |
| J. S. C. Hanham W.M. 1266 | Senior Deacon |
| W. Osmond P.M. 417 | Junior Deacon |
| T. W. R. White P.M. 1168 | Supt. of Works |
| H. Gibbs W.M. 170 | Director of Ceremonies |
| F. G. Wheatley W.M. 137 | Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| W. W. Fooks W.M. 386 | Sword Bearer |
| James Ley J.W. 472 | Organist |
| F. Barry W.M. 472 | Pursuivant |
| J. W. Tribbett S.W. 386 | Stewards |
| B. A. Hogg W.M. 417 | Stewards |
| J. S. Stroud S.W. 417 | Stewards |
| C. Roberts S.W. 472 | Stewards |
| J. Stewart S.W. 1266 | Stewards |
| G. E. Turner J.W. 1266 | Stewards |
| F. Long 707 | Tyler |

The P.G.M. paid a graceful compliment to the town of Blandford (as well as to Lodge 1266) by investing the Chief Magistrate for the year with the collar and jewel of Prov. Senior Grand Warden. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the well-known hostelry the Crown Hotel, where a high class banquet was served by the widow of our late much esteemed Bro. Robert Eyers, P.M. 1266. The Charity box realised ten guineas.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Opera Comique.** — A comedy, in three acts, entitled "Bachelors," was put on at this theatre on Monday, the 9th inst., in place of "The Fool's Revenge." The piece was brought out at the Haymarket in September 1881, while under the temporary management of Mr. Charles Brookfield, and is from the German of Benedix, by Messrs. Robert Buchanan and Hermann Vezin. The work has some clever and amusing lines in it, while the plot, though rather thin, deals with a brotherhood of bachelors, sworn to celebacy, but who in the end become involved in the toils of matrimony. The complications arising out of the various amorous perplexities of the bachelors, the eldest of whom unintentionally involves himself in engagement to three ladies on the same day, are amusing, and caused a fair amount of laughter. Mr. Hermann Vezin, as the hero of the three engagements, displayed considerable amount of eccentric comedy acting of an amusing character, in fact, it was very agreeable to see Mr. Vezin in a part we hardly expect to find him undertaking. Mr. William Herbert was spirited as Charles Lovelace, the

Emmeline. Mrs. W. Sidney played with artistic method as an elderly housekeeper for the bachelors; but Miss Ira Etcho was somewhat childish as Sophia Moody. Miss Minnie Hare and Messrs. Otho Stuart and A. H. Cree were also in the caste. The Comedy has considerably livened up since its first performance, and with that capital curtain-raiser—Dr. Davy, with Mr. Hermann Vezin in the title *rôle*—secures a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

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**Grand.**—In hopes of securing a subject the treatment of which has not before been attempted, Mr. Frank Harvey has selected one—in "Life and Death"—that we are afraid follows too close to the line of French plays in general to be acceptable to the majority of playgoers. Mr. Harvey, in his desire to produce a piece full of ingenious surprises and dramatic situations, has erred in his judgment of what the English stage requires in the shape of interest, and he presents us with a play in which our sympathies lean rather toward the woman who really causes all the trouble than to the heroine of the play. The author reminds us, that in France a child born out of wedlock can be made legitimate by marriage of one or both of its parents. With this fact impressed on our minds we are made acquainted with a Count Paul de Valmont, who has married a Spanish adventuress, who has a husband living. There is a child born of this marriage which the father is anxious should bear his title, and just when he is bewailing the deception practised on him by the adventuress, a doctor suggests marriage with one of his patients, named Madeline, who, he believes, cannot live more than three months. The invalid, who is the daughter of the Duke de Courcelles, a poor nobleman, is secretly in love with the Count, and is overjoyed when her father consents to the marriage. Dolores, the adventuress, meantime urges on this marriage, in order to ennoble her child. When Madeline learns that she is the victim of a mercenary bargain, she is terribly shocked, but, to save her parents from poverty, she consents to the marriage; she, however, does not fail to fling scornful reproaches at the Count. He takes Madeline to Italy, and here we find her being slowly poisoned—because she does not die quickly enough—by a man who is in the toils of Dolores. Madeline detects the poison, and thinking it has been prepared by the Count, takes the draught. It turns out to be arsenic, and we are told by the friendly doctor this drug sometimes cures consumption. In the present case, instead of killing the heroine it does the opposite, it cures her. Dolores, thus failing in her plans, and finding the Count has ceased to love her, plots to have Madeline assassinated, but, while tempting her servant Barbet by the sight of money, suggests that he should use the knife against herself, and by this means secure more than the sum offered. With Dolores thus disposed of, Barbet caught in the act, and Madeline assured that the Count did not attempt to poison her, the curtain falls, on a piece we may pronounce not only improbable, but disagreeable. So badly are the characters drawn that we have the audience sympathising with the adventuress because she loves her child, while the heroine supplants her in its affections. Scarcely any humour is brought into the piece; still Mr. Harvey's company is too accustomed to their business to make such a play uninteresting; but, as we have already said, the result is disappointing. Mr. Frank Harvey, as the Count, has a part which does not suit him; Miss L. Baldwin, as Madeline, succeeded in rousing the enthusiasm of her audience by her earnest and realistic acting. Mr. J. Carter Edwards was uncertain as the Duke de Courcelles, while Miss Eyre Robson was forcible as Dolores, but at times gave way to undue emphasis. The Doctor of Mr. E. Shirra was weak, while Miss Polly Hunter and Mr. A. H. Kingsley worked hard to sustain the little comic element that was introduced. The piece is well mounted, but will be withdrawn to-night (Saturday), when the "Beatrice" Company's engagement terminates. On Monday a new drama, entitled "With the Colours; or, the Black Seal," by James Mew and Elliott Galer, will be presented, for the first time.

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**Alhambra.**—At this time of the year, when out-door amusements are supposed to possess special attractions, it is not often we see a programme drawing such good houses as the one offered at this popular Theatre of Varieties. The success that attended "Cupid" on its first representation is maintained, and on the evening of our last visit it went as well as ever. "Le Bivouac" is also given, to the full satisfaction of the audience. These two ballets alone would repay a visit to the Alhambra. The management, however, has not neglected the other part of their programme, and with such artistes as the Sisters Matthews, the Merry Macs, Mons. Trewey, the Albert and Edmunds troupe, the Donnels, the Sisters Clifton, and Jenny Hill, a thoroughly enjoyable evening is assured. We are bound also to give a word of praise to Mons. G. Jacobi and his colleagues for the splendid music they provide. To conclude, we recommend our readers not to miss the pleasure of listening to the selections they are now offering.

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Bro. William Macdougle, who has carried on business as a draughtsman, illuminator, and engraver for many years past, at 6 Paternoster Buildings, has relinquished his partnership with Mr. Dolling, and will in future continue business on his own account at 11 Newgate Street. Bro. Macdougle is a true artist, and his productions display exquisite taste, while his invariable attention to the wishes of his patrons has secured him many friends. We wish him every success in the new venture he has embarked on.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

ON Tuesday Miss Davis, Head Mistress of the R Masonic Institution for Girls, was the recipient of expression of thanks and congratulation from the Commi of the Institution on the completion of her twenty-f year of service at the School. The presentation was m in the presence of the House Committee and the pupil the Institution, by Bro. Frank Richardson, who addre those assembled in the following words:—

"Children,—We meet this evening on a very important occasi an occasion important to all of us, and I hope it will be inde engraven on your memories. On this day twenty-five years when Miss Davis took up her residence as Head Governess, School was in a very different position in all respects to what to-day. This hall had not been built, or even thought of. T were only 81 scholars to be looked after. Education was consid secondary to household duties, and £2,600 only was about the am annually collected at our Festival. Now we have 241 of you to after; an education is given which will not only hold its own that of any kindred institution in the country, but with very n private schools, and unless at our Festival we collect £12,00 £13,000, we think ourselves ill-treated. Now I venture to say th part of this great success is due to Miss Davis. No doubt the fa H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being Grand Master has induced n to join our ranks, and hence a great increase of subscriptions; had we not had a lady here capable of preparing you for examinations, and bringing the School to its present creditable of efficiency, it is only reasonable to suppose that the subscri would have been dissatisfied, and that a large portion the money which has fortunately found its way into coffers would have gone elsewhere. The House Commi as the legally elected representatives of the subscribers, as you k take a great interest in everything connected with this Institu and of all within its walls; they therefore consider themselves qualified to judge of the excellence or defects of any one; bu satisfied are they with the state of efficiency into which that has brought this School, that at their last meeting they unanimo passed the following resolution: 'That, on the completion of 25th year of Miss Davis's appointment as Head Governess, the C mittee desire to record their high sense of the eminent serv rendered by her to the Institution, and their appreciation of ability, the attainments, and the religious and moral influence which she has raised the School to its present most creditable s of efficiency. The Committee trust that for many years to come School may continue to benefit by the services of Miss Davis, w merits they so fully recognise, and to whose influence the standard of tone and bearing, which are among the most not characteristics of the scholars, have been maintained.' The resolu Miss Davis, expresses in far more eloquent terms than I can us feelings of those whose mouthpiece I am this evening. I only presi consequence of the absence, through illness, of our esteemed Bro Mather. I could have wished a brother more eloquent than my had been in the chair; but, whatever my shortcomings may must ask you to attribute them to the head, and not to the heart I can, with all sincerity, assure you that no member of the H Committee could have enjoyed more pleasure and gratifica from making the presentation than myself. In your c mencement of life, I fear, you suffered from the g misfortune of not being the daughter of a Mason. A however, having so well and so worthily done such good suit service to the Craft, and resided amongst Masons for twenty years, we now look upon you as one of ourselves, and feel that in heart and spirit you are so. We have, therefore, adorned volume with some of our symbols, while within you find the colour that prevails is that in which our children clothed, and which all Masons so justly love and revere It only remains for me to deliver this into your hands. Those o who are present have affixed our signatures; the others, as we the Trustees, will do so shortly, when I trust you will think it wo of your acceptance, and that it will be something to remind you t even in this world, merit does not always go unrecognised. Alth you have been with us so many years, you are only now in the prime of life, which does not often fall to the lot of many of us, it gives the Committee hope that you may for many years be sp to continue and perfect the work so well begun, and that you enjoy thorough health for it."

Miss Davis, who displayed considerable emotion, acknowledged presentation, and thanked the Committee very warmly for the It was, more acceptable to her than anything else could have b and, in addressing the children, she said it was a happy day her when, twenty-five years ago, she came into that Institution. had thoroughly enjoyed her life amongst them during that time. was the great aim of her life to help them, and she desired only know that her counsel and example had resulted in good to th She told them not to be afraid of work, it would make them so m happier, in every way, to be industrious. It was, as they mi imagine, a great pleasure to her to have her services ackn ledged in this way — she little thought they w have been so appreciated. In conclusion, she expressed hope that there were many years of usefulness before Bro. Joshua Nunn also offered his congratulations to Miss Davis. hoped that many of those present would witness the completion another twenty-five years of her genial rule. The address with

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following is the text of the Circular referred to on another page:—

any of the Brethren who have been associated with Brother derick Binckes in the progressive steps which have raised the al Masonic Institution for Boys to its present position, think that supporters, as well as the Craft generally, would be pleased to gnize in some measure his distinguished and faithful services to Institution during a period of twenty-five years. It may be arked that in 1861, when Bro. Binckes was elected Secretary, e were only 70 Boys on the foundation, 50 of whom were main- ed in a House which had been purchased and adapted for that ose at a cost of £3,500, the remaining 20, for special reasons, being ated elsewhere. During the period of Bro. Binckes' association the Institution, Freehold Land to the extent of 12 acres has purchased, and suitably appropriated buildings have been erected on at a total cost of £80,000. In addition to this valuable e, the Funded Property has been increased to £17,500, and the ber of Boys now in the Establishment is 240, maintained at an al cost of about £11,000. Under these circumstances it has determined, to submit to the supporters of the Institution, and e Craft generally, a proposal for a presentation to Bro. Binckes, h those who have been in close association with him in the ous work in which he has been so successfully engaged confi- ly anticipate may be worthy of his acceptance. By a lar coincidence the tenure of office by Bro. Binckes Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master ons is almost co-equal with that as Secretary of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, he having been Grand etary since 1861. The progress and present position of that is before the Masonic world. It is proposed to limit individual riptions to one guinea, and that the subscription lists remain until 31st March 1887, to afford Lodges, Chapters, and other nic bodies the opportunity of contributing, the amount from sources being unrestricted. The Committee will esteem it a r if brethren will submit this application to their Lodge, and also vour to obtain the co-operation of friends, for which purpose ecretary will be happy to supply brethren with any circulars or ting books they may desire. Subscriptions may be sent to the urer, Bro. George Plucknett, 46 Connaught-square, W., or to the tary, Bro. C. F. Hogard, 45A Cheapside, E.C.

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## AN EVENING IN THE LODGE.

THE spending of an evening in this consecrated place, in the enjoyment of brotherly love and concord, is infinitely preferable to passing it in frivolity and idleness. Here one retires from the noise and conflict of life, and is refreshed by the rich lessons our ritual presents. The carpet, canopy, altar, lights, furniture, with the ever-impressive ritual, pour unmeasured benefits into the receptive mind. The past with its history, written and unwritten, the present with its opportunities, responsibilities, and promises, and the future with its hopes, are here unfolded. Symbols, that generations of mankind have venerated for centuries, here disclose their hidden truth. The great drama of human life—youth, manhood, and age—passes in tenderness and power, teaching the frailty of the flesh, and the hope of immortality. Is it not beneficial to enlarge and stimulate the mind by teaching these truths? Is it not beneficial to soften the heart and increase human sympathy by teaching such lessons? Like other sources of great good, Masonry is too often neglected. Its opportunities are too often unheeded, its responsibilities shunned, and thereby its benefits lost. Yet in its truth there are supreme possibilities. It will despoil old habits, conquer vice, allay strife, build manhood. It stands as a beacon light on the shore of time, casting its beams over the dangers around us and through the darkness before us, lighting up the pathway that leads to health and happiness, peace and love.—*Grand Master Howland, of Massachusetts.*

## THE WASHINGTON BIBLE.

THE Washington Bible, on which the Father of his Country, the immortal Washington, was sworn into office on his inauguration as President of the United States, has on the cover, printed in gold letters, the following words:—

"God shall establish."
St. John's Lodge (New York), constituted
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On the 30th day of April A.L. 5789,
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ROBERT B. LIVINGSTON,
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Fame stretched her wings, and with her trumpet blew,
"Great Washington is near," what praise is due?
What title shall he have? She paused—and said,
Not one—his name alone strikes every title dead.

The Bible, on the title page, bears this announcement:—

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

## TUESDAY, 24th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamneth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon

R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufor, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 25th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebenon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 586 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1702—Beaconsfield, Choppers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 780—Panmure, Green and Gridiron St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1867—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newca
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## THURSDAY, 26th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruct
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instructi

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corn
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instructi
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (I
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction
1797—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (In
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manche
1595—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1599—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

## FRIDAY, 27th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
763—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8.
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction
129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camber
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Str
R.A. 800—Horsley, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Sq
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instructio
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
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General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex

## SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instructi
1511—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Hornsey Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instructi
1671—Gunnersbury, Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

## GLEANINGS.

The secrets of our Order are the language of philanthropy and otherly kindness. It is a language that knows no sect, no party, distinction. It is spoken as well by the humble swain in the rude velling of labour as by the tongue of royalty on the throne. When oken by the Christian, the Jew and the Pagan respond in the cents of fraternal kindness. The traveller is cheered on his way en he utters the language of Masonry, and the fallen is raised if can but speak in the words of an accepted brother. This lan-age has its power in the secrecy of its construction, and to publish uld be to destroy it. Like every other language, it may be taught d it may be learned, but the mode of teaching is best understood the Master's, not the pupil's hands. The secrets of Masonry are refore of value to those who understand them, and to whom they itfully belong. But expose them to the world, divest them of ir character of secrecy, and they become valueless to Masons and ll others.

o Decay.—Masonry seems to be the only Institution that does contain within itself the elements of its own decay.

'a Mason rightly understand the Art, he will never be a stupid ist, nor an irreligious libertine. What are the inferences to be wn herefrom? To rightly understand the Art is to be in the ession of a correct knowledge of the philosophical principles which it is established, comprehending it in its uses and pur-s.

fty-six Lodges of Instruction were held in Michigan last year.

e Tyler is a most important officer of the Lodge. He has multi-duties, and many cares of things that he alone can look after. Lodge work depends much upon his intelligence and faithful-in both the "outer" and "inner" door places. His affability nners, and gentlemanly deportment will make members and rs welcome to the Lodge. He can help the Master and Officers much, and make their work pleasant by many little attentions ppliances of which his watchful eye sees the need.

en you hear a man calling himself a Mason boldly assert that thing connected with Masonry is a deception, a fraud and a e, do not be too hasty in contradicting the declaration; a little igation will prove to your entire satisfaction that he must have sed deception himself, otherwise he never would have suc-l in perpetrating a fraud upon the brethren to the extent of admitted into their society; and then, having ascertained his haracter, he utterly failed to impresse them with the idea was a duty incumbent on them to recognize him as a man d to respect or worthy of confidence.

Grand Lodge of Virginia has decided "that a fellow-craft, nch in a lawful Lodge after he had lost his left arm, could allowed to take the Master's degree—if for no other reason, e nobody could rightfully confer it."

n a man asks a *true* Mason for bread, he does not give him a when the cold, bleak winds of Winter beat about the tattered nocking at his door, he does not turn him away to perish in ; when the hour of adversity lays its hand heavily upon an nate brother and he sinks beneath its pressure, the strong l the stout heart lifts him up again and sends him on his way g. Ah, if Masonry were lived up to, what a sublimity would e in the character and life of a true Mason! or we might say stianity were lived up to, and its sceptre had universal n, there would be no need of Masonry! But we must take d as we find it, not as we would have it.

painful fact that the purposes of our symbols are often erverted or entirely obliterated by brethren who can expatiate with remarkable fluency upon the virtues that these silent inculcate. To be brief, neither symbols or professions are with any power in the welfare of humanity except Masons n *form* in the *lives they live*.

ry is a school of moral discipline and virtue.

Tyler never has any need to hunt up anything at the it is wanted. When you step your foot into the Lodge, g is in order and neatness, almost, nay, really, an air of about the room. And as one after another of the brethren and the Officers come along, the happy and welcoming s indebted very much to the Tyler's ready hand and skill. 's bill for "Tyling and Cleaning," is one for which we to a prompt "Aye."

f the lasting effect and benefit of Masonry depends upon y and solemnity attending the initiation. If a candidate is a spirit of frivolity rather than of seriousness, he is most onclude that the whole thing is a kind of farce. But if the olemn lessons are impressed upon his mind with that de-arne tness which they demand, he goes out profoundly with Masonry's beauty and grandeur.

BLE.—In all Christian lands the Holy Bible is accepted sons as the rule and guide of their faith, as well as con-

nties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellowship bers; there is a mystic cord that binds them together, prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in life

It is doubtless true that more attention is being given to the externals than to the internals of the Craft. Not so much, we think, as in former years, but the minds of Masons of to-day are being too much diverted from elementary principles that find a place in the thoughts of every good man on earth. The entire theory of our Institution rests upon a God-loving, God-respecting civilization. From a time to which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, this has been the ideal of the Fraternity; and whenever Masons lose sight of this basis of their Institution, they become an abnormity and reflection upon Masonic integrity.

A true Mason is a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to his government and just to his country, nor will he in any way countenance disloyalty or rebellion.

Every true Mason is constantly in search after light, in search for divine truth. This, and this only, is the Mason's work, and in obtaining it he receives his reward.

We are required to give instruction to younger brethren, inexperienced in their work, that the Craft may not suffer for want of skill and experience in their judgment; but that, through our own skill and experience, they may learn the requirements of the Art, to possess that knowledge whereby our interests become strengthened, and the bonds of mutual brotherhood reciprocated in its duties, as justly due to each other.

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It must be apparent to the mind of a considerate and reflecting Mason that his obligations are of a most serious nature; that he has "voluntarily, and of his own free-will and accord," assumed duties and responsibilities which require him to observe and obey both "Divine and moral law;" and the nature of these duties and responsibilities he cannot, with impunity disregard; otherwise, he may set aside, as of no binding force upon him, the Great Light, the source from whence are drawn the precepts and duties given him in charge to observe, and which also is to be the rule and guide of his faith and practice.

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If, in the incipient stage of his first entrance, the candidate is taught to acknowledge his belief in the Supreme Being, to regard Him with reverence, as due to His Holy Name, and in his progress the sacredness of the Divine Being is ever kept to his view, we cannot perceive, then, how he can disregard so sacred an injunction without feeling a just condemnation, in his own mind, of a remissness of duty. And yet it is, to our painful regret, that we too often witness a wanton and thoughtless disgression, and indulgence in profanity and other vices, perpetrated by Masons.

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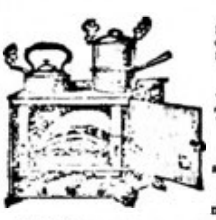
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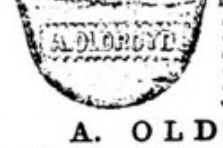


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## DEFECTIVE ACCOMMODATION.

NE of the first lessons taught to every aspirant for the benefits of Freemasonry, is that which enjoins im the necessity for care in all his Masonic doings, ny of the secrets or mysteries of the Order improperly ne known. This caution is repeated more than once an initiate is entitled to take his place as a Master n. The injunctions on this point may be said to be ded to almost the fullest extent so far as individual ren are concerned, but not always so thoroughly when ar Lodge meetings are being held. It is sometimes ishing to notice the carelessness of brethren on such ions, although we should perhaps be more correct we to attach the blame to those whose duty it is to at the apartments set aside for the meetings are so ged as to prevent outsiders hearing or seeing what is on within the Lodge. It is the duty of each brother that all knowledge of the inner working of a Masonic e is kept from the outer world, but in spite of this it onally happens that the place of meeting is so ar- d as to render it possible for outsiders to learn much at is going on within. It would, no doubt, be a some- difficult matter to render every Masonic habitation gainst inquiring eyes and ears, but much could be which is at present neglected.

lish Masonry does not appear to be alone in this t, as a recently issued report of the Grand Lodge of York proves. We learn from that source that it has esolved to request the Grand Master to appoint a of three Examiners, whose powers shall extend over ies of New York and Brooklyn, and whose duty it e to make a thorough examination of every apart- and structure used for Masonic purposes by the in the said cities. The Grand Master being further zed to exercise all such powers as may be necessary, discretion, to enforce a compliance with the instruc- such Board of Examiners in effecting needed altera- and in accomplishing the purposes of security ned in the report.

e Lodges of New York and Brooklyn meet, as a mber of those in this country do, in hired halls or ooms, we fail to see how it would be possible for dges to comply with all the instructions which e expected from such a Board as it is proposed to , but if they all have quarters of their own, reform be somewhat easier, although even then we are uggestions would resolve themselves into wordy tween the architect of the building on the one nd the examiners and those in authority on the while considerations of position, expense and s other matters, would sometimes render compli- h the recommendations of the Board impossible, or .

m on this point must be looked for from within ; must be taught to adapt themselves to the accom- n provided, or so arrange their gatherings as to e any difficulty which presents itself ; in doing so appen that they will reap a benefit from having more suited to their requirements. Our American recognize this, as may be gathered from another n which appears in the Report already referred to. olution is to the effect that the Masters and rooms in which they assemble, and to instruct their subordinates to be continually on the alert while in the discharge of their duties as to the security of the apartments used for Masonic purposes.

These resolutions, and the thoughts they occasion, impress us with the advantages enjoyed by those Lodges which own a Hall of their own, or which meet in a building entirely devoted to the purposes of Freemasonry, but the cost of such privacy precludes the possibility of its ever becoming really popular. It therefore behoves us to make the best use of the materials we have at hand. No doubt many suggestions might be made by a Board of Examiners, either in this country or in America, which would prove beneficial to Freemasonry, and among the points to which such a Board might profitably devote attention is that of rendering Masonic gatherings more dignified. One of the greatest evils arising from defective accommodation is that of bringing down on the Order and its members the contempt of those who object to the display of emblems and insignia which, to those who are not acquainted with their particular meaning, must frequently appear childish and ridiculous. If brethren would bear this in mind when outside their actual Lodge quarters they could do much to remove the cause for contempt. Brethren should make a rule to remove their aprons and jewels if they find it necessary to journey outside the precincts of the Lodge, and not appear, as is often done, with all their jewels and other insignia displayed to public gaze. They should be as jealous of their emblems as they are of their signs and tokens, and then much of the labour which would otherwise fall on a Board of Examiners would be unnecessary.

## A TOUCH OF NATURE.

WHILE Freemasons are emphatically votaries of both nature and art—deriving their descent from architects who, as builders of the greatest temples and cathedrals in all civilised countries, were *par excellence* artists and scientists—after all the one touch of nature which makes all the members of the Fraternity kin, is the spirit of brotherly love which permeates and distinguishes the Craft.

Art and nature are often set in opposition, placed in contradistinction to each other, and the advocates of each have waxed ardent in supporting their favourite. A certain writer, in Byron's time, argued that even in literature, all images drawn from what is beautiful or sublime in the works of nature are more beautiful and sublime than any images drawn from art; to which Byron replied, that a ship in the wind with all sail set is a more poetical object than a hog in the wind, though the hog is all nature and the ship is all art! Freemasons escape all possible dilemma by being students of both nature and art. Natural affection is the cement that binds us into one society, or band of friends or brothers, and artistic aspiration, an admiration for the sublime and beautiful in art, was the foundation stone of the Fraternity, and will also be the capstone of its completed edifice.

At the present midsummer season Freemasons are practically disciples of nature. The Lodges are generally closed, Masonic labour is intermitted, and the brethren are

on mountains, lakes or rivers, in sequestered valleys, or in the suburban country that is now so readily approached through the rapid transit afforded by lightning trains. We are all for the nonce students of nature. We have laid aside our plumb, level and square, our twenty-four inch gauge, compasses and trowel, and not losing our love for art, but rather exercising it all the while, we say, with the poet Pope:

> "All nature is but art, unknown to thee;
> All chance, direction, which thou canst not see;
> All discord, harmony not understood;
> All partial evil, universal good."

Another poet, and a Freemason as well—Goethe, called nature "the living, visible garment of God." How true and beautiful is the thought. The Grand Architect of the Universe we cannot see, but His wondrous works we may. Every snow-clad peak that crowns a mountain top images His majesty. Every flower that blooms, decking the earth with richest colours, pictures His beauty. The songs of the birds, so pure, so sweet, so musical, represent the harmonies of the Grand Lodge above. Earth and air, sea and sky are full of God. The book of nature is God's oldest Testament. The records of geology are far more ancient than the records of Moses. And yet, with all its beauty, and loveliness and glory, nature is imperfect. The blue sky of the summer is hidden when the cloud sails before it, and when the thunder roars, the lightning flashes, and the cyclone raves, one feels that nature is fallen from grace. Pascal was right in estimating its value when he said: "Nature has perfections, in order to show that she is the image of God; and defects, in order to show that she is only His image." The earth had fallen, even before man was created. The revelations of the coal measures, containing forests laid low through an inestimable epoch, testify to the hoary age of our planet, to the revolutions it has undergone, and to the gradual evolution of utility and beauty for the accommodation and pleasure of man, long before his advent to the traditional Garden of Eden.

As one goes out into the haunts of nature in these July and August days, the earth appears one vast Garden of Eden. Nothing is in undress, and beauty is everywhere. Artist and architect as the Freemason is, he finds unnumbered cathedrals erected in the forest shades, vast and grand and beautiful, with nature's choir for vocalists, and the wind sweeping the notes of an organ unseen, but not unheard. Lover of antiquity as the Freemason is, the oldest art known to him, or to man, is, as Carlyle has said, as a mushroom compared with the venerable globe on which we tread. Let us, then, admire and love nature while we may, while the Lodges are closed. Let us arise at break of day and behold the morning star, and the sun as he mounts from the horizon with fiery disc; let us listen to the orchestra of the winds and the songs of the birds at the first blush of morning; let us stroll over hill and dale when the sun is declining in the west, when the greensward is chequered with shadows, the kine are lowing o'er the hills, and the sheep are bleating in the vales, and "look through nature up to nature's God." Then shall we return to the Lodge in the autumn truly refreshed, full of reverence and love for the great Grand Master of all, health mantling our cheeks with a ruddy glow, the fire of vigorous activity flashing in our eyes, the elasticity of youth evident in our steps, and we be prepared to diligently and well perform that labour which the Craft expects from all of its members. Your Lodge will be a better Lodge for your communion with nature, since you will be a better Mason and a nobler man. *Your* work will be more truly artistic, after you have sat at the feet of the Grand Architect of the Universe and admired and studied His perfect work.—*Keystone.*

## MASONRY'S WORTHY OBJECT.

WE are living in days of rigid historical inquiry, and I make free to say that if we would see the Craft progress on its all-inclusive mission, it must pursue its course on the old and well recognized landmarks, and seal its doom for all time. These men, where the are not half as wise as they think themselves to they are not by any means the reliable guides in main of morals and ethics which their admirers try out. The "Ancient Charges" look upon the man of reasoning God out of his created works as a atheist," and a charge more ancient still has writ in larger characters—A FOOL.

I have heard some well-intentioned Masons tal the beauty of the Craft as a non-religious organizat these excellent brethren can hardly be accused of a intimate acquaintance with our history, or any familiarity with the teachings of the Craft. Wh say "non-religions" they simply mean "non-de tional." But this loose method of speaking fre creates a wrong impression on the Masonic as the non-Masonic hearer, and helps to give counten some of the calumnies which have been uttered aga To be non-religious would require us first of all tinguish one of our three great lights, namely the of the sacred law, and to attempt anything of t would be to divorce ourselves from the essential genuine Freemasonry, which, if seriously attempted rend the Craft from floor to ceiling, and if any of t ments survived the disruption, it would survive as a mass, without principle and without cohesive force kind. Extinguish "the Lamp of God" and you once a darkness that may be felt—a morality th upon no basis and that cannot be illustrated by any The world has never been, and we have no reason pose that it ever will be, without its doubters, its unbe and its sceptics. They exist with regard to all p they combat every movement for moral or social In regard to Masonry the non-believers and the scep as legion; they outnumber us on all sides, and yet t belief and their scepticism prove nothing. Divin ation fares no better, and those who are waiting sceptic to put away his scepticism, or the fool to pu his folly, are likely to leave the world very little than they found it, and themselves not improved respect. What is needed, therefore, is not a c wrangle about our conceptions of the Infinite a Eternal, the natural and the supernatural, but a p of love and hope that shall help us by regular step life's rugged pathway until such time as the "lower on the earthly altar shall have merged into the d glories of that Eternal light which hath no shadow are not called upon, as some foolishly imagine, to every difficulty, or to solve every riddle; this indee a task very much beyond the powers of all earthly in ours is the simpler duty of performing our appointe as true craftsmen under the consciousness of God's pr for

> "In the elder days of art,
> Builders wrought with greatest care
> Each minute and unseen part,
> For the gods see everywhere.
> Let us do our work as well,
> Both the unseen and the seen,
> Make the house where gods may dwell,
> Beautiful, entire, and clean."

This is a worthy object—worthy of the highest ma and is, according to Masonic tradition and teachi separably linked with the spiritual and supern Within the points of the compass, therefore—that Great Masonic Light—there lies the fountain and p all doctrine, namely, the "resurrection of the dead." are cheered by the thought that our solemn ceremon not leave us standing by the darksome grave mou contemplating only the emblems of mortality; we ca our eyes to the sprig of acacia, blooming in eve beauty above the silent grave. It is an emblem of ou in the immortality of the soul. By it we are remin our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of sh and that there dwells within our tabernacle of clay a perishable and immortal spirit which the grave shall receive, and over which death has no dominion. Wh will dare to affirm that Freemasonry is in any opposed to religion? The Mason with this hope will himself even as He is pure, and with unfaltering fa the resurrection of the dead, we may go on in humble

opponents and ask them, Are these the teachings of an igious society, or a society making war on religion in shape? If any one joins our Order in the hope he can the Craft for political or selfish purposes, he will find self doomed to grave disappointments; or if any one gines that we are going to sanction public or private ility to religion, or to any particular form of religion, ill do well to keep outside of our portals, or if he should dentally happen to be within them, he will act the part honest man by getting out with all convenient speed. hren, we have been taught that as we advance in onry our duties and obligations to ourselves and to our hren correspondingly increase, hence as Master Masons should be particularly careful, both by precept and mple, to maintain before the outside world as well as e the brethren a character above reproach. I do not hat perfection—never yet attained by mortals—should ooked for in a Master Mason, but I do say that we ld abandon and eschew every vice which can in the otest degree bring our Order into disrepute, and I re- what is set forth so fully in our rituals and ceremonies, the blasphemer, the drunkard, the dishonest, the im- l, and the unbeliever, are very much out of place in Masonic Lodge.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## HE USE OF MASONIC TRADITION.

IE current of Masonry moves along like the mighty Nile, that weird mystery of Egypt, its source buried e everlasting snows of unknown mountains, or within lacid deeps of some lotus-covered lake, moving swiftly, ving with stately dignity by ruins of old civilisations, lofty obelisks, telling strange tales of dynasties long smiling upon crumbling temples, monuments and with their bygone reminiscences, laughing at the of the degenerate descendant of the proud Pharoahs, ently murmuring upon the marble steps of a palace, ine momentarily silvering its bosom and playful butter- in gaudy hues flitting on its surface, these at times red by the shadows of rolling clouds surcharged with unders of Heaven's artillery, until finally, after many us turns, pours its wealth of life-giving waters into road sea of our nineteenth century civilisation. But tters little to us where the source of Masonry may be l. It is of small moment in contemplating the prac- duties of our Order, whether we give to it an origin of day or a cycle of eternal years. Are the valleys of t any less fertile, its climate less genial, because no has accurately traced to its beginning the yellow s of its strange river? Why should not the lower ssippian not embrace the wealth poured upon him by rand old father of the waters, because, perchance, he never look upon the tiny streamlet which murmurs Itasca's pearly deeps to form its swelling current?

"'Tis not antiquity nor author
That makes *truth*—*truth*."

, notwithstanding this maxim of the poet, a right use sonic tradition and history aids the understanding of resent, and makes "all futures fruits of all the past." rable age and a hoary antiquity should be looked upon, and its lessons learned in order that the prac- duties of *to-day* may be thoroughly comprehended. ry, therefore, comes to the heart of those who seek In the "inner sanctuary" with a deep sense of peace iet, born of an intimate acquaintance with its tra- s and legends. Who, in the presence of the life of to-day" can look upon this glorious Institution ut feeling its subtle power come stealing in upon ul like the music we crave when we lie in the ht, all the sorrow, vexation and trouble of the day g only in memory, and the hallowed influences of inspirations tranquilising the jarring elements of l with the magic of its charm? Bursting forth he inner chambers of nature come all these nobler, r feelings—

"Which are the great live seeds
That will be striving to take shape in deeds."

he beautiful magnolia lives with her feet in the green and among the water snakes, and perfumes the l swamps with her sweet breath, so has Masonry misrepresentations of her enemies, lifting her lofty countenance to the stormy hosts of the ever-living God, until she stands proudly erect, the grandest, noblest factor which time has produced for the moulding and formation of man's character. To all who sit beneath the perfume of her many beautiful flowers, she has been an unfailing source of hope, joy, peace and comfort. No Upas' blasts will destroy the bright hues of health—no apples of Sodom turn to ashes, but all may sleep beneath its protecting influence, safe from the enamoured shafts of evil.

That poet of mystery and beauty—Ossaire—has said: "There comes a voice that awakes my soul. It is the voice of years that are gone; they roll before me with their deeds." And so it is our duty as Masons, members of that time-linked brotherhood to read and study the history of our Order—those written and legendary histories which contain the fundamental tenets of our Order. These immutable, unchangable and eternal landmarks of our Fraternity, have come down to us in all their pristine beauty through the long vistas of time clothed in the same robes placed upon them by the Supreme Grand Master. They have outlived the porch and academy—the philosophic visions of Plato and the dreamy ethics of Confucius. They have witnessed the rise and fall of nations, the grandeur and decay of earth's mightiest empires, the gorgeous baldrick of wealth and power, and the gloom and terror of superstition and paganism. But warmly sheltered in the bosom of Masonry, they have come down to us in the brilliant light of to-day, as holy relics of the past to be sacredly guarded and cherished.

And what is the result of it all? The answer comes with direct certainty that it is our divine mission to teach the common brotherhood of our race these tenets and principles which embody the powerful force of our Order, and shapes its ends for the advancement of mankind—to illustrate in our lives and conduct all those holy virtues and moral excellencies which spring from such a noble bond of fellowship. To do this we must be like the weary pilgrim to Mahomet's shrine, at each lengthening mile drop a stone to mark our pathway, that they may prove monuments to remind us how we have lived and acted as Masons. A brother does not become a true Mason by *merely* thinking good deeds, but by practically digesting those thoughts and executing them in the wide fields spread out before his generosity. Then will his reflections spring forth and bud and bloom into the full fruition of good deeds, into kind offices and tender ministratives to the sick and afflicted. In a thousand ways will his Masonic charity brighten the pathway of the weary brother, and render aid and assistance to the widow and orphan when the ragged clouds of bitter trial and disappointment hang thick over them, shedding the light of comfort to the dying and hope for the living. Thus will be gradually formed and shaped, a life which will pen a chapter in the unwritten annals of Masonry—a life which will be used in making up the final history of that grand old Institution whose banners have been planted in every soil, and beneath whose folds have been gathered the best of earth's philanthropists. They have all contributed to that volume which will be emblazoned in letters of gold and upon a firmament of silver and registered in God's eternal record books, and from these will their merits and demerits be judged, and not from the feeble receiving of mankind.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

## FRIENDSHIP.

THE man that reads the literature of Masonry, especially such books as relate to the ceremonies, must be impressed with the fact that among Masons there is a strong tie of friendship.

Is this correct? and are these ties strong and lasting? We have only to look around us for evidence that such is the case. The vast multitude that worship at its shrine, the unity and harmony that prevails, are proofs that Masons are bound together by the ties of friendship. If history is correct, our Ancient brethren far excelled us in this characteristic. Cicero informs us that this maxim was constantly in the mouth of Pythagoras: "The design of friendship is to make two or more one" From the system of training that Pythagoras introduced, his disciples became so celebrated for their fraternal affection towards each other, that when any remarkable instance of

"They are members of the Pythagorean Society." Tully observed that friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and dividing our grief.

In these days of progress this friendship of antiquity seems to have been forgotten. Men no longer regard one another with that esteem that they did in the ages of the past. Among the Gauls men would lend money to be repaid in the next world. A stranger knocked at Solon's house, and said he was a stranger, and desired to enter into engagements of friendship with him. Solon answered: "Friendships are best formed at home." "Then, do you who are at home, make me your friend and receive me into your house." Solon was so well pleased with the remark that he entertained him for some time.

Another writer says, "that we should have many well wishers, but few friends." By which we interpret the meaning that we should be extremely careful with whom we enter into engagements of friendship.

We consider that Masonry has preserved this important characteristic, and that its votaries, as a whole, endeavour to fulfil the intent and purpose of the word.

Proverbs records this verse, which, if observed, will bring contentment and happiness: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—*Exchange.*

## INNOVATING PESTS.

THE importance of keeping intact our ancient usages, customs, and landmarks is overlooked by too many Lodges now-a-days. We understand that the Masonic system, as such, was adopted because it possessed the elements of self-preservation. In it there should be heard neither hammer nor axe while raising a Masonic edifice. Each member was perfect in this structure and each became a support. When put into the building he was placed there with all the prerogatives essential to his condition and the harmony of all its parts. One piece of material could not displace another, and none could be removed until found to be too unsound for further use. These prerogatives were not given, as is too often supposed, to be exercised as self-interest or caprice might dictate, and thus bring mutiny into the Lodge, but they were given to members to be exercised as a Masonic duty, and not as an indiscriminate *right*. And when exercised as a duty, they should be based on purely Masonic reasons, or considerations. No Mason deserves the name who would use a prerogative in any other manner. *It is not his to use in any other manner.* The harmony of the Lodge, which is essential to its continued existence, is found in the integrity of its members, and in their conscientious support of the usages, customs and landmarks of Masonry. All personal considerations of Lodge matters were surrendered to the more enlarged claims of Masonry. Upon this level all upright Masons stood. The voice of one Mason was the voice of all in Masonic duty. The so-called right of one brother to question the conscientious Masonic acts of another did not exist then, nor does it now. If it does, it is an innovation. There was no one to question the wisdom of the Masonic plan. Now, it seems, as we grow in number we grow in rudeness, and we lose sight of the wise provisions adopted to prevent Lodges from admitting within their walls the spirit of contention or of innovation, so destructive of the harmony of the Lodge. And if innovations are made, and our rigid but wise landmarks are winked at and violated, our experience as a harmonious body will be sad indeed. It reminds us of the impatience of some men; they cannot rest easy and satisfactory under a perfect system of ethics, but they must also bite the apple. These innovators destroy the fair and perfect fabric of Masonry. As the moth is a pest in every house, so are these innovators pests in every Lodge.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted Lodge on Wednesday, 1st September 188 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the for confirmation.

2. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The Widow of a Brother of the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester ... ... ... ... ...

A Brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London

The Widow of a Brother of the St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, London ... ... ...

A Brother of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, London ..

A Brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester ...

The four Orphan Children of a Brother of the St. Maurice Lodge, No. 1855, Plympton ... ...

A Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London ...

A Brother of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London ...

A Brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London ... ... ... ... ...

A Brother of the Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London ... ... ...

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PUR

*To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Acc Masons of England.*

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that the ceived an application from Messrs. Malby and Sons, the the premises in Middle Yard, for a renewal of their pre which expires September 1889, for a term of 21 years.

The Board having considered the application, recomm renewal of the lease until the 24th June 1905, be gra present rental of £150 per annum.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, P

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th August 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Gr Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committe Friday, the 13th day of August instant, shewing a the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3,650 3s 1d, hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and fo Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £

4. The annual report of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons," 21st May 1886, including the following alterations in the be laid before Grand Lodge.

"Rule 2, to read 'The Grand Master for the t shall be President of the Institution. The Treasu Institution shall be elected annually on the third May.'"

"To alter Rule 14 by erasing the word 'Gra third and sixth lines on page 14, and the word 'Gra fifth line of page 15."

List of Lodges for which warrants have been g the Most Worshipful Grand Master since Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2159.—The Carrington Lodge, Kogarah, New South
2160.—The Windsor Social Lodge, Windsor, New So
2161.—The John Williams Lodge, Randwick, New So
2162.—The Tyrrell Leith Lodge, Baroda, Bombay.
2163.—The Jersey Lodge, Southall, Middlesex.
2164.—The St. German's Lodge, Peel, Isle of Man.
2165.—The St. George's Lodge, Perth, West Australi
2166.—The Cotehele Lodge, Calstock, Cornwall.
2167.—The Star in the West Lodge, Hughenden, Que
2168.—The Derby Allcroft Lodge, Islington.
2169.—The Osborne Lodge, East Cowes, Isle of Wigh
2170.—The St. George Lodge, Colombo, Ceylon.
2171.—The Burwood Lodge, Burwood, New South W
2172.—The Molong Lodge, Molong, New South Wale
2173.—The Loyalty Lodge, Gundagai, New South W

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## GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

HE regular Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held at the new Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 2nd June. The V. Grand Master, Dr. H. J. Tarrant, M.L.A., opened the Lodge in due form at 7 p.m. Prayer was offered up by the Grand Chaplain. The roll call of members and Lodges having been read and responded to, the Grand Secretary read his report, congratulating Grand Lodge on its continued and increasing prosperity. The report showed, though only half the Lodges had sent in returns, that 106 entrants were recorded for the past quarter, making a total of 2,177. The amount due by Grand Lodge to Benevolent Fund had been cleared off—the balance to credit of the latter fund was £556; and there was a considerable balance to credit of Grand Lodge fund, although there had been very heavy expenses incurred during the year. Many of the country Lodges were building their own Masonic halls—the latest being Lodge Star of the South, the land having been generously given by Bro. Woodward P.M., and nearly the whole of the money required for the building subscribed at one Lodge meeting. Communications and reports of proceedings had been received from forty-eight Grand Lodges. The report concluded by Grand Secretary informing the Grand Lodge of the death of Mrs. Booth, wife of the respected P.D.G.M. Bro. J. Booth. The report was adopted. The reports of the Board of General Purposes and Inspector of Works were read and adopted. The report of the Inspector of Works showed that he had visited several country Lodges lately. He found all the Lodges in a healthy financial state; but there was room for improvement in working in the case of one or two. He had made arrangements to visit all the Lodges in the Richmond and Clarence Rivers, also the Lodges in the New England district, and those in the Goulburn district previous to next Quarterly Communication. There was no report sent in from the District Grand Superintendent of the South Coast Lodges. Applications for recognition were read from the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico; the latter was recommended by the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba; both were referred to the Board of General Purposes. The election of Officers for the new Masonic year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

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| Dr. H. J. Tarrant, M.L.A. | Grand Master |
| A. Henry | Senior Warden |
| G. Larsen | Junior Warden |
| De Conroy Browne, M.L.A. | Inspector of Works |
| R. V. Gale | Chaplains |
| — Witcomb | Chaplains |
| Hart | Chaplains |
| Starkey | Treasurer |
| Fuller | Senior Deacon |
| Capt. Hayward | Junior Deacon |
| Wm. H. Ore | Bard |
| John Slade | Superintendent of Works |
| Horn | Director of Ceremonies |
| Hurst | Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| Spencer | Sword Bearer |
| Capt. Brett | Pursuivant |
| Lind | Assistant Pursuivant |
| W. H. Carrick | Tyler |

Most Wor. Grand Master informed the brethren that he had appointed Wor. Bro. J. Hunt as his Deputy Grand Master for ensuing year. The Grand Master alluded to the death of Mrs. Booth, and the Lodge unanimously resolved that the Grand Secretary write to Bro. Booth, expressing the sincere regret of the members of the Lodge at the loss he has sustained. Wor. Bro. Weekes was presented with a commission appointing him as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 10 p.m.

In the evening of the 24th June, the installation of the above named Grand Lodge Officers took place, and after the banquet the M.W. Grand Master, rising to speak, was greeted with prolonged cheering, lasting several minutes, after which the Grand Master said:—Brethren, this is an auspicious occasion, as it is to mark the event of the installation of our Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, and you may expect me to give you some explanation as regards your position as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Many years ago this country was ruled by a nominee system of irresponsible government; when Bro. W. C. Wentworth, a member of one of the Lodges now under our jurisdiction, introduced, by the present Constitution Act, the present form of local responsible Government. This is also what we required here as Masons for a number of years—that is, Masonic power to govern ourselves as Masons; and some nine years ago, when we spoke about this work, a circular was issued inviting all the members of the Craft in this Colony to attend a conference to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Grand Lodge of Masons in unoccupied Masonic territory, when the majority of Masons decided to it, but many of them at the eleventh hour were prevented from attending, owing to the action of certain persons in authority, who had their own interests rather than those of Freemasonry at heart, and had it not been for their action, the Masons of New South Wales would have been as unanimous in establishing a Grand Lodge as our brethren in South Australia. However, 13 Constituent Lodges were represented at the conference, and established themselves in a legal and constitutional manner into the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In this action they followed the precedents laid down by all Grand Lodges and when the happy day arrives, which I trust is not far distant, when we are recognised by all the Grand Lodges in existence, we will be in a position to say that we are in fraternal communication with four millions of our brethren. You are all aware that for a number of years Freemasonry was represented here by three District Grand Lodges, which held their authority from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. The District Grand Lodge Masters under this régime were nominated for life, if they desired to hold the position, by the Grand Master of their respective Grand Lodges, who nominated all their subordinate Officers; and in this way the brethren as a body had no voice whatever in the selection of their rulers. Such a system as this was totally at variance with the democratic tastes of this colony, and all the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales have not followed the bad example of permitting a single person in authority to nominate his Officers, but have decided that every brother holding office in a Lodge shall be elected by his fellows according to merit. The fact of establishing a local Grand Lodge in this territory in no way decreases our loyalty to the Empire, as was exhibited when the members of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales were the first body of Freemasons who were accorded the privilege of welcoming to our shores the representative of our Sovereign Queen Victoria. We measure results, practically speaking, by results, and I am glad to say we have initiated 2207 members since our establishment. Our Grand Lodge is in a healthy position, both numerically and financially. We are also bound together in unity; but, with all this, it behoves us to look around and see we do our duty as Masons. There is one matter I desire to condemn most emphatically, which is the abuse of our noble Institution by the use of some of our Masonic emblems as trade signs to attract attention. I trust that the subordinate bodies under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales will make some provision in their bye-laws to erase the name of any brother from their list of members who descends to adopt such unmasonic practices. Another matter I must refer to is, that our Order has been in existence for nearly sixty years. Before the establishment of the G. Lodge of N.S.W. there was not, during that period, a single Masonic Institution to mark its existence. Since the establishment of our Grand Lodge, our efforts in this direction have been to build our present Masonic Hall; but I would desire to impress upon the brethren the necessity of raising some monument to Freemasonry which would extend help to the widow and orphan in the moment of their distress. I desire we should be placed in a position to point out to the public our Masonic schools and orphanages, and enable them to see that, although we have spent so much money in this direction, we are ready to spend more for the benefit of our fellow-creatures. In conclusion, I must record our most grateful thanks to our Grand Secretary. I believe the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would not occupy its present proud position had it not been for his exertions. I must also thank the P. President of the Board of General Purposes for the able manner in which he has executed the important business of his office; and although last yet not least, I must thank my Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Hunt, for the assistance he has at all times given me in the performance of my duties, particularly in visiting our subordinate Lodges when I could not, owing to my many duties, attend myself. I must also thank the past Executive Officers for the assistance they have rendered me during the past Masonic year. Brethren, let the coming year be a memorable one by our making provision for our widows and orphans in the establishment of such Masonic charity." G.S.W. Henry P.D.G.M. responded, after which the toast of our Deputy Grand Master was received. The meeting was enlivened by some songs, and brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

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The Directors report, just issued, of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, for the half-year ending the 30th June 1886, to be presented to the Proprietors at the ordinary general meeting, on the 17th September 1886, is now before us. From it we learn that the general working of the Company during the half-year has been satisfactory, although the prices obtained for residual products continue very low. As to the illuminating power of the gas supplied, the reports generally have been satisfactory, still on two occasions the Gas Examiner for the Lewisham District Board of Works reported an excess of sulphur compounds beyond the Parliamentary limit, but it was shewn that these excesses were due to accidental circumstances connected with the "testing place." A further reduction in the price charged to consumers has been made, 2s 9d per 1000 cubic feet being the standard rate. The Directors recommend the declaration of a Dividend for the half-year ending 31st December last at the following rates per annum, viz.:—6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares; all less Income Tax; amounting to £12,368 8s 0d, and that the warrants, for the Dividend declared, be forwarded by post to the Proprietors at their

## ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

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### YORK COLLEGE.

THE August meeting of this College was held on the 18th instant, at Durham. There are few places in the country more rich in antiquarian and historical associations than the old seat of the warrior Bishops of the North, and the members of the Society had looked forward with the most pleasurable anticipations to their visit to this interesting city, arranged at the previous meeting of the College at York. Arrangements were made for their reception by Frater Colonel Monks, who had undertaken the duties of preparation, and who had prevailed upon Canon Greenwell, one of the greatest of our Northern antiquarians, to devote a portion of the day to the enlightenment of the members of the College, and to the introduction of them to some of the more remarkable features of the relics of the place. Accordingly, in the forenoon, a number of the Fratres, who had arrived by train from various parts of Yorkshire, met at the cathedral, and were conducted by Canon Greenwell through the edifice. The learned Canon pointed out the special points of architectural interest, and then proceeded to give a brief sketch of the foundation of the cathedral which is intimately connected with the history of St. Cuthbert, and of its ecclesiastical and social history down to recent times. Nothing more interesting could have been selected, and the members of the College experienced a most pleasurable evening. Lunch was served at the Three Tuns Hotel, after which the party re-assembled at the Castle, and again had the advantage of Canon Greenwell's antiquarian lore, whilst they listened to his account of the scenes enacted within this notable fortress, which so often dominated the destinies of the country in the days when they were decided *ri et armis*. At three o'clock the members met in the Masonic Hall, Durham, which had been generously placed at their disposal by the W.M. and brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124. There were present the following: Fras. Major R. W. Moore Celebrant, C. Fendelow Deputy, J. M. Meek Treas., Wm. Brown Sec., Col. Monks P.A., W. H. Cowper as S.A., G. H. Locking as T.A., Wm. Flockton as Q.A., A. T. B. Turner as C.N., J. R. Rore G.T., Tudor Trevor Suffragan, W. H. B. Atkinson, Major McGachen, Frank Smith, and Henry Thompson. The Secretary read a letter from the Chief Adept (Fra. T. B. Whytehead), regretting his unavoidable absence, in consequence of his attendance at the funeral of a near relative at St. Leonards-on-Sea on the same day; and apologies were also received from Fras. Craig, Fowler, Maddison, Mason, Tomlinson, Wilkes, Atherton, Wilson, Simpson, and others. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. B. Stocks P.M. 2035, and that brother was admitted to the grade of Zelater by Fra. Tudor Trevor Past Celebrant and Suffragan. An invitation to the members of the College to hold their November meeting at Huddersfield was given by Fra. Dore, which was accepted, and it was arranged that the meeting should be held in that town on 17th November (Wednesday). Bro. Fendelow also invited the College to hold a meeting at Leicester during the summer of next year. A cordial vote of thanks to Canon Greenwell for his kindness in conducting the fratres over the Cathedral and Castle of Durham was also passed, as also a vote of thanks to the W.M. and members of the Marquis of Granby Lodge for the use of the Masonic Hall. Col. Monks was also thanked for his admirable arrangements. Fra. Meek presented to the College a copy of Canon Greenwell's "History of Durham Cathedral," to be placed amongst its records. After the close of the College the members met at tea, at the Three Tuns Hotel, under the presidency of Fra. Major Moore, and spent some hours in social intercourse, until compelled to separate by the fiat of the inexorable Bradshaw. Altogether a more pleasant and successful gathering has seldom been enjoyed by this active body of Masonic scientists.

## KING HAROLD LODGE, No. 1327.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and for the appointment and investment of Officers, was held on Thursday, the 19th August, when a full attendance of brethren assembled, including Bros. Lewis W.M. P.P.G.S., Sproat W.M. elect, Robinson P.M. P.P.G.W., West P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Rogers P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.W., Tydeman P.M. P.P.G.P., Reilly P.M. P.P.G.P., Jacobs P.M. P.P.G.P., Fisher P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Knight P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Holdsworth J.W., Bilby S.D., Brewster J.D., Osman I.G., Young Tyler, also Bros. Blackmore, Maycock, Metcalfe, Mahan, Fuller, Bicked, Edwards, Newman, Everfield, Wiggs, Maxfield, Middlehurst, G. Metcalfe, Robin, Ball, Burgum, Trask, Mark, Crockett, Wilbourne, Staples, Welsh, Cohen; and the following Visitors:—Bros. Gaskel P.M., Long 1415. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Pratt—it proved unanimous in his favour—after which the Wor. Master performed the several duties of initiating, passing, and raising in a masterly manner. The ceremony of installation was then performed, Bro. Robinson P.P.G.W. being the officiating Officer, and Bro. William Andrew Sproat Worshipful Master elect was placed in the chair of K.S. He proceeded to invest his Officers in the following order:—Bros. Holdsworth S.W., Bilby J.W., West Treasurer, Reilly Secretary, Brewster S.D., Blackmore J.D., Edwards I.G., Howlett and Middlehurst Stds., Young Tyler. The beautiful ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Robinson in a masterly and impressive manner, and called forth the applause of the Brethren assembled. The addresses to the new Master and Officers dressed the retiring Master, Bro. Lewis, expressing h and kind feeling towards him for the able and satisfac in which he had ruled the Lodge. Bro. Sproat also valuable Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted at the The business of the Lodge being ended, the brethren sa sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Tydeman's best Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, s ing was enlivened by some excellent singing. A plea was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, 18th in Ross occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Gregory, Messer, Wright, Ament, Silvester, Dimsdale, was opened and minutes of last meeting read and conf Dimsdale worked the first section of first lecture. Br resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Dimsdale, who opene in the second and third degrees, and rehearsed the raising, Bro. Wright acting as candidate. No furth offering, Lodge was closed.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—was held on Thursday, 26th inst., at the Wheatsheaf hawk-road. Present—Bros. Breitbart W.M., Child Cavers J.W., Craggs S.D., J. Davis Preceptor; also B Sims, Purdue, Prosser. Lodge was opened and minute the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sims ac didate. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, as candidate. Lodge was closed to the first, and the was worked by Bro. Davis. Bro. Prosser was elected Bro. Child was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and was closed.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 16th inst. Bro. Bro. Forge S.W., Bro. Trewinnard (Preceptor) S.W., S.D. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in degree. Bro. Shultz, a candidate for raising, answere questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed

On Monday, 23rd inst., Bro. Forge W.M., Bro. Stockha Western J.W., Bro. Richardson S.D., Bro. Shultz J.D., E son I.G., Bro. Trewinnard Preceptor, Bro. Collingridg Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of the last r read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rel Collingridge acting as candidate. Lodge was opened a the second and third degrees, and closed in due form. Stockhall J.W. 1677 was elected W.M. for Monday next

## FREEMASONRY IN HANTS AND THE WIGHT.

"BY their fruits ye shall know them." We belie masons, as a rule, so far from courting, rathe publicity of their proceedings, whether charitable or oth since a section of the public profess to believe, and se pleasure in proclaiming, the Masons as a body to be not less than Gargantuans, Thursday's proceedings at Sou the Provincial Grand Lodge, having supervision of Maso shire and the Isle of Wight, may fairly be pointed to as Freemasonry does not consist chiefly in eating an Besides the assistance given by private Lodges and indiv to the Craft and private Charities, it was shown that, aid, one aged brother had been secured a place on th Fund, and education in the Masonic Schools for four bo girls of brethren attached to the Province. The grant b Grand Lodge to these three Institutions last year of guineas each was increased by ten guineas each, making of 105 guineas; the Provincial Charity Association was placed on the list for an annual donation of twenty fifty guineas having been voted and paid last year to as ing the Association; and in addition to sums of £15 and ing in the accounts as voted and paid to the widows of was on Thursday voted to the widow of a deceased br Le Feuvre, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, hande Secretary of the Provincial Charity Association £50 of scribed for, and tendered to him as the balance of a te many years' gratuitous services as Provincial Grand S the Secretary also reported the receipt of another ch from one of the Portsmouth Lodges, being the moiety o had voted to the Charities. We think these practical exe of what Masonry really is of sufficient interest thus to tion to them, simply adding that the need might not ha for impressions which grievously wrong large numbers and certainly misrepresent one chief aim of the Craft.—*Independent.*

According to the Lake of Lucerne's Visitors' week, there were no less than six of our Gra stopping at Bro. Weinmann's, "Hotel Bel Weggis. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., S Jones, R. G. Glover, Sir John B. Monckton

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### EQUALITY AMONG FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It never struck me that there could be any doubt as to what is meant by equality among Freemasons. The same distinctions obtain among Masons when out of the Lodge as prevail among other members of society, and there is nothing in the Craft or its harmonies to warrant a departure from the ordinary conditions of social life. In the Lodge, the highest and the lowest are equal before the law, and Past Masters alone being invested with authority, the complete obedience to which is implicitly conceded in every well-regulated Lodge.

The fact of being a Freemason would not warrant me in approaching the Throne to the throne simply because both are members of the Craft; nor would it justify the expectation that I should be preferred for any public office because I and many of the elective body might be Freemasons. All this is simply a truism, the A B C of social and Masonic ethics, and needs no enforcing by argument. There is a side issue to the subject, however, which is too frequently overlooked. Many brethren meet in Lodges of equal social standing who do not know each other in the street, and those who happen not to be wealthy, or who are not so rich in this world's goods, are passed by as if the tie of fraternity was cut immediately the brethren left the Lodge. Such conduct is a libel upon Freemasonry, the spirit of which breathes charity and brotherly love.

I do not quite follow "A PROVINCIAL MASON" in your last issue. His letter would imply that a Mason was rejected because of the gossip and scandal that would have arisen if the elective body, many of whom were Masons, had preferred him. If the brother in question was as well qualified as any other candidate, then I say it was the bounden duty of the Masons in the Council to have elected him. Those in office, and who have the dispensing of patronage, are no better than other men because they are Freemasons; on the contrary, they ought to be better in many instances because of the teaching of the Craft. It is perfectly certain that they are as trustworthy as any other body of men, and would not appoint a brother to any office unless he was duly qualified. But when all necessary conditions are satisfied, then I say that Masonic influence should operate, and a brother is preferred to any other man. Freemasons do not live up to their faith. They give largely of their substance, and our Charities are among the glories of a glorious land, but there is a charity that demands the sacrifice of time, the incurring of trouble, and the practical exercise of sympathy. Were wealthy brethren, especially employers of labour, to practise Freemasonry out of the Lodge, many a poor brother would be blessed. As an illustration of what I mean, I may refer to religious men, who are as keen in business as the most worldly, but who invariably prefer a religious man or a Mason when opportunity offers. They believe, and rightly believe, that religion makes men and women better than they otherwise would be. I know that that belief is true, and is it not also true of Freemasonry, which is a religion without a creed?

While scouting all idea of a democracy in Freemasonry outside of the Lodge, I contend that much more might be done to make the teaching of the Craft more helpful, and more practical than it is. A sensible man would always keep his position, and those who intrude themselves could easily be put down whether Freemasons or not. If, however, there is an advantage to give, bestow it on a brother, and let cowans condemn as they may. I have learnt that the outside world know enough of our proceedings to warrant them in judging our conduct, and I am certain that if we are faithful to the principles we profess, we can withstand any hostile criticism.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

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### PREFERENCE AMONG MASONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject mentioned by your correspondent, "A PROVINCIAL MASON," as to the prevailing opinion that Masons hold together in matters of business and public life is one which might profitably be discussed at the present time, when it is, justly or unjustly, is ascribed to "outside influences." I quite agree with your correspondent that there is no such undue compact as "Freemasons as is generally supposed to exist," but what circumstance induce those outside the Craft to believe this? Only a few days since an instance of the "prevailing opinion" came under my notice when in the "London Letter" of a Provincial newspaper reference was made to a well-known politician, and among his qualifi-

## Obituary.

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### THE LATE BRO. THOMAS A. DOYLE.

IN reference to the late Bro. the Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, for many years Mayor of the City of Providence, testimony is thus borne. As a Freemason he was highly distinguished, honoured, and loved. Now he is mourned as are but few who pass the Jordan of Death. His decease occurred 9th June 1886, "and the tolling of the bells that followed seemed to speak the grief of a community that now knew its loss." All the city was in mourning. The body was removed from the house on Benefit Street, where death had taken place, to the old homestead on Chesnut Street, and there remained until the 12th, when it was laid in state in the City Hall, where thousands of the people viewed it. The funeral occurred on the 14th. The City Hall was elaborately draped in flowers, and, probably, never before were there so many and so magnificent floral offerings at a public funeral in that city. The procession was immense, nearly every public officer, society, and citizen being a participant. The religious exercises were held at the First Congregational Church. The Masonic services were under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, and were held, first, in St. John's Hall, and, second, at the grave, in the Cemetery at Swan Point. They were exceedingly well conducted and very impressive. Just as the Stewards uncrossed their rods the public school children began rendering tributes. Each pupil passed the open grave and strewed flowers therein, and when their offerings were complete the masonry of the grave and the coffin were entirely hidden beneath the rich mass.

Illustrious H. L. Palmer Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States, has sent to all the Bodies under his jurisdiction the subjoined appropriate memorial tribute:—

The solemn tolling of bells, a city swathed in mourning, its inhabitants bowed beneath a great sorrow, accompany the tidings of the death of a Chief Magistrate, our lamented brother Illustrious Thomas Arthur Doyle, 33° Mayor of the City of Providence, and for many years an active member of the Supreme Council. Energetic in all the affairs of life his efforts have raised the village of his nativity to be a city which for nearly a quarter of a century had its pride in making him its Chief Ruler, and willingly obeyed his wise counsel in directing its onward progress.

"He died with his armour on, full Knightly." As a Mason, he was Past Grand Master, and Past Grand High Priest of Rhode Island, and a prominent member in the Council of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and it is little to say that in each station he discharged all his duties with freedom, fervency and zeal.

Suddenly and scarcely in the ripeness of age, being yet at the entrance of his sixtieth year, the destroying angel halted at his tent and he has passed to the life beyond, worthily and obediently as becomes a man, conscious of duty fulfilled and ever ready to obey the summons that will surely come to us all.

Socially, few men had greater personal attractions than Illustrious Bro. Doyle. Cheerful to a degree, his presence was like sunshine, dispersing the gloom of this weary life, and those admitted to his intimacy held him in such esteem as kings might envy. Strong in his convictions, and ever ready to maintain them, no untoward words marked his arguments, and even those most opposed felt and acknowledged the uprightness of his purpose, and that he desired only the greatest good of the Craft and of our Rite in which he was so ardent a workman.

Like the community in which he lived and laboured, thousands of the Craftsmen would willingly have participated in the last honours paid to his memory, but distance and the demands of active life made that impossible, but I venture to believe that we all joined in spirit with those priviledged to surround the last resting-place and united with them in the inexpressible regret that his place among us must henceforth be vacant.

Let our warmest sympathy go out to the one most afflicted by his departure, and let his memory be kept as that of one upon whose like we may not look again. Mourning his loss, in token of our respect for his memory, it is directed that these letters be read and entered of record in all the Bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction, at the next meeting after they shall be received by such Bodies, and that the altars and working tools be draped with the violet badge of mourning, for the space of sixty days. Unite with me, brethren, also in wearing the personal violet badge for the like space.

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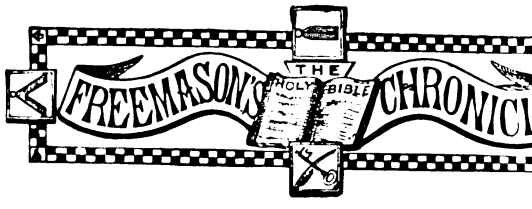
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand L held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thur 19th inst., when there was a good attendance of There were present :—

Bros. Col. G. S. Tudor P.G.M., Col. Foster Gough D.P. the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Dr. J. Clarke S Cavendish J.W., the Rev. T. Lloyd Sen. Chaplain, the Re Tuthill Jun. Chaplain, J. Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwr E. H. Croydon Assist-Sec., W. T. Agutter S.D., T. E. Fo John Deeley A.D.C., William Mould S.B., G. W. Walker Mottram Assist.-Pursuivant, H. Baggnley Tyler, Fra P.D.P.G.M., Henry Lewis 526 P.P.G.S.W., T. Taylor 418 P W. Hales 418 P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Piercy 418 P.P.G.S.W. 1039 P.P.G.S.W., W. Baylis 539 P.P.G.S.W., E. He P.P.G.J.W., G. M. Waring 347 P.P.G.J.W., M. B P.P.G.J.W., Bro. the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson P.G. C Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry 726 P.P.G. Chaplain, 460 P.P.G.R., J. Webberley 546 P.P.G.R., J. Jacobs 482 F. Tomkinson 451 P.P.G.S.D., J. Fowley 1039 P.P.G.S.D., 637 P.P.G.J.D., J. Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., H. C P.P.G.J.D., T. J. Barnett 526 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Humphries 539 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, R. Dain 98 P.P.G. F. Pepper 482 P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Ormson 1941 P.P.G.S Thorne 1838 P.P.G.S.B., F. Weston 98 P.P.G.S.B., W. V P.P.G.S.B., J. Warner 2149 P.P.G.P., F. J. Turley 1798 S. Parkes W.M. 419, W. Torrance W.M. 456, Henry J. Cla 1060, F. Barlow W.M. 546, G. Woolf W.M. 99, J. Bromley W.M. 2149, E. B. Jackson W.W. 418, R. T. Vertegans W.( Stevenson W.M. 1942, J. Wooldridge W.M. 726, G. Ashe 1039, J. L. Hamshaw P.M. 418, T. B. Cull P.M. 1587, D. P.M. 546, B. H. Brough P.M. 546, G. C. Kent P.M. 546, port P.M. 451, J. R. Lee P.M. 1792, F. Woolley P.M. 72 tock P.M. 1587, J. H. Smith P.M. 539, J. T. Eayres P. Hartland P.M. 642, E. S. Hildick P.M. 539, C. Jones P.M A. Simcock P.M. 419, G. H. Stanger P.M. 419, J. B. M 1848, H. Hare P.M. 1060, J. J. Perkins P.M. 1039, brethren, numbering altogether upwards of 130.

The Staffordshire Knot Lodge (726) having bee by Bro. Wooldridge W.M. the P.G. Master and Master, accompanied by the P.G. Officers, past an in procession, entered the Lodge, and the chair w by Col. Tudor, who opened P.G. Lodge. Col. T Colonel Gough having been greeted, Bro. A.P.G.S. read the notice of the meeting and the of meetings held at Lichfield, Wolverhampton, and The roll of Lodges was then called over, after wh Bodenham presented the financial statement, w been printed and was taken as read. It appeared receipts amounted to £239 0s 5d, including £1 dues from the various Lodges. The amount of ture for the year was £121 6s 8d. Amount £520.

The Provincial Grand Master said he had ex the same difficulty on this as on former occasions ing the brethren to fill the different offices in the P Grand Lodge. At the present time there were Past Masters on the roll, of whom upwards of 10 been in office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. H there were 28 new Past Masters, and of course it possible to find offices for more than half that Some of the Past Masters eligible had been on hi appointment five years, and it had been suggeste that he should put into operation the new Book stitutions, so far as related to the appointment of who would rank as Provincial Grand Officers in way as those holding higher offices. He had experiment, and he should do his very best to equitable and fair distribution of the honours. C then announced that he had appointed as S.W. B Bromley, desiring to mark his approval of the v interest which he (Bro. Bromley) had taken, no the new Gordon Lodge, 2149, of which he was th but also in the old Menturia, of which he was a P





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| Rev. G. Tuthill 696 | - | Chaplains |
| Rev. F. E. Waters 418 | - | Chaplains |
| F. Brandon 418 | - | Registrar |
| J. Bodenham 726 | - | Treasurer |
| W. Cartwright 460 | - | Secretary |
| H. Hare 1060 | - | Senior Deacon |
| Capt. F. Morgan 1838 | - | Junior Deacon |
| B. H. Brough 514 | - | Superintendent of Works |
| T. E. Fowke 726 | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| F. Woolley 726 | - | Assist. Director of Cers. |
| G. Buttery 1941 | - | Sword Bearer |
| J. R. Leo 1792 | - | Standard Bearers |
| J. T. Snape 460 | - | Standard Bearers |
| H. Hartland 662 | - | Organist |
| E. H. Croydon 460 | - | Asst. Secretary |
| T. B. Cull 1587 | - | Pursuivant |
| F. Perkins 1039 | - | Assistant Pursuivant |
| H. Bagguley 460 | - | Tyler |
| R. A. Willcock 419 | - | |
| T. Rigby 726 | - | Stewards |
| D. Batkin 726 | - | Stewards |
| Pierpoint 98 | - | Stewards |
| J. Wooldridge 726 | - | |

"At two o'clock the Lodge adjourned, in order that the rethren might attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, which they walked in procession from the Shire Hall. he lewises who joined the procession and carried the olume of the Sacred Law were H. Fowke, J. H. Mottram, . B. Mottram, and G. T. Batkin. The prayers were read the Rector, the Rev. D. R. Norman, the first lesson by e Rev. T. Lloyd, and the second by the Rev. F. H. avan. The sermon was preached by Worshipful Bro. e Rev. G. Tuthill, Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took for s text Luke xi. 2, "Our Father, which art in heaven." e insisted upon the fact that Nature and revealed religion owed that there was a tie between men and a Supreme ing, and that that relationship was that of children to a ther. This text suggested to them the two great truths the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and hoped it might be long before Masonry ceased to recogze those great truths. He urged them to assist one other, to be courteous to all, and at the same time to be sons of thunder" in reproving vice and encouraging rtue. The amount of the collection was £7 5s 10d. At e close of the service the brethren returned to the Lodge d resumed business. The following grants were voted: Fifty guineas to the Masonic School for Girls; £10 10s be given annually) to the B Fund of the Staffordshire sonic Charitable Association. On the motion of Bro. l. Gough, seconded by Bro. E. Roberts, a vote of thanks s accorded to Bro. Tuthill for his sermon. It was cided to contribute £3 3s to Eastgate-street schools, fford; £2 2s to the fund of the Sunday and day schools the parish of the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. G. Tuthill; 2s to St. Chad's; and £2 2s towards windows to be ced in St. James's Church, Longton, as memorials of the e Bro. the Rev. Adam Clarke, rector of Longton, a mer P.G. Chaplain. Lodge having been closed, the thren adjourned to the Assembly Room, where a most uptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Mundy of the an Hotel. The loyal toasts were drunk with much rtiness. Brother F. James gave the toast of the st Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of narvon, with which was coupled the V.W. D.G.M. the l of Lathom, and other Officers of Grand Lodge present l past, whom he (Bro. James) highly complimented on ir devotion to the interests of the Craft. Bro. F. Gough P.G.S.B. responded. In the course of his remarks he l there was the same difficulty with regard to appointts in Grand Lodge as in Provincial Grand Lodge: y could not all be Wardens, and with reference to the er offices he considered that an invitation of a brother oin the ruler of the Craft in carrying on the work and erning the Province should be regarded as an absolute imperative command which proper discipline and sonic feeling should compel them cheerfully to obey. . Gough then proceeded to propose the health of the V. P.G.M., which was drunk with enthusiasm. Col. lor, in reply, said Col. Gough was the first to give him appointment in Prov. Grand Lodge, and they had ays worked harmoniously together. Since he (Col. lor) had been P.G.M., Col. Gough had rendered him y possible assistance. Touching upon the subject of officers, and had only had reason to complain of the conduct of two or three out of that number. —Bro. Barker submitted the toast of the D.P.G.M., which was heartily received, and to which Colonel Gough suitably responded. He observed that he visited different Lodges without giving them warning, and seldom saw anything to complain of, and he believed that they would all admit that when he did call attention to any little irregularity he always endeavoured to blend the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*—a remark which was endorsed by the applause of the brethren present. The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province was the next toast, which was proposed by the P.G.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Wooldridge. Bro. Lewis proposed the health of "The newly-appointed P.G. Officers," for whom Bro. Bromley responded. Bro. the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, P.G. Chaplain for Suffolk, replied to the toast of The Visitors. He mentioned that he arrived at Stafford on the previous day, and should have been a stranger amongst strangers, but he visited the Staffordshire Knot Lodge and found himself with brothers, who welcomed him cordially amongst them. Amidst all the questions which divided men, it was a treat to meet on the platform where they practised brotherhood. Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd, in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed The Masonic Charities. Bro. N. Joyce (726) responded, and in the course of his remarks, he mentioned that he was one of the originators of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and was glad to find that the Province of Staffordshire was not behind any other in enthusiasm for the Charities. Bro. E. H. Thorne gave the toast of The Stewards, for whom Bro. Rigby responded. Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry gave the toast of The Ladies, of whom there were several in the gallery at each end of the room. Bro. Moss responded, and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. The pleasure of the company was materially enhanced by the excellent vocal music supplied by the Stafford Glee Union.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Grand Lodge of this Province met at the Philharmonic Hall, Above Bar, Southampton, on Thursday afternoon, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) in the chair. There was an unusually large attendance. The minutes of the last Lodge and of various committee meetings were confirmed, and from the Report of the Charities Committee it appeared that during the year one brother from this province had been placed on the funds of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. The province had also been successful in securing the election of three boys and four girls to the Schools connected with the Craft. The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (W. Bro. R. J. Rastrick) showed that during the year, after payment of £156 in charitable contributions, the funds in hand had increased from £193 to £378. This, however, included the repayment of a £100 Southampton pier and harbour bond, and it was resolved that this amount should again be invested in some suitable security. The accounts were passed, and W. Bro. R. J. Rastrick was re-elected, with acclamation, as Grand Treasurer. On the motion of W. Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M., it was resolved to alter the bye laws so as to provide for the annual payment of a donation of twenty-five guineas to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. On the proposition of W. Bro. Wyatt P.P.S.G W., the sum of £20 was voted to the widow of a deceased brother; and a donation of ten guineas was voted to each of the three central Charities, and also to the Provincial Charitable Institution, on the suggestion of W. Bro. Robertson P.M. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre 130 | - | Deputy Grand Master |
| George Dunlop 1360 | - | Senior Warden |
| Lord John Taylour 608 | - | Junior Warden |
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| John Brickwood 342 | - | Junior Deacons |
| J. Lowe 175 | - | Junior Deacons |
| J. Gibson 694 | - | Superintendent of Works |
| Francis Powell 2153 | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| H. P. Arthur 359 | - | Deputy Director of Cers. |
| J. Bailey 1884 | - | Assistant Director of Cers. |
| W. J. Rix 1331 | - | Sword Bearer |
| W. Farrance 132 | - | Standard Bearers |
| H. Kimber 804 | - | Standard Bearers |
| J. Jackson 1428 | - | Pursuivant |
| J. T. Burchett 1883 | - | Assistant Pursuivant |
| Pidgeon 1869 | - | Organist |
| S. Clarke 130 | - | Stewards |
| J. C. Burbage 319 | - | Stewards |
| F. Sanders 342 | - | Stewards |
| J. Palmer 2068 | - | Stewards |
| D. G. Gilmour 309 | - | Stewards |
| J. Exell | - | Tylers |
| R. Eames | - | Tylers |

The Prov. Grand Master said a very pleasant duty now devolved upon him. They all knew that their present Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Le Feuvre) had for very many years filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, and discharged the duties of that office in a most exemplary manner. He referred to the arduous character of the duties of the P.G. Sec., and said they were highly indebted to Bro. Le Feuvre, who had given the most careful and praiseworthy attention to the business of the province, and had made himself acquainted with the business of the various Lodges. He had gained the good-will of every brother in the province, and when he retired a general wish was expressed that some slight recognition should be made of his services. It must not be supposed that the testimonial which he was about to present could be regarded as a fitting recognition of those services, but it would be a slight testimony of the regard entertained for Bro. Le Feuvre by the brethren of the province. Having expressed the great pleasure it afforded him, as P.G. Master, to act as spokesman on behalf of the brethren, he then presented to Bro. Le Feuvre a very handsome silver tea service, together with a cheque for £50. W. Bro. Le Feuvre, in acknowledgment of the gift, assured the brethren that he sincerely appreciated their kind testimony, and any work which he had done for the benefit of Masonry in the province he had carried out cheerfully and to the best of his ability. It was a great satisfaction to him to be able to transfer the secretary's work to one who would carry it out, not only as well, but better than it had been done in the past. By their kindness he was now in a position to hand over the sum of £50 to the Provincial Masonic Charity, and he had great pleasure indeed in doing so, as he felt sure that the work in connection with that Association would be well done. Their kind present would be an incentive to him to do more on behalf of Masonry in this province. W. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, on behalf of the institution, thanked Bro. Le Feuvre for his generous gift, and the Lodge was then closed. A large number of the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Rooms, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Dartnall, of High-street, Southampton.—*Portsmouth Times.*

## PROV. G. LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge held its Annual Meeting at Taunton, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the day being exceptionally fine there was a large attendance, nearly 200 brethren being present. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon presided. There were also present the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Else, and Bro. Col. Adair, and upwards of 50 officers of the province. The following appointments were made:—

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| Bro. Elworthy 261 | - | Senior Warden |
| Wichstead 1223 | - | Junior Warden |
| Rev. R. W. M. Eyre 1199 | - | Chaplains |
| Rev. Avery 251 | - | Chaplains |
| C. Edwards 1199 | - | Treasurer |
| W. Muller 976 | - | Registrar |
| J. C. Hunt 145 | - | Secretary |
| Chapman 291 | - | Senior Deacon |
| J. N. Milborne 329 | - | Junior Deacon |
| Ames 41 | - | Superintendent of Works |
| Glover | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| Lawrence 814 | - | Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| O'Connor Parnell 1833 | - | Sword Bearer |

## A WOMAN'S SPEECH ON MASONRY.

ON St. John's Day, June 1885, Bradford Lodge, No. 42, of Starke, Bradford county, Florida, celebrated the anniversary in a most interesting and profitable manner. To the toast "Women," Mrs. Hunter, wife of the Secretary, responded as follows: Worshipful Master, Brothers and Sisters:—Permit me, in the name of all the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons, to thank you for this, your kind expressions of sentiment and feeling, and I trust that you may ever find those of our sex who are in any way allied to you "help-meets indeed." It is true that your code of laws is so arranged that you do not permit us to enter within the veil to solve the mysteries that envelope the tie that binds you (for there has been but one Miss St. Leger, chronicled as a "Free and Accepted Mason,") but we can see the work and workings of the Order. "By their fruits shall ye know them." Yes, brothers, by their fruits. How silently cometh forth the leaves of the trees; first the bud, then the leaves and the blossom, and then the fruit. Silently does the Architect perform his work, but how effectual! So with Masonry; with a charity that vaunteth not, it distributes blessings on every hand, just as silently, but just as effectual. We cannot speak of the inner workings of the Order, but we can speak of its outside works. To-day thousands of widows and orphans are thanking God on bended knees for the blessed Order of Masonry. How many destitute widows have been sustained in their hour of trial by the kind and brotherly hand of Masonry! How many orphans have been reared and educated by the same power! How many weary beds of sickness and death have been attended by mercy in the form of Masonry—speaking in words of consolation, lifting up the fainting heart and almost despairing soul, and how many strangers' graves have been surrounded by sympathizing m urners, because the simple words "a brother," had been whispered! What other Order has remained intact (with but one Morgan) from the days of Solomon until now, and who can estimate the good that has been accomplished in all those years? None but the puissant Architect of it all. Sisters, let us thank God to-day that our husbands, fathers, brothers and sons are Masons. We can look at the future and "fear not," our king cometh and our protectors are always near.—*Liberal Freemason.*

## GLEANINGS.

California inscribes under the flap of the lambskin apron the date of the initiation, passing and raising of its members.

Freemasonry proposes to take man in his rude, unshapely state and mould him for nobler destiny.

Eminence in Masonic distinction, if reached by purity of purpose, is excelled by grandeur of character.

THE CRAFT TEACHING TRUTH.—Let us remember that hid in al sigus and sybols are indestructible truths. The rainbow, after the summer shower, is the promise that the earth shall no more be destroyed. In the dying grain on the ground is the vitality which lives again, life out of death, or immortality under the sign of the seed. These signs are lessons. They are warnings. Read them. Seek the subj ctive truths veiled in their obj ctive forms. Learn from them that perils ever abound. Be wise and know; to prevent is easier than to cure. Build up the waste places in our temple. Guard its portals. Challenge intruders. Stop the way of innovation. Reject appeals to any sentiment, or emotion, or weakness, which may impair the integrity of Masonic usages, customs, and landmarks. Stedfastness and security are co-relative. The strength, beauty and majesty of Freemasonry lie in its unchangeableness. Antiquity is the seal which attests its title. Let us preserve it. This age holds it only in trust for the coming time.—*Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux.*

The precepts of Masonry, if obeyed, will make any man a good father, faithful husband, and affectionate son.

A bad man will never make a good Mason, nor thoughtless brethren ever reach a point of excellence by indifferent work.

Masonry inculcates love to the human species as the certain indication of uprightness; it teaches that without this love we are nothing.

To make Freemasonry prosper, let every brother show the world how good a man he can be. A man is judged by the company he keeps; so let our actions be our good examples.

Not to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve. This applies to that strict sense of duty which equal justice demands at the hands of a Master, that favour is not to bias or influence him in any manner in the administration of the affairs of his Lodge, and whereby one brother may receive favour to the detriment of another.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law. By his tenure; that is, by his profession, he is to observe and live in obedience to those laws prescribed by Divine and human authority for his temporal being. They are to be the rules which are to govern and regulate his actions and doings with his fellow man, conducive to mutual interest and happiness, aiming to the well-being of society.

In Masonry, an official act is said to be done, according to the rank of the person who does it, either in ample form, in due form, or simply in form. Thus, when the Grand Lodge is opened by the Grand Master in person it is said to be opened in ample form; when

rue Mason believes in a Supreme Intelligence which and animates all nature—the Infinite One—and will pay t reverence due from a creature to his Creator. Nor will he ıame by which He is known to us in a light and trifling

lasonic curiosities deposited in the Masonic Temple, New y, have been catalogued, and they fill a pamphlet of twelve cluding Masonic medals, jewels, collars, aprons, autographs, ), diplomas, certificates, warrants, &c.

ıst is Masonically styled the place of light, a figure that is ɔns to require illustration. It is in the East that "the ɔors of sunrise" open. Thence the god of day comes forth the silence, coldness, and darkness of night. The benighted , chilled with night dews and melancholy with its ghostly turns his eyes longingly towards the East, and impatiently ıs the dawn. So with those who feel the intellectual loneli- darkness of their nature; they turn wishfully to the moral heavenly East, the source of mental illumination.—*Morris.*

ike to see Masonic work done in a careless, indifferent and manner. Occasionally we have witnessed a rendition of ıs which was far from pleasant because the Officers were not f the situation. They did the work in a halting and em- way, as if they were not sure of the requirements they ointed to teach and illustrate. It takes away both the l effectiveness of any Masonic service when mistakes are and when, evidently, there is little intelligent thought or ss directing the ceremony. Knowledge, confidence, clear- pression, promptness of action—these are essential to the lering of the work so that it shall be duly impressive and e.

hat brethren might be temperate in all things. The keep- late hours at the Lodge room is an excess that ought to d against. It were better to begin at an early hour and ɔod season, rather than follow the course pursued in some where a late commencement is made, and therefore the are detained to an unreasonable limit. Masonry will be ected in the home and in society, while it will be more ts members, if good sense be called upon to determine what h of its meetings shall be and brethren conform to a ɔus established.

is heaven's first law," said Pope. Certainly order is one t essentials to the successful administration of Lodge affairs. g ought to be arranged and systematized in a way to avoid In the work of a Lodge let the demands of time and place ized, so that a regular course of procedure may be followed to last. Thus will the best effects be produced and the ort succeed. But *fussiness* is not necessary to the main- f good order. The manifestations of preparation—of ınd direction—should be as few as possible. If the mech- oncealed all the greater will be the effect. Let as much y as possible attend the rule of order that should have pre- ce in every Masonic body.

ECT.—The name by which the architect of Cologne Cathe- ignated in the contract for the work is *Magister Lapicida*, stone-cutter; and Ruskin in his "Seven Lamps of Archi- says: "This was the usual Latin term throughout the ɔe." The architect of the 14th century portion of Notre is, is styled in French merely *premier masson.*—*William han.*

sm is one of those peculiar outbreaks of ill-regulated minds n periodically to affect humanity. It has marked human riously enough from the first, and has even disgraced Of course, to some, religion itself is fanaticism; but we ing of that hopeless, and excited, and intolerant spirit ies to another the right of private judgment, which sees od in any who happen religiously or politically to differ d which bans instead of blessing, and hinders instead of the progre s of religious toleration, and of the liberty of eemasonry has suffered much from fanaticism and fanatics ies and at the present hour, but knows nothing of it itself, , and condemns it. Freemasonry avows toleration for all, s ever to lay down the great, though sometimes forgotten the world is wide enough for all religious bodies, and that ighting with one another and cursing one another, they had in one common crusade against evil, ignorance, suffering, nt, and wretchedness, lying, like Lazarus, at their very

MBULATION.—If this long word be reduced into its simple expresses only a going around, or walking around. It e processions in the heathen temples on stated occasions. d that these processions always moved from east to east, nus, that is to say, they went from east to west, and then o east again, ending where they began in the east, and the course of the sun. But though this rule was common, exceptions, though no doubt the very frequent use of ıy gave rise eventually to the word. It is probably more say, that the habit of circumambulation is a relic of rship, though there is no meaning of course in its special ger. In certain ceremonies of Freemasonry a modified umambulation or processional is used, though simply on inciples. Any attempted explanation of our present based on any old-world ceremonial, is in our opinion extreme. We may observe that circumambulation, in ɔnal phasis, is common to several Christian churches, as vas to the heathen temple worship. There is an innocent

## MRS. CAUDLE ON FREEMASONRY.

BY THE LATE BRO. DOUGLAS JERROLD.

*Caudle has been made a Mason. Mrs. Caudle indignant and curious.*

"NOW, Mr. Caudle—Mr. Caudle, I say: oh! you can't be asleep already, I know. Now, what I mean to say is this; there's no use, none at all, in our having any disturbance about the matter; but, at last my mind's made up, Mr. Caudle; I shall leave you. Either I'll know all you've been doing to-night, or to-morrow morning I quit the house. No, no; there's an end of the marriage-state, I think—an end of all confidence between man and wife—if a husband's to have secrets and keep 'em all to himself. Pretty secrets they must be, when his own wife can't know 'em. Not fit for any decent person to know, I'm sure, if that's the case. Now, Caudle, don't let us quarrel; there's a good soul, tell me what's it all about? A pack of nonsense, I dare say; still—not that I care much about it—still, I *should* like to know. There's a dear. Eh? Oh, dont tell me there's nothing in it; I know better; I'm not a fool Mr. Caudle; I know there's a good deal in it. Now, Caudle; just tell me a little bit of it. I'm sure I'd tell you anything. You know I would. Well?

"Caudle, you're enough to vex a saint! Now, don't you think you're going to sleep; because you're not. Do you suppose I'd ever suffered you to go and be made a Mason, if I didn't suppose I was to know the secret too? Not that it's anything to know, I dare say; and that's why I'm determined to know it.

"But I know what it is; oh yes, there can be no doubt. The secret is, to ill-use poor women; to tyrannize over 'em; to make 'em your slaves; especially your wives. It must be something of the sort, or you wouldn't be ashamed to have it known. What's right and proper never need be done in secret. It's an insult to a woman for a man to be a Freemason, and let his wife know nothing of it. But, poor soul, she's sure to know it somehow—for nice husbands they all make. Yes, yes, a part of the secret is to think better of all the world than their own wives and families. I'm sure men have quite enough to care for—that is, if they act properly—to care for them they have at home. They can't have much care to spare for the world besides.

"And I suppose they call you *Brother* Caudle? A pretty brother, indeed! Going and dressing yourself up in an apron like a turnpike man—for that's what you look like. And I should like to know what the apron's for? There must be something in it not very respectable, I'm sure. Well, I only wish I was queen for a day or two; I'd put an end to Freemasonry, and all such trumpery, I know.

"Now, come, Caudle; don't let's quarrel. Eh! You're not in pain, dear. What's it all about? What are you lying laughing there at? But I'm a fool to trouble my head about you.

"And you're not going to let me know the secret, eh? You mean to say—you're not? Now, Caudle, you know it's a hard matter to put me in a passion—not that I care about the secret itself; no, I wouldn't give a button to know it, for it's all nonsense I'm sure. It isn't the secret I care about, it's the slight, Mr. Caudle; it's the studied insult that a man pays to his wife, when he thinks of going through the world keeping something to himself which he won't let her know. Man and wife one, indeed! I should like to know how that can be when a man's a Mason—when he keeps a secret that sets him and his wife apart? Ha, you men make the laws, and so you take good care to have all the best of 'em to yourselves; otherwise a woman ought to be allowed a divorce when a man becomes a Mason. When he's got a sort of corner-cupboard in his heart—a secret place in his mind—that his poor wife isn't allowed to rummage!

"Caudle, you shan't close your eyes for a week—no, you shan't—unless you tell me some of it. Come, there's a good creature: there's a love. I'm sure, Caudle, I wouldn't refuse you anything—and you know it, or ought to know it, by this time. I only wish I had a secret! To whom should I think of confiding it, but to my dear husband? I should be miserable to keep it to myself, and you know it. Now, Caudle?

"Was there ever such a man! A man, indeed! A brute! Yes, Mr. Caudle an unfeeling, brutal creature, when you might oblige me, and you won't. I'm sure I don't object to your being a Mason; not at all, Caudle; I dare say it's a very good thing; I dare say it is—it's only your making a secret of it that vexes me. But you'll tell me—you'll tell your own Margaret? You won't! You're a wretch, Mr. Caudle.

"But I know why; oh, yes, I can tell. The fact is you're ashamed to let me know what a fool they've been making of you. That's it. You, at your time of life—the father of a family. I should be ashamed of myself, Caudle.

"And I suppose you'll be going to what you call your Lodge every night, now. Lodge indeed! Pretty place it must be, where they don't admit women. Nice goings on, I dare say. Then you call one another Brethren. Brethren! I'm sure you'd relations enough, you didn't want any more.

"But I know what all this Masonry's about. It's only an excuse to get away from your wives and families, that you may feast and drink together, that's all. That's the secret. And so abuse women—as if they were inferior animals, and not to be trusted. That's the secret; and nothing else.

"Now, Caudle, don't let us quarrel. Yes, I know you're in pain. Still, Caudle, my love; Caudle! Dearest, I say! Caudle!"

"I recollect nothing more," says Caudle, "for I had eaten a hearty supper, and somehow became oblivious."

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 28th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

## MONDAY, 30th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
145—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

## TUESDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1548—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

## WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
536—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1802—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1684—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann street, Rochdale
326—Mouira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 79 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

## THURSDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1558—O'Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1281—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
42—Westria, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
468—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
483—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Peckham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
971—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1071—Underley, Masonic Rooms, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1084—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1118—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1230—Castle, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1264—Tholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Lamont, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1470—Pendle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1560—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1564—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Barnsley
1573—Formby, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Salisbury, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1584—Llewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1800—Royal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1810—Sorrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
547—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
831—Rowlands, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitecompel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Pastoral Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

re C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
hagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
rnsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
rn, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
ent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

hip, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
ce, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
rge, Guildhall, Doncaster.
Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
ll, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

arden, Wellington Hall, Deal
an, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
n, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
asonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
mbe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
h, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
e of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
erity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
ce, Free masons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

## SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

ittee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
ster, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
ve Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
n, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
k, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
e of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

lbert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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'.—After Mr. Willie Edouin's long run of ill-luck it is a ave to record that success has at length been achieved is has resulted by his producing two excellent pieces at le theatre. One of these, "Turned Up," was tried at a e Vandeville some time since, and was received so favour-. Edouin at once proceeded to secure a theatre, so as to un a summer season with it. This has been at the l with "Blackberries," by Mark Melford, to precede " provides one of the merriest entertainments that can en at the present time. Miss Alice Atherton impersonirl in the former piece with unequivocal success. The he songs allotted her—"Bees amongst the Clover," s of English Blue," and "Rover"—are each given in chanting manner, and are nightly encored again and ing more lively than "Blackberries" could be wished the help of Mr. Willie Edouin (Uncle Jim), Mr. Lytton Tate), Mr. W. Groves (Mr. Blindfold), Mr. Morton t Blindfold), and Miss Alice Chandos (Miss Blindfold), t opening pieces is sent along in double quick time. ' in three acts, by Mark Melford, follows. This work and the fun is kept up so well that not a dull moment Mr. Edouin, as Caraway Bones, is extremely funny; he orted by Mr. Lytton Sothern (George Medway), Mr. es (Captain Medway), Mr. Morton Selten (Mr. Nod . Alfred Bishop (General Baltic), Miss Zeffie Tilbury way), Miss Alice Chandos (Cleopatra), Miss Maude Baltic), Miss Emily Dowton (Mrs. Pannall), and Miss Mrs. Medway). In consequence of previous arrangeouin must retire from the Comedy shortly, but we hope asure of meeting him and Miss Atherton, with their any, at some other Metropolitan theatre, when we are present programme will hold the boards throughout ths.

As a preliminary step towards converting this magni- into a music hall, the management have provided an at summer prices, consisting of a concert, with ient and Mr. H. M. Imano as the principal vocalists, and ballets from "The Palace of Pearl," and a comic by Adolphe Adam from "Le Postillon de Lonjumeau," Maiden Wife." In this latter it was almost impossible e bright and charming music of Adolphe Adam on t was apparent at an early stage that Mdlle. Devrient fit for the part of Madeline. The music seemed too voice, while she was further taxed heavily by not art sufficiently. Mr. Henry Walsham, with his sweet y congratulate himself on having saved the piece from His rendering of the leading song — "The Gay gjumeau"—was perfection, and deservedly gained an . M. Imano as Bijou received an encore for his singing second act. Miss Kate James was spirited as Rose, id. Mr. Odell was the Marquis de Courcey. The

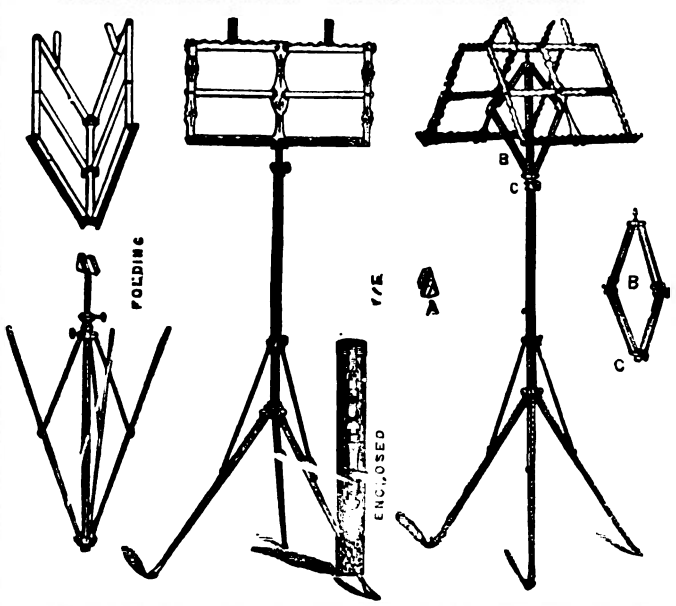
**Mohawk Minstrels.**—In days of yore the "merrie" men of Islington were always ready to take part in a roundelay or to listen to a plaintive ballad, and, if we judge by the attentive audiences that nightly listen to Islington's own Minstrel Troupe—the merry Mohawks—this love of their sires is well fostered and sustained by the present generation. The Mohawks returned to their headquarters—the Royal Agricultural Hall—on August Bank Holiday, and since then have drawn crowded audiences. The programme they now offer is well up to the high standard they have hitherto achieved. Their first part includes several very pretty ballads, and is brought to a conclusion by a lively sketch entitled "A New Year's Wedding." Messrs. Forman and Thomas, in the second part, prove themselves versatile musicians, extracting melody from most incomprehensible instruments. Messrs. Ray, Dwight, Ray, and Gilmour go through their entertainment with ease, and their dancing and grouping is very natural; while Mr. Johnny Danvers and Mr. Walter Howard add to the enjoyment of the audience. "A Lunatic's Paradise," by Mr. Frank Diamond, is well acted by the company, and this sketch brings a thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close. We offer a suggestion we feel convinced would meet with the approval of a vast number of the Mohawk's supporters, whose business avocations will not permit of their attending in the earlier part of the evening:—occasionally—say once a week—the programme should be reversed, by this means many who now miss the first part of the entertainment would secure the opportunity of listening to what a great many consider the best part of the present entertainment.


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## RAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ubt there were some among the readers of our t issue who viewed with alarm the insertion in ns of a report of the Quarterly Communication llation of Officers of the unrecognized Grand New South Wales, and their suprise will not be hen they see at the commencement of our present eading with which we introduce these remarks. ur intention here to discuss the rights or wrongs sion to which the Grand Lodge of England has regard to the recognition of the body styling Grand Lodge of New South Wales, suffice it for urposes that a decision of non-recognition has ed at, and as a consequence the Grand Lodge of h Wales is such only in name so far as the olding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England ned, while all its doings may be open to the n of clandestine and unconstitutional. In spite considerations we thought it desirable to insert and we are of opinion that the doings of our ethren as recorded therein are worthy of further t our hands. While it is true of these Austra s that it is not possible for them to command would appear they are making every effort to and if we may judge from the remarks of their head they are adopting the best method in their ot to secure recognition throughout the world endent Grand Lodge, at least to deserve recog- asons in the true sense of the word.

one paragraph in the speech of Dr. H. J. Tar- A., the M.W. Grand Master of New South ch, if acted upon, will do more to secure for s the fraternal regard of Masons throughout an any amount of unanimity on the question rument could accomplish, and although we dvise the brethren to continue their efforts in se solely in the hope of winning applause, we hem that a strict adherence to the two prin- eemasonry—Brotherly Love and Relief—will o the best results. The paragraph we allude which Bro. Tarrant refers to the necessity of monument to Freemasonry which would extend vidow and orphan in the moment of their dis- lia, at the present moment, is without any home here the aged or the young can receive the asonic charity, but if we are to put any faith nces of the many Colonial brethren who have aring the past few months, this omission on ll not long continue. We have heard several guests express admiration of the English titutions, and declare that on their return to of their adoption they would take steps to lar charities in order to afford relief to cases ss. The future alone can prove the genuine- utterances, but in the meantime we find that who have formed themselves into the independ- odge of New South Wales are seriously con- matter, so far as their colony is concerned. ready erected a Masonic Hall, and their chief

have not spared expense in erecting a home for themselves, they yet have a care for those of their members who, through calamity or misfortune, are placed in a position of dependence. He even goes to the extent of hoping that the coming year may be a memorable one, as witnessing the making of provision for the widow and orphan, by the establishment of such a Masonic charity. Can the true spirit of Freemasonry—even in an unrecognised Grand Lodge—go further? and is it fair to be obliged to treat those who so act as unworthy the name of brethren? We recognise the fact that laws must occasionally press heavily on those least deserving of it, and in this case we almost regret that custom on a matter of form—if we may so express it—ordains so heavy a penalty on the offenders.

It is proverbial that a new broom sweeps clean, but this does not entirely account for the action of the New South Wales Masons. They might express enthusiasm and promise far more than they could accomplish, but they already have something practical to point to, as evidence of their sincerity, in the Masonic Hall they have built for themselves. If only they will show as much energy in providing a home for their distressed fellows they will secure the recognition for which they crave—if not in deed, at least in spirit. We sincerely trust their efforts may be crowned with success, and that none of those who are now working in the good cause may ever need the benefits they are striving to establish.

We will leave that part of the Grand Master's address which has reference to the establishment of his Grand Lodge, and the efforts which have been made to secure for it the recognition of other supreme powers, and pass to other matters of a more general character. One prominent feature which strikes us is the custom adopted by the new body of having every Officer in a Lodge elected by his fellows, according to merit. It is not necessary that we should be understood to advocate a similar course merely because we devote some of our space to a consideration of it, but the system certainly strikes us as possessing much to recommend it. We should like to hear how it works in actual practice. All our ideas of Freemasonry have been formed on the basis of the principal Officers of a Lodge—excepting the Worshipful Master and Treasurer—being appointed by the ruler for the year, and any other course appears so much of a novelty as to leave us at a loss to imagine how our Lodges would be affected by such change. There is a wide diversity of opinion as to what constitutes merit in a Masonic Officer. Some would have us accept the definition in its literal sense, and would exclude from the list of those who merit preferment all who could not perform the ceremonies of Masonry, but we would treat the matter in a broader sense, and guage merit, not by the amount of ability displayed by a brother in the ritual of the Order, but by his general conduct as a Mason. True Masonic merit is as frequently found among those whose tuition perhaps will not allow them to excel as elocutionists as among those who have enjoyed the benefits of a college education, and it appears to us wholly wrong, and opposed to the spirit of Freemasonry, to reward a brother naturally gifted with a good memory and an easy delivery to the detriment of those not possessed of such advantages. If a brother proves that he is doing the best in his power for

have pointed out on many occasions in the past, something more than a knowledge of the ritual of Freemasonry is needed to constitute a ruler of a Lodge, and if this is the case with the Master, it is equally so with regard to the subordinate Officers. It is very difficult to decide on any rule to measure merit, and if each of the Officers of a Lodge had to be elected on such grounds, we imagine it would simply resolve itself into a system of individual expressions of opinion as to what constitutes merit. At the same time such elections would prevent those displays of favouritism which, though utterly opposed to Freemasonry, are none the less occasionally found to upset the harmony of our Lodges.

Passing on, we find Bro. Tarrant expressing the loyalty of his followers towards the empire of which their country forms a part. As he says, the fact of their establishing an independent Grand Lodge does not in any way affect their loyalty to the throne, and no doubt as an independent body they are as loyal as ever they were when recognising the home Grand Lodge as their head; indeed, the members of this officially unrecognised body had the honour of being first among the Freemasons of the colony to whom was accorded the privilege of welcoming to Australia the lately appointed representative of Her Majesty the Queen, and no doubt they fully recognised the honour thus conferred upon them. The Grand Lodge is in a healthy position, both numerically and financially, and, most important, its members are bound together in unity.

After congratulating his brethren on the several matters to which we have referred, the Grand Master drew attention to an abuse which he said was prevalent in the colony—and he might with equal justice have said all over the world. The abuse of which he complained was the use of some of the Masonic emblems as trade signs to attract attention, and he went so far as to trust that the subordinate bodies under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would make some provision in their bye-laws to erase the name of any brother from their list of members who descended to adopt such un-Masonic practices. This is a severe remedy for an almost universal practice, but there are no doubt many brethren, both in this country and abroad, who would agree with some such stringency in order to put an end to what they recognise as an abuse of the Craft. For ourselves, we think that the enforcement of such a rule would have no beneficial result, principally because we believe that a large number of those who exhibit Masonic signs in business are not Masons at all, but having strange ideas of the power of Masonry they do not hesitate to seek to benefit themselves by pretending to belong to it. How many Masons are there who patronise a place of business solely because of the square and compasses being displayed over the door? Have any of our readers ever been lured by the magic signs, or do they know of any brother who has? We are inclined to think not, and we believe if it were possible to form an opinion it would be found that the abuse complained of is really productive of more harm than good to those who adopt it, as it brings to their door the many in distress—Masons real or imaginary—who are continually travelling about in all parts of the globe. Ask a brother who displays the signs of Free masonry in business how many times he has secured a customer through the display, and how many times his benevolence has been appealed to from the same cause, and we think the "abuse" will be looked upon as likely with extended knowledge to decrease rather than to increase.

In concluding our remarks we feel we owe some thanks to the brother on whose utterances we have so largely drawn. We fully recognize him as a brother possessed of the true spirit of Freemasonry, and we feel the mere fact that he is outside the official recognition of our ruling authority is insufficient reason for treating his utterances, and the efforts he is evidently making to extend Freemasonry, with contempt. No doubt there are many men inside the recognised circle who are equally as worthy and equally as active, but the opportunity of judging them has not so readily presented itself; besides, we think that a better acquaintance with those outside the charmed circle may prove interesting and beneficial to all concerned. Of one thing we are assured,—the Masons of New South Wales, whatever their faults, have the heartiest good wishes of their English brethren in so far as their desire to extend the principles of Masonic Charity is concerned, respect has been followed by each of the other sections of Australian Freemasonry.

## NOT FOR NAUGHT.

FREEMASONRY, whatever its early history may be, and whatever vital force and self-perpetuating power may be argued from its survival, as is claimed, from the mysticism of the remote past, derives its highest claim to consideration from the relation it has been able to maintain and now holds to the new civilization, undisturbed by the revolutions of thought and theory that have made and unmade doctrinal religions and created new schools of doubt and atheistical uncertainty.

At no other time than now, and in no other country than this, has general knowledge been so universal, scientific attainment so extended, or the course of speculative inquiry been followed with more freedom and persistence, and yet we find the Order, here and now, at its highest range of prosperity—never more respected by those not of its members, or so beloved by those of its Fraternity. Our membership, increased by selection by the most crucial test, has grown in numbers formidable to ourselves, and suggestive of power, however unconscious and unexercised that might well excite attention and apprehension from those without. Yet so well has the Order preserved its characteristics of universality, uprightness of purpose, and broad benevolence, that no fear is felt, no jealousy is excited, and the cementing tie has become a synonym for true, unselfish brotherhood and charity, and it is regarded as no unworthy ambition which inspires us to become known as Masons good and true, and worthy of our Order. To what may we attribute this condition of prosperity? We are like as other men are? We have come into the Order from worthy motives, without solicitation, and by selection, it is true, but with no previous knowledge of that upon which we engage, and we are without power to change or control it from the accepted ways. The Architect has planned our work, and only by following His designs can we preserve the harmony of the edifice. To depart from the plans he has prepared would destroy and bring to naught that which we would seek to upbuild. Our individuality is lost in the general characteristics of the whole, and in our brief day of action we cannot seek to change that which is given us to preserve. May we believe that this Institution which has been so handed down to us, and which we are engaged in preserving and handing down to those who shall come after us, is founded in those elements of unchangeable truth that find their resting place in every heart, uninfluenced and undisturbed by every storm of passion, doubt and unbelief? That while the progress of free, untrammelled thought has wrought its change in creed and practice, in national life and government, in the very forms and ways of society and private life, Freemasonry, holding its unaltered course, teaching its old familiar lessons of duty, charity and faith, but firmly fixed to the ancient landmarks, and regarding neither the times nor the seasons, the passions nor prejudices of men, has demonstrated that it supplies a primal human need, and conforms to the most powerful instincts of the human heart. In our complex civilization we often find the circumstances of experimental progress at variance with our native needs, and while the shifting scenes revolve about us, we turn to the simpler past, where the emergencies of life alone were thought to justify new laws and methods, for rest and guidance.

Of the social state of primitive man, we have evidence in the records of the more advanced societies, of their observations on the life and laws of those more rude, and everywhere we find the germ of compact a vital moving force. At first, the family, with its properties, its laws, its power all centred in the patriarchal head, the needs of every member supplied from the common source, and the lives of each devoted to the maintenance of the family unit, and each protected by the strength of all. The individual died, the family remained, increased and grew in power. The world was made up of families, the tie of blood forming the common bond of safety and support. As generations passed, the family grew strong in numbers and possessions, and the numbers of these compacts, increased

n is ever the impulse, the motive, which supports
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sympathy in the great task of existence, and
nd it in the family compact. These insulated
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f mankind. We find the truth still further
y the process of accretion, other than by birth,
e families. By the practice of adoption, the
en in birth and blood, was admitted into and
d with the original brotherhood. The compact
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engrafted. And so again it was in tribe and

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ower and government which appeared when
me combined in tribes. A despotic power was
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hout increased the force within—but in the
ir strength combined, this power was modified
d by the counsels of the elders and the common
which all members of the tribe, by birth, and
joined. But with the growth of wants came
nen wars, and exile, and captivity—the tie of
nship, weakened by excess of fiction, and by
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or that our Order had its origin in the early
before its history began. If it has filled a
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But more than this we claim. This need
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It teaches love and fellowship—the ever-present wants and longings of our nature—extended and comprising the multitude of all the brotherhood, as though again all were but members of one family.

Love, indeed, we have, as from the gentle mother o'er her babe, returned with the first dawn of thought—celestial rapture falling out of heaven, the essence of divinity, expanding and unfolding as the life expands, enwrapped about the home, the early friends, the toys, the very work and cares of youth. The angelic passion comes and fades, but over all the love light of the soul ever reaches outward, for ever enlarging its circles, as the light of the sun of the universe, permanent and unchanging, shedding its first rays o'er friends and objects most familiar—we bring within its range the universal brotherhood, and the kindly gleam, purified and impersonal, falls o'er all, and the sweet harmony of brotherly love, which we must ever cherish, finds its reponsive chord in every soul.

With love comes fellowship—less of the soul, more of the human—but the love, pure and exalted, that embraces the unknown, has fitted us for that great human passion. Does it not argue much for the wisdom and strength of the principles on which we rest, that we so early learn to cherish the belief that within our numbers there are no strangers—none who stand without, unbidden to cross the threshold of the heart—that we are all brothers with a common home, a common thought, and with the warm impulse ever ready to extend and take the cordial grasp—the symbol of affection and fraternity. We meet as strangers of the world may meet, without desire to change that cold relation—we read the language of the Order, and the heart throbs faster, the blood flows quicker to the grasp, the eye lights up with kindly interest, the barrier is down, the sympathies go forth, and we have found a friend, selected and cut out of the great mass, tried and purified, unknown but now, and now well known as though by years of wear and use, who has, with us, a corner of his life shut out from selfishness and strife, distrust and passion.

"The fountains of our hiddden life
Are through our friendships fair."

And there is that within our Order that makes us worthy friends. The elements of friendship are always truth and tenderness, and to be good and true are the first lessons we are taught in Masonry. Truth, sincerity, integrity of heart and life and memory are characteristic of the Masonic friendship. Where else can we so freely repose the keeping of our honour, our interests, our hopes and fears, as under the Masonic shield? We stand erect within our halls, equal among ourselves, with none to fear or favour, with the same obligation resting over all; hypocrisy and simulation are put aside, and we may be sincere, as each is ever with himself. Elsewhere it is not so. In business life, and in society, we ever wear the mask, we court and fawn, we exercise command—we act our part, and watch the way our fellows act out theirs—all conscious we are actors in the play, and laugh or grieve, with farce or tragedy, as go the times. And then of tenderness. The strong hand reaches forth to stay the falling, to support the weak; the destitute, the helpless sick are cared for. These are common virtues, but the tender pity—the fidelity with which the erring brother's secret is preserved, his grief respected, and his sufferings relieved without publicity or shame—may clothe the coarser grace with the fairer gift of friendship. The right hand may not know the other's act, and mercy joins with charity to throw the kindly mantle o'er the broken vow and the repented wrong, while the wandering feet are tenderly led back to bidden paths. We dwell but lightly on each other's faults and foibles, and make our fellowship our aid and comfort in the rough and thorny passages of life and death, and in our joy and sorrow finds its wealth of sympathy an unmixed blessing.

Freemasonry teaches justice, uprightness of action, the moral virtues, on which we rest our manliness and self-respect. And what more sterling qualities can be grouped about the character of man, subject as we all are to the influence of passion, the weakness of desire, the temptations of necessity, and love of gain and the delights of life? 'Tis true it teaches these in common with all moral schools, but none the less its work is being done in this great field of training men to so adjust their lives that progress may

towards each other, and displace the distrust and fear which seem our normal state, with frank and open confidence, born of our knowledge of the mutual compact, and that we all must follow these same rules, we honour our profession, and extend its power and influence in the great practical world without, where the good or evil of every act or thought is judged most by its present effect and relation to the passing moment.

We extend our individual range of action, and accept within its limits, with safest trust, the tried and worthy members of our Order, in multitudes so numerous that life were all too short to test them for ourselves; and so our world grows broader, and more full of safe delights that well reward the honest zeal and toil in man's behalf.

The better we have learned these lessons, the more respect and kind regard may those without have for us in the Order, and while we rate the worldly, manly virtues as less than many truths we are taught and strive to practise, may we not claim that we have in this respect deserved of those by whom these virtues best are seen and most esteemed, that meed of praise which throngs our halls with eager applicants?

The social law seeks to enforce an honest conduct, and an upright dealing, by force of interest, the power of restitution, and public and disgraceful punishment, and yet, with all its force and power, the mutual compact may exceed it all, and, as a mighty lever, move the conscience to highest justice or self-sacrifice—and this without the power to enforce one simple element of all our teaching.

We do not recognize the disturbances of business life within our lines of discipline, and yet, who of us cannot remember many instances within his observation, where our rules of faith and conduct have proved more weighty arguments for right and truth than force or law? And if we can attain that high plane of morality in life where right and truth never need be sought for by compulsion, with what respect we may regard ourselves, as worthy members (if we may be) of an Order, whose precepts followed, lead us up to common brotherhood with all the just. Yet while we may aspire to live exactly by the rule and precept of our law, 'tis still a task so difficult that there be few who may not from their fellows crave that mercy for their faults, that, seasoning justice, seemeth like an attribute of God Himself. And, after all, the present life, which, like a bubble on the stream, shrinks at the grasp, is all too small to limit to itself the teachings of our Order. It teaches trust in God—that God whom we, as Masons, reverence and serve—just, yet all merciful—infinite in power and wisdom, yet who troubleth Himself concerning the needs and wants of the least of us his creatures.

The wandering thought, uncertain where to rest in the great problem of the life eternal, has led to many a vain and profitless belief. The evidence of sense is claimed by some to be the proper limit of belief—that death ends all, and over all there is no power of good or evil—that it is folly to discuss that which we cannot feel or see. Again we're told 'twere best to think that life is all sufficient in itself—that there is some vague potency which makes all matter self-existent—that within this life we have our motives and rewards, and need not look beyond. And then, 'tis said, that there is nothing good or evil—that all the wondrous universe is an illusion—that heart and conscience are but idle fancies—that all are made to mourn—and on the stream of life there's naught but sorrow and uncertainty—that joy and pleasure are but delusions dogged by pain—that what is good is only seeming good, and that the best of all is not to be. And while there never was a time when the life beyond this life was not believed by most, there never yet has come to the world such evidence of that life as has satisfied all doubts. And so there is the endless speculation which has disturbed, and will disturb, the doubting mind, and creeds will change, and heavens be new—created to please the duller sense—and laws and rules be made to guide the anxious soul to heaven of its own choosing.

There are to us all things unattainable, though sought for with most earnest zeal and fond desire. As we are told that sweetest sounds may throng the air, but all above limit of our dull ears, however much we strive to listen, so there we ever pray to the Supreme Architect, knowing that who is the giver of all good, has not implanted in breasts the ardent desire for a life which cannot be— He who has so wisely planned the universe of suns stars, and worlds within our sight, but from which we shut out by every other sense—who did from chaos arra this world of ours, so wise in its design, with all its va parts so cunningly contrived, and wrought with transcendant skill that all the generations of mankind l but taught us how impossible it is for us to know understand it all—who wrought into being the wond organism of man himself, more wonderful than we ever know, and set the mind in operation—the reason will, subtle, elusive, always beyond our grasp—has performed this wondrous work for naught.

And while we are shut out from sight of all th beyond, and cannot see the Great Artificer hidden a our earthly sense, we know that He who planned i below has planned it all above—that He who handed d the tablets of His law of righteous life and being through His chosen messengers, revealed to us the ans to those questions ringing through the ages, Whence —whither shall I go? If a man die, shall he yet l And we rest on His great mercy, carrying out the He has prepared for us to do, according to the teachin our Order, relying on His word—listening not to the v uncertain doubts that seek to disturb our firm belie take away the groundwork of our hope—knowing while we labour in His Temple here, we but fit ours as living stones for that great Temple, not made hands, eternal in the heavens.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## NECESSITY OF LIBRARIES.

MASONRY has ever been a patron of knowledge, has deemed it not only a duty, but a privileg foster the liberal arts and sciences; and, as the hand of the DIVINE TEACHER, has ever taught men to belie the immortal doctrine of the "FATHERHOOD OF GO THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN." We claim that our Orc "ancient and honourable;" and if we are proud of its history, it certainly behoves its votaries to make use honourable means attainable to make sure that our So which has stood the test of time, shall move forward i future in all things which tend to the improvemen advancement of our brotherhood. The history of Ma proves that its votaries have ever been the promote progress and improvement, and that the human rac received and derived great benefit from the existence Order. No organization which history records ca claim to preserve the rights of the individual as doe Institution. As the roots of a thrifty tree stretch out the earth as widely as do its branches into the air, a come into relation with their surroundings, so does Ma interlace with, and take its form and pressure, its g and bent, from contemporaneous matters. The n Masonic books to obtain a comprehensive knowled the origin and progress pertaining to our Institution to learn of its growth and development, make appare necessity for the collection of Grand Lodge Libraries members of our Order can look into the medium printed page, which the authors and writers of th and present, making history, leave to the Fraterni each generation.

> "That place that does
> Contain my books, the best companion is,
> To me a glorious court, where hourly I
> Converse with the old sages and philosophers."

Although our ritual has been transmitted orally th many centuries, yet, to the student, Masonry, as a s and its early history, can only be imparted and trans through the books of our libraries. Unless it be the or National libraries, which are supported by liberal priations, the students of specialities and reference l the valuable libraries of Institutions specially devo the consideration subjects in which they are in quest formation and directly interested. To the enligh Mason knowledge is of the first importance. A li

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## "MUST DIG FOR IT."

NIC Lodges, to be efficient, must make their etings interesting. If there are no degrees to be or other Lodge work, let some Masonic question d; have a short lecture upon Masonic History, ism, or let the brethren be questioned and in- the ritualistic work. There is much to be d those qualified should be made teachers. A Most l Brother in another jurisdiction says, "Make e meetings as social, instructive and pleasant as Endeavour to make them specially attractive, so at every member, instead of dreading or forget- me of Lodge meeting, will look forward to it ant anticipations, and feel himself wiser and aving attended. Have some object in view, and some good in your collective capacity at every

Where this course is pursued, and the brethren quainted with Masonic law and the binding bligations, there will be fewer cases of failure to a Lodge summons; and when there is a failure, ng brother should be cited to show cause why he be dealt with. If the law was more strictly especially in Lodges located in the country and ns, there would be fewer charters forfeited or d. Masonry, in its beautiful ritual, uses a to impress great moral truths upon its initiates, is manner teaches them through the outward eking to influence their thoughts and feelings he avenues of both sight and hearing. Our cere- d symbolism point back to distant ages, the dim past, and help to form a strong chain of evidence at dim past our Fraternity had an existence. have consulted musty tomes and ancient manu- e revealed much to stimulate the Masonic student investigations for himself. Do not think that have Mastered the ritual of Masonry there is ore to learn. Without a knowledge of our sym- origin and teachings, the Mason loses much of ality of Masonry. It is a study that increases in we gain light; the more we learn the more we l to pursue our investigations. This all implies our, without which there can be no acquisition. pressive language of another, "The precious ore s not upon the surface, to be gathered by the loth; in masses of inexhaustible richness it is beneath, and we must dig for it." As Masonry med the science of symbolism, Masons should science a study.—*Zeloles H. Mason.*

## MASONIC JEWELLERY.

e sometimes surprised, and frequently amused, the variety of designs in the line of Masonic isplayed about the persons of our brethren. So e variety that one might be led to think that r had exerted all his skill in reproducing the the Craft. Every conceivable shape and form nto requisition to satisfy the demands of pur- rom the tiny slipper bearing the square and o the more expensive Maltese cross of the nplar, or the double eagle of the Scottish Rite. quency with which we come in contact with aring this class of jewellery has particularly ur attention, and led us to inquire, why so play of these emblems? Of what practical use nd what purpose do they serve?

, in our observations, that those who have long ers of the Fraternity, and those who have been y their brethren with high official station, are r these emblems in public. On the other hand, ted members are quick to patronise the jewel-

We have seen a brother raised to the sublime an evening, and the next morning appearing re and compass on his breast, and even known quietly sporting a square and compass on their necktie or scarf, and but a few days since observed a mammoth key-stone dangling from the waistcoat of an individual; all with the evident intention of attracting attention.

We confess that we are not adverse to seeing a neat Masonic charm when not worn too conspicuously, but this would also be true if it were any other class of jewellery. We know of cases where the wearing of these emblems has been of benefit to a person, but that they are constantly put to abuse there can be no reason for doubt. The wearing of them does not signify that the person is a Mason; any one can purchase them. Nearly every Masonic fraud wears these emblems in some shape or another, and the story of the Dutchman who did business "on the square," by the aid of a large square and compass on his person, each time fleecing those who patronised him, is not an old one. Ambitious storekeepers who cater for Masonic trade, are free to make use of these emblems.

We feel that we are safe in saying that eight out of ten who wear them do not know their significance, and would be unable to give an intelligent answer to the simplest question in our catechism. Our advice to the brethren is then, steer clear of those persons who make a lavish display of Masonic jewellery; give them a wide berth, for you will derive no benefit by communicating with them and you may be better off in pocket. The emblems of Masonry were never assigned for trading purposes, and the less they are worn the better we may distinguish the true Craftsman from the impostor.—*Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal.*

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We understand that Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, has been invited to stand as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, and that he has signified his willingness to allow himself to be put in nomination at the usual Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December. We shall be pleased to see him returned next spring—that is, assuming there will be a contest for the office, although at present we have not heard of another candidate for the post. Bro. Godson is well known, both in London and the Provinces, and he has long shown great interest in the doings of the Craft, as well in regard to the work of the several degrees as in the conduct of the Charities of the Order; socially, also, he holds a position which fully entitles him to recognition at the hands of his brother Masons.

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## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

### I.—Ability.

The men to rule our Lodges, and guide our Craft aright,
To note our Ancient Landmarks and keep them well in sight,
To grasp the reins of power with a firm but gentle hand,
And clothe in pleasant accents each law-compelled command,
Must be of sterling metal, and strong in wisdom's might,
Stern, stedfast, and courageous in the cause of Truth and Right—
Not led astray by passing gales of glowing words, or vain,
But 'midst the heat of argument can cool and calm remain.
Prompt to discern, and swift to curb each tendency to stray
From off the Level paths of the strict harmonious way;
Confirmed in moral principle, in every motive free—
Of such "*Ability*" should each Mason Ruler be.

### II.—Brotherly Love.

What diverse minds compose the Mystic Band,
In every Lodge, in every state or land!
The ardent man, of will and temper strong—
Swift to resent or deprecate a wrong.
The sanguine man—who reckons all complete,
Nor makes allowance for a chance defeat.
The cautious man, who thinks before he speaks,
And leaves effect until the *cause* he seeks.
The powerful man, who forges on ahead—
The timid man, quite willing to be led.
Let "*Brotherly Love*" but breathe its soft command,
And on the "Centre" each will clasp the hand.

—*Sydney Freemason.*

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# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

THE summer vacation, so general among the Metropolitan Lodges, had barely come to an end ere we were called upon to resume active duty as chroniclers of the Masonic events of our great city. The first installation this season at which our attendance was desired took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge celebrated their annual meeting at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. There was a large attendance of brethren, and many hearty greetings were exchanged among those who had been enjoying the brief respite from Masonic labours which the best of even an ordinary summer renders both desirable and enjoyable. The Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. F. Kimbell Worshipful Master, who was supported by the following Officers:—H. Seymour-Clarke S.W., J. Chamberlain J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Robson P.M. Secretary, H. Winkley S.D., C. Smith J.D., F. J. West I.G., E. J. Haviland D.C., W. Toombs Steward. The minutes having been confirmed, the installation ceremony was at once proceeded with, Bro. Seymour-Clarke being inducted into the chair by the outgoing Worshipful Master, who performed this part of his year's task with marked ability. He was assisted in his work by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who acted as D.C. In due course Bro. Clarke was saluted, and then he appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Chamberlain S.W., H. Winkley J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Robson P.M. Secretary, West S.D., Haviland J.D., A. Bryant I.G., Jackson D.C., W. Toombs Steward, Agers Organist, March Tyler. The Lodge was subsequently closed, but prior to this a jewel was presented to the retiring Master, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the Members of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, to Bro. F. KIMBELL P.M., as a mark of their esteem and regard for the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office. September 2nd 1886.

The jewel was very much admired, and Bro. Twinn, who manufactured it, was complimented on his work. The brethren then repaired to the banquet. Among the visitors present being Bros. J. G. Twinn S.W. 1306, G.T. Holdom W.M. 1306, C. Robson I.G. 960 and 820, R. W. Galer W.M. elect 1366, H. Brocklehurst J.D. 862, A. G. Watkinson 1728, H. Tyrer S.D. 1728, C. H. Harris S.D. 1599, S. East jun. 1348, J. Cox 813 1766, W. R. Nelson 2048, D. McNiven 1426, Thos. Henderson 606, J. J. Woolley P.M. 15, J. McLaren 115 (Colombo), G. Saling 205, Archer 1426, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed from the chair. In speaking to the first—that of the Queen and the Craft—the Worshipful Master said he did not approach it in any political sense. The Queen was the patroness of the Order, and was moreover the mother of the Grand Master of England, while other of her sons had taken a foremost part in the doings of the Craft. Indeed, through her youngest son—the late Duke of Albany—she had a particular claim on the members of the Lodge, who were honoured in being allowed to name it after His Royal Highness. Prince Leopold was remembered by all present as a most active worker in Freemasonry, and in many other spheres; while he was beloved by those who were associated with him in the various duties he set himself to perform. While wishing continued health to Her Majesty, he asked the brethren to couple with the toast success to the Craft. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was next submitted. The Worshipful Master referred to the admirable manner in which their ruler attended to his Masonic functions, and felt the brethren would agree with him that no better chief could be found than the Prince of Wales. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers next received their meed of recognition; and then Bro. Kimbell rose to submit the health of the present ruler of the Prince Leopold Lodge. He felt assured Bro. Seymour-Clarke would do far better at the head of affairs than he had been able to do in the same position during the past twelve months. Bro. Clarke had had long experience in Masonic duties, and had gained the satisfaction of the brethren in the many offices he had already filled in the Lodge. He did not think it was necessary to say more in submitting to the brethren the toast of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Seymour-Clarke felt his reply would be very much in the form of a stereotyped acknowledgement of kind wishes. He was but a young Mason, and felt that any merit he possessed was due to the attention he had given to Masonic study at the Lodge of Instruction associated with the Lodge of which he now had the honour of being the Master. In that Lodge of Instruction he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary for some years, and he was gratified to know that it still maintained a reputation for efficiency and correctness. During his occupancy of the chair of the Lodge he felt he might rely on receiving support from the Past Masters, and especially so from Bro. W. H. Myers, one of the founders, and now the father, of the Lodge. In conclusion he assured the brethren he should do his best to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as to promote happiness and prosperity. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Kimbell, and the toast having met with a hearty reception that Brother rose to acknowledge it. He thanked the Worshipful Master most sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial reception they had accorded it. If he [illegible] them satisfaction during his year of office he detailed the good work they were accomplishing. They were institutions and were rendering an immense amount of aid to in need of it. Bro. Galer responded to the toast, detailing was being done by the Charities, and urging his listeners t port them. The charity box having been sent round, it announced that its contents amounted to £1 6s 6d. Other on the list embraced the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Trea and Secretary, the Masonic Press, and the Wardens and Officers. Each of these was appropriately proposed and ack ledged, after which the Tyler gave the concluding toast, an proceedings were brought to a termination. An affecting inc occurred during the evening; Bro. Archer, one of the visitors, tried friend of Bro. Partridge, a deceased Past Master of Lodge, said he had some mournful intelligence to commu to the brethren around him. At the time of his death, would be fresh in the memory of all those he was then addre Bro. Partridge had left two sons, both of whom were promising who looked forward to being received into the Lodge of which father, during his Masonic career, was so distinguished a me Unfortunately, one of these sons soon followed his father t grave, and a fortnight since he (Brother Archer) received an t summons from the survivor, giving particulars of an alarming an illness from which he was suffering had assumed. He immed proceeded to Yarmouth, where the young man had repaired f benefit of his health, and five minutes after his arrival there h painful experience of seeing him breathe his last. Brother A who it is well known to every member of this Lodge has been and faithful friend to Bro. Partridge and his family, begge brethren to excuse the emotion which the recollection of his b friends caused, and which nearly overpowered him. In contin he said that the Past Master's jewel which the Lodge had pre to Brother Partridge on his retirement from the chair had, t the decease of all his representatives, come into his hands, a felt he could not do better than hand it over to the Wors Master of the Prince Leopold Lodge to deal with it as the me might hereafter decide.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place on Wedn the 25th August, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, there were present Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Or Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., F. W. Leaver Organist, and W Tyler; also Bros. George Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, F. J. P.P.G. Registrar Surrey, D. Guedella, R. W. Wilson, J. C. L E. C. Leaver, G. Holden, and E. D. L. Harvey. Lodge havin opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirme ballot was taken for the Rev. Edward Douglas Lennox Harvey, and John Wallace Watson, M.D., which proved unanimous i favour, and Mr. Harvey, being present, was duly initiate Freemasonry, the charge being subsequently given. Bro. G was raised. On the Lodge being resumed in the first Bro. W. G. Oates moved, in the name of Bro. J. D. Langton P.G.J.W. Surrey, who was unavoidably absent, the motio stood in his name, "That the day of meeting be altered fr fourth Wednesday to the second Saturday;" this was secon Bro. Blake and carried. Bro. Oates drew attention to the venience the brethren experienced in being present in Augu gave notice of motion as follows:—"That the regular meet the Lodge take place from March to July, instead of from A August. Bro. Ridpath was appointed Steward to represe Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent tution, and it was resolved that a second share in the L Masonic Benevolent Association be taken, the ten guinea obtained being placed on Bro. Ridpath's list. The name of tleman having been given in for initiation, the Lodge was cl perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet t

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—On Wed the 25th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbur Gregory occupied the chair of W.M., supported by Bros. Surridge, R. Ross, W. H. Ross, Silvester Treas., Dimsdal After preliminaries, Bro. Gregory rehearsed the cerem initiation, Bro. Messer acting as candidate. Bro. Silveste worked the fourth section of the first lecture. No other business off-ring, Lodge was closed. The brethren then ad to enjoy what has become a very pleasant feature of these m —an hour's musical enjoyment. Several of them gave e songs and pianoforte pieces. Brethren in the north of seeking instruction, with a pleasant hour or two's after amus will do well to attend this Lodge.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—A ing was held on Monday, 30th ult., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Stockhall J.W. 1677 W.M. S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge Secretary, White Deacon, I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of las ing were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Bro. Galer now took th

## A RIGHT PURPOSE.

must be regulated to make it most productive. omething must be purposed in the way of definite ishment. There must be an end or aim to which is directed, and there must be earnest endeavour g to well approved plans and methods. One reason ere are so many sad failures in life, is that people nsiderately, having no fixed purpose as to what ll do, and what they will refrain from doing. not lack ability; but they lack a strong power of nark a course and to walk in the way thus defined. hey are feeble in character, and vacillating and n in the conduct of life.

velop the possibilities of human nature and enable live at his best, it is essential that he should be l by a right purpose. The highest purpose he can l abide by is a determination to obey God, to keep heart pure, and to fitly discharge the duties of ife. Taking such a purpose for the working plan ndeavours, we shall be most likely to make some , and accomplish something of good for ourselves rs. Having such an aim we shall live for noble sed ends, for the cultivation of our own souls in es and excellencies of true manhood, and the ren- some practical help to our fellow-men that they me wiser and happier and better.

king any important step in life thought and should be exercised as to where the way leads and o be the chief object of pursuit. When a young ttracted towards the Masonic organisation and is perhaps, by some sudden impulse to seek admission mmunion, let him pause and ask himself the "What for?" Why should I connect myself h a society? What is the motive that impels That do I propose to do or obtain by means of such ee? If he is thinking of selfish considerations, of benefit, he should pause, for his heart is not right; being "duly qualified," even should he enter the y he will undoubtedly be greatly disappointed in ctations. The selfish motive may be of higher nd may appeal to the social, intellectual, nature. It may lead a man to apply for n within Masonic lines because he wishes to ends, to share in the sweet fellowship supposed mong Craftsmen; or because he thinks to derive d pleasure from Masonic law and teachings, or unfolding of the rich symbolism that attaches to m. A purpose resting on such a basis is not to be ed; it is altogether justifiable to seek a practical nce with Freemasonry looking for some enrich- haracter and life thereby. Much may naturally ted from its abundant ministries of social and ssing.

e nobler motive is that already indicated, a pur- nder some additional service to others by enter- he relations and making use of the helps which nry provides. He is best qualified to take his ong "Brethren and Fellows," who, being pos other essential requisites, is most desirous of e good as the doors of opportunity are opened to of making the world about him a little brighter by his endeavours.

passed the lines and become identified with the same purpose ought to be kept steadily in view. Masons who are without any just feeling of re- y as to what are the obligations put upon them membership in Lodge, Chapter or Commandery, ous stumbling blocks in the way of progress. absorb good but they do not dispense blessings; ecipients, not donors; and they fail to exper- ractical Freemasonry, for the reason that they are ed by a sufficiently worthy and earnest purpose. less, saturated in thought, heart and life with f the Institution, become its ideal representatives. for others, not for themselves only, and, being led continually by this grand purpose, they rise ere animal and selfish desires, and contribute to the amelioration of suffering and the progress

Gladly do they accept the obligations of re- furnished by Freemasonry, and thus more efficiently render the service to which they are called.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

## PRACTICAL MASONRY.

"PRACTICAL Masonry is enough for me" was the remark made by a Craftsman in our hearing not long ago. He had taken part in a conversation respecting Masonic symbolism and some of the underlying principles of the Institution, and had already expressed an opinion adverse to what he was pleased to designate as mere sentiment: then followed the declaration quoted. He wanted only a practical kind of Freemasonry. But what did he mean by the statement? Very likely he was thinking of what the system and the organization represent of fellowship, festivities, mutual helpfulness as between brethren strong and active, and perhaps the rendering of benevolent service at the call of a comrade in distress. All this is well. It does represent the practical side of our great Institution. But is all else of little or no worth? Is not the sentiment wrought into the very fibre of the Masonic system of value? The significant legends, lessons, and symbols, that constitute a vital part of the ritual and ceremony—are not these too of importance? Take away from Freemasonry its sentiment and it would lose both in power and attractiveness. Were it not something of a science and a philosophy, presenting and illustrating grand principles which underly right living, it would have far less glory than now. We may not be dreamers and sentimentalists in our interpretation of the teachings or the mission of the Masonic Fraternity; but while giving due heed to its practical side—to what is most tangible and direct in the expression of its life—we may also rejoice that its ministries are sufficiently broad and abundant to supply a nutriment craved alike by the intellect and the heart. Let us not ignore the sentiment of Freemasonry.—*Exchange.*

The children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls enjoyed a treat on Thursday, the 26th ult., when on the invitation of Brother Alderman Savory they paid a visit to his seat, Buckhurst Park. A special train conveyed the children, who were accompanied by Miss Davis and most of the assistant governesses, to Sunningdale, where a number of carriages were in waiting to convey the party to the park. Various amusements and boats were provided for the enjoyment of the guests and a pleasant time was spent by the children and those who accompanied them. Brother Savory expressed a wish that the visit might become an annual one, a wish which we are sure will be re-echoed by all who were present last week.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LATE HOURS IN FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The writer who last week addressed you on this subject has no doubt given good reason for many of the late meetings with which we are troubled in Freemasonry. If brethren would assemble at the proper time, and proceed to the work set out on the agenda as soon as they arrived, we should not hear so much of late finishes. If the start is made in proper time, there is little chance of the end being delayed beyond a reasonable hour.

There is, however, another matter to be considered, and to this you referred in your editorial. I mean the practice of crowding too much work into the few hours available for the meeting. A Worshipful Master, and those who advise him, should know how long the various ceremonies take, and should calculate accordingly, always remembering there may be brethren at the meeting whose desire it is to leave at a comparatively early hour. I think, perhaps, the whole subject resolves itself into a question of generalship on the part of the rulers of the Lodge.

Yours &c.

A LAY MEMBER.

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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lond under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownri C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master Surrey. He supported by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman as Deputy Gra Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain as Senior Gre Warden, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain as Jun Grand Warden, and the following Officers of Grand Lod Rev. J. N. Palmer Chap., D. P. Cama Treas., T. Fe Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Cle Sec., E. E. Wendt Sec. (German Correspondence), Bruce Seton S.D., Ralph Clutton J.D., J. E. Le Feu J.D., Sir Albert Woods (Garter) D.C., R. G. Glover D D.C., E. D. Davis S.B., A. Lucking Pursuivant, W. Perryman A. Purs., together with a number of P Grand Officers. The first business was the confir ation of the minutes, and these were disposed in due form, with the exception of that relat to a grant of £100 to an old member of the Lodge of dustry, No. 186, the Grand Secretary announcing that brother had died in the interval since the grant was sa tioned by Grand Lodge. The report of the Board Benevolence was then considered, and the recommendati contained therein (of which we gave a list in our issue) were agreed to. The Report of the Board of Gene Purposes was received and ordered to be recorded, up which Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board, propos according to the recommendation contained in the repo that a renewal of Messrs. Malby's lease should be gran by Grand Lodge. Bro. Fenn explained that the premi had been in the possession of Messrs. Malby since 18 they having been built for the purposes for which th were at present used. Messrs. Malby were now cal upon by the Government to provide a strong room for better security of the plates and maps of which they w the engravers and printers, and had accordingly asked a renewal of their lease. The Board advised that the le should be renewed so as to expire at June 1905, which the date when that granted for the Tavern would ter inate; their desire being, if possible, to have all the lea conclude at the same time, so as to leave the brethren f and unfettered with regard to their entire property. T motion was seconded by Bro. C. F. Hogard, and a some discussion as to whether it was politic to gran lease for so long a period, in view of the ever-increas additions to the Craft, and the consequent creasing calls upon the space available at Gr Lodge quarters, it was carried. The Annual Rep of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution then laid before the brethren, and Bro Dr. Jabez H P.G.D., in asking Grand Lodge to sanction the alterati in the rules of the Institution, which we last week gave the agenda, said his observations should be few. T alterations had met with the unanimous concurrence of brethren who took an interest in the Institution. For information of those who had not served on the C mittees, he said the change in the annual election Treasurer of Grand Lodge had been attended with inc venience to all the Institutions, inasmuch as that ann change in the holder of the office of Grand Treasu involved not only an unnecessary delay in the transact of the business, but involved the Institutions a good deal of expenditure. According to the rules, President and the Treasurer were always among Trustees of the Institutions, and the now changing of

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eration they saw on the agenda paper was to enable o elect a Treasurer, whom they hoped to re-elect ter year to fulfil the duties, not only of Treasurer, Trustee, and thereby save a good deal of money, as a great deal of trouble to the Institution. He there- ted Grand Lodge to sanction the alteration, which re formal than anything else. Bro. Raynham W. having seconded the motion, a discussion arose as legality of the action taken by the Institu- hich had acted on an amendment in its without waiting for approval by Grand an approval specially enjoined by the rules of the ion. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse P.M. 1642 asked , in the event of the alteration being approved, ma, the Grand Treasurer, would be Treasurer of itution, in accordance with Rule 2, as it formerly or whether Bro. Edgar Bowyer would hold the e having been appointed in accordance with the ntained in the amended rule? Questions were then to whether there was any motion on the subject rand Lodge, and ultimately the alteration was put Lodge, when it was confirmed by 27 votes to 14. er change was also approved, and Grand Lodge larly closed.

## SED TESTIMONIAL TO THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY OF SUSSEX.

pid advance of Freemasonry in Sussex during the past few s has greatly increased the hitherto arduous duties of the Grand Secretary. Bro. V. P. Freeman, of Brighton, has bat responsible position for several years, and discharged of his office with marked ability and to the great satisfac- ry member of the Craft in the Province. The recent in- of the Duke of Connaught, as Provincial Grand Master of uccession to the late Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., entailed an amount of labour which can only be realised by those who tive part in perfecting the arrangements. The great the gathering was in a great measure due to the untiring ractical knowledge of detail possessed by Bro. Freeman. fice of Provincial Grand Secretary is entirely honorary, thren thought the time had come when Bro. Freeman's alued services should receive substantial recognition at the he brethren. At a recent meeting of the South Saxon ewes, the Mayor of that town (Bro. Farncombe) proposed embodying this idea, and it was unanimously adopted, truction to the Worshipful Master of that Lodge that he steps to give effect thereto. On Saturday last a pre- eeting of the Provincial Grand Officers and Masters of he Province was held at the Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, residency of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial er of Sussex (Bro. J. Henderson Scott), to take into con- he recommendation of the brethren of the South Saxon ose present were unanimous in adopting the idea, and on of Bro. Dawes Provincial Grand Warden, seconded by mbe Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, a Committee to make the necessary arrangements and collect sub- Bro. Freeman was spoken of in the highest terms, and s generally expressed that it was the most popular move- rated of late years in the Province. Since the resolu- sed by the South Saxon Lodge, Bro. Freeman has had at misfortune to lose his wife, after a painful illness, and hy was expressed towards him in his great trial. The taries appointed were Bro. Kidd, Cannon Brewery, o. Daniel, Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, and Bro. Burfield ovincial Grand Secretary, who will be pleased to receive s. Bro. R. Crosskey, Lewes, was elected Treasurer to a large amount was collected in the room. There is no e well-tried services of Bro. Freeman are known and far beyond the Province of Sussex, that many "foreign" l heartily join in paying a well-deserved tribute to one of rdworking and painstaking Masons in the South of he idea is that the testimonial shall take the form of a cy accompanied by an illuminated address.

ig last week a somewhat serious accident occurred in the Royston. Bro. Vincent (of London), who is staying in th his family, had been out for a drive during the day ridge, a friend. On arriving home in the evening Mr. out of the trap—a four-wheeler, drawn by a pony—and is and one of Mr. Vincent's boys got in, with the inten- the pony and trap home. For some reason the pony the High Street at a furious pace, and on reaching the ed against the corner of the Crown Hotel, with such arently to stun the animal. The conveyance was of it to a sudden standstill, the shafts were broken, and cut about the head and bled a good deal. Fortunately of the trap escaped with only a shaking.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Drury Lane.**—Messrs. Augustus Harris and Henry Pettitt's latest venture at this theatre has turned out not only one of their best pieces, but has proved a decided success. "A Run of Luck" is a lively production, full of interest, honest in tone, thoroughly English in its sympathies, and striking in its stage details. Experience has doubtless taught Messrs. Harris and Pettitt what best suits the public, and under these circumstances they have managed to write a piece entirely to the taste of their patrons. Doing away with such things as gunpowder, pistols, and daggers, and allowing the villains to go their way unpunished by law, is certainly a fresh idea, but this is carried out in the new drama, and with a result that produced a unanimous verdict in its favour. The love passages are of a pleasing character; the comic element is well kept up, and the sympathy of the audience aroused at an early stage of the piece by the hopes entertained of the turf career of the filly Daisy. The curtain rises on the stables of John Copsley, a trainer and owner of race-horses, who has an only daughter, named Daisy. Copsley has also a young man under his charge named Harry, who is betrothed to Daisy. John Copsley had once loved Harry's mother, and when she died, in poverty—her husband having deserted her—the horse trainer promised to take charge of her child. So well has he done this, that Harry has been brought up almost as his own. Near to John Copsley lives a Squire Selby and his son George. This son is beloved by, but is insensible to the affection shown him by his cousin Mabel; he openly confesses a fancied love for Daisy Copsley. Anxious to get George married, the Squire seeks old Copsley, and requests him to ask Daisy's hand for George. This interview discloses the fact that Harry Copsley's mother was the Squire's first wife, but the marriage was considered invalid, it having taken place in a church not properly licensed. The Squire deserted the woman who had trusted him, and married again, the offspring of the second union being George, who is regarded as his father's heir. Harry seems to be content with his position, and only seeks to clear his mother's name. George has a more determined opponent in his false friend Captain Trevor, a turf gambler and adventurer, who has—without avail—paid attentions to George's cousin Mabel. The Captain has introduced George into queer society; persuaded him to obtain advances from a man named Sandown, giving post-obits on his father's estates as security; and is otherwise urging him on the road to ruin. The idea Trevor fosters is, that if Mabel becomes disgusted with George's conduct she may listen to his (Trevor's) protestations, and wed him in order to offend her weak-headed cousin. The breaking up of John Copsley's stud, its sale by auction, and the purchase by George Selby of the filly Daisy, suggests to Trevor a scheme by which he may not only revenge himself upon Harry Copsley, to whom he owes a grudge, but altogether wreck George's chance of making Mabel his wife. After old Copsley's home is broken up, his daughter Daisy accepts a situation in London, as a companion to Mrs. Willmore, a friend of Trevor's. In reality she is entrapped to a house of a most disreputable description. Here George follows her, and here, in a state of semi-drunkenness, he insults the distressed girl, who at last makes her escape from the place by the help of George, who has somewhat sobered himself, and further aided by a woman whom Trevor has betrayed. Of course Trevor takes care that Mabel shall know of the adventure George has had with Daisy. Meanwhile the Squire learns that the son, from whom he has expected so much, has pecuniarily anticipated his death. George's difficulties at this juncture are also added to by Harry making his appearance with the papers to prove himself the Squire's son. The Squire indignantly reproaches George, and shakes hands with Harry. Selby next joins a hunting party, but during the run meets with a serious accident, and is brought home on a hurdle. He now openly announces that Harry is his son and heir, and thereby upsets the schemes of Trevor and Sandown. The Squire, however, recovers, and the last act deals with the unsuccessful attempts of Trevor and Sandown to get possession of the favourite Daisy, entered for, and considered certain to win the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. Trevor, however, possesses a claim on the filly, and lays a considerable amount against its winning; by this means he hopes to recover some of the money he has lost through George. Now follows a brisk contest of wit between the half brothers and the partners in crime respectively. The latter gives Daisy into charge of a bailiff's man, who is induced to go to sleep when he receives fifty pounds and is shown a letter directing that Daisy is to be sent away without any questions being asked. Trevor and Sandown follow to the railway station, but are sent after an old horse which is going to a neighbouring fair; by this means Daisy is allowed to get to Goodwood unmolested. On the eve of the race, however, Trevor seizes Daisy on account of his claim, but the money for the debt is forthcoming from the Squire, who has ascertained all the circumstances and desires to uphold the family honour. Daisy wins the race, to the delight of George and his friends, and to the confusion of Trevor and Sandown. As a natural sequence a reconciliation is brought about between George and Mabel, and the race brings to a conclusion a most interesting play. Of the representatives Mr. Harris has secured, we need merely say they work together with a will. Although the authors evidently intended that Harry Copsley should be the hero, the audience were inclined to sympathise more with George Selby. This part was well sustained by Mr. E. W. Gardiner, who was easy and bright in his delineation. Mr. J. G. Grahame was manly and earnest as Harry Copsley, while Mr. Rignold looked and played well as Squire Selby.

collected manner bringing down the bowlings of the "gallery." Mr. Victor Stevens played with consistency as Jim Ladybird, the caretaker; Miss Alma Murray, as Daisy Copsley, was refined and graceful; while Miss Compton looked pleasant as Mabel Selby. Miss Sophie Eyre was too stagey as Lucy Byefield, the woman who helps Daisy to escape from London. The part of Mrs Willmore was fairly well filled by Miss Maria Daltra; and Miss Edith Bruce was good as Phœbe Wood, Jim's sweetheart. The piece has been capitally staged; the "meet" at Selby Hall is exceptionally good, while the red-coats, horses and dogs that are employed in this scene make a splendid picture. The incidental music has been supplied by Mr. Oscar Barrett, while to Mr. Henry Emden has been entrusted the painting of the scenery. Undoubtedly Mr. Harris has scored another success.

**Vaudeville.**—We have pleasure in informing our readers that the Acting Manager of this theatre—Mr. Sydney Alport—will take a benefit here on Thursday, the 9th instant. We wish our genial and courteous friend every success.

## COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1614.

THE first summer festival of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday week, Windsor being selected for its celebration, supplemented by a steam-boat excursion on the upper part of the Thames, returning to Windsor, where the banquet was appointed to take place. The party consisted of Bros. Fendick P.M. 1321, Thorpe 1614, Montank 286, Brooklyn, U.S., Ponsford 25, Dickinson 1681, Reynolds Secretary, Collins 860, Clench 1776, other brethren, and several ladies. On the arrival of the party at Windsor they were conducted by Bro. T. E. Fogg to the steam-launch Serapis, which was lying in readiness, and on all being passed on board and settled down, Bro. E. Reynolds gave the word for the starting of the vessel. Soon afterwards the loving cup was passed round, and received in a truly Masonic manner. A short interval elapsed, when lunch was served in the cabin, and was done full justice to, and additional zest was given it while passing through the beautiful scenery skirting both banks of the Thames, and complete hilarity prevailed. After a very pleasant trip the launch was stopped at Cookham, to allow a telegram to be sent off to Bro. Honyball P.M. 1681, expressing a hope that he might be able to join them, and take the place assigned to him as Vice-Chairman at the banquet, at Windsor. While the launch was waiting for this telegram to be despatched a party of musicians made their appearance; this being taken advantage of, some of the party quitted the launch and indulged in a dance on the Green—Bro. E. Deaton acting as D.C. After a time the steam-launch resumed its course, and proceeded as far as Brine End, where it turned round, and returned to Windsor. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and was agreeably added to by information that was given by the Captain of the launch as they passed along. Windsor was reached about six o'clock, and upon landing the party proceeded to the Star and Garter Hotel, where a capital dinner was in readiness, under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. J. M'Closkie, and it gave entire satisfaction. Bro. W. B. Fendick P.M. 1321 occupied the chair, and Bro. E. Deaton 25 acted as Vice-Chairman, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Honeyball P.M. 1681. At the conclusion of the repast the Chairman gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with musical honours; after which the Vice-Chairman—in a humorous address—proposed the health of the Ladies, expressing the pleasure all experienced in being favoured with their company, as their presence rendered the gathering very agreeable. In their summer outings Masons were always delighted to have with them ladies and friends. He trusted they had enjoyed the day, and that in future there would be a still larger gathering of visitors at the summer outings of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. As he was himself a ladies man, he could assure them that nothing on his part would be wanting to welcome them. The invitation to the ladies was only given once a year, and when that time arrived their presence would be hailed with delight. Mr. Brown—as the junior present—responded for the ladies; he felt much pleasure in doing so; he was desired to say they had all spent a pleasant and enjoyable day, and trusted on future occasions there would be a larger number present. The Chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, Success to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and coupled with it the name of Bro. E. Reynolds, the Secretary, whom they all knew was most indefatigable in whatever duties he undertook to perform. The popularity of that Lodge of Instruction was in a great measure due to his perseverance, and those brethren who attended on Thursday nights at the Criterion would agree with him in this opinion. That day's excursion was the first they had had; he hoped it would be continued annually, as it had been a great success. Bro. E. Reynolds had done all in his power to make every one comfortable, and the arrangements—not forgetting the banquet—were most satisfactory; he would ask them all to drink his health heartily, and wish success to their future gatherings; a request which was enthusiastically responded to. Bro. E. Reynolds, in reply, thanked them most heartily for their good wishes, and said he was glad to know that they had spent a pleasant day. He was proud of his position as their Secretary, and although the arrangements had given him some little trouble, he felt repaid by knowing that everything had passed off pleasantly. He felt happy within himself, and was pleased to know he had communicated that happiness to others this was proved by their smiling faces. He was rather disappointed in the number present, but no doubt the weather had deterred many Chairman, and thanked him for the assistance he had given him, and also for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. Bro. Fendick briefly returned thanks, and in proposing the health of the visitors, said although it might be rather out of place at a gathering of that kind, he felt that it was a toast that he ought not to refrain from proposing, as they had two brethren from America amongst them. He would ask them to drink heartily to the health of Bros. H. Schenick and H. Smart, wishing them a safe return to their native country. Bro. H. Schenick, in replying, thanked them on behalf of Bro. Smart and himself for the hearty reception accorded them. He wished to say that they had spent a most delightful day, having enjoyed the trip on the water immensely. He might say it had been a pleasant surprise to know there was such pretty scenery on the Thames; he would have been sorry to have lost the opportunity of seeing it. Indeed, it had been one of the pleasantest days they had spent during their stay in this country. He again thanked them all, and wished them every success in their work. The Vice-Chairman's health having been given, a few dances took place, and the company returned to town at about 12 o'clock highly delighted with the enjoyment of the day. The singing and playing of Miss Honeyball, Miss Moore, Bros. Kirkaldy, Clench, Smart, the Chairman, and Mr. Honeyball, added much to the enjoyment of the company.

## Obituary.

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### Bros. R. C. KNIGHT and A. J. NORMAN.

The two Lodges at Colchester—Angel 51 and United 69—have just had the unique experience of each losing its Senior Deacon in the short space of one week. The Senior Deacon of No. 51—Bro. R. C. Knight—died on the 27th August, after a brief illness, and was buried at Colchester Cemetery on Monday last; some twenty brethren, including the Worshipful Masters of the two Lodges attending at the graveside, and depositing the usual emblems. The Senior Deacon of No. 697—Bro. A. J. Norman—was buried at Colchester Cemetery on the same day that Bro. Knight died; between forty and fifty brethren being present. The circumstances of Bro. Norman's death were most painful. He called at a friend's house in London *en route* for Bournemouth, and feeling unwell went to a chemist's for a draught, and the chemist by mistake put one and a half drachms of carbolic acid in the mixture instead of bismuth. After drinking it, Bro. Norman complained of pains in the side, and that his tongue was dried up, also that the mixture tasted like creosote. The chemist at once thought something was wrong, and an examination of his bottles confirming his suspicions, he administered an antidote, but to no avail, the poor fellow dying in five minutes after taking the draught. At the inquest the medical men who made *post mortem* stated that deceased's heart was in such a state of fatty degeneration they could not say whether the poison killed him, or whether the fright from knowing he had taken poison brought on syncope. The jury, however, returned a verdict that he died from the poison, and while exonerating the chemist from culpable negligence, cautioned him to be more careful in future in dispensing his drugs. The chemist said he had been in practice for thirty years and had never met with such a misfortune before.

### Miss ELIZA WATERMAN JARWOOD.

We regret we have this week to record the death of one who for many years has taken an active part in furthering the work of Masonic Charity, and who, in the office which she filled, did much to give practical effect to the wishes of the brethren. We allude to the late Miss Jarwood, who has for many years held the appointment of Matron at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and in that position has played an important part in the noble work carried on by that Institution. Many a poor orphan child who has been fortunate enough to secure a place in the School at Battersea Rise can look back on her residence there, and call to mind the kind attention received from Miss Jarwood, who in many cases helped to fill the place rendered vacant by the death of father or mother. She was a true friend to the Institution, and her long experience at the School frequently placed her in a position to tender advice and assistance. Miss Jarwood died at the Institution on Saturday, the 28th ultimo, and was buried in Battersea Cemetery on Thursday last, in the presence of many of those with whom she had so long been associated.

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## GLEANINGS.

ELY ADMONITION.—Pronounce no harsh judgment or severe
im without looking well at all the surroundings of the brother
time where, as you think, he offended, without calmly asking
swering in your own mind, "how much better would I have
his place, with his surroundings and opportunities?" Let
ad mantle of Masonic charity cover the errors it is proper to
l, but whenever you find that occasion requires it, let justice
e, whatever may be the consequences to individuals, that right
ign supreme, and wrong be vanquished.—*Grand Master Benton, nesota.*

e are probably about a million and a half of Masons in the
Great Britain includes about one-sixth of the entire number,
United States a still larger fraction. The estimate for the
f Europe is 350,000, and for North and South America about
. Asia, Africa, and the islands of the sea furnish the re-
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ENT MASONIC SCHOOL.—The Institution of Pythagoras, at
, was a Masonic School—a school from which some of the
ustrious men of Greece derived that burning love of virtue
ry which have made their names so dear to remembrance;
uch as Epaminondas, Pelopinas, Aristides, Phocion, and the
Plato. A very fine account of this school may be found in the
ls of Anacharsis, the younger," by the Abbe Barthelmy, of
-a work of profound learning, richly supported by ancient
ies, and exceedingly interesting. Yet amidst the present
ion of romances and novelties, it is seldom read, and but
ntly appreciated, though there is no surer nor better history
e amongst modern writers. Euclid established another cele-
Masonic school at Alexandria, and to him we are indebted for
ition of the Problem, the square of the hypothenuse of a
gled triangle is equal to the squares of the other two sides
*rty-seventh Proposition of Euclid, one of our Masonic emblems*
Pythagoras first discovered, and which laid the corner-stone
etry.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner.*

asonry is an institution founded upon and growing out of
essities of men as social, as intellectual, and as religious
nd it deals with our social, our intellectual, and our religious
. It has proved capable of adapting itself to the wants of all
all the ages of human experience. No attentive student of
can fail to perceive that there lies at its foundation a prin-
ich makes it the great necessity of social man, and conse-
a necessary Institution growing inevitably out of his nature,
r its better phase has reached appreciable development.
ll the rivalries and antagonisms which pervade active life
a want, a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love,
such associate relations as shall be able to satisfy the
of our social nature. It is upon this principle that Free-
is founded. It builds upon and aims to develope the benevo-
sympathetic phases of our nature. Hence, the Institution
t be founded; it cannot fail to exist; it must necessarily
l prosper with the growth and continued development of
tter sentiments. It is not aggressive, not obtrusive; it
issues, nor sets up rivalries with the other Institutions of
out gathering the virtues of all the ages, it recognizes the
vings of the soul and the universal brotherhood of man, for-
ll else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.—
*Waite P.G.H.P.*

Y IN FREEMASONRY.—Vice is unmasonic as sin is ungodly.
us cannot be made Masons. Masonry delights in perfect-
rally as well as physically. She looks as much to the heart
limbs. If the limbless cannot be a Mason, neither can the
man. She demands that all shall be good men and true.
ictuary she has reared an altar dedicated to moral virtues.
asonry is highly moral it is nothing. It is an association
ks for those pleasures and enjoyments which can only be
from fields of high moral culture. Its aims, its objects, and
es are such, that while it extends its charity to all man-
labours for the elevation of the human race to whatever
it may exist, it does not propose to do so, nor, indeed, can
wing open its doors and gathering into its bosom the vicious
le.—*W. H. Claytor, Arkansas.*

E OF MASONIC VIRTUES.—Although absolute perfection in
and lectures is a consummation devoutly to be hoped for,
is to be attained at the expense of a more thorough know-
e great principles which Masonry teaches, it will be but
fit in the end. It is not my purpose to detract in the least
importance of a thorough knowledge of the ritual, but in
his knowledge we should have a care that we do not lose
the greater importance of the lessons which the ritual
. Masonry is not a mere creature of forms and ceremonies.
y be a correct ritualist, and at the same time be a bad
; is only when the ceremonies of our initiation—the work-
our profession, and our symbols and our traditions, serve
upon our minds principles of morality and virtue—as
t fail to do, if they are properly studied and understood
y accomplish the purpose for which they were intended.
o be a "bright" working Mason, but it is far better that
imes practise the Masonic virtues.—*Grand Master Read,*

onry is a moral order, instituted by virtuous men, with
worthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most
f the in the midst of the most innocent and social plea-

IMPOSTOR.—An Englishman, who calls himself Walter Strawbridge, and claims to be a member of Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, England, has been detected in the western part of Pennsylvania. He is about 5 feet 9 inches high, hair cut short, wears a moustache, dark clothes, is a good penman, and—likes whiskey.

MASONIC LIBRARIES.—The *New Zealand Mail* says:—"The crying want of Masonry in this Colony is reading Masons. If we had more of this desirable class of brethren, Masonic literature would be treated as something better than waste paper, and Masonic libraries would be better supported." What the *Mail* says of New Zealand is just as true if applied generally—a few Masons, only a few, will read; the great majority seem to wait for everybody else to read.

The principles of "brotherly relief, truth, and charity," are mere words—"empty brass, a tinkling sound" unless they are put into practice.

The oldest minute book possessed by the Lodge of Kilwinning, Scotland, is a small quarto, bound in vellum, containing records of its transactions from 20th December 1642 to 5th December 1758.

The Bishop of Lima is doing his best to prevent the Masons in Peru from building a Masonic Temple. He argues that the word "Temple" is not applicable to places where men meet who are without the Church's pale. The *Revista Masonica* asks "what next?"

In Pompeii an antique mosaic has been recently found among the ruins, having the following Masonic emblems on it, viz.: "the skull and cross-bones, the level, the square, and two pillars. As its date is prior to the formation of Guilds, it would be interesting to know more about it.

The Grand Lodge of California recently appropriated the sum of twelve hundred dollars, to be paid in monthly instalments of one hundred dollars, to one of its Past Grand Masters, who, in his old age, has been overtaken by misfortune. Who will say, after this, that the Masonic Fraternity is not a noble charity?

The best Masons are those who have the biggest hearts and souls within them. They are those who are ready to sacrifice something for the good of the Order. The real power of Freemasonry consists of the amount of heart and soul to be found among its members.

The daughter of a deceased Mason has been adopted by Blair Lodge, Chicago, who for years has assumed the entire care of the little lady.

Freemasonry, in its deep underlying principles, is essentially different from all other human organizations. We are not only a society, but our Craft is a grand old historic Institution; and it is important that we should ever bear in mind this great truth: that human institutions, unlike those of Divine origin, are not made, but grow. The germs of Freemasonry are of the highest antiquity. As these germs found congenial soil in the wants of our common humanity, they gradually developed under the moisture and sunshine of Divine favour, until this strong, sturdy oak of Freemasonry stands to-day with its roots reaching so far back into the past, that neither the storms of adversity nor the sunshine of prosperity can do more than break off a few decaying branches, or wither and dry up some of those superfluous leaves which flutter in the passing breeze.—*Grand Master Klapp, of Rhode Island.*

WHAT MASONS REPRESENT.—The Masons, as a class, represent more than any other I know of, the practical common sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect—solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society. She seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracize any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it.—*R.W. Bro. C. L. Woodbury.*

The first Masonic Lodge in Saxony appeared at Dresden in 1738; within two years thereafter two others had been established in Leipzig and Altenburg. The Grand Body was formed in 1812.

In the year 1822 the Emperor of Russia published a ukase which interdicted the meetings of Freemasons within the Empire.

The King of Portugal interdicted Freemasonry in his Kingdom about the year 1824.

MONKS AS BUILDERS.—It is stated by Stow, one of the most celebrated of the early English chroniclers, that when the walls of London were rebuilt, in the seventh or eighth century, the Benedictine monks in the neighbourhood of Birkenhead were sent to perform the masonry; and it is further stated that these monks kept the secrets of their art with such strict fidelity that they were said to have invented stone walls. Their workmanship was so excellent and so rare in those days that it was considered not an erection, but an invention.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7 30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 875—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rochill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1863—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Clequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

## TUESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
664—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
743—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1387—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Larcom Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1461—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Hornsey, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1767—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
[illegible] (Instruction)
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
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897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel East Grinstead
1674—Carnaduc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rby
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
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R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
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M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

## WEDNESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stepney Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchants' Navy, Silver Tavern, Pardett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.,
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1216—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Wharfedale, Freemasons' Hall, Hecksmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Lonsdale, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Windermere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
109—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1383—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1541—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1529—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Newburn-on-Tyne.
1682—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 695—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Backhouse
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hotel, Ashford
R.A. 916—Strawberry Hill, Grott Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King-street, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Charles, Lambeth Hotel, Kennington, at 8 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
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pper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
rthern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
rdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at. (Instruction)
John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
ckwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
ke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of heberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
t Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
ent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
e, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
dgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
l of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
gton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
saders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
al Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
aton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
thgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

lina, 85 High Street, Cowes
atine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
al Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
ann a, Freemasons' Hall Surrey Street, Sheffield
ent Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
e Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
non c, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
ners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
mony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
d Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
ty, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
al Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
lour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
mity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
ington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
h, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
dred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
scan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
don, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
al Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
perance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
ington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

y, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
e of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
y, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
eorge, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon
n, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
lity, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
. Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
ichael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
n, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
t Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
ourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
t. Corbet Arms, Towyn
uality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
n, Swan Hotel, Cole-hill
gton, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
tone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

erseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
erseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
trength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
ees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
dson, Masonic Hall, Southport
hilanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
exandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
ohn's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
riendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

## FRIDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

odge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
n Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
gh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

olitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
arvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

ire C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
agorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
ern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lothenhall Street
rnsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
ent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

gan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
ll, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
d Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
and of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
uth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

ite and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
ill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
ert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
alley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
oyal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
Wareane, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

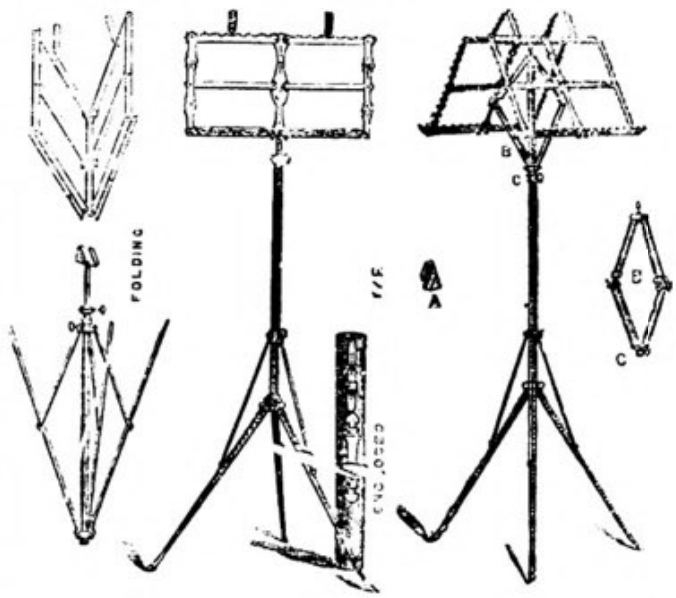
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Ealing Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton


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## E APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

mmon with Masonic journalists all over the world frequently have to make reference in our pages to itance which Freemasons are able to afford to those number—and the widows and orphans of deceased —who happen to be overtaken by misfortune, and ir readers may occasionally think the story is an oft l one they, as well as ourselves, never tire of the

To every true brother it is a source of gratifica- learn what has been accomplished, what is being nd what is contemplated for the future, in the nce of Masonic benevolence; while a record of the rk is to many of us the wages we receive as a full t equivalent for our efforts in the cause—that in fact, the hope of which has sweetened our n Freemasonry. At this season of the year we stomed to look for a practical exemplification of the e of Relief in the announcements made in regard alf yearly elections of the two Educational Institu- nnected with the English Craft, and this year, as e are not disappointed, for we find that provision made for the admission of sixteen children to the Masonic Institution for Girls, out of a total of ree who have been approved as worthy of going to

When we consider what is meant by the filling sixteen vacancies we can form a tolerably good of what is being done at this one Institution in out the injunction of the Craft,—to clothe and feed an. Sixteen children who are at present in need— of the actual necessaries of life—will ere long be to the benefits of that noble Institution, and s care will be clothed, fed, and educated until ve at an age when they will be able to make a the world on their own account. They will be om a position of dependence to one of comparative nd if they are blessed with an ordinary amount ence, they will be in a position, so far as careful can place them, to maintain their independence mainder of their days. No better proof of the of Masonic benevolence can be needed than this, take it in association with what we shall be able icle next week in connection with the Boys' nd then remember that the two merely represent year's Masonic liberality, as dispensed by the al Charities of the Craft, we have a picture which gladden the heart of every member of the y, and create the envy of those who have not yet itted within its charmed circle. Yet this picture of many similar ones we have had occasion to we trust that we may have to portray, and even any more such in the future.

test to which we have this week to refer is the alf-yearly election of pupils to the Royal Masonic for Girls, and it will take place on Saturday, ctober next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen- ndon. As we have already said, there are e candidates eligible for the poll, and of these although there are only three so recorded on the form of particulars issued from the Institution, the other child whose age will preclude her from taking part in a later election being Martha Paulina C. Steng, No. 7 on the list. This child is one of a family of three who has neither parent living; she was a candidate at the election in April last, and on that occasion 250 votes were recorded on her behalf; her father was initiated in the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, in 1881, and remained a subscriber thereto until the time of his death, in 1885, at which time he filled the office of I.G. in his Lodge. The other last application cases are new to the present list. No. 13, Mary Maude Marshall, is one of four children now dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was an initiate of the Royal Preston Lodge, No. 333 (West Lancashire), and died last year, after a brief association with the Craft, extending over a year and three quarters. During this short time, however, he shewed his interest in the Charities of the Order by qualifying as a Subscriber to the Institution for the benefits of which his daughter is now a candidate. No. 32, Mary Johnson, is another child dependent on her mother, but in her case the family who have to be provided for is five in number. Her father was initiated in Royds Lodge, No. 1204, Worcestershire in 1881, and, like each of the other cases already referred to, remained a subscriber thereto until the time of his death (in September of last year). He also qualified as Subscriber to the Girls' School, so that two of these last application cases have a satisfactory record in this particular, although the fathers of many others on the list may have been equally mindful of the claims of Charity, but preferring to send their subscriptions through their Lodges or other "general" channel, their names do not appear among the individual subscribers. No. 17, Mary Nicholson, is one of five children, both of whose parents are living. The father is an old initiate of the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, South Wales (Eastern Division), and can boast of 10¼ years' subscriptions to his Lodge, wherein he was initiated as far back as 1863. We feel we may safely leave his case to the attention of the brethren of his Province, they being well known for the thoroughness of the help they afford to any case they take in hand.

Three of the remaining candidates have neither parent living. No. 14, Edith Melhuish, being first among them She has a brother in the Boys' School, but notwithstanding this there are still six children to be provided for by the friends of our deceased brother, who was initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, Devonshire, in 1873, remaining a subscriber thereto for eleven years. He rose to the office of S.D. of his Lodge, and, if we may judge from the fact of his son's admission to the Boys' School, has left friends to mourn his loss. We hope similar fortune may attend the daughter now seeking admission to the Girls' School as fell to the lot of her brother when he was a candidate for Masonic assistance. Elizabeth Waspe, No. 23, is another child who has a brother in the Boys' School; in her case there are three children with herself yet dependent on friends. Her father was initiated in the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, London, in 1876, and remained a subscribing member for 8¼ years, during which time he qualified as a

father was initiated in the Derby Lodge, No. 1055, East Lancashire, in September 1876, and remained a subscriber thereto until the time of his death, which occurred within two years of his admission into Freemasonry. We should much like to see these seven children—four last applications and three parentless—among the list of successful after the poll on the 9th proximo.

No. 1 on the list, Eva Marian Lillywhite, has already stood two contests, and now comes forward with 175 votes to her credit. She has a brother in the Boys' School and is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in 1870, in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, and afterwards joined the Landport, No. 1776, subsequently filling the chair of that Lodge and acting as its Treasurer; he also rose to high office in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He was a strong supporter of the Charities, having acted as Steward and qualified as Life Governor of all three during his career; he died in December 1883. No. 2, Lilian Woods, is also one of three dependent children who have lost their father He was initiated in the Adams Lodge, No. 158, in 1873, and became a joining member of the United Military, No. 1536, both in the Province of Kent. His daughter has already taken part in two elections, and now has 51 votes to her credit—a number which will no doubt receive necessary augmentation when the child's turn for her Province's support comes round. No. 58, Julia Elizabeth Clark, has 203 votes to her credit as the outcome of her candidature in April last. She is one of two children dependent on their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in 1873, in the Stability Lodge, No. 217, London. No. 4, Eleanor Julia Sutton, follows very closely, with 202 votes. This child is one of seven now dependent on their mother, whose husband was admitted into Freemasonry in the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hampshire, in 1875, and remained a subscribing member for 9½ years. During his lifetime Bro. Sutton qualified as Life Governor of the Boys' School, a fact which will no doubt have its weight with those who are asked to support this case. No. 9. Winifrid Cleveland Hyde, goes to the poll with 131 votes to her credit. Both her parents are living, but her father is incapacitated. He was initiated in the Friendship Lodge, No. 851, Sussex, in 1876, rose to the dignity of Junior Warden therein, and was forced to retire through the illness which overtook him. No. 6, Lillian Gertrude S. Rawlings, comes next in order, with 129 votes to her credit from the election of April last. She is one of four dependent children whose father was initiated in the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London, in 1878; he rose to the position of its Worshipful Master, an office he filled at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884. One special feature which entitles this case to favourable consideration is the fact that the father, during his lifetime, was an occasional subscriber to the Girls' School: we hope this may have its effect on those of the subscribers who have not already pledged their votes, and that it may be the means of securing for the child a few of those necessary to ensure her early admission to the Institution. No. 8, Alene Mary Norman, is an only child dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, North and East Yorkshire, and subsequently joined the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Durham, rising to the office of Worshipful Master therein. His daughter was a candidate in April, and on that occasion 26 votes were polled on her behalf. No. 3, Edith Lilian Proudfoot, is one of three dependent children both of whose parents are living. Her father is a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 492, Antigua, in which he was initiated, in 1863, and to which he subscribed for a period of twenty-one years. 19 votes have already been recorded on behalf of his daughter's candidature for admission to the Girls' School.

The remaining cases, eighteen in number, are all first applications. No. 20, Rose Gertrude Andrews, is one of eight children left to the care of a widowed mother. Her father was a Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Surrey, wherein he was initiated in 1874, and to which he remained a subscriber for upwards of eleven years. No. 12, Bertha Jane Dean, with six other children, is dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in August of last year. The father was a very old Mason, he received the light of Masonry—the Egerton, No. 103 East Lancashire. He was initiated in 1866, and subscribe until the date of his death (or nearly so), a period nineteen years. No. 11, Ethel Ada Craft, is the daught of a Lincolnshire brother, who died last year, after havir paid Masonic dues for twelve years; he was initiated i the Witham Lodge, No. 297, and rose to the dignity Senior Deacon therein. He was also a member of th St. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386. There are five of his childre now dependent on his widow. The mother of No. 2 Madeline Beatrice Blyth, has still five children depende on her, although one is partially provided for. In additio to these, one of her sons is at present in the Boys' Schoo and one of her daughters has been brought up in th Girls' School, to which she is now seeking to secure th election of another of her children. The father wa initiated in the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London, i 1864, and subscribed for 15½ years, virtually up to th time of his decease, in 1880. He was a supporter of th Charities to the extent of being a Life Governor of th Boys' School and a Steward for the sister Institution There are six cases where the children belong to families o four dependent. No. 15, Florence Wilson, is the daughte of a brother initiated in the Noah's Ark Lodge, No. 347 Worcestershire, in 1870, and who subsequently joined St. James's Lodge, No. 482, Staffordshire. In this latte he occupied the position of I.G. No. 21, Dora Ireson, i jointly accredited to the Provinces of Cheshire and Wes Yorkshire, her father having been initiated in the former, in the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, in the year 1867, and having joined the latter, through the Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401, a short time before his death, in 1879. No. 26, Grace Beatrice Timings, is the daughter of a Warwickshire Mason, an initiate of the Forward Lodge, No. 1180, to which he subscribed for twelve years, from 1867. No. 29, Elizabeth Imeson Hornsby, comes from the Masonic Province of North and East Yorkshire, her father having been an initiate and Past Master of North York Lodge, No. 602. He was initiated in 1869, and subscribed for 13 years. No. 30, Amy Elizabeth C. Gurney, has a brother in the Boys' School. The father was initiated in Middlesex, receiving the benefits of Masonic light in the Royal Union Lodge, No 382, as far back as 1859. He subsequently joined the Phœnix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, Cornwall, and the Crescent, No. 788, of which latter he was at one time the principal Officer. No. 33, Isabella Richardson, and three other children are dependent on their step-mother. The father joined Freemasonry through the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643, Durham, in 1879, and subscribed thereto until his death in 1885. Both of the parents of No. 18, Florence Grace Chapman, are living. The father has a record of 14 years' Masonic membership. He was initiated in the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Hertfordshire, in 1871, and served the office of Master therein. He subsequently joined the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London, and here he filled the chair; he is also a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Herts, and has acted on one occasion as Steward for the Charities, selecting the Benevolent Institution as the recipient of his services. The mother of No. 16, Edith Grace Goodchild, has three children to provide for. The father was an initiate (in 1879) and P.M. of the Sir Charles Bright, No. 1793, Middlesex, and was decorated as a Steward in the Prov. Grand Lodge of that county. He was a subscriber to Masonry until the time of his death at the end of last year. No 19, Hannah Maude Longshaw, hails from Jersey, where her father was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, in the year 1881. He also subcribed until his death. No. 27, Eliza Hamer, is an East Lancashire case; her father having been made a Mason in the St. John's Lodge, No. 191, wherein he subsequently rose to the dignity of Master. He had a record of 15½ years' Masonic membership, and no doubt his family, in their hour of need, will reap the benefit of this long association. No. 25, Fanny Maria Harnden, is one of two dependent children whose father was for fourteen and a half years associated with the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, wherein he was initiated in 1869, and to which he subscribed until a short time prior to his death. No. 28, Emily Fison Clarke, is also one of a family of two

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list, who is an only child dependent on a widowed
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d in the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 443, Bahamas,
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to say he ceased his connection with Freemasonry
l years before the birth of the child now a candidate
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benefits of Freemasonry.

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ng candidates will receive the largest share of
, and that ere another month has passed over their
hey and their friends may be in the happy position
wing that their education and early training will be
out through the liberality of English Craftsmen.

## SONIC CHARACTER BUILDING.

*ldress by Bro. George Wells Lamson, Grand
or, before the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 12th
uary 1886.*

MAN character is a great mystery, a mystery in so
far as it is determined by nature, a mystery in all
becomes by the accretions and mouldings of cir-
nce, and a mystery in the subtlety of its existence
ch its certain ascertainment is for us impossible.
is born and how it is grown are questions of great
. As the physical man by features, proportions
ons attracts or offends through the eye, so charac-
tes or repels through the perceptive faculties by
re conceive its beauties or deformities.

yet a man's character is not for his fellow men an
id perfectly defined quantity. A man utters words,
gestures, assumes attitudes, speaks with his eye and
wonderful dramatic and comic powers of facial
on, performs certain acts, omits others, and all
we associate them in our minds are an expression
what we conceive his character to be.

ust as these expressions are varied under pressure
mstances, and just as our perceptions are similarly
and just as the man's neighbours and friends all
their perceptive faculties, so is the construction of
call the man's character *varied*. And no one of us
ts precisely the same character at different times.
this it would appear (and it is a fact) that while
an has an absolute, fixed essence, that essentiality
nown only to God, who actually sees us by divine
our own eyes and those of our neighbours we have
phases of character as human infirmity, or adroit-
xpression and perception, multiplied by time, place
mstance, can produce. From some marked deed
ighbour we deduce courage, while others conclude
e to be the source of the act. The two motives
oth absolutely sway; one or the other must pre-
, and one or the other must and does express the
aracter in reference to these particular attributes.

many years have we accorded to certain men
s of honesty and purity, only to learn some later
defalcation and debauchery constituted their real
on. "Men so demurely can confront their God,
re their fellow man." It is not for us, therefore,
vation and logic, both perhaps distorted by
, to always conclude correctly as to the qualities
ect our neighbours' expressions upon the retina of
ring mental vision. The whole world to-day is
n opinion as to whether suicide is bravery or
, and both opinions are probably equally, fairly
ally conclusive in different cases. This difficulty
inment is not confined to estimations of human
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of books, works of art, stage playing, and all
lucts of study and effort by which men endeavour
thought and ideas. It is so evident at times to

In observations of physical nature this variety of conception by man is perhaps more apparent and oftener recognised. In the recitals of tourists the different impressions received are as variable as the relators are numerous, and while all nature—the rock, the river, the ocean, the mountain, the valley, the sunbeam, the snow-flake, have their distinct properties and functions which are weighed, measured, analyzed and tabulated by the scientist, to the great mass of human beings, the universe is one grand mysterious seeming.

The forces of nature: all the elements are or have been as inaccurately appreciated. God's lightning-flashes in the heavens had a certain character in the minds of the ancients—a character that was grand—that represented the ultimatum of all that was sudden and swift—startlingly beautiful and awfully luminous, leaping instantly from horizon to zenith and from zenith to horizon—now one great canopy of flame, a magnificently dreadful, painful illumination, suggesting universal conflagration and anon concentrating into darts and arrows and needles, as if it would project its terrible destruction with the most minute discrimination. How gloriously David described these wonderful displays in song! And yet what did David know of the real character of electricity? As he dwelt in his old age with appalling recollections of those mighty storms that made the cedars of Lebanon skip like a calf, how little did he dream that this same fierce heaven-filling, world-abashing element could have danced a most gentle attendance to the maid that was sought for through all the coasts of Israel to lie in his bosom and have assisted her miles away to whisper in her own natural tone and sweetest emphasis her consent to go to him. So also with that great force steam; for how many ages it ascended harmlessly and uselessly (so far as power was concerned) out of domestic vessels innocent of commotion or disturbance larger than "a tempest in a teapot," and yet had its real character been known throughout the coasts of Israel in David's time, how certainly would his expected maid have supplemented her telephonic message with a promise of arrival by the first fast express train!

From these reflections we must also conclude that all we know of nature is relative and qualified. Hills are impossible without valleys. Every conception we have of altitude or expanse is entirely relative. Immensity is indebted to the diminutive for all its glory, and the latter to the former for its insignificance. Everything in nature, then, is at the mercy of these three processes: observation, conception, and conclusion, and through the sadly imperfect finite operation of these is introduced all the *errata* in what we attribute to nature of powers and functions—in a word, *character*. And so of all our knowledge that is not of divine revelation. We may study and delve and formulate and call results truth, but after all they are not "the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Everything filtered through man's imperfections of sight, apprehension and deductions must be limited, partial, distorted. Actuality is only known to God. And so we, men and Masons, stand before God *as we are*. Divine sight perceives us. We are not conceived of and concluded about;—all we say and do, attitudes, gestures, volubility or reticence are nothing. We are seen and positively known. To ourselves and each other we seem to be chiefly, and that seeming is what goes for our character this side of the great judgment day. With all the uncertainty, however, as to the reality of ourselves and our neighbours and all earth's people, there is much that we apprehend correctly of each other and the race. Exceptionally totally erroneous conclusions as to some and erratic minutæ as to all do not disprove the rule.

(To be continued.)

LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES.—Whoever wishes to be initiated as a Freemason in the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, of Germany, must confess the Christian faith and have completed his twenty-fifth year.—*Light.*

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious

## THE SOUNDING OF THE GAVEL.

ONE of the most striking of the numerous fine Masonic poems which have emanated from the pen of Past Grand Master Bro. Rob Morris, is that familiarly known as the "Gavel Song." We quote its first stanza, since it is eminently appropriate to the season of labour upon which the Craft is about to enter:—

Through the murky clouds of night
Bursts the blaze of Orient light—
In the ruddy East appears the breaking Day,
Oh, ye Masons, up! the sky
Speaks the time of labour nigh,
And the Master calls the quarrymen away.
One, two, three, the gavel sounding,
One, two, three, the Craft obey;
Led by holy Word of Love,
And the fear of One above,
In the strength of God begin the Opening Day.

The summer season is ending, the prolonged refreshment of the Fraternity is concluded, and next week the brethren will be in their accustomed places, in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. Since our Lodges are dedicated to God, let us enter upon the autumn's labour with a sense of conscious responsibility, as well as of conscious pleasure. It *is* a pleasure to meet with our brethren again around the Masonic Altar, to familiarly greet those to whom we are bound by the strongest fraternal ties, and to enter upon that work which, to all of us is a labour of love. Let us enjoy this pleasure. Let us make the most of it. It is rational. It is exceptional. It can be enjoyed nowhere else than in a Masonic body. Declaim as some persons will against a class spirit, is it not enjoyable? Observe a coterie of lawyers, or doctors, or physicians together, and note what a good time that they have! Much more do Freemasons, when they are assembled in tyled bodies, with the gavel making the music they love. There is an entire sense of security—the world is barred out, for there is a sword which turns every way to preserve the privacy of the Lodge. There is an equal sense of confidence in the fidelity and friendship of those who are met with us. They are our brethren. They should, and do, more nearly than the *profane*, love their neighbours as themselves. Then there is a repose in the mind of every brother which is entirely restful. With nothing to make us afraid, with implicit trust in our fellows, with the assurance that intellectual, moral and convivial enjoyment is in store for us, is it surprising that when Masons meet together they are happy? Now we are about to enjoy a reunion. We parted upon the Square in July, and in September we meet again upon the Level. Let us do it with a will not only to enjoy ourselves (for that is inevitable), but to advance the highest interests of Freemasonry. This we can do by a punctual attendance at Lodge and Chapter (if those are our Masonic connections)—we need say nothing for the Commandery, for it is able to take care of itself. Not long since we came out of a Lodge where there was a total attendance of but ten brethren, while in an adjacent hall a Commandery with full ranks was drilling in the Templar tactics, and another Commandery, equally full, was leaving the Asylum for indulgence in a Red Cross banquet. It is the Lodge and Chapter attendance only that requires remark. Let us, as Lodge and Chapter Masons, resolve that hereafter we will be more faithful in the performance of our duty to these bodies. They are the foundation of Masonry—indeed its corner-stone and cap-stone, and if we neglect these, the fulfilment of other so-called Masonic duties can never atone for it. Let us, then, be punctual, never forgetting a Lodge night, never neglecting it for the Commandery, and always be in our places at the opening, if possible. But let us do more than this. Each one of us is a stone in the Temple which Masonry is building. Other stones are requisite to maintain the integrity and beauty of this edifice. See to it that these other stones are perfect ashlars. If we come upon such a stone, which seems to have been made to fit in a place in the Temple, which stone is properly offered for use, receive it promptly, and pass it along for inspection. We each have a duty to perform in this regard. Certain desirable stones at times come under the view of each of us, and our duty as Freemasons demands that no proffered Masonic gem of this description should lack a setting. *Let us never ask for one*, but when it is fairly offered let no false delicacy induce us to decline it. And then when we Lodge, assisting in the work in any capacity, if required how we shall enjoy the music of the gavel! It is indeed true that

"In the weird and mystic circle, solemn silence brooding round,
There's a something, all invisible but strong,
May be summoned from the Highest by the gavel's holy sound,
And it brings the better spirit to the throng,
Oh the gavel, Master's gavel,
It shall ever have my praise
While the book and symbol whisper, "God is love;"
In His mighty Name it speaketh,
All contention it allays,
Till the Lodge below is like the Lodge above."

—*Keystone*

## MASONRY AND FREEMASONRY.

MASONRY and Freemasonry are not synonymous; they do not mean the same thing, though they may aid and assist in teaching the moral lessons of each other. Masonry is the trade of all trades, and is now what covers the world with beauty and magnificence. It is composed of hard material, such as brick, stone, iron, granite, mortar, marble, &c., and forms the chief substance of our cities and dwellings. It is the oldest trade among men. It has called all the ingenuity and skill of the world to its accomplishment.

The work of this trade required a peculiar set of tools for its construction, and their shape and form necessarily required the figures of geometry. They had to use perpendiculars or plumb-lines, squares to square their work, chisels to cut stone into elegant symmetry, compasses to circumscribe circles and lay the foundations of arches, and levels to make them true. Besides these, square, circular and parallelogrammic rooms had to be built, that required geometrical tools to complete them. Furthermore, angles of all forms had to be constructed to beautify and embellish their work. These tools were mostly geometrical figures, and for many ages geometry and Masonry were treated as equivalent terms. These tools were idolized by their respective owners, and they seemed as though they possessed a mind and conscience like men. They also ascribed to them certain virtues and moral principles which they were supposed to possess, which are explained and illustrated by Freemasons in their present Lodges everywhere. The misunderstanding of these Masonic words, of course, has led the public mind into some confusion, and Freemasons regret of course the perversion of these words.

When, afterward, the Sons of God instituted Freemasonry, the common Masons and workmen of that trade fled to it and joined the Institution with much pleasure and harmony, there being a welcome friendship between them, and the philosophy of their tools was taken with them and taught there; and thus the two Orders almost naturally run together—the Master Masons of the trade of Masonry being a high order of men.

At what particular time Freemasonry was organized in its present condition, it is difficult to tell. The trade of Masonry had long existed before this, and from the account given in Scripture it appears that it was established by an order of men called the Sons of God, who kept a most profound secret of that Institution. These Sons existed in the time of Abraham, Melchisedec, Moses, Aaron, Job, St. John, and many others.

The secret meetings of the Sons at the houses of Job and St. John show that the society of Freemasons was then already organized. But it may be asked how this society came to be called Freemasons. Under the ancient name of Masonry this word meant a trade. It was customary then, among most nations and kingdoms, to require an apprenticeship of seven years to learn a trade, which one must serve in order to be eligible as a master workman and draw wages. It would not be free to every one without this qualification. When the society of Freemasons met and was formed, there was no legal provision made prohibiting such assemblages, and consequently it was free, as it was not a trade of any kind, and from that time they were called Freemasons.

It is not supposed that the workmen in Masonry had any system of secrets among them. There does not appear to have been any need of it, although there might have been





, on the contrary, needed a system of quietude hey have ever prescribed, as noise and confusion are ıtible with their work and business. The sound of ; hammers and chisels would soon prevent the quiet .tion which their society needs. The noble men stituted Freemasonry were the most gifted and l men the world has ever produced. Moses was ı tribe forty years in removing them from Egypt to l of Canaan. He went through every vicissitude of and affliction, which qualified him to discern the and sufferings of men. He was the law maker of 's. Abraham was equally experienced as patriarch at multitude, in the sufferings of humanity. Job eed rich; but his own calamities and those of his nen led him to weep over the miseries he saw him. He strove to better the condition of man. He was visited by the sons of God in a special . Both of the St. Johns belonged to this Order, vhom was an Apostle. Both were Christian men, h a heavenly amenity sought the human welfare. vas a high priest under Moses, and saw the pitiable ın and poverty of the people. Nor is it improbable ;us Christ, who is the Son of God from nativity, d to this Order of men, and assisted in the forma- this society. The probability is strong that he did ought miracles to cure poor people of their mis- ı. His Gospel instructs the people to help the poor dy. It would be absurd to suppose that He never l to this Order of benevolence.

ı noble men saw that the world of mankind was odigious struggle to get wealth; that the oppor- to obtain it were unequal among men; that one forded a better chance to obtain it than another, ınces assisted one and not another, and yet the ıad wealth enough for all if it could be equally

They saw, too, that one man had greater power engtb to accomplish his purpose than another; .e man's homestead would be blown down by o and his family desolated and another's not: that ntagious disease might strike a whole family and them, and others not; that lightning might set ıan's house on fire and burn it down, and thus he ›e destitute; that a hurricane might destroy his nd leave his family to suffer, and that the in- of wealth in a nation, caused by the crafty and t shrewdness of some men over others, had l the world, and was causing incalculable misery he people. These and other considerations palpable 'es of all men, led the above mentioned philoso- institute the moral and charitable Institution of onry. It doubtless has been a blessing to millions It set an example for other societies to imitate. good spread and widen to the ends of the earth. ; be said that there never was a time when the of the earth could not assist all their poor and em comfortable. The trouble is, the wealth of ı all in the hands of the few, and the poor are l to make them richer. In general the govern- all countries are rich and their people poor. But possible for one benevolent society to help all the ›e world. Every religious society should have a › institution in it, and extend help to its own if necessary. In this way the burden would be ›on all.

ısonry, in its beginning, assumed to help the in- edy members of its Lodges, and their widows and

The policy of keeping women in the dark on ct is not judicious. Women would be the happier hat behind the curtain obligations and provisions to help them in the fatal catastrophe of life. At it time, however, more pains are taken to protect hile journeying in cars and steamboats over the by furnishing them with degrees of Freemasonry, of which they can exhibit before a multitude of Freemasons. This, in most cases, would bring to them, as there is hardly a considerable crowd thout there being some Freemasons among them. *lasonry.*

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## THE SURE TEST.

THERE are many tests of Masonic knowledge and proficiency. Some of the evidences are merely technical, and are chiefly valuable as certifying to the fact that a brother has passed through certain degrees, and has rightful place in one or another department of Freemasonry. There are likewise titles and designations, official and otherwise, which mark honourable advancement among Craftsmen, and seem to signify that those who bear the tokens of such preferment are indeed well skilled in the Mystic art. In this way lines are drawn and grades are fixed, one portion of the Fraternity being regarded as better fitted than another to represent the organisation to which both belong. These distinctions must needs exist, and the signs of advancement which some brethren of right display are not without their value.

But there are other and higher tests of Masonic proficiency. We must look to a man's character and conduct if we would really know how much of a Mason he is, and whether or not he is a true representative of the system and the association. It is the expression of his daily life which reveals how far and with what success he has prosecuted his search after light. The individuality which he manifests—his words and deeds—constitutes the one sure standard by which to determine both the quantity and quality of his Freemasonry. To Craftsmen must the one unerring test be applied: "By their fruits shall ye know them." It is the manner of life and not the professions that decides how strong the influence of the institution has been. The way in which a brother lives and acts shows what progress he has made in comprehending and applying Masonic lessons, and by this sure test he must rise or fall in the judgment to which he is properly amenable. Alas! how many there are who have taken various degrees, passed on in an upward way, gained numerous titles and distinctions, and yet have not so mastered Masonic principles and imbibed the spirit of fraternity as to represent Freemasonry in the way it deserves to be represented. Men look in vain to such a class to find illustration of the graces and excellencies, the power and blessedness of the Masonic system.

There are others, however, who can stand the severe test, and under its application make clear the true character and glory of the Ancient Craft system. We can think of faithful members of the Order who set forth its gracious teachings in clear and attractive ways. The way and manner in which their lives go forward from day to day, bears witness to the fact that they have given heed to the lessons of Masonic teachings. They are generous, magnanimous, and true, always ready to give and do in the large spirit of fraternity at the call of another's need. They are forbearing and forgiving, gentle, considerate, yet stedfast to the right, thus making the whole tenour of their being to harmonize with the lessons that have been taught them in the name of Freemasonry, and the obligations they have taken while searching for light and truth. Such as these, whether of exalted or humble rank outwardly, are the best representatives of the Craft; and being able to abide the severest test that can be instituted, they stand of right in the very front rank of brethren who most adorn the institution.—*Freemason's Repository.*

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ALPINE GUIDES.—It may be as well to say a few words regarding guides. Much has been written, much more has been said, on the subject, and the following must be taken merely as hints for novices. Avoid the self-styled guide who meets you in remote places with a book of glowing testimonials, and who is always perfectly ready to undertake to conduct you anywhere and everywhere. He is almost certainly incompetent. Remember that a guide should be trusty and trusted; he must necessarily be your companion, and he should be chosen with discrimination. It is possible that the time may come when your life will be in his hands; all the more reason, then, why you should not imperil his life and your own by recklessness or by foolish disregard of ordinary precautions. The result to be attained should be in proportion to the risk required to achieve it, and there is no cowardice in seeking to avoid preventable accidents. If you meditate anything more ambitious than the simplest excursions, it is not sufficient that your guide should be a good climber. He must be this, and more. He must tackle untried ground with a sort of intuitive perception of the best route to be followed; he must not be at fault as to the best point at which to attempt a crevasse. He must be quick, brave, loyal, fertile in resource. There are many amongst the best class of Alpine guides who fulfil these conditions, and they are, as a rule, engaged year after year, months beforehand. Possibly the worst set of guides in the Alps, taking them as a body, are those at Chamonix. With some few exceptions, it may be said of them that their capacity is coor-

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. There were present: Bros. E. S. Strange W.M., J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treas., J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Sec., A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., C. Hooker A.D.C., A. W. Lloyd Steward, W. H. Pascoe Asst. Org., C. J. Craig I.P.M., C. E. Birch P.M., the Hon. Justice Smallman Smith P.M., Ryder, N. Strange, Fyfe, Baller, McGeagh, H. S. Strange, Gething, Potter, D. J. Kent, Townend, Staite, Smith, Dixon, Barfoot, Gramwell, P. Hanmer. Visitors: Bros. J. Boulter, Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874; Barham P.M. 144; and Woods, 1474. Bros. McGeagh and Smith were raised to the third degree, and Bro. Potter passed to the second. A candidate was initiated into Freemasonry. All the ceremonies being performed by the Wor. Master in a perfect and impressive manner. The Wor. Master having called the attention of the Lodge to the circumstances in which the family of a deceased brother had been left, Bro. C. Birch P.M. proposed and Bro. the Hon. Justice Smith P.M. seconded a proposition, that £10 be granted to them from the Lodge funds. This amount was supplemented by a "whip round," which was responded to with exceptional generosity by the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O., seconded by Bro. C. Birch P.M., £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a first-rate banquet, provided by Bro. Waller, of the Amherst Arms Hotel. Some excellent songs and recitations were contributed, by Bros. Durtnell P.M. P.P.G. Sup. of Works, Hon. Justice Smith P.M., N. Strange, Wallace Lloyd, and Pascoe.

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**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—The weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when Bro. Dimsdale (Secretary) took the chair, with Bros. Messer and Fraser as Wardens, Bros. Bleakley, Hanson, Silvester, &c., supporting. The Lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, Bro. Silvester worked the first and fourth sections of the first lecture; after which Bro. Dimsdale rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hanson acting as candidate. Bro. Dimsdale opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees, and closed down. Bro. Messer having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to their musical gathering.

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**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—On Monday last, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Bros. R. W. Fraser W.M., G. W. Knight S.W., Thom J.W., Baxter S.D., Sharp J.D., Powdrell I.G., E. Storr P.M. Secretary, W. M. Stiles P.M. Preceptor, J. C. Scales P.M. Treasurer; Bros. J. C. Smith, Giddings, J. Hemming, Culverwell, Coste, Mote. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mote candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Coste answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge resumed, Bro. Culverwell was elected a member. Bro. G. W. Knight was elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting. After hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed. Bro. W.M. Stiles then took the chair for the Moorgate Charity Association, and called upon Bro. E. Storr, the Secretary, to read the minutes of the previous meeting. In the course of his remarks Bro. Stiles said that since June 1885, when this Association started, they had collected and paid to the Masonic Charities the sum of £329 14s. He was pleased to inform the brethren Bro. J. C. Scales, the Treasurer, had money in hand for six ballots, which were then appropriated.

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**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. Present—Bros. Child P.M. W.M., Cavers S.W., Craggs J.W., Dopson S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Austin I.G., J. Davis Preceptor, Past Masters Spiegel, Cubitt, Sims; Bros. Wood, Breitbart, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes were read. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wood offered himself as candidate for raising. He answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and was entrusted. The Lodge then opened in the third, and the ceremony was eloquently rehearsed—the traditional history being given. Lodge was closed to the second degree, when the first section of that lecture was worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cavers was elected W.M. for next week. A distressed brother was relieved.

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The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, Raynham W. Stewart, Fred. Davison Past Grand Deacons; Hogard, J. L. Mather, Perryman A.G.P., Matier, Driver, Brooks, Stean, Cotter, Bulmer, Newton, Murlis, Belton, J. M. Case, Forsyth, G. Innes, Albert Fish, Durrant, Tickle, and Terry (Sec.). The minutes of the male and one female annuitant, and one widow receivi a moiety of her late husband's annuity as well as that of approved candidate for the Male Fund was reported. T Warden's report was submitted, and two petitions wc considered, approved, and ordered to be placed on the l of candidates for the Widows' Fund. The usu compliment to the Chairman brought the proceedin to a close.

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The Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, will resume duties, after the recess, on Saturday. The members w meet at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, at fo o'clock. The installation of the new W.M., Bro. C. Reed, will take place at 4 30, and the annual banquet w be served at 6·30. It is anticipated there will be a lar assembly of the members of this popular Lodge.

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A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improv ment was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St Paul Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Brasted M.E.Z Radcliffe H., Parkes J., Sheffield S.E., Shaw P.S., Russe S.N. There was a goodly attendance both on this eveni and on the previous Thursday, when this Chapter Improvement resumed its duties. The ceremony exaltation was ably rendered on each occasion by th presiding Officer.

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## MASONIC MEASURES.

A Masonic pound weighs sixteen ounces, and is at least even balanced.

A Masonic yard is thirty-six inches, and it is not shortened by th handling of the stick.

A Masonic ton is two thousand pounds, and is not roughly judge but conscientiously handled.

A Masonic bushel contains two hundred and thirty-one cub inches, and is filled brimful.

A Masonic day's work is for the time paid for, and is faithfull and diligently engaged in the employer's business.

A Masonic bargain or sale is one in which there is neither cheatin for profit, nor lying for gain.—*Freemason's Journal.*

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SINGULAR DEATH OF A BANK GOVERNOR.—It was while Willia was conducting the assault on Namur, under a fire of round sho grape, and musketry, he suddenly saw with surprise, among th officers of his staff, Mr. Michael Godfrey, Deputy-Governor of th Bank of England, who had visited headquarters to make arrange ments relative to an advance of money for the payment of the arm which was then in arrears—a pretty common case in those days, an even down to those of the Peninsular War. This gentleman was near relation to Sir Edmundberry Godfrey, whose murder excited s much interest during the reign of Charles II. "Mr. Godfrey," sai the king, "you ought not to run these risks; you are not a soldie and can be of no use to us here." "Sire," replied Godfrey, "I ru no more risk than your Majesty." "Not so," said William. "I a where it is my duty to be, and I may, without presumption, comm my life to God's keeping; but you, sir——" Ere the king could co clude, a cannon-shot from the castle of Namur laid Godfrey dead a his feet. Quoting other authorities, Macaulay states that "it wa not found, however, that the fear of being 'Godfreyed'—such wa during some time the cant phrase—sufficed to prevent idle gaze from coming from the trenches. Though William forbade his coach men, footmen, and cooks to expose themselves, he repeatedly sa them skulking near the most dangerous spot, and trying to get peep at the fighting. He was sometimes, it is said, provoked int horsewhipping them out of range of the French guns; and the story whether true or false, is very characteristic."—From *British Battle on Land and Sea.*

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THE PRUSSIAN KING'S TOAST.—At Bonn the English visitor attended the inauguration of the Beethoven statue, and were ser naded by an enormous orchestra, consisting of sixty military band At four o'clock on the same day, a grand banquet was given at th Palace, on which occasion the Prussian King made a speech, i which he said:—"Gentlemen, fill your glasses! There is a word c inexpressible sweetness to British as well as to German hearts Thirty years ago it echoed on the heights of Waterloo from Britis and German tongues, after days of hot and desperate fighting, t mark the glorious triumph of our brotherhood in arms. Now i resounds on the banks of our fair Rhine, amid the blessings of the peace which was the hallowed fruit of the great conflict. That wor is *Victoria*." His Majesty then drank to the health of the Quee and Prince Albert: and the former, who was much affected, rose bent towards the King and kissed his cheek.—*From "The Life an Times of Queen Victoria,"* for September.

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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ent Garden.—The programme supplied by the management Promenade Concerts on Wednesday — the first half to classical music—drew a large and enthusiastic audience. strumental selections included Cherubini's "Anacreon" e; Schubert's symphony in B minor, "The Unfinished;" and t's prelude for strings only, "Le dernier sommeil de la ' These were well rendered by the orchestra, under the ' Mr. Gwyllym Crowe. Miss Josephine Lawrence splendidly l Mendelssohn's pianoforte concerto in D minor (Op. 40), and e by Jules Janotta. Madame Antoinette Sterling sang in her rilliant style "Rest, my dear, in the shadow," and "The ishers," and on being appealed to again favoured with "Just at twilight." Mr. Barrington's Foote's rendering of th" was heartily enjoyed, as also was "Here's a health unto esty," by the same vocalist. Mr. Howard Reynolds once erted his claim for supremacy on the cornet, while among umbers were reminiscences of Offenbach, splendidly played orchestra, and by the band of the Coldstream Guards.

ipic.—Many years back a familiar advertisement was to vith in the representative theatrical journal of the time; it ewhat in this fashion :—

TED.—Two or three actors, who can set off the dresses that ill be supplied them, and who can give utterance to the lines they lled upon to speak.

ler what the worthy manager who inserted this same adver. would have said of some of the gentlemen who took part in al of "Macbeth," at this theatre, last week. What is the ning to? is a question we often hear propounded, and if we n ourselves to formulate a reply upon our experience of last unequivocally say,—to the lowest depth of degradation. we cannot bring ourselves to the belief that matters are bad as they seem. We are frequently told that the stage ed from the government offices; that gentlemen who hold ositions that claim their attention from 10 till 4, or from ach day, find ample leisure to do all the "study" requisite rs, while as regards the work their engagements may he majority look upon it as a means of pleasant pastime. s it may, we are utterly at a loss to conceive what possible ation of circumstances could have arisen to make the nce under notice, as a whole, so unsatisfactory. It is now ks since Mrs. Conover announced her intention to place Olympic stage Shakespear's "Macbeth," and although it ally conceded this plucky little lady had over-estimated her when she decided to undertake the part of the Thane's e were many who gave her credit for the best intentions, and forward to her being adequately supported. For ourselves, glanced at the playbill and found that the stage manage- been entrusted to the veteran Tom Swinbourne, that a is to be made of Locke's celebrated music, that Mr. W. C. been engaged to conduct, and that such eminent singers ses Jessie Mayland and Fanny Heath, Mrs. B. M. De Solla, ed. Wood, Muller, &c., &c. had been engaged, we certainly he conclusion that the "revival" offered special attrac. r the rôle of Macbeth the services of Mr. J. H. Barnes etained, and here undoubtedly the management had dis- lgment; at the present day we can scarcely think of an r suited to the part. But then, as the proverb says, llow does not make a summer," and one actor cannot carry he evening a Shakespearian play. The "tea-cup and ama undoubtedly has banished from the boards the old- chool of players, and unless more judgment is displayed the qualifications of those who are to "speak the speech" mortal bard, nothing but loss and disappointment must l engaged in such ventures. In conclusion, led us advise er to re-model her caste of characters; let those who have uch palpable inefficiency be displaced in favour of better y such are to be found—and we may yet be able to record eduction of "Macbeth," though not a grand success, cer- not one of the failures of the year.

.—The first change of programme under the present t took place on Monday, when in place of "Garrick" d Compton revived Sheridan's celebrated comedy "The Altogether Mr. Compton's company is not so strong as t visited us; he, nevertheless, has one or two good actors and of these he makes the most. This was evidenced , for though at times the pointed dialogue brought om a full house, the piece generally was not sent nough. Mr. Edward Compton—following his line of busi- ed Bob Acres, and met with considerable applause for ion of the character. He worked hard throughout, and merited the commendation bestowed on him. Mr. Lewis tor that can always be relied on to make the most out of may be entrusted with, and his Sir Anthony Absolute is iece of work, though somewhat lacking in the physical nl to properly illustrate the bluff and tempestuous old Mr. Sydney Valentine was unequal to Captain Absolute; quires a finished light comedian to play it properly. F. Marshall cannot boast of having done much for O'Trigger, but the Mrs. Malaprop of Miss Elinor capital—although this lady lacks the necessary voice. ivi n displays some comedy power as Lydia Languish, but the principal artistes received a call before the curtain, a special one being given for Mr. Compton.

**Surrey.**—Mr. George Conquest is essentially one of the old school, and the policy he is carrying out as lessee of this popular theatre is undoubtedly a sound one. Mr. Conquest has secured a good "all-round" company, and he believes in supplying variety for those who may patronize his establishment. During the current week the attraction offered has been the Princess's Drama of "Hoodman Blind;" this popular piece has been capitally staged, and the principal characters have found most capable representatives in Messrs. T. F. Nye (Jack Yenlett), E. Garney (Mark Lezzard), C. Cruikshank (Kridge), and G. Conquest jun. (Chibbles). Mrs. Bennett played carefully and gracefully as Nance, but we were a little disappointed with her in her scenes as Jess. The death scene, however, was very effective, and this made amends for any slight deficiency that might have been apparent. Miss Jenny Lee ably supported Mr. Conquest in the lighter scenes of the play. On Monday, the Drury Lane Drama "Pluck" will be presented.

**Prince's Hall.**—Mr. Charles Duval, a very amusing entertainer, has started for another season in London, for which he has selected the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, instead of the St. James's Hall. Although several of Mr. Duval's characters are familiar to us, they are, nevertheless, just as refreshing as heretofore. Always amusing and never vulgar, this gentleman's entertainment is one that everybody can witness. His changes of costume are carried out with surprising rapidity, and he keeps the interest of his audience well sustained during the time he occupies the stage. Between the first and second parts the Count and Countess Magri, with the Baron E. Magri, hold a reception, and these clever little folks thoroughly amuse and interest their audiences.

## PICKPOCKETS AT THEATRES.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The other evening, after witnessing the performance at one of our West End theatres, a lady was robbed of her purse while procuring her "wraps" from the cloak-room. The room in question was cruelly small, and as a consequence there was a crush. During this crush the purse referred to was stolen. On discovery being made, it transpired that two other ladies had sustained loss—in one case an umbrella, in the other a brooch. My lady friend is pretty sure who was the thief on this occasion, and she thus describes her: "a well-dressed, tall woman." Doubtless this same woman will pay other theatres a visit, I therefore trust you will insert this communication, so that playgoers may be on their guard.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

W. M. F.

4th September 1886.

Madame Worrell will give her annual Evening Concert on Monday, 4th October, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, near Brixton Church. The following artistes have promised to assist:—Miss Bertha Moore, Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Florence Winn, and Miss Frances Hinwell; Bro H. Guy and Mr. Chas. Chiffe: Bros. Fredk. H. Cozens, Franklin Clive and J. Budd Harp, Miss Mary Chatterton; Violin, Miss Anna Lang; Pianoforte, Madame Emily Tate. Conductors, Bro. Turle Lee and Mr. Walter Hedgcock. Doors open at half-past seven. Commence at eight o'clock. Tickets—3s. 2s. and 1s each—may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle-road, Brixton-road.


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## MASONRY IN SOUTH AMERICA.

*An Address delivered by Bro. S. O. Thatcher, at t Semi-Annual Reunion of the members of Lawren Lodge, No. 6, held on Monday evening, the 12th Ju* 1886.

I AM here to-night more particularly to pay my respec together with the brethren of the Lodges represente to the head of the Order in our State. I am sure we m congratulate ourselves on the presence of so distingnish a Mason, and with the rest of you I may express r gratification at the interesting remarks which the Mo Worshipful Grand Master has just addressed to us, and trust that their significance may not be lost upon a of us.

The Most Worshipful Master has asked me to say som thing to you touching the relations of our Order to ci and religious progress in the different countries of Sou America.

The splendour which marked the rule of the Spanis through Central and South America was founded upon t ruins of civilizations nearly if not quite as advanced as th which succeeded them. The cultivation of fruits, t development of the mines, the growth of cities and tow and the orderly procedure and progress in the ordinary l of the Indian toiler, have been dwelt upon with profou interest by the fascinating pen of Prescott. The v wealth which lured the invader from Castile and Leon the Altos of Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru, can hardly estimated even by this progressive age. The silver mine Potosi in old Peru, now Bolivia, yielded over one thousa million of dollars during the centuries of Spanish rule, a the mine is yet unexhausted.

As one looks at the great cathedrals, temples, pub buildings, and palaces which the Spaniard erected in the countries he seized upon, he is astonished at the v wealth the invader found there; for, within a few ye and in some cases, even months after the subjection of Indian natives, we find Pizarro, Cortez, Valdivia and ot chieftains, erecting structures dedicated to religious public uses of a magnificence and decoration such as to ri the eyes of the beholder even to-day. Pizarro laid foundation of a great cathedral at Lima, walking from palace to the corner stone on bricks of silver. And great silver mines of Cerro de Pasco, which lie on eastern slopes of the Andes, something over a hund miles from Lima, with the rude appliances of the Indi for mining, apparently nothing more than a crow-ba ladder of notched poles running down to the ore, ar raw-hide bag to carry the precious mineral to the surfa had yielded when freedom from the Spanish yoke achieved hundreds of millions of dollars, and even to- these mines furnish to the mint at Lima nearly 1,200, dols. annually.

A new and strange civilization followed the rule of Spaniard in Latin America. The love of religion and gold, avarice and superstition, were the inspiring mot which brought the hordes of adventurers from Seville, C and other large centres in the old country to the regions of Peru and Guatemala. Cruelty, avarice and wanton destruction of the peaceful industries of the l characterized the settlement of the invader. He pla his towns, amid the groans and cries and destruction of peaceful Indians, and in a few years the great accum tions of wealth, the wonderful palaces built by the In their magnificent temples whose domes glittered burnished gold, were well nigh destroyed.

But a strange type of character grew up amid these roundings. The Spaniards and the better classes ar the Indians, and finally Indians themselves, amalgam and the Guacho, the Peon, the cow-boy in those

Indian which it supplanted. Meantime the whole try fell under the power of the invaders' religion, and ncient rites, ceremonies and strange idolatrous customs metamorphosed into celebrations of saints and adora- paid to the images of Bible characters. There was till is in the character of these people, and especially g those who belong to the wealthier classes, a certain of pomp and ceremony which never fails to show on any suitable occasion. Perhaps there is no people ich impressed by glitter, ceremony and ritual as are paniards. Possibly this is true of all Latin races, for time immemorial we have read of the strange mysteries ave surrounded much of their history. The Latin were swift to copy and amplify the esoteric rites of reek, and down to the present time have rejoiced in ver touches the imagination or appeals to the mar- s, the weird or the imposing. Hence it is that all n diplomatists to those countries are received with a a amount of ceremony, which to the plain Anglo seems almost incongruous, but to the mind of the who tender these national hospitalities is of the t importance. To give you a brief idea of this cere- and as illustrating the universal love of display there, I may detail to you briefly the course of tation of a Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy rdinary to one of these courts. On his arrival at the , say Lima, he makes known to the Minister of n Affairs of the Republic his presence, furnishing ith a copy of the letter of the President of the States accrediting him to that court, and also, as in e of the Commission to Central and South America, copy of the address he proposes to deliver to the ment on his formal presentation. After a few lelay he is notified through the official channel that a day, naming it, the Government will be prepared ive him in due form.

n the day arrives, perhaps two, three or four hours the time fixed, a regiment of soldiers will be d in front of the Minister's hotel with a double filing up the stairs, and even to the door of the n room, while the officers of the regiment will be at ithin the room. At the hour designated, a person the Introducer of Ambassadors, and possibly, the ry of Foreign Affairs also, comes to the Minister's nd escorts him to a state carriage, very fine and elongs to the Government, and is only used on such s; and a company of cavalry as an escort accom- his carriage to the Government buildings. There, ending a flight of marble stairs, the Minister is into one end of a long room, the sides of which d with well-dressed gentlemen, and at the further hich he dimly sees on a dais the President of the c, surrounded by his Cabinet and military officers ll uniform and regalia. A low bow is made by the , and then he advances a few steps up the room, d makes another bow, he then proceeds until he is of the President, when another low bow is offered rned by the President and his Cabinet and military and thereupon his address is read in English, and ident responds in Spanish. Then the President Minister to be seated at the right end of a sofa near he is introduced to the members of the Cabinet and ilitary officers. He is then escorted back to the and his hotel by the Minister of Foreign Affairs oducer of Ambassadors. At his hotel he exchanges suit for a business suit, and immediately calls h member of the Cabinet, leaving his card. He rns to his hotel, and within a short time the of the Cabinet call and leave their cards. This lustrates the formality and exactness with which ple treat their diplomatic visitors.

any of the bright young men of all these countries, cially the sons of the wealthy hacienda owners, s and mine owners, have found in the universities world very full and favourable educational ad- and many of them have by travel in our own as well as among the European nations become ed with the progress and the greatness of the ns of those countries, so far different from their ese young men return to their own countries, with them ideas much at war with the superstiritualsthey were accustomed to in their youth. be said that very many of them are sceptics. So ees at the places of worship, the cathedrals and women, many of them beautifully adorned and dressed. There is one attraction that is charming beyond description, it is the organ music which one hears from early morning until vespers. I often entered a cathedral and sat almost entranced for many minutes listening to the wonderful harmonies which the unseen musician brought out of his instrument. And in all these churches there is a vast deal of display, tinsel and gilt well adapted to charm and attract a man given to those things.

As I have said, many of the young men within the last few years have gained new ideas from travel in the United States, as well as among the more progressive countries of the old world, and in their travels many have fallen in with the Masonic Orders existing both here and in Europe, and although to become a Mason subjects them to the censure of the religion denominating affairs in their countries, yet they have nevertheless braved those censures and borne back to their native land the mysteries of the Order. I had a long conversation with the Rev. Dr. Trumbull, of Valparaiso, touching the religious and educational welfare and growth of Chili. He has been a missionary there for forty years under the charge of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Trumbulls of Connecticut, and is a man of great power and influence with the ruling classes, being on terms of intimacy with the President and his Cabinet, and often consulted on grave questions of State. He has a church of over four hundred members, is instrumental in building up schools, has established a theological institution at Santiago, and is extending a knowledge of civil and religious liberty to all classes in Chili.

I found Presbyterian and Methodist Missions in many localities of South America, and so far as I could observe they are doing a very encouraging work. Everywhere the progressive men of those countries desire their children to become masters of the English language, and the schools established by the missionaries are thronged by young men and boys especially seeking a knowledge of that tongue.

Dr. Trumbull, in the conversation I had with him, spoke of the power of his schools in carrying to every quarter of the land liberalising influences. He narrated very many curious circumstances of the customs prevailing in that country when he first went there, the prohibition against burying a Protestant in any of the cemeteries in the country, the difficulty in having a place of worship, the severe and obstructive laws against marriage between Protestants and members of the ruling faith of the country, finally the sweeping away of these difficulties by recent legislation. The examples he gave of the growth of the principles of equality and liberty were full of interest. He then also dwelt upon the future of the church organisations in different towns in Chili and the great good following them. "And then," he added, "there is another powerful liberalising influence participating in it, it is," he said, "Free Masonry." He then enlarged upon this point, showing how the Lodges were increasing in numbers and influence everywhere. He spoke of the tremendous weight they were having in opening the very heart of this people to the quickening influences of religious freedom and equality. I could very well understand as soon as he mentioned this topic, how the work of the Lodge, its mysteries, its seclusion from the outer world, its many phases of pleasing secresy, its captivating symbols, its signs and mystic rites, would possess and wonderfully charm that element of the Spanish mind which I have before briefly alluded to. To the prosaic Anglo Saxon many of the services of the Lodge-room seem after awhile almost commonplace, and perhaps cease to allure and excite the imagination as they did when seen for the first time. But to the Spanish mind all this is different. I need not enlarge upon it particularly, but may call attention perhaps to this one thought, that the members of the Lodge in becoming such are almost inevitably drawn away from the confessional. There is a profound abyss between the mysticism of Freemasonry and the obedience and requirements of the confessional. I believe that it is a cardinal principle of the church which holds the denominating influence in South America that no man can be a member of that church and also of any secret organisation, and especially that of ours. Now as against this bull of prohibition, this denial of the right of the simple layman to be a member of the Masonic Order, there is the constant appeal to the Spanish imagination of all that Masonry offers the world. The surroundings and striking symbols of the Lodge-room, the form and

draw him on to a further investigation of the mysteries of the Order and a knowledge of those ideas which appeal to the highest, noblest, and best faculties of mankind. There is the doctrine of equality which makes the Prince of Wales when a Mason no greater than the humblest member of his Lodge, this captivates the Spanish mind, as do the principles of the Fraternity, of good will, of mutual forbearance, and all those kindly pledges which are embraced by the initiate at every step in his Masonic progress. The Spaniard in becoming a Mason acquires a familiarity with the principles of freedom and equality which lie at the very foundation of national and individual greatness. These people are thus becoming infiltrated with the noblest ideas of our American life, and they are receiving them in such a way as to make them antagonistic to the superstition with which the early life was familiarised. And there can be but one end, to wit, as a man becomes truer and better himself, as he becomes more truthful, more honest, more pure in all the relations of life in that degree he is a truer Mason and is taking upon himself the highest character belonging to humanity. And the Spaniard in becoming familiarised with these great truths perceives the advantages they possess for himself and his brethren.

I do not then wonder at Dr. Trumbull's statement, that among the forces which are destined to uplift and ennoble and liberalise these people none will be found more puissant and constant in its tendency than that of Freemasonry.

—*Light.*

## MASONRY IN HAYTI.

FROM a very interesting letter to A. P. Moriarty 33°, from James Theodore Holly, says the *Hebrew Leader*, we are permitted to make the following extracts:—

Haytian Masonry was established in Port-au-Prince under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1809, by a Charter given to a Lodge numbered 606 on the Registry of that Grand Lodge, but which is now No. 1, under the Grand Orient of Hayti. This was done five years after the Haytians had gained their individual liberty and established their national sovereignty and political independence. Masonry in coming to this bruised and bleeding nation, lying in the great highway of the world's commerce, to pour its soothing balm into its dreadful wounds, thereby performed the part of the good Samaritan set forth in the Scriptures. Hayti has testified its gratitude for this Masonic succour, by making it a national institution. The Chief of State is the Grand Protector of the Order. In 1824 a Provincial Grand Lodge was organized under the Grand Lodge of England. In 1836 an independent Grand Lodge was established under the title of the Grand Orient of Hayti, and the A. A. Scottish Rite was cumulated in being added to the York Rite under the administration of the Grand Order of Hayti.

The Haytian Grand Orient is organized similar to that of France, with several Grand Chambers, but so as to take in both Rites in their entirety—I mean the York Rite, with its appendant Orders, and the Scottish Rite up to the 33rd and last degree. Hence we have a Grand Symbolic Chamber, a Royal Arch Chamber, a Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, and a Supreme Chamber of the 33rd degree A. A. S. Rite.

The Grand Symbolic Chamber occupies itself with the superior administration of Symbolic Lodges of the two Rites, many of which Lodges cumulate both Rites. The Grand Capitular Chamber occupies itself with the subordinate Royal Arch Chapters; the Grand Conclave with subordinate Knight Templars and Commanderies; and the Supreme Council Chamber with the subordinate Rose Croix Chapters of the 18th and the Areopagil of the 30th degrees of the A. A. S. Rite. Separate Grand Lodges of Perfection or Councils of Princes of Jerusalem do not exist. These degrees are conferred in Chapters of the Rose Croix. The 31st, 32nd, and 33rd degrees are conferred in the Supreme Council Chamber; hence there are no subordinate Consistories.

## THE NEW AGRICULTURAL HALL.

WHILE the Colonial and Indian Exhibition has been concentrating the interest of the United Kingdom upon South Kensington, there has been quietly and somewhat slowly rising into existence a building which seems destined, not perhaps to eclipse the recent International Expositions, but at all events to take their place in a more or less permanent form. A few years have elapsed since the initiation of the scheme for the erection of a National Agricultural Hall at Kensington, but for almost the same length of time the execution of the project has been a certainty, and only the earliest comers have been able to obtain a financial interest in the enterprise. The first idea naturally suggested by this venture was that there already existed an Agricultural Hall in Islington, which, so far at least as certain horse and cattle shows were concerned, was required was easily procured, and the shares in the company were rapidly taken up. The scope of the new project is extensive, for although nominally an agricultural hall, the building will be a centre for almost any and every display that modern ingenuity in the direction of exhibitions and entertainments can devise. The one great objection to, and sooner or later the fatal defect in, the Agricultural Hall at Islington, has been its inaccessibility. No railway runs to its doors, and the nearest of the underground stations is at all events a mile away; and whether the direction be from King's-cross or Moorgate-street, there is an uphill drag which ordinary people very much dislike. If that consideration were all, it would tell more and more year by year against the Islington Hall; but there is another and a possibly more important element of disadvantage. The most truly national and the most popular of the shows at Islington are those of animals and agricultural machinery, and the trouble and cost of transferring horses and cattle and sheep, steam ploughs, and other mechanical appliances from the several metropolitan termini to Upper-street constitute a serious and substantial disadvantage, militating powerfully against the success of the Agricultural Hall, well-established and well-known as it is. Hitherto, the absence of any adequate substitute has enabled this institution to retain a large degree of popularity, but the time is rapidly approaching when a powerful rival will be created which may not only compete in regard to shows with the hall at Islington, but will certainly possess advantages, and offer inducements in all directions, such as the existing head centre of miscellaneous displays cannot put forward.

One consideration alone from which the National Agricultural Hall at Kensington may and does claim superiority is that of railway facilities, and that is almost everything. After Clapham Junction—which has been described as the centre of the Universe, by reason of the almost direct communication between there and everywhere else—comes in rank the Addison Road Station, Kensington. At this centre almost all the railway systems in England converge more or less directly. This has been demonstrated by the enormous number of provincial visitors who have been brought from all parts of the country to Addison Road for the several exhibitions at South Kensington; but even so, there has been the disadvantage of a mile or two to be traversed by the travellers in order to reach the Fisheries, Healtheries, Inventories, and Coloneries, on foot or by omnibus, or other vehicular means. This difficulty will, however, not exist with regard to the new hall, either in regard to people, animals, machinery, or of the exhibits in the contemplated exhibitions. The National Agricultural Hall is being erected upon a site immediately adjoining, and on one side within a few yards of the Addison Road Station, and an inspection of the ground, building, and arrangements made on Tuesday by the Society of Engineers affords a suitable opportunity for describing the scope and progress of this project. The promoters, animated by no feeling of rivalry, regard the hall as a means simply of serving the West of London in the same way in which the Agricultural Hall at Islington has served the metropolis generally, and apparent as may be the probable supersession of the latter by the former, it is sufficient for the moment to look at the scheme from the same limited point of view. Gradually, and almost without notice, rising into existence, the Kensington Hall is now within a few weeks of completion and readiness for the popular uses for which it is designed. At present, it is true, there is an appearance of incompleteness, and even chaos, in the building, but the main structure is finished, and already a portion of the roof is glazed; and with respect to this roof it should be observed at once that it is not only the largest in span in this country after the roof of St. Pancras Station, but is one of the most gracefully arched roofs ever designed and constructed. The hall was originally designed by the late Mr. H. E. Cole, to whom are due the general arrangement of the buildings and some of the principal elevations. His work as architect has been taken up and ably carried out by Mr. James Edmiston; the contractors for the buildings generally being Messrs. Lucas and Son, of St. James' House, Kensington. The ironwork of the roof and structure generally has been designed and its erection superintended by Messrs. Mansam Ende and A. T. Walmisley, engineers, and is being constructed by Messrs. Handyside and Co., of Derby. The main hall is 410 ft. long by 250 ft. wide, roofed in three spans, of which the centre one is 170 ft. wide and 100ft. high to the soffit of the crown of the main arched ribs. These are placed 34 ft. apart and are 7 ft. deep, the ends resting on columns pivotted at top and bottom, so that the compression must necessarily pass through their centre lines. The thrust from the arched ribs is transmitted through the roof girders on to side galleries, and thence carried down to the foundations, 12 ft. below the ground, by an arrangement of bracing of which the flooring girders of the galleries also form part. One speciality of the construction will be the screens—at present hardly commenced—which will consist of vertical ridge and furrow construction, thus presenting great resisting power to the wind, while avoiding the heavy horizontal members usual in large screens. The main roofing is carried on main and intermediate purlins, and is glazed on Mr. T. W. Helliwell's principle, who is also executing the work. The superficial area of the ground floor is over 100,000 feet square, and from these figures it will be readily realised that the new hall is one of vast extent, and fully capable of accommodating the exhibitions and "shows of every description" for which it is intended. Agricultural, fishing, sporting, cycling, industrial and other exhibitions; dog shows, poultry shows, cattle shows, athletic and other sports, circus, and every conceivable description of entertainments are in contemplation, and when but half of the hopes and ambition of the company are fulfilled, the National Hall will become one of the most important and most popular institutions in the United Kingdom. The first purpose to which it will probably be devoted will be a gigantic hippodrome, but this is more or less undecided.

The visitors on Tuesday numbered something like 50 members

and work passed not only favourably, but in the most satisnanner.

quently the party visited the works of Messrs. Woodhouse, and Co., electricians, in the Hammersmith-road, where they , under the courteous guidance of Mr. Upward, and repress of the firm, the Upward electric primary battery, which several entirely new and valuable features in the application icity, the chief characteristic being that the battery is with gas instead of acids, and is so arranged as to require attention, even that being of an untechnical description. In g the visitors met at dinner at the Guildhall Tavern, the of the society, Mr. Nursey, occupying the chair.—*Morning*

## GLEANINGS.

Y AND MEN.—Masonry, like men, may and is liable to err, asonry, like true men, will correct those errors when they d out. Masonry is generally what men make it, and is like men, by circumstances, situations, and surroundings; e, the Masonry in France is quite different from what it nd; the people of France have different ideas about the f the Lodges and belief required of the candidates. The different juri dictions do the work of initiation of candient, yet in substance Masonry is the same all over the erever a Mason is found he will recognise the grand hail- the language of Masonry is known by all Masons of all asonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory, and its e only appreciated as they should be by men of intelliudy its silences. Men who read, men who have capaci- out those problems as are taught in Masonry.—*Detroit*

ncy of Masonry does not consist in its numbers. It is quantity, that determines power. The chisel of steel e thickest bar of iron, and a Lodge of thorough Masons ho have a hearty, deep, and abiding love of the Craft— in power, influence, and ultimately in numbers, any -hearted and feeble Masons, no matter what they may what capacity, or under what auspices they assemble. *cord.*

the true Mason; the Lodge only recognizes and affili-

EPITAPH.—A grave-stone in the churchyard of Cray- following quaint inscription:—

the body of Peter Isnell, 30 years clerk of this parish, ected as a pious and mirthful man, and died on his to assist at a wedding, on the 31st of March 1811, The inhabitants of Crayford have raised this stone l memory, and as a tribute to his long and faithful

of this clerk was just three score and ten,
alf of which time he had sung out *Amen.*
outh he was married, like other young men,
wife died one day, so he chanted *Amen.*
he took; she departed—What then?
ied and buried a third with *Amen.*
joys and his sorrows were *Treble*; but then
e was deep *Bass* as he sang out *Amen*;
orn he could blow as well as most men,
rn was exalted in blowing *Amen.*
st all his wind after three score and ten,
with three wives he waits till again
pet shall rouse him to sing out *Amen.*"

—*From Cassell's Greater London*, for September.

of Masonry is not in the number of its Lodges or the embers, but in the spirit which lives and breathes

asonry are sense and reason; its religion, truth and , peace on earth; its disposition, goodwill toward

London Lodges which must be strong, if there is ame—Samson Lodge, No. 1668, and Strong Man

anges says:—"The Masonic banquet in connection was as distinctly recognized as long ago as A.D. ame year it is referred to in the minutes of the gh, as an affair of common occurrence in the entry

TY IN TURKEY.—The *Chaine d'Union* says:—"A l of the poor at Constantinople was held recently in that city; 450 persons were present, including abilities, and the affair was a great success; 600 netted, including a donation of 100 lire from the

e world, and its influence can be felt in every ll people. Let Masonry promote peace and fra- bind up the wounds and heal the breaches between This it does silently, without special resolve or natural course of conduct to which it has been but in this connection it is important to remember, is competent to maintain not only the peace of a the peace of the world, it can do it only through after all the problem is: Will Freemasons ex-

where, includes the labourer and the capitalist, and teaches both to love each other, and at the same time to love justice and honour their Maker, can keep the peace of the world, can do more than the Metropolitan police, the posse comiatus, or the military, for the maintenance of order and the preservation of life and property.—*P.G.M. Simons, New York City, in the Keystone.*

Freemasonry is dearer to me than any other thing I know of, because, in my conception of it, it comprises all true religion and morality; all family, social, and national duties; all genuine philanthropy, literature, science, and art; in brief, all that can endear man to man, and make us more like the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, in whose service alone is felicity for the human race.—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*

AN ANCIENT MASONIC MONUMENT.—In the possession of the Italian Government is a monument, recently unearthed, upon which is engraved the square and compass, plumb, level, and twenty-four inch gauge. It also bears an inscription in Latin giving the name of the person to whom it was erected, together with the significant statement that he was a Master Mason. Experts have examined the stone and find that it has remained in the earth many centuries. It is evidently older than the Italian language, or else Master Mason seems to have belonged to the Latin speaking or highest class of society prior to the Middle Ages. The existence of this monument entirely refutes the assertions of the enemies of the Craft that Masonry did not exist as such prior to 1700.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

PRINCE ALBERT AT BIRMINGHAM.—In the latter days of November 1843, the Queen and Prince Albert visited Sir Robert Peel, at Drayton Manor, the country seat of that statesman. While staying here, the Prince made a visit to Birmingham, on the 20th of the month. Owing to the turbulent character of that town, where the principles of Chartism were in the ascendant, and riots had occurred but recently, Sir James Graham and some members of the Government considered it imprudent for His Royal Highness to venture into such a vortex of extravagant opinions. The Prince, however, was not unaware that his greatest enemies were to be found rather in the upper and official circles than among the populace; and he therefore did not fear throwing himself upon the hospitality of the Birmingham people. "The Mayor, who accompanied the Prince in the carriage," wrote Mr. Anson, on the same day, "is said to be a Chartist, and to hold extreme views. He said that the visit had created the greatest enthusiasm;—that it had brought into unison and harmony opposite political parties, who had shown the deepest hatred towards each other; and that it had been productive of the happiest results in Birmingham. He also said he would vouch for the devoted loyalty of the whole Chartist body. The Queen had not more loyal subjects in her dominions."—*The Life and Times of Queen Victoria*, for August.

MASONIC LAW.—Without a thorough knowledge of the foundation of Masonic law, those into whose hands is committed the governing power are liable to fall into great error, and perchance, by unwise legislation render irreparable injury to our revered Institution. The Master of a Lodge, when installed is required to give his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, and also, to promise to preserve the ancient landmarks which the fathers set up. It is therefore his duty to study those antique laws, not only for his own guidance in the performance of the duties he has assumed as the Master of the Lodge, but also, and more especially, that he may become qualified to be the instructor of the Lodge over which he has been called to preside. —*Masonic Record.*

EARLY MASONS AND MARKS, 1189-1200.—St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, wrought at the choir and transepts of his Cathedral with his own hand, carrying stones, as it is said, in a Metrical life of 1220-1235. The designs were by Gaufrido de Noieres, "Constructor Ecclesiæ;" 1306 the Dean and Chapter contracted with Robert de Stow, Master Mason, to engage others under him to work at the transepts. It is observed that there are some singular Masons' marks in this Cathedral. The first is like one at the Church of St. Radegonde, Poictiers; and there is a similar one at Glasgow Cathedral, 1188-1258; but with a slight addition to it as though two Masons with the same mark were working on the building. It is asserted that from the central tower of Lincoln Cathedral may be seen three large figures—a monk, a nun, and an angel, each with the sign of one of our three degrees. There is also a gravestone of Ricardus de Gaynisburgh, Comentarius, of the 14th century; on each side of the stone is a trowel and a square.—*The Kneph.*

CONSERVATISM IN FREEMASONRY.—Here is a body of men composed of all classes and professions, entertaining every kind of opinions upon religion and politics, who come together and exhibit among themselves the utmost harmony of freedom and action. No word of opprobrium escapes from the lips of any one to insult and wound the feelings of another. No fierce anathema of sections is heard. No extravagance is indulged in. Everything is done decently and in order. Everything is quiet, gentlemanly, respectful, dignified. The bitterest political enemies meet face to face, and you shall never know by their actions or words that they do not belong to the same party. Religionists the most opposite embrace each other in the arms of an exalted charity. Fanaticism finds no entrance into the society of the Brotherhood. Not a wave of discord disturbs the water of the inner temple, no plunge into the abyss of atheism, rant, or lawlessness shocks the moral sense of mankind. No revolutionary hydra comes up from beneath to break up the foundation of order and send the tornado over the fair face of society. But what is the secret of their unanimity, or their harmony, of their brotherly love, of the conservative front which, without a tremour, they maintain amid the

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

2179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1453—Ezra Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
982—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightling-ea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mid Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

26—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
175—Justice, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jordan, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
808—Tottenham, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Pembroke, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Star Depe, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1621—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1438—Fitzjames, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (In
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (In
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instructio

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, K
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
408—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
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M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (In
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lea Pinhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Ins
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
889—Whittington, Red Lion, Parson's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instru
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Stroud Green, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instru
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (I
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.3
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, at 8.30, at 8.
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruc
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
124—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Johnston-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Quenslaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
686—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Sheffield
634—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Rawtenstall, Blackburnshire
754—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Newington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1018—Sincerity, Freemasons Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1060—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Bradford, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—The Grey and Repon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1314—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse

'combe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
xandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
rkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
warigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
e Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
ity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
vidack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

tian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
vian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
ke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
e, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruruction)
ary, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
eu, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
ve, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
ark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

rn Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
, Three Nunns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
t Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
n, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
matic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
ell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
n, White Hart, Clapton
ral City, Masons Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
naught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
th Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
rton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
iddlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
Barnes, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
rling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
rthfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
r, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
rs, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
voy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
e, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

bourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
e Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
th London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
at 8. (Instruction)
e of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

bion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
High-street, Arundel
n, Town Hall, Burslem
Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
e, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
een's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
nce, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
ethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
nd Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Chtheroe
wdegate Arms, Nuneaton
Hotel, Hitchin
White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
ace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
unt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
re, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
nburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
onic Hall, Battle
West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
, Green Man, Blackheath
d, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
nic Hall, Crediton, Devon
sonic Rooms, Dunham House Northallerton
ynstay Arms, Oswestry
Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
yal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness

uncil Chambers, North Street, Chichester
nan, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
s, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Swan Inn, Haslingden
y, Red Lion, Accrington
Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
th, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
a More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

## RIDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
ns. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
on, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ark, Greyhound, Richmond

Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
agers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instrction)
d, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ary Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
Portland Hotel, Lytton Street, Barnsbury. (Inst)

663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

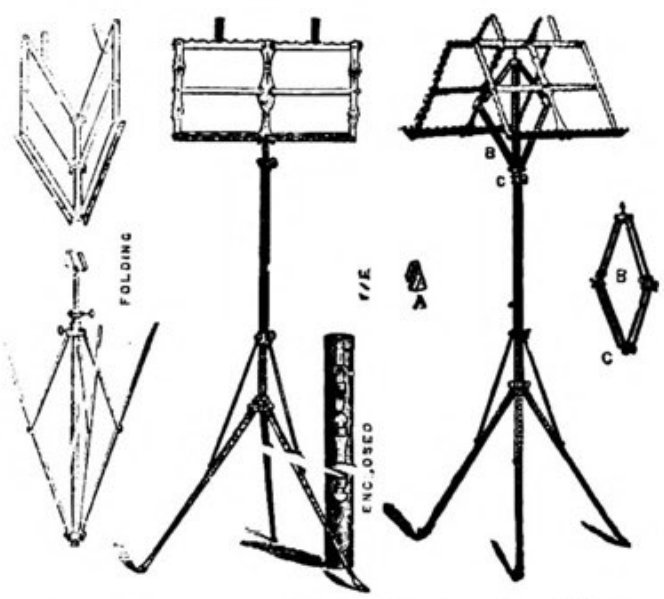
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden


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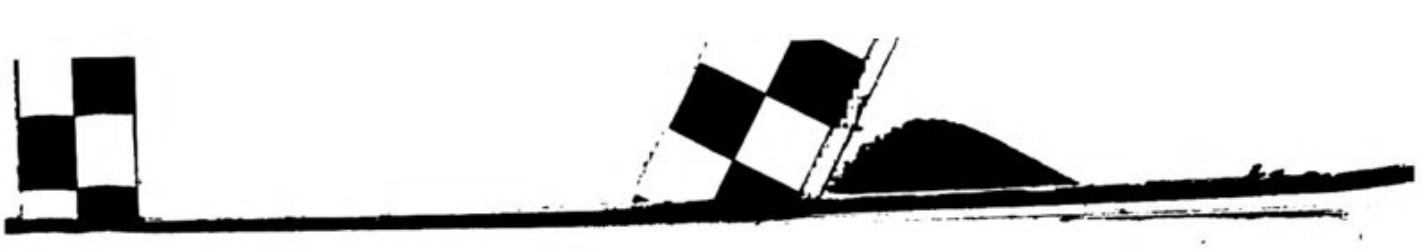
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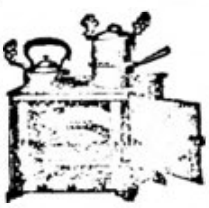
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## E APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ST week, in speaking of the coming Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, we were able ke the pleasing announcement that during the next sixteen daughters of Freemasons would be admitted articipation in the benefits of that noble Institution; eek, when we review the coming contest for admis- the Boys' School, we are enabled to give even more ing particulars, and to publish details which will be ed both by those who support the Institution, and who are seeking a participation in its benefits. At ction, which is fixed for the 11th October, thirty-two ill be selected, from a list of forty-four candidates, or r words nearly three-fourths of those who have been d as worthy of education and maintenance in the will secure the coveted right of admission. These might be quoted as evidence that the Boys' School n a position to keep pace with the calls made upon it not that it is the rule not to make a formal ion on behalf of a child until there is a good chance ng its early election. So much is now done in the organization of voting power that nearly every s in a position to accurately estimate what it is pos- it to accomplish, and brethren very wisely refrain inating candidates whom they know will be left for election after election. This system is a great nent on that we have frequently condemned in the n brethren, on being appealed to by the friends eased Mason, rashly made promises of help and d they had done their share when they had child's admission to the roll of eligible candidates other of the Educational Institutions, thereby se hopes in the minds of those left in distress, ately bringing discredit on Freemasonry and its

In days gone by—we hope never to return— unusual to see four or five candidates, and some- more, put forward from a Province which, outside help, was not in a position to make even cure. Brethren were in the habit of voting for ey chose, without any attempt at combination, sult, children took part in election after election, accumulating a few hundred votes, and at others g beyond ten or a dozen, until the rule limiting dmission precluded them from appearing at the All the labour undertaken on their behalf, and nse incurred was thus thrown away, but, what se, the hopes of the widow, raised perhaps years revived each half-year by those who were so mise, were crushed, and the help she had been ve was forthcoming from Freemasonry was d her. Of course such cases occur now—and ccur, so long as admission to the Institution t of voting—as it is easy to promise to use ce in securing a child's election; but sufficient e to prove that the best system is that which f nearly every case put forward, and which

to imagine that these forty-four lads represent the whole of those in need of that help which the Freemasons of England so liberally dispense through the medium of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Of the forty-four children to whom we have referred above, two now appear on the balloting paper for the fifth, one for the fourth, three for the third, and ten for the second time, while the remaining twenty-eight will make their first application at next month's election.

No less than seven of the candidates now make their last application, their age being such as to preclude them from again appealing to the supporters of the School. Four of these are old candidates, and three new, the former being headed by No. 2, Albert Taylor, an East Lancashire lad, who after four applications has only 50 votes to his credit. He is one of five dependent children of a late P.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, who was initiated in the early part of 1870. As we have no knowledge of the candidate's position beyond that given in the sheet issued from the Institution, we are unable to pass any opinion on this case, further than to say that the brethren of the Province in which the father was initiated may be relied on to support any deserving case, if it lies in their power so to do. No. 3, Percy Gibbs, has received even less support than young Taylor, for he has but 13 votes as the result of three contests. He also is in the hands of brethren who are proverbial for the thoroughness with which they carry out their Masonic obligations, his father having been initiated in the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This lad and two other children are now dependent on their mother, who was left a widow upwards of two years since. No. 4, Joseph Thomas Andrews, is a London case, the father having been initiated in the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, in which we knew him as a Past Master. There are four children dependent on the mother, who has secured 333 votes on behalf of this lad at the last two elections. This case may be cited as evidence of the loss London Masons suffer from want of that organization which is all but universal throughout the Provinces. If this lad's father had belonged to a Provincial Lodge, we believe his case would have been taken in hand officially, and if he had not been elected ere this, there would at least have been little fear as to the result of next month's election; as it is, we can only await the declaration of the poll with a feeling that London will in all probability lose the benefits to which we consider it entitled as regards this lad. No. 10, Maurice Bibby Jones, is a West Lancashire case; the father, who was initiated in the United States, having joined two Lodges in that Province. The lad and two other children are now dependent on their widowed mother, the present being the second application on behalf of this child; in April last no votes were recorded on his behalf, a coincidence which, taken in conjunction with the tactics usual in West Lancashire, where organization may be said to be complete, augurs well for the child's ultimate success. No. 36, Harry Newton, is another East Lancashire case, which district therefore has two last applications to decide next month, in addition to two other cases. Young Newton is

Lodge, No. 306, in 1865; in which he rose to the dignity of Senior Warden. No. 43, Sidney Harold Purnell, one of three dependent, comes from Warwickshire, where the father was initiated, in 1863, in Bradford Lodge, No. 925; he became one of the founders of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, and was honoured with the collar of D.C. in the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province. He was a Life Governor of the Institution for the benefits of which his son is now a candidate, and died in January of 1881.

Neither parent living is recorded in the cases of four of the remaining children, and in each of three of these there are six children dependent on the liberality of friends, the other case being one in which there are three dependents. No. 14, George Frederick Johnston, was a candidate in April last, on which occasion nine votes were recorded on his behalf. His father was initiated in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 214, Durham, in May 1869; rose to the office of Worshipful Master, and had the honour of Provincial Grand Sword Bearer conferred on him. He was a supporter of the Benevolent Institution, and there are at the present time six of his children dependent. No. 16, Frederick William Hayes, also took part in the last election, but on that occasion no votes were polled for him; he has a sister in the Girls' School and in addition to her there are three dependent children. The father was a joining member of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, Hants and Isle of Wight, from a Scotch Lodge, and paid his dues for 14¼ years. Both of the other cases in this section are new ones, and in each there are six dependent children. No. 22, Frederick Ernest Carter, is accredited to Norfolk, where his father was initiated in the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, in 1867, subsequently joining South Down, No. 1797, and Walden, No. 1280. No. 37, Arthur Herbert Smithers, is one of the children of a brother initiated in the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London, in 1876; he has a sister in the Girls' School, and will no doubt ere long be among the pupils at the companion Institution at Wood Green.

No. 1 on the present list is George Cannon, who has already stood four elections, and has twenty votes to his credit. He is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother, the husband of whom was initiated in 1869 in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland, subscribing thereto for thirteen years. As this is the only case from the Province of Northumberland we may consider it more than probable that this child will be among the successful at next month's contest. No. 5, Joseph Wood, brings forward 173 votes from the last two elections, he is one of six dependent on a widowed mother; his father was admitted into Freemasonry in the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, in 1881, and subscribed until his death four years later. No. 6, Percy Haslem Matthews, a candidate from West Lancashire, has a sister in the Girls' School, but there are still four children dependent on his widowed mother. He has made two previous applications, and comes forward with 117 votes to his credit. His father was initiated in the Furness Lodge, No. 995, and subsequently joined the Arthur John Brogden, No. 1715. He had a record of sixteen years association with Freemasonry, and had passed the chair of Worshipful Master. No. 7, Meyrick George Bruton Good, stands a very good chance of being elected next month, as he goes to the poll with 1175 votes already recorded on his behalf. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and there are four other children dependent on his mother. His father was initiated in the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Wiltshire. No. 8, Bryan Hanby Holmes, also has a sister in the Girls' School, and stands a fair chance of securing a place in the companion Institution at the coming election, no less than 1068 votes already standing to his credit. His father was initiated in the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, Durham, in 1879, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, in 1881. There are four children now dependent on the widowed mother. No. 9, Alfred Vaughan Hayward, is one of five children dependent. Both his parents are living, and they have been so far successful with this lad's candidature as to have already polled 1301 votes on his behalf. His father was initiated in Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, Gloucester, in 1860, subsequently joined Nos. 493 and 1005, in which latter he held the office of W.M. and rose to office in Provincial Grand Lodge. No. 11, Horace Lewis, is another candidate who stands well, as he brings forward 1259 votes from April last. He is one of three children dependent on death, in 1879. No. 12, Wilfred Gay, one of sev children is also dependent on his mother. His father w initiated in the Moria Lodge, No. 326, Bristol, in 1866, a subscribed thereto for upwards of eighteen years. He re to the dignity of P.M., P.Z., and Provincial Grand Jun Warden; his friends have already polled 1299 votes behalf of his son, whose election is thus virtua secured, as the Province of Bristol would not des a case in such an emergency. No. 13, Harold Gr comes from the Colonies, his father having been admit to a participation in the mysteries of Freemasonry British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's To He is an only child dependent on his widowed moth and 86 votes have already been recorded on his beh No. 15, Henry Norman Angier, is one of four dependen The father was initiated in Hope Lodge, No. 433, Essex October 1881, and subscribed thereto until his death 1883. A few votes—45—were recorded on behalf of lad in April, and no doubt the Provincial Association Essex will render its powerful aid when the turn of t child comes round.

We have now reviewed all of those cases which h been brought forward from previous contests, in addit to a few we considered worthy of earlier mention. Th are twenty-three cases still on the list, all of them first ap cations. We leave a consideration of their claims fo future opportunity. Meanwhile we again express pleasure that so many of these lads while ere long entitled to maintenance and education in the School which they are now candidates.

## INTERTWINED MASONRY.

COMPANION F. S. Fisher, Committee on Cor pondence for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Vermont, in his review of Illinois for 1885, says:—" curious instance of jealous sensitiveness of feeling to wh we alluded in our last report, is real in its developmen the report of the committee at this time. The correspond had said that pure Masonry was confined to the Lo degrees, which is no more than is always said by Lo Masons. Exceptions were taken to this sentiment, a committee appointed to draw into the Vails and Sanct pure and ancient Masonry, which they seek to do with companion of mathematical accuracy. Now the w subject we consider to be mixed and confused, bu confusion which gives life and beauty to the whole sys of Masonry, showing that it is a growth and not a plan institution. Modern fraternities may be regarded mathematical eyes, but not Masonry. In this we adv higher often by apparently going back, so that we ca say as in an exact science one step leads onward another. We believe that all ancient Craft Masonry exist alone in the Lodge degrees, and moreover, in alone of them, the Entered Apprentice. For notwithstan the oft-quoted Jew, the third degree must have been r by Christians, for its lesson is either the Resurrectio simply noise. Yet at the same time with the develop of the Lodge degrees we dislike the often repeated s ment that Lodge Masonry knows no other degree, while with Companion Gurney we would not use in bodies their peculiar rites, as not our own, save for purpose of signs to enter, and not as tiresome gymna at the same time the present day does demand of Lodge expressed as well as implied recognition of Brothers of Masonry. But this recognition had b come from Royal Arch Masons as Master Masons in a C Lodge than in a Grand Chapter. Again, while Ma may be a progressive science, as this committee states, notwithstanding, we believe that a Master Mason fully a Mason as a Royal Arch Mason, which resolu adopted in a Grand Chapter would hardly allow. Al above is confusion, and so is our system in one s Mathematicians might build a tree, but it would not the attractions of a tree that grew, so the complex intertwined nature of Masonry has attractions which f modern society.

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## SQUARE MEN.

"ASONRY proper, at all pains and hazards, should hold itself in such estimation and actual reserve ractically to preclude any of that class of applicants for whose eyes seemed framed to prefer darkness to all the liar effulgence claimed and calculated to come from ission to the Masonic Adytum. It is reciprocal. That say, the neophyte worthy is first assisted to where he gain access to the light, technically, in order next the light may illumine the postulant. To make the Mason, therefore, requires the right man for suitable idate to prove sufficiently receptive and able to utilize light upon his becoming component with the work.

As to the Fraternity, how often must the people the Pope be assured that Masonry is not religion? not unlike religion, in that Masonry as well must be aced in its tuition and tenets of membership certainly numbered with the elect, so far forth of those that God and respect His commandments. Show me a ious, thoroughbred, dutiful Freemason, and I will show one who honours Divine things and loves the Brother. If some augur evil from outside sources of opposito our system, its safety and success, let those with n its constituency consists be all the more careful and ervative. Take pains to select the best material in ing men Masons, and they will prove "living stones" built into the Temple work from very foot and dation to copestone and crown. For the one cultus concert of accord and harmonious operation livens the —till in process it be so fixed as to withstand all sure save its own, that it cannot fall but by itself.

—*Rev. Henry G. Perry.*

## SONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN.

another column we give a report of the proceedings in connection with the opening of the Masonic Exhibiat Shanklin, which occurred on the 9th instant. Our in regard to the utility of such exhibitions are well n, and no doubt a great amount of information may athered from a careful study of the many interesting brought together on such occasions. The exhibition anklin appears to be on much the same lines as those have preceded it, and, as usual, a great feature is of the catalogue of the exhibits, which has been edited ro. Alfred Greenham, with archæological notes added o. W. J. Hughan. If one of these catalogues could warded to each Lodge in the kingdom they might many brethren to a knowledge of the value of ic curios, but as the exhibition at Shanklin has been ed with the hope of realising a monetary profit—will be devoted to the Chine Lodge Building Fund—not suppose it is likely the catalogues will be freely uted, and we are afraid the price at which they are will preclude brethren from purchasing them. We like to see a permanent exhibition established in tion with United Grand Lodge, in which case we to think a large number of Masonic curiosities speedily come to light, from quarters wherein w remain buried.

## ASONIC TEMPLES IN PORT AU PRINCE.

I gave last week some extracts from a very interesting letter to A. P. Moriarty 33°, from James e Holly, published in the *Hebrew Leader*, and the g in relation to the Masonic Temples in Port au Hayti, is from the same source :—

odge has its own Masonic Temple; there are four in this au Prince), owned by an equal number of Lodges. The ip of each ranges from 300 to 600 members. A Royal Arch Rose Croix Chapter, Templars Commandery and Areopagus th, are to be found at each temple, except No. 5 l'Etoile Star of Hayti). This latter only works in the York Rite pendant Orders.

mple is surrounded with a wall enclosing about a quarter

business and ritual work is 8 p.m. At 7 p.m. generally all Masonic work is over. A temple for the Grand Orient is now being built; the National Legislature gave the land and appropriated 10,000 dols. to aid its construction. A monthly Masonic journal was published, but it has been suspended for a time.

The same Grand Officers of the Grand Orient of Hayti preside over or direct the Court in each of the Grand Chambers, simply changing their titles according to the requirements of the ritual as each Chamber is opened. At each annual session business is transacted in each Chamber. The Grand Master and other Grand Officers are elected or appointed for three years. There is greater cordiality and more unity between Symbolic Masonry, the appendant Orders and co-existing rites by this concentration of their Superior administration in one grand body like that of the Grand Orient of Hayti, than there can be where a different Grand Body exists for each appendant Order or separate rite, organised independently, and meeting separately from each other.

The Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355, will resume its weekly meetings at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 7.30 p.m., when the attendance of Mark Master Masons will be esteemed.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday next, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, Cock Hotel, Highbury Corner, by Bro. Cooper W.M. 1693.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### THE ELECTIONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should feel obliged if you would allow me to ask, through your columns, if any brother has any votes for the Irish Masonic Institution for Boys to spare? I should be glad to exchange vote for vote for either of the English Institutions.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL,

V.P. of the Three Institutions.

8 Thurloe Place, 15th Sept. 1886.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Comedy.**—"Sister Mary" has at last arrived in London, after her long and successful tour in the Provinces, and judging from the reception accorded on Saturday will also find favour in the Metropolis. Originally produced last March, at Brighton, "Sister Mary," by Wilson Barrett and Clement Scott, was at that time fully criticized in the daily papers. The stirring incidents and the literary merits of the play were at once recognised on Saturday by the audience, who liberally acknowledged the ability displayed by the artistes engaged. The most prominent of these of course is Miss Lingard—for whom the play was written. This lady, in the title rôle, shows considerable emotional power, and thoroughly secures the sympathy of the audience. Mr. Leonard Boyne acts with much earnestness and feeling as Captain Walter Leigh. Mr. J. H. Darnley (Sandy Dyson), Mr. P. Perceval-Clarke (Colonel Malcolm), Mr. C. Dutton (Jack Maddison), are also well suited to their parts. Miss Maggie Hunt was hardly powerful enough to depict the emotions of the unfortunate Rose Reade, but Miss Ruby Maude sustained the small part of Harry, aged seven years, very well. Miss Retta Walton gave a humorous rendering of Charity Binks; Miss Blanche Horlock as Kate Malcolm, and Mrs. Conninge as her aunt, effectively aided an exceptionably good caste. To the fore also were Mr. Harry Fenwick, Mr. B. Hicks, Mrs. Augustus M. Moore, and Miss Marie Fraser. The piece is prettily mounted, and deserves to become popular.

**Prince's Hall.**—Mr. Charles Du-Val will present, on Wednesday next, a special programme to celebrate the 500th representation in London of his successful entertainment. The Count, the Countess, Baron Magri, and the Glinkas will present new features. A novelty in thought-reading, with a curious transmission of ideas, and Mr. Du-Val's "Shamus O'Brien," will fill the programme.

A new issue, in popular form, of Mr. Charles Du-Val's "With a Show through Southern Africa," will be published immediately by Messrs. Dean and Sons, Fleet-street. Mr. Du-Val will shortly contribute his impressions of the East, and his second visit to the Cape

## A CLERGYMAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO MASONIC HISTORY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I MUST premise that since my remarks were printed on the "Scarlet Book," I have been assured by Bro. R. Macoy, of New York, that Bro. Rob Morris was not the author of the said book, and as my guess was wrong I beg Bro. Morris ten thousand pardons for guessing that he was the author thereof.

The Rev. Bro. (I suppose) Joseph Wild, D.D., published a series of Discourses in 1879; all of course proved to be in accordance with the predictions of the prophets. In the 20th and 21st Discourses he treats about a town in Ulster, once called Lothair Croffin, but afterwards named Tara. In Tara they played on a harp, exactly of the pattern of the harp of David, which is celebrated in song as

"The harp that once through Tara's halls."

In Wales, they played on a similar harp, which proves that the Welsh and the Ulsterites were cousins. Now, as Isaiah said something about "the isles of the sea," he, of course, referred to the English isles. We all know that the Jews were taken captives by the Assyrians. But fortunately the tribes of Dan and Simeon were engaged in the mining and shipping business; hence the said two tribes got away in their ships, and sailed to the "isles," foretold by the prophet. The Simeonites took possession of Wales, and the Danites became the rulers of Ireland, in Ulster. The Danites were particularly favoured by the Lord, for some how or other a descendent of David became their king; a descendant of the King of Ulster became afterwards King of Scotland; hence Her Majesty Queen Victoria is a direct descendant from King David.

It is also well-known that Nebuchadnezzar plundered the temple of all its valuables, but it does not seem that he was smart enough to get hold of the "Ark of the Covenant." The Rev. Brother, however, has learned from Jewish historians that the prophet Jeremiah managed to hide the Ark. But where did he hide it? Well! the Rev. Brother is very sure that Jeremiah carried the Ark of the Covenant to Tara, and there it remains to this day, and if certain mounds in Ulster could be removed, the original Ark would be recovered.

Now Tara very naturally succeeded Jerusalem in holiness after the latter was destroyed, for not only was idolatry abolished by the Tara-ites when they first settled in Ireland, but their descendants were also foremost in spreading Christianity. In short, Tara was the legitimate dwelling place of Melchisedec, and the head of the Christian Church ought to have resided in Tara. But the wicked Pope of Rome would not suffer it. So, by hook or by crook, at the instigation of a Pope of Rome (I do not know which Pope), the Irish Jerusalem was destroyed, and all that is left of it is a mound.

After quoting Pinnock's catechism on the History of Ireland, in which some wonderful things are proved of the connection of the Hebrews with Ireland, that even "some of the tribes of Joseph" settled in Ireland, and after citing profane and sacred historians to prove his theory, the Rev. Brother goes on to say:—

"Another line of argument in favour of Tara may be submitted from Freemasonry, this ancient and most honourable institution. The prophet Jeremiah no doubt was a Mason, and one of high degree. This was, on the human side, his passport from country to country. The ancient Khasdim, or Chaldeans as we may say in our Bible, were the heirs of Shem, whose family built the Pyramid. Abraham came from the land of Kasdims. He was a Khesed trustworth, for that is what the Hebrew word Khesed means. If you wish for instance of this applied, read 1 Kings xx. 31. Ben-hadad insulted Ahab, was finally defeated by the host of Israel. Ben-hadad then hid himself in a house in Apheck. At this point of despair his servants, knowing their Master to be a Khesed, or Mason, told him they had heard that the kings of Israel were so also. Some of them, attired as Masons, prepared to test Ahab. With their aprons on and a cable tow round their neck they entered into Ahab's presence, saluting him, saying, 'Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee let me live.' And he said, 'Is he yet alive? He is my brother.' Now the men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, that is, whether he would make a sign or not, and did hastily catch it, and they said, 'Thy brother Ben-hadad' (giving back the sign). Then he said 'Go, ye, and bring him.' Thus at once they were friends. Ahab even invited him to his carriage, but the people understood not the conduct of Ahab toward Ben-hadad.

"Jeremiah, I believe, founded a degree in Masonry upon the hiding of the Ark, and which degree, as recorded by him, will continue till the time it is found (see Jer. iii. 16). The Prophet was a Grand Master. This accounts for Masonry of this degree pointing to Ireland as the place of its origin; from there it went to Scotland, which at this day has the oldest and purest Masonry; Mother Kilwinning Lodge dates from 1128 A.D. And, strange to say, the same authorities that overturned Tara have often tried to destroy Masonry. The Benedictines, as every one knows, were Masons, and they included popes, kings, and the influential of their day. The Benedictines were the builders of the great cathedrals and massive structures of those ages. The very words free and accepted mean that Masons were free from the restrictions of bulls and edicts of the Popes. So the very name, Free and Accepted, is a monument, like the name of Tara. Bishop Gilmour, of Ohio, warns his flock not to touch Masonry. The fact is, the whole order of the Romish Church is taken from Masonry; it was copied from the Grand Master down to the Entered Apprentice. It is not that the Church of Rome hates all secret societies; no, no! for within her pale are several of her own creation. The Mason, the nearer he lives up to his oath, the better he will be in himself towards others. But take a Jesuit—this is an oath-bound society—and the more he lives up to his oath the more wicked he will be in himself, and the more dangerous to all 'heretics' or non-Catholics. A good Mason is a good man; a good Jesuit is a bad man, for the very keeping of his oath obliges him to be so."

I learn from the list of contents treated in the above Lecture, that Grand Master Jeremiah instituted the ninth degree. But not being a ninth degreer, I cannot understand where the Rev. Brother learnt that the servants of Ben-hadad wore aprons and gave the Masonic sign? Moreover, every ninth degreer is willing to swear that Solomon constituted the ninth degree. These questions, however, I hope will be investigated by our learned Rosicrucian Adepts. And I would further respectfully suggest, that remove the mound in Ulster where Tara was located, for who knows whether the Ark of the Covenant may not be found there?

I must here call attention to a discovery, which is as important as that of Jeremiah's Grand Mastership. In the September Number of the *Voice of Masonry*, page 73, there is a communication headed "Masonry and Freemasonry," wherein the learned writer proves that the "Sons of God" constituted Freemasonry. I hope, therefore, that the said article will be reprinted in the Freemason's Chronicle for the edification of our English brethren. This is essentially an age of discoveries; and the discoveries above indicated will demonstrate that American Masonic lecturers and writers, more especially our high degreers, are not at all behind the age.

Boston, 30th August 1886.

## MASONIC CHARACTER BUILDING.

*An Address by Bro. George Wells Lamson, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 12th January 1886.*

(Continued from page 163.)

THE whole world, all its peoples, stand to-day in some pronounced attitude toward divine revelations and the great moralities. We here each have, in the eyes of others and others in our eyes, well known and understood relations to cardinal truths and principles, revealed or otherwise accepted. The trend of our lives is in a certain main direction. The general and usual expression

ths, we may stop upon the way and loiter in adjacent
ds, we may even retrace some steps, wisely or un-
, but still we after all continue in the main course
ve in prospect the one determined destination; and
rending, this general continuity, constitutes our
ter as usually accepted and considered by us all.
this character may be, whither this trending, is
portant to us, and very important to our fellow
On it is based our happiness and that of those
us. Indeed, it is what there is of us in our re-
to the world. It is our identification wherever we
ke to draw upon the race for good will or assistance,
nscribes our epitaphs in the memories of those we
ehind us, if not indeed upon our tombstones, through
Its firm tension at times, its considerate elasticity
s, adjusts us to the difficulties of the world—adapts
e unchangeable and lifts us over and around the
ions of life. It is ourselves in operation, the ex-
of our identity, the pulsation of our soul's circula-
d by its exhibition we rise or fall in the estimation
ellow men, and, finally passing away, leave our
ints in the sands of time." What is most interesting
owever, is to know how much of this character we
onsible for—how much of it we may build, and how
build it.

me into the world and in a few years, arriving at
y for understanding simple statements, but not
g even thought of self-construction, we are told
are *thus* and *so*. In a very homely but most
e phrase the boy is told that he is "a chip of the
." Thus early is announced to us the great and
fact of mind and soul quality hereditament.
y do we find ourselves partly written down in
hose indelibility our greatest effort and latest day
tirely erase, and thus early being chips are we
in hunting up reminiscences of the old block.

we still being, as it were, but little showmen of
find within us, a mother's affectionate pride and a
roud affection speaks to us of gifts and graces,
begin to cherish the pleasant but disastrous
that we have been talent charged and grace
the mystic recesses of embryo and that we have
do but poise and *exude*. Nevertheless, how-
birth, quality, quantity and force may be magni-
rough sheer indolence improperly relied upon, it
denied that a certain per centage of what we are
born when we were. It could not be other-
created things, although they may be variously
associated and applied, have certain essential
and adaptation. And all life must have im-
e varied directions of this impulse give us the
ariety of the earth's fruits, flowers, trees and
e us all the families of the animals with their
bits. And the same born impulse, unequal and
very man, gives us an individuality that all our
conventionality and self-discipline cannot con-
his original impulse, this birth-gift, is not after
ly, without our approval, the *weight* and *force*
cters. It may give aroma, it may strike notes
it may decorate the corridors of our life or
hadows and introduce discord and confusion,
our assent, without our adoption, without our
cannot be our guiding force and cannot con-
haracters. It is fortunate if birth forces and
el some in a measure along the lines of virtue
onance with the moralities of that divine
to which we all owe a responsibility, but that,
we must build, must cultivate, must stimu-
press, yea, must *fight*, if we would stand up
re our fellow-men and with the least tolera-
od, *cannot be denied*.

aracter—one that will last through the vicissi-
and form some sort of an initial point for
*st be achieved*. We are not projectiles, that
y force of blood and early circumstances to
of fame and into heaven. The rocket is sent
it is true, and yet not far; briefly brilliant, it
expires. Only the strong, well-directed, per
wing attains for its possessor the lofty heights.
*im there. Effort is the law.* Were we not
le this by our own reasonings, had not experi-

not be consistently addressed to irresponsible beings; and who will charge God with inconsistency? These words leave no room for a mere sort of instinct man; they are addressed to those that are expected to be authors of a career. Free accountable beings, who are recognized by these very commands as capable of selections and adoptions, repulsions and rejections, and through these, capable of a growth and development which shall produce that conservative integer we call in the highest sense *a man*, noble before his fellows and beneficently regarded by his God.

After the inscription of the decalogue on the tablets of stone by Moses, the great Architect of the Universe has given us, from time to time, through prophets and kings, through the Messiah and inspired apostles, extended revelations of his own perfections and multiplied precepts, by which man may advance himself in the scale of being and develop the grand possibilities inherent in his nature. As these divine and inspired teachings—attractive schedules of moralities with sequential beatitudes—tabulated vices with attendant infelicities and disasters, have been handed down from age to age, they have been the basis of effort for all discreet people who would enrich their being and make their lifetime the augury of pure companionship in the eternal.

But the individual man can do but little alone. Even acting for himself only, on the most selfish bases, his solitary and unassociated efforts are of small avail. And for great ends he requires the stimulus of approving numbers, the incentive of comparisons, the inspiration of unified diversity and the grand support of an open confession and frankly asserted aim. And yet all men cannot be constrained to one set of forms or associated under one phraseology.

With all man's love of union and acknowledgment of its necessity, diversity is still a strong feature of our association. Only certain numbers of men can be grouped under one banner and marshalled at one time. The same virtues, the same good will, the same morality and the same hopes must be variously attuned and symbolized to meet the natural thought and conception that forms the grouping power for unified effort. Were this not so, the whole world would to-day be groaning under one great monstrous monotony, call it by any name you choose. We would have no accumulated illustrations of truth, no new appeals along the lines of our civilization, no multiplied melodies of brotherhood. Our charity would be perfumeless and our good deeds graceless. As we *are*, however, and always have been, affiliating and disaffiliating, there have sprung out of the divine revelations and precepts what we call societies and institutions.

The church, directly divinely instituted, is, although one great unit, yet at the same time the multiple of many divisions. It stands, however, so pre-eminently above all other institutions by especial divine favour that it is not to be included among human societies and can have no classification among them. We have, however, outside the church (but not antagonizing it, certainly in the case of Masonry), in all civilized countries where that "God whom we as Masons reverence and serve" has made himself, His government and man's relations to it known, aggregations of men of all kinds associated with diverse names, under every description of rules and regulations, with variously inscribed banners displaying emblems and devices, beautifully symbolic for some and expressionless for others, and regalia characteristic of the group it distinguishes, all nevertheless jealously preserving traditions and zealously promoting precepts which perpetuate and emphasize some truth that conserves and elevates manhood. What these societies have done for the world is beyond our ascertainment and our conception. As Masons we are not to underestimate any of them, and as Masons, charged with a mission such as ours, we have but time to say to those that are not of us, God-speed you along the lines of truth. And what shall we say of Speculative Masonry? What has it accomplished? What is it doing to day. What will it do in the future? What single tongue or pen can answer these questions? Ask if the ocean embosoms treasure. Ask if the sun illuminates the day; if the moon engilders the night. Ask if the stars adorn the heavens. Ask if the sands of the sea-shore and the leaves of the forest are numberless. Ask if the winds encircle the globe. [illegible]

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*shall all these things dissolve and pass away?* No man knows; it is not for man to ascertain the value of a moral precept so uttered, so inscribed or so symbolized that it shall enter the *sanctum sanctorum* of one human soul.

When we think then of the age of Masonry; when we think of its world-round expanse; when we remember its multiplied emblems and symbols so beautifully and effectively chosen; when we recall the inspiring eloquence of its ritual and forms; when we remember the great minds that have cherished its tenets and the silver-tongued eloquence that has made them melodious in willing ears and strengthful to encouraged hearts; and, above all, when we recall that in all that it expresses, all that it does, all that it appeals to in the past and hopes for in the future, it embodies divine truth and clings to God, who shall estimate it? Who shall delineate its accomplishments in the past, characterise its position and power in the present, or prophesy of its future.

Not by man, not on earth, can the reckoning be made, and when eternity shall be old the estimate will yet be incomplete. And now how has all this greatness and goodness been achieved? *By building.* Masonry has recognized that human character must be *built*, first well founded and then wisely superstructured. It looks to God and His laws, physical and moral, for its foundations, and to all truth, wherever revealed or wherever discoverable, for the materials with which to erect the moral edifice. It recognizes also that whatever is born in a man that is good and true must be grown and developed, and whatever is bad and false must be repressed and crushed, and all this means that labour, that effort, that building, without which no symmetrical human character ever existed.

Masonry tenders to us all the aids that strength of logic, beauty of symbol, and affection of brotherhood can afford. Whatever makes truth persuasive, whatever cements brethren in manliness, whatever makes charity practical, whatever puts under foot in man all that is bad, and gives ascendency to all that is good, is ours to invoke and cherish. come from whence it may. That others, not of us, may also be custodians of useful tenets and may be building well and wisely, detracts not from us, we impede none, but our structure rises solidly and gracefully from foundations that cannot be questioned for antiquity and wisdom.

"By Speculative Masonry we learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practise charity." What a creed! What a chart! What material for building! The universe contains no forces that can destroy a character reverently built out of such tenets on God-fearing foundations. Subdue the passions! What grander man can be imagined than one who has wrought this tenet into his character! Think of chaos and then of order, think of wild ravings and drunken maud'ings, and then of calm, intelligent utterances. Think of the fires of rashness and then of the flame that burns steadily upon the altar of a well-considered purpose Think of the distortions of hate, revenge, avarice and unholy ambition, and then of the peaceful equilibrium of a good-will-to-all balance. *Who would not* have the passions of his nature subject to his educated will powers? What loftier ambition! What nobler manhood! What does it not involve? All else. To act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practise charity, are the accomplishments of a well-ordered manhood, the fruitage of subdued passions and the evidence of the wisdom of Masonic tenets and the success of Masonic character building.

Brethren, the deep veneration in which we hold the Institution of Masonry needs no apology, no defence. Its antiquity, its universality, and its morality challenge our highest esteem and invite our warmest love. Throughout all time the sheen of its escutcheon will ever glisten in the front rank of all manly progress, and when time shall be no more, when the trials of earth shall be resolved into eternal equities, among that great throng of the redeemed that shall felicitate themselves along the avenues of the skies, the square and compasses will be no mean emblazonry.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### LOYALTY LODGE, No. 1607.

THIS popular Lodge, which was consecrated at the Alexandra Palace, on the 18th May 1876, by Brother James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held its Tenth Anniversary Installation Meeting on Saturday last, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, at which hostelry the members have now fixed their headquarters. The brethren assembled at four o'clock when Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Gayton M.D., who was supported by his Officers, the founder and father of the Lodge, Bro. John Newton P.M. (Secretary), and by Bro. J. Brown, also one of the founders, a Past Master, and now Treasurer of the Lodge; the following brethren who had filled the chair in the Lodge:—C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, F. Carr, E. C. Beedell, and Thos. Jones. There were also present Bro. James Terry (Hon. member). and the following visitors: Thomas Nettleship 1641, Bevan 1756, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, W. Pheasant 34, F. Croaker P.M. 185, H. Conolly S.W. 173, Jas. W. Cain I.G. 179, E. Lewis P.M. 167, J. A. Brown 1672, E. Dalzell W.M. 1549, A. W. Oliver Std. 149[illegible] W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, E. Plater 1437, A. W. Weston S.W. 127[illegible] The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the W.M. elect Bro. James R. Large was introduced by Bro. C. H. Webb, and Bro. Gayton proceeded with the ceremony of installation. This was carried out most perfectly, and after the board of Installed Masters had completed their share of the labours the new Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—R. S. Cushing S.W., A. J. Clark J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treas., J. Newton P.M. Sec., E. Holdsworth S.D., T. F. Hodgson J.D., C. H. Halford I.G., J. Hattersley D.C., C. H. Webb P.M. Steward, W. Rose Assistant Steward, J. Very Tyler. Before the closing addresses were given the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Thomas Large, a brother of the Worshipful Master, as a candidate for initiation. The result was in favour of the candidate, and the Worshipful Master had the gratification of performing the ceremony of the first degree in favour of his brother. This he did in a perfect manner. Bro. Gayton then delivered the addresses, and thus completed the ceremony of the day, as he had the work of his year, in a highly creditable way. It appears that in compliment to Bro. Terry as the Consecrating Officer of the Lodge, it has been the custom for the Worshipful Master for the time being of this Lodge to offer his services in the capacity of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Large, made graceful allusion to this custom, and expressed the pleasure it would give him to maintain so desirable a rule, which he trusted would be observed for very many years to come. On the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. P.M. Webb, the offer of Bro. Large was accepted, and a sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge in support of his Stewardship. The Worshipful Master then announced that in consequence of the time set apart for the Lodge work having been somewhat exceeded, the presentation of the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to the outgoing Master at the last meeting, would be deferred until a later stage of the proceedings. Some routine work followed, and hearty good wishes having been tendered Lodge was closed. The customary toasts were given after the banquet which followed labour. In due course the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Gayton felt assured that Bro. Large would be able to carry out the work more satisfactory than his predecessor. He was a genial and courteous brother, and in all the offices he had filled from that of D.C. upward, he had distinguished himself. This had been particularly evidenced that afternoon when he had had opportunity of admitting his first initiate. Bro. Large thanked the brethren for the toast, and felt deeply gratified at the hearty way in which it had been received. Any brother who took the office of Worshipful Master in the Loyalty Lodge must strive to distinguish himself. He had to follow able Masters, who had won golden opinions for themselves. However, it was recognised that at times men must fail, and having this in view he had been diffident about taking office. Still, he had undertaken the duties, and would strive to carry them out in a satisfactory manner. If at the end of his term he found he had given satisfaction, he should be amply repaid for all the labour he had undertaken. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer of the day, Bro. Large felt he need hardly remind the brethren how ably Bro. Gayton had fulfilled his duties, or how proficient he had proved himself. The members of the Lodge were much indebted to their I.P.M. for what he had done in connection with their Lodge of Instruction, wherein the brethren had so well obtained a knowledge of their duties in Freemasonry. As he had mentioned in the Lodge, the brethren at their last meeting had unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Gayton, and hoped he would accept it, not as a matter of form, but as a recognition of the esteem in which he was held by every member of the Lodge. In responding, Bro. Gayton said he rose with much pleasure. He looked upon the present as one of the happiest epochs of his life. Twelve months back he was on the threshold of a trying period of probation. The term had passed, and he stood surrounded by the same warm hearts who had greeted him so cordially when he took upon himself the duties of Master. He trusted to be able to hand down to his children and to his children's children the gratifying testimonial he had just received. In speaking to the toast of the Initiate, the Worshipful Master expressed the pleas-

her toasts followed in due course, and these comprised Institutions, coupled with the name of Bro. James ast Masters, the Officers, and, finally that of the Tyler. g selection of music was given during the evening under of Bro. J. A. Brown, the following being a list of the :—National Anthem ; Part Song, "God bless the Prince Richards; "The Sentry's Song," (Iolanthe), Sullivan, an; Glee, "Haste ye, Soft Gales," Martin; Song, r Alley," Bro. J. A. Brown; Song, "Once Again," Sul-Dalzell; Glee, "Come, Gentle Zephyr," Horsley; Glee, How Fresh," Paxton; Part Song, "Beware," Hutton; le Byngo," Mackenzie.

## GE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

a large gathering, on Saturday last, of members and at the meeting of the above excellent Lodge, on the e installation of Bro. C. H. Reed as W.M. for the ensu-ge was opened at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, a good attendance of officers and brethren; W. Bro. Treasurer acting as W.M., in the unavoidable absence Mallindinia. Amongst the brethren present during were Bros. Reed S.W., Mitchell J.W., Smith S.D., r I.G., Lovell D.C., C. E. Ferry P.M. Secretary. John ., Kearney P.M., Eade P.M., J. B. Wall P.M., Phillins, en, Broad, Coxham, Park, Meahy, Lonsdale, Wells, hers, Wainwright, Belhomme, Clements, John Stait, W. J. Wall. W. Thompson, &c., and Visitors: Bros. 157, James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, W. G Jennings-nce 1326, J. Hobson 1608, G. Gutterbock 173 C. W Bryant 1541, W. Wright 1572, S. Johnson 1297, and 1681. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, rgency meeting held in May last, having been read the report of the Audit Committee was received and allot having been taken for Mr. James Stait, of Brook nor Square, and the same declared clear, that gentle-duced, and initiated into the Order by Bro. Leins, with ny. The W.M. elect being an old friend and one of tes of John L. Mather P.M., that distinguished brother, of the candidate and the P.M.'s of the Lodge, under-ny of installation, and Bro. Reed having been duly placed in the chair of K.S. by him. It goes without ing was wanting in the performance of the interest nt ceremony as conducted by so expert and thoroughly ter of Masonic ritual as Bro Mather, and the con-red to the newly installed Master and to himself well deserved. The W.M. appointed his Officers as ro. J. Mitchell S.W., W. Smith J.W., L. A. Leins P.M. Ferry P.M. Secretary, C. J. Fox S.D., J. Salter J.D., W. Squire D.C., A. R. Chamberlayne Asst. D.C., S., John Stait Assist. S., and — Lane Tyler. Master, Wardens, and Brethren, after the investi-leted, were admirably delivered by Bro. Mather. In routine business which followed, the proposed testi-ges and individual brethren to Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was discussed, made for a donation towards that object from the it appearing that in the opinion of a large majority he sum named was hardly such as comported with osition of the Lodge, it was resolved to consider the the ensuing meeting, with a view to arrange for a n the collective body, irrespective of individual ed by several then present. Bro. Mather very h Bro. Binckes' great services to the Craft gener-veral Charities of the Order, more particularly to School, and his remarks were received with earnest with ready assent. We anticipate that the Lodge will be well represented on the subscription list y be forthcoming. After "hearty good wishes" visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren cellent banquet, bountifully provided, and served ner under the personal superintendence of Bro. r of the Imperial Hotel, who was, throughout, tention to each guest, and thereby considerably ridual enjoyment. Viands and wines were of the ll justice was done alike to cuisine and cellar. The all one, comprising the usual Loyal and Masonic hers special to the occasion. The W.M. was not he "happy, peaceful, and glorious reign" of our "genial encouragement" given to the Craft by the "grand progress" made by the Order under e Pro Grand Master and the past and present rand Lodge. His own health was proposed by Bro. Eade, who spoke of the W.M. as "a good nd a good Mason," whom he had known for some thoroughly deserving all the compliments and h could be paid to him, whether within or with-esponse to a general call Bro. James Stevens Dr. Rob Morris's celebrated poem, "Masons' what must have gratified him exceedingly, a sfaction for his performance. In response to the he W.M. expressed his thanks to the members-ng conferred upon him "the highest honour it bestow," which to him was enhanced by the eived their unanimous vote for his elevation. parcely deserved all the encomiums which m, but he would certainly do his "level best" he might have proved himself worthy of the like enthusiasm with which they received him now. The Worshipful Master's allusion to his successor had reference to a unanimous feeling in the Lodge that Bro. C. E. Ferry, Past Master and present Secretary, the only "founder" who has has not yet been Master of the Lodge, and for whom all present Officers desire to give place, should be chosen for that office at the next period of election. The health of the initiate, Bro. James Stait, who had been proposed by his brother, John Stait Assistant Steward,

> "And, which was strange, the one so like the other,
> As could not be distinguished but by names,"

was next given from the chair, the Worshipful Master remarking that his evident ability to understand and appreciate the ceremony he had gone through gave evidence of an earnest desire to become a worthy Craftsman. Bro. Mather rendered the "E.A.P." song in his honour, and Bro. James Stait expressed his acknowledgments and thanks for the happiness the evening's proceedings had afforded him, his hope that he might enjoy many pleasant hours in the Lodge, and his assurance that he would never disgrace the ancient Order, but would, like "his twin brother" had already done, do his best in its interests. The Visitors received a cordial welcome both individually and collectively, the W.M. assuring them that their presence added greatly to the general pleasure, and calling on Bros. James Stevens and S. Johnson to respond. The former brother desired to give place to Bro. D. Reed P.G.D. Essex, the father of the W.M., who, being present, he thought would naturally wish to address the brethren. This Bro. Reed did briefly, but very earnestly, and the other brethren named made effective responses. The Installing Master, Bro. J. L. Mather, who is also an honorary member of the Lodge, in responding to the toast in his honour, expressed the pleasure which his "labour of love" had given him, and his satisfaction that he had had the opportunity of placing in the chair of the Perseverance Lodge one of his own initiates. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, all of which were forcibly proposed by the W.M. and respectively acknowledged, with appropriate remarks. The proceedings were enlivened by the musical efforts of several talented brethren, amongst whom were conspicuous Bros. Bryant, Tasker, Johnson, and Holmes; and a lengthened sitting evidenced the full enjoyment of the happy assembly, until the Tyler's toast gave the inevitable signal for general separation until next regular meeting.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Thursday, 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W. Bros. A. Cavers W.M., Craggs S.W., E. Austin J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Breitbart S.D., D. Sermad J.D., Sims P.M. I.G., Spiegel P.M.; Whittle, Stonnil, Marsh, Jno. Davies (Preceptor). After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marsh (E.A.) candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Davies (Preceptor), assisted by the brethren; Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for next meeting.

On the 16th inst., Bros. Craggs W.M., Williams S.W., Austin J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Burton P.M. S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Whittle I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Spiegel, Sims, Josey, Davis Preceptor; Bros Jennings, Stonhill, Cavers, Lofield, Love, Breitbart, Burbrook, W. W. Williams, Head, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jennings candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stonhill candidate. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Burbrook, of the Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, was elected a member. Bro. Williams was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

## FATAL TERMINATION TO A MASONIC MEETING.

MR. G. P. WYATT, the Camberwell coroner, held an inquest at the Duke of Albany, Gellatly-road, Nunhead, on Wednesday, on the body of Mr. Clement Bayley Cheese, 39, lately residing at 31 Bousfield-road, Nunhead, who died on Monday. Mrs. Emma Cheese, residing at the above address, identified the body as that of her husband. His life was insured. On Saturday last he went to a Masonic meeting at Cheshunt, and at night he was brought home in an unconscious state. He never again became sensible, and died at half-past two on Monday afternoon. Mr. Charles Gompertz, residing at 123 Richmond-road, Putney, deposed that on Saturday last he went to Cheshunt with a party of gentlemen, of whom the deceased was one. After dining they returned from Cheshunt in waggonettes to the railway station at Waltham. To reach the platform they had to go down a flight of some twenty stairs, where the deceased suddenly pitched forward and fell to the bottom, striking his head on the floor. The train coming up at that moment, he was put into a carriage and taken to Liverpool-street. He was there seen by a surgeon, and conveyed home in a cab. Witness was satisfied that the occurrence was accidental. Dr. McKenney, of Lausanne-road, stated that he was called in on Saturday night to see the deceased. There was a wound over the right eye and some bruises on the legs, these injuries having apparently been caused by a fall. In witness's opinion the cause of death was the rupture of a blood vessel on the brain, which was the result of a fall. After some discussion among the jury, the coroner briefly summed up the case, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

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pening ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand the time fixed for the ceremony being two o'clock, but it was hree by the time the brethren who accompanied the P.G.M. ed at Cliff House and walked in procession to the grounds of ibition. Amongst the brethren who signed the visitors' book -Bros. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M., Edgar Goble 309 P.G. Secre- E. Le Feuvre G.J.D. D.P.G.M., Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., oldney P.G.D., Henry Pigeon jun. P.G. Organist, J. Exell P.G. . H. Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey, C. Basil Cooke 1928, J. C. n P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, George Wyatt P.M. 151 and 340, P.P.G.S.W., William Kelly P.P.G.M and Grand Superintend. ester and Rutland, C. J. Phillips P.M. 130 P.P G.S.D., W. I P.M. 132 P.G.S.B., Surgeon-General T. Ringer P.M. 1308 .D.C. Wilts, W. St. John Cawa 416 (S C.) P.P.G. Organist ne, Australia, T. Giles P.M. 35 P.P.G. Superintendent of lants &c., W. H. Wooldridge 1869, R. L. Robertson I.P.M ose W.M. 132, J. Willmott P.M. 342 P.P.G. 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It was by recounting the prowess of those e before them that men were incited to valiant deeds; ols of the past which led them to victory and conquest. asons, had a history of the past which they were rightly roud of. They pointed back to those who had gone before nd tried as far as they best could to emulate their example. that Freemasonry had a long past, extending into present generation intact. Though they had little idea of the length of time Freemasonry had existed in the world, this they were aware of, that although it had existed amongst the civilised communities to the greatest extent, even in most barbarous countries, people had been brought into contact with Freemasonry with good effect. They might congratulate themselves that in the present age when Freemasonry had extended itself to an unprecedented extent that Masons of that day were imbued with the same excellent principles that had been handed down to them in one unbroken chain. They had reason to congratulate themselves on the recollection that those principles were conducive, not only to reverance to God, but to loyalty to their Sovereign and devotion to their country. They not only prided themselves on those excellent qualities, but on being bound together as those united by ties of brotherhood, ready to do anything to assist each other, ever ready to perform any good work. They could point with some pride to those great charitable institutions which formed so important a part of the Masonic Order, showing they were disposed to act in such a way as to prove that they were worthy of those lessons which had been bequeathed to the . They had that day an Exhibition replete with interest. Whether the relics were interesting to all those present or not, they certainly must be replete with interest to votaries of the Masonic Order. He trusted they would not be devoid of interest to all, for they had been brought there at considerable sacrifice to those who had lent them, and those who had taken the trouble to get them were deserving of the utmost credit. He only trusted that the Exhibition would be a complete success, and in the firm belief it would he now declared that it be opened. Bro. F. White Popham, J.P., said, on behalf of the brethren of the Chine Lodge, he was deputed to thank Bro. Beach for his goodness and kindness in coming amongst them to inaugurate a work which would long live in the memories of the members of the Chine Lodge. They in the Isle of Wight, in conjunction with the brethren on the other side of the Solent, had to congratulate themselves on the fact that they were presided over by a gentleman who had made the office which he had dignified so much not merely an empty name, but had devoted his time to the Brotherhood in a manner which it was not necessary for him to speak upon that day, but when the history of the Province came to be written his name would be found inscribed on the memorials of the Order. He asked him to accept, in the name of the Chine Lodge, a gold medal which had been struck to commemorate that Exhibition. Bro. Alfred Greenham W.M. then handed to Bros. Beach, J. E. Le Feuvre, and E. Goble, handsomely bound catalogues, as a souvenir of the Exhibition. The Provincial Grand Master thanked Bros. White Popham and A. Greenham very heartily indeed for the memorials handed to him. He had pointed out before that it would be an ill day for a nation to efface the history of the past. It would be impossible for him to efface from his recollection the kindness extended to him that day in presenting him with that beautiful medal and handsome catalogue. Much interest would ever attach to his visit to Shanklin, seeing the auspicious occasion on which it had occurred. Bro. Greenham publicly thanked Madame Spartali for her great kindness in placing her grounds at their disposal, remarking that the brethren were largely and deeply indebted to her for so doing. The Exhibition was then declared open and the splendid and valuable collection was visited by the brethren and the numerous company who had entered the grounds, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather. In the evening a celebration dinner was held at Hollier's Hotel. The Exhibition remained open till the following Monday.—*Hampshire County Times.*

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE Grand Lodge of the Province of Cornwall assembled on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the new Masonic Hall, Falmouth, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, including

Bros. Sir Charles Grave-Sawle, Bart., 33° D.P.G.M., Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen 609 acting P.S.G.W., T. Hicks 1529 P.J.G.W., Rev. W. H. Blossom 318 acting P.G.C., W. Rowe 330 P.G.T., E. D. Anderton 331 P.G. Secretary, E. Poor 1136 P.S.G.D., E. Scantlebury 856 P.J.G.D., R. Lean 131 P.G.D.C., Commander G. H. B. Reed 75 P.G.S.B., W. F. Creber 1164 P.G. Std. Br., T. A. Kestler 589 P.G.O., W. Bailey 1544 P.A.G.S., F. Bray 1755 P.G.P., J. W. Higman 496 P.G.S., T. Gill 967 P.G.S., W. J. Hughan 131 P.G.J.D. England, F. Binckes P.G.S. England, W. Guy 496 P P.G.D.C., W. F. Newman 75 P.P.G.J.W., F. Dinnis 75 P.P.G.P., S. G. Moyle 699 P.P.G.S., T. Chirgwin 131 P.P.G.S.W., J. Nineas 699 P.P.G.R., T. Michell 1006 P.P.G.D.C., W. L. Fox 75 P.P.G.R., J Burgess 1096 P.P.G.S W., P. Giles 490 P P.G.S., H. M. Harvey 789 P.B.G.J.W., T. H Lakes 469 P.P.A G.D.C, J. F. Penrose 331 P.P.G.S.W., H. F. Whitefield 1529 P.P.G.R., I. W. Manger 967 P.P.G.O., S. G. Bake 1151 P.P.G.S.B, W. H. Dunstan 75 P.P.G.S.W., W. H. L. Clark 1071 P.P.G.S.D., W. H Roberts 1785 P.P.G.S., W. Tonkin 977 P.P.G.S.W., J. Turner 557 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Dinniss 330 P.P.J.G D., G. H. Small 121 Past Prov. Senior Warden, F. W. Dabb 589 P.P.G.J W., J. H. Ferris 331 P.P.G.R., W. H. Christie 331 P.P.G.S.B., J. Bissett 856 P.P.G.S., S. Michell 699 P.P.G.S., J. G. Henwood 970 P.P.G.S., A. P. Davis 977 P.P.G.J.D., J. C. H

1006, J. Pearce 1071, B. G. Derry 330, W. Andrew 789, F. J. Lee 1544, F. G. Harding 1785, F. Johns 1164, C. Parsons 789, W. J. Tredinnick 496, R. Parken 164, A. Luke 977, N. Gray 967, A. W. White 1136, J. A. Bersey 893, E. Herring 1071, G. Stevens 450, J. Sarah 589, R. Wetter 856, J. Martin 1272, W. K. Baker 1272, G. Tyack 1006, G. Darke 1136, J. Doney 856, T. H. Gibbons 856, W. B. Morris 131, W. H. Pope 1785, M. Sampson 121, F. Rodda 121, J. de C. Treffry 977, W. Odgers 589, J. Wallace 75, T. Bath 857, W. Simmons 131, T. C. Mark 131, T. J. Smith 496, J. C. Job 496, H. C. Welsh 967, J. M. Thomas 967, H. B. Nemo 589, R. Parsons 977, W. Huthnance 460; Worshipful Masters—Bros. R. Dunstan 318, J. M. Carne 75, G. T. A. Staff 1272, S. G. Bennett 557, J. H. Hoit 856, J. Sobey 1164, W. J. Collins 1006, P. H. Dawe 967, J. Price 893, T. White 787, H. P. Vivian 589, W. Coleuso 121, T. S. Bailey 1151, G. M. Downing 131, J. A. Blamey 1785, J. Pearce 1135, J. James 1529, J. Rodda 1544, J. G. Blight 496, J. Bazeley 450; Senior Wardens—Bros. S. Tresidder jun. 75, C. Hudson 318, B. F. Edyvean 330, T. Turner 1006, J. Julian 331, H. Worsdell 967, W. H. Parsons 1272, W. H. Huddy 510, J. D. Pearn 893, J. S. C. Simpson 121, F. Kitt 1151, J. Stribley 1785, A. K. Collins 1136, J. Tonkin 131, H. Bowden 1071, J. McTurk 496, S. White 970, A. Bate 1544, C. Kent 689; Junior Wardens—Bros. G. T. Olver 75, G. F. Whitley 1529, J. M. Richards 318, H. Lavin 967, W. R. Toms 856, J. Black 1136, G. Williams 1272, W. T. Hawking 131, E. A. P. Broad 450.

On the roll of the Lodges being called, answer was made for all. Sundry letters of apology for non-attendance were received from brethren unable to attend. The report of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. Rowe, showed that the year commenced with a credit balance of £181 13s 2d, which made the amount of credit for the year £381 16s 7d. The balance carried forward for the year now commenced was £125 4s 11d. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. D. Anderton, in his report, stated that since the last meeting a new Lodge had been opened, namely, Cothele, No. 2166. There being now 30 Lodges in the Province, the Grand Lodge was entitled to three additional Officers, namely, two Deacons and a Director of Ceremonies. The number of members in the Province was 1465, against 1473 last year, a decrease of 8. The initiations during the year were 77, as against 92 last year. There had been lost by death during the past year more prominent Officers than in any previous year. Bro. T. Chirgwin, as Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, reported that the amount of subscriptions and donations during the year had been £158 1s 6d, a decrease on the year of £6 12s 6d. The total income was £578 11s 9d, and the balance left amounted to £227 3s 8d. The total amount invested was £3,811 0s 6d, bringing in an annual income of £167 19s. The balance at the bank was £297 3s 8d, and the capital had been increased by £150 9s 1d. The report of the Committee of Relief showed that appeals had been received on behalf of brethren of the Hayle, Fowey, and Callington Lodges, and the widow of a brother at Redruth, and recommended that grants of £10 be given in each case. During the year only one grant of £2 had been made—to a brother of Lodge Fortitude. The report was adopted. Bro. Anderton reported that the grants received from the Grand Lodge of Benevolence amounted to £185, given to the widows of brothers at Callington, Tywardreath, Newquay, and Torpoint, and to brothers at Launceston and Hayle. The report of the Truro Cathedral Fund Committee showed that the amount of subscriptions received was £534. There were other promises which had not yet been paid in. The sums received during the year were £10 from Lodge Fortitude, £9 7s 6d collected by Bro. Simmons, of Lodge Fortitude, £10 interest on money invested in Consols, £5 from Bro. Treffry, and £10 from Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in the course of his remarks congratulated the brethren of Lodge Love and Honour on possessing such a handsome and commodious Lodge-room, one of the finest, if not the finest, in the Province. The Grand Master referred in feeling terms to the decease of the late Bro. W. Tweedy. Alluding to the fact that there were now 30 Lodges in the Province, he said almost every place of importance in the county had now its Freemasons' Lodge, and he was happy to say almost every Lodge had now its own Lodge-room. Bro. Anderton said it was customary for miners and others, who had gone to America and had been initiated there, when they returned to Cornwall to join the home Lodges. As he thought grave difficulty might arise in certain cases as to the certificates, he wrote to the Grand Secretary of England for his opinion as to whether American Masons, having been initiated under a

gave a hearty invitation to the Prov. Grand Lodge from that town. An invitation was also extended on behalf of Bodmin. On the motion of Bro. W. J. Hughan, sundry alterations and additions to the Provincial bye-laws were adopted. The brethren then formed into procession and proceeded to the church, where the P.G. Chaplain's (Rev. E. K. Kendell) sermon was read by the Rev. M. J. Sutton. The collection amounted to £9 15s 10d, in 317 coins. On the Lodge re-assembling, W. Bro. Gilbert Pearce presented the report of the Cornwall Charity Association, which showed that in two months 163 members were secured with a subscription of 214 guineas, including 11 ladies; 1 unattached Mason, 118 members of Lodges, 130 in Class A at one guinea each, 7 in class B at two guineas, and 6 contributed five guineas at one sum, making 143 individual subscribers. There were also 12 Lodges, 3 Chapters, and 1 Mark Lodge, making the 163. The Association had thus added 60 votes to the Province. Bro. C. Truscott, charity representative for Cornwall, in his report, stated that since the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge an important addition had been made to the votes in the Great Masonic Charities, partly by the liberal support of individual brethren and Lodges, and partly by the material assistance afforded by the newly-formed Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, under the able management of Bro. Gilbert Pearce. The sums for contribution by the province this year were:—To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from Bro. Bake, £141 15s; to the Royal Masonic Girls' School from Bro. Bake, £31 10s; to the Royal Masonic Boys' School from Bro. C. Truscott, £275 2s; total for the year, £448 7s, as against £436 18s last year, an increase of £11 9s. In spite of this liberal support the province could not undertake any cases this year, having borrowed heavily in 1885 to enable them to carry their candidates. He was happy to report that they were nearly free of these liabilities. The Association had approved of three candidates (two boys and an aged mason), but the aged brother had since died. At present the Province had in the Scholastic Institutions one girl and one boy, and in the Benevolent Institution four aged Masons receiving each £40 a year, and five widows receiving each £32 a year. Alterations and additions were made in the bye laws and rules of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund on the motion of Bros. C. Truscott and Milford Cock. Bro. Milford Cock was elected Treasurer of the Royal Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, Bro. T. Chirgwin Secretary, Bro. J. C. R. Crewes Assistant Secretary, and Bros. Reed and Higman as Auditors. On the motion of Bro. T. Chirgwin, seconded by Bro. Sir Charles Burne Graves-Sawle, Bro. N West, Hayle, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Auditors appointed were Bros. W. Bailey, Camborne, and A. G. Stevens, Hayle. The R.W. P.G.M. invested his Officers as follow:—

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| Bro. Sir Charles Sawle 330 | - | Deputy Grand Master |
| Dr. Adams 330 | - | Senior Warden |
| Gilbert Pearce 450 | - | Junior Warden |
| Rev. E. K. Kendall 677 | - | Chaplain |
| M. J. Sutton 75 | - | Junior Chaplain |
| N. West 450 | - | Treasurer |
| E. D. Anderton 331 | - | Secretary |
| J. Brewer 496 | - | Assistant Secretary |
| R. Carter 75 | - | Registrar |
| W. K. Baker 1272 | - | Senior Deacons |
| A. Luke 977 | - | |
| C. Parsons 189 | - | Junior Deacons |
| W. C. Morris 131 | - | |
| J. Baguit 356 | - | Superintendent of Works |
| J. G. Henwood 970 | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| W. D. Rogers 75 | - | Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies |
| W. G bes 495 | - | Assistant Dir. of Ceremonies |
| M. Sampson 121 | - | Organist |
| N. Gray 967 | - | Sword Bearer |
| G. Morgan 557 | - | Standard Bearers |
| G. Darke 1136 | - | |
| J. Pearce 1071 | - | Pursuivant |
| J. Langdon 131 | - | Assistant Pursuivant |
| D. Andrew 789 | - | Stewards |
| J. C. Barrow 1544 | - | |
| C. Bryant 331 | - | |
| J. de C. Treffry 977 | - | |
| H. B. Neame 589 | - | |
| W. Simmons 131 | - | |
| J. N. Frances 75 | - | Tyler |

The Committee of Relief was next elected, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards partook

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## DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, Bro. A. Williams was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Among those present at the meeting were Bros. G. Smith W.M., J. W. Dewsnap I.P.M., A. Williams S.W., Henry Cattermole J.W., J. C. Corpe P.M. Treas., S. J. Rossiter Sec., J. W. Stokes P.M., G. F. Smith Jun. P.M., W. B. Marcus S.D., J. Da Silva Jun. H. Cox I.G., H. S. Trego Organist; Rev. J. Studholme Brigg P.G.C., and Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sec., both of whom took part in the consecration of the Lodge, and were elected as honorary members thereof, in recognition of their services on that occasion. There was also a goodly array of visitors, among those who signed the attendance book being:—Bros. David H. Miller Sec. Joseph Tilley 326, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, C. F. Hogard P.M. 1623, P.G.S. of W. Essex, A. G. Dodson P.M. 188, A. C. Mosley 1707, B. Harris 538, E. Peach, J. Da Silva P.M. 205, G. Milton 1707, L. Fryer 1624, J. H. Williams 569, W. Waring 192, J. Hodges 1309, J. Hodges P.M. 1706, Robert Grice 1399, W. W. Morgan 1624. On the opening of the Lodge, and after confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of raising was performed, Bro. A. J. G. Braund being duly admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the third degree by Bro. Dewsnap, who conducted this and the ceremony of installation in a most gratifying manner. Lodge having been lowered, the W.M. elect, Bro. Williams, was introduced, and in due form installed; he investing the following as his assistant officers:—Bros. Cattermole S.W., Rossiter J.W., Corpe P.M. Treas., Stokes P.M. Sec., A. H. Jakins S.D., Da Silva J.D., Cox I.G., A. Kaminski D.C., Trego Organist, A. Phelps and J. T. Williams Stewards, Bowler Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge a handsome Past Master's Jewel was presented to Bro. G. F. Smith, the outgoing Master, who acknowledged the compliment thus paid him. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern where an enjoyable repast was provided, and a pleasant evening spent. After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred to the hearty greetings which always followed this toast whenever proposed among Englishmen, and spoke of the interest Her Majesty took in the Craft, as evidenced by the position she held in connection with its several Charitable Institutions. The next toast was a special one in the Lodge, the members having had been graciously permitted to name it after H.R.H. the Grand Master, among whose titles was that of Duke of Cornwall, and the help of His Royal Highness was desired for a Masonic object. He was ready to give it to the best of his ability. The third toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers was approached with especial pleasure by the Worshipful Master, who had the honour of coupling with it the names of Officers then present, who were, as the brethren knew, all members of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master had not the pleasure of being personally acquainted with either of them, but on this occasion had heard the Grand Secretary give the lecture on the first board, which was sufficient to stamp him as a thorough Mason, even if he had not the world-wide reputation of being so. Bro. Brigg, in replying, could conceive no position more pleasant than that of the Consecrating Officer of the Lodge and himself on the present occasion. Seven years since they had been among the good fellows of a new Lodge, that night they had evidence of what had been built on the foundation they had laid, and a most gratifying testimonial presented itself. The Grand Secretary followed. Seven in Masonry signified perfection, and that night the Duke of Cornwall Lodge might be said to have arrived at perfection; it having attained the age of seven years. He (Bro. Clerke) had had the honourable privilege of consecrating their Lodge a few months after the Grand Master of England had been pleased to appoint him Grand Secretary, and he then installed Brother Brooke as their first Master. He was pleased to see the work commenced under the guidance of that brother had been successfully carried out, and that the Lodge had arrived at its present grand proportions. It was a very firm and substantial place among the Lodges of London, and he hoped it would ever maintain that position. Bro. Stokes next rose. He had the great honour and privilege of proposing a toast which had always been received with enthusiasm and welcomed by their Lodge, but on the present occasion it was of two-fold interest. To Bro. Smith, the Immediate Past Master, belonged the right of submitting this toast—that of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge—but he (Bro. Brooke) had asked that brother to do the honours to-night on this occasion. Bro. Brooke's reason for doing so was that Bro. Williams was an initiate of his—the first initiate of his Lodge—and to him, seven years since, it had been his pleasure to administer the mysteries of Freemasonry. It could be imagined then with what pleasure he now proposed his health as Worshipful Master. The happy hours which had passed in the history of the Lodge might be compared to its first chapter or volume. Hitherto the reins of government had been held by those who were the founders of the Lodge, but were now transferred to the hands of the Lodge itself, in the person of its earliest initiate. It was a great gratification to him and his fellow-founders to know they could confidently transfer the working of the Lodge to its present ruler, who had proved his worth in the several offices he had filled since his admission. It was a great comfort to them when they looked further, and saw that he would follow the present occupant of the chair. The Senior Wardens and every one of the minor Officers was a subscribing or joining member of the Lodge, not one being a stranger. He could, therefore, be said that the Lodge had its management in safe hands, and that its future [illegible] proud of the position in which it had pleased the brethren to place him that day, did not feel wholly comfortable. He always found it difficult to speak of himself. All he could promise was that he would endeavour to fulfil the duties which had been entrusted to him. He could hardly hope to maintain the high standard to which the Lodge had attained, but he should strive to do so. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap. It appeared to him there was a peculiar fitness in Bro. Dewsnap being called upon to instal him into the chair, inasmuch as it was on the recommendation of that brother that he had been admitted a member of the Craft. He and Bro. Dewsnap had long been friends, and he hoped and trusted would long continue to enjoy each other's esteem. Bro. Dewsnap had that night given them another example of his ability, coupled with indomitable perseverance. Bro. Dewsnap tendered his hearty thanks for the kind reception accorded to his name. He felt that the less he said of his working that night the better it would be (a remark which elicited strong signs of disapproval). He had done his best, but was afraid that was not perfection. He had been associated with the Lodge during the whole period of its existence, and as its first Treasurer and in other offices had done all that lay in his power to ensure its success. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The Worshipful Master could not bring to bear on this toast any practical experience, as he had never figured as a visitor in the Craft. Still, he felt the meeting together of brethren of various Lodges must give them a broader view of Freemasonry. Bros. Miller (New York) and Braund having replied they were followed by Bro. Dodson, who complimented the Installing Master on the manner in which he had performed the work which he had to carry out. Bro. Harris could but remember the day when the Lodge was consecrated, and the powerful way in which his friend, Bro. Brownrigg, had then addressed the brethren. From a small beginning a great success had resulted, which he hoped would increase year by year. Bro. Hogard said he was not like the Worshipful Master then in the chair, who told them he had never visited a Lodge. He (Bro. Hogard) had studied the Book of Constitutions, which enjoined on every Mason the duty of visiting other Lodges, and he had acted thereon. If the Worshipful Master had not been a visitor he had at least acquired ability in the Craft, as was evidenced by the sound advice he gave to each of his Officers when investing them. He thought it a great thing for the Master of a Lodge to be in a position to say something on the day of his installation, and that something Bro. Williams had been in a position to say effectively. He was sure, from what he had seen, that the Duke of Cornwall Lodge had a great future before it. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters. He trusted he and those who followed him might be able to imitate them and come near to that perfection which they had shewn in their management of the Lodge. Bro. Smith, Immediate Past Master, had great pleasure, which was enhanced by the fact that he was one of the founders of the Lodge, to respond as a Past Master. There were few there who had any idea of the cloud through which he passed between the time of his election as Master of the Lodge and his installation, but that cloud had been removed by the kindness shewn him on all sides. He had experienced the true spirit of Freemasonry during his connection with the Lodge, and thanked the members for their many kind actions. Bro. Dewsnap had kindly said he should be pleased to assist him during his term of office, and he had right nobly carried out that promise. Bro. Brooke followed. It was very gratifying to him, who resided perhaps more than a thousand miles away, to experience the kindness he invariably met with on his periodical visits to the country to attend the duties of his Lodge. Old friends met him on those occasions in the streets of London, and their hearty shake of the hand and truly Masonic greeting proved the sincerity of their friendship, and the universality of Freemasonry. He had never felt this so much as since he had resided in a foreign country. It was now seven years since their Lodge had been founded, and he had had the great honour of being installed as its first Master in August 1879. In the month following they had held their first regular meeting, and it was on that occasion that the present Master was initiated. The brethren could therefore fully appreciate the pleasure with which he witnessed his installation into the high office of Worshipful Master. Bro. J. F. Smith Jun. followed, tendering his thanks and hearty congratulations, first to the Worshipful Master for the ability he had displayed when appointing his officers, and later on, when responding to the toast of his health; next to their Installing Master for the way in which he had performed his work that day, and for his many acts of kindness in the past, and then to the Lodge generally, the members of which had every reason to be proud of the position it had achieved, which high position he hoped it would be their good fortune to retain for all time. Brother Dewsnap regretted the unavoidable absence of two of the Past Masters, an unusual event in their Lodge. One of the absentees, Brother Stokes, had had the misfortune to lose his wife within the last two or three weeks, a loss which was deeply regretted by the members of the Lodge, who one and all desired to express to their brother their deep regret and sincere sympathy with him in the time of his severe bereavement. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He felt the special thanks of the Lodge were due to Brother Corpe, for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Treasurer. The strong financial position of the Lodge was in great measure due to him. It was something for so young a Lodge to say they had £100 in the funds. Of the Secretary he could only say that the Lodge would be sure to reap the benefit of the extra duties Bro. Dewsnap had taken upon himself. Bro. Corpe tendered his thanks for the toast, and for the continued confidence reposed in him by the [illegible]

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7 30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1658—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1567—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
882—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1445—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Vallebort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Dudfield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 147—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Pearson, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Independence, Sisters' Tavern, Powerscroft-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emulation, Ball's Lon. York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1469—Unity, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1506—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1620—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1709—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamorth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1771—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1872—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1511—Chancery, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1696—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1698—New Finsbury Park, Horn by Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Spencer, Pembroke, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dorset-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 45 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 93—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Lebanon, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
967—Rose, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
50—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
538—Unity Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
128—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 5 & 6 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Lake of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1691—Wanderers, Victoria Masonic Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Rooms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (I
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (inst
M.M.—Tuscle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1255—Hundas, Russell Masonic Temple Plymouth
1264—Scotia, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Sportsey Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 258—Ambulous, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcast
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

## THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructi
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 365 High Holborn, at 7 (Instructi
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—Hugh Cross, Coach and Horses, Grove Commercial, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warwick St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (I
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instructi
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stockwell, Wandsworth-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instructi
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (I
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1604—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1617—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1627—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instructio
1654—Frederick, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (I
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Old Brook Road, Shepherds Bush. (Ins
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
684—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford

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verpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
ncord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
oyal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
ortland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
ns of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

## FRIDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

dge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
buins, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
n Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Alfred, Star and Carter, Kew Bridge
gh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

olitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
n, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
gh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
arvon, Lalbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

ire C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
hagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
tern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
ornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
oyal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)

ll, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
nuir, Red Lion, Barnet
ercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
n, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
worth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
derry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
e of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
rtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
gdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
urian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
valty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
bey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
alton, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
al Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

ster, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
ive Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
dra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
n, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
g-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
k, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
eac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
d-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

liffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
irst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
'arish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
evander, Station Hotel, Harrow

## GLEANINGS.

Master of Washington Territory was asked how a
a should wear his apron. His answer was, "Worthily."

uare and the compass, the level and the plumb, are
rearing a perfect edifice, so do their moral precepts
ng life a like perfect and finished work.

of Masonry may be perceived in a variety of ways, but
re than this, that it serves as a strong tie of sympathy
ite the hearts of men, while it both recommends and
t charity which is declared to be the crown and bond of

lent association, Masonry differs from most organiza-
ed for a like purpose. It strives to prevent the needs
teaching man how to live and be self-supporting. It
mbers to be prudent in expending, and assists them to
nd prudent in acquiring. It does not, however, neglect
e fatalities of life render helpless, but ministers to
h a liberal hand. This is true benevolence. It is no
encourage negligence by fostering it. It is no true
care for the physical wants of those who do not try
themselves.

ORTHY.—It is peculiarly noteworthy that almost
nd Masters, Grand High Priests, and Grand Com-
heir addresses with acknowledgments of the blessings
ressions of gratitude to Him for His many mercies and
n pay just tribute to the Craftsmen, or Companions,
as the case may be, who have passed the Jordan of
of these important duties there seems to be a unity
ion which is remarkable; and we think it evinces the
at principles of Freemasonry and Knight Templarism
rts of their votaries, and, consequently, are thus
heir lives.—*Freemason's Journal.*

—The north, as the point in the horizon which is
m the vivifying rays of the sun when at its meridian
equal metaphorical propriety been called the place
is therefore symbolical of the profane world which
bringing with them a dark curtain of ignorance, beneath whose heavy folds the nations of the world lay for centuries overwhelmed. The extreme north has ever been, physically and intellectually, cold and dark and dreary. Hence, in Masonry, the north has ever been esteemed the place of darkness; and, in obedience to this principle, no symbolic light is allowed to illumine the northern part of the Lodge.

It was a custom formerly, when operative Masons were at work, if anybody was desirous of distinguishing Freemasons from others, he took up a stone and asked what it smelled of. A Freemason would immediately reply: "It smells neither of brass, nor iron, nor steel, but of a Mason."

Among the list of Lodge titles in Alabama appear the following, which certainly may make a claim to originality:—Splacauga, Nixburg, Notasulga, Lozabatchee, Tuckabatchee, Pfister, Erophotic, Loachapoka, Rizing Virtue, Nanafalia, Sipsey, Obatchee, Pea River, and Blue Eye.

King Oscar II. is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden, which has under its jurisdiction twenty-nine Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has a lock of Washington's hair, which is carefully preserved in an urn, and each succeeding Grand Master, at his installation, receives the urn in charge, and becomes its custodian during his term of office. The precious relic is thus safely guarded and handed down through succeeding generations.

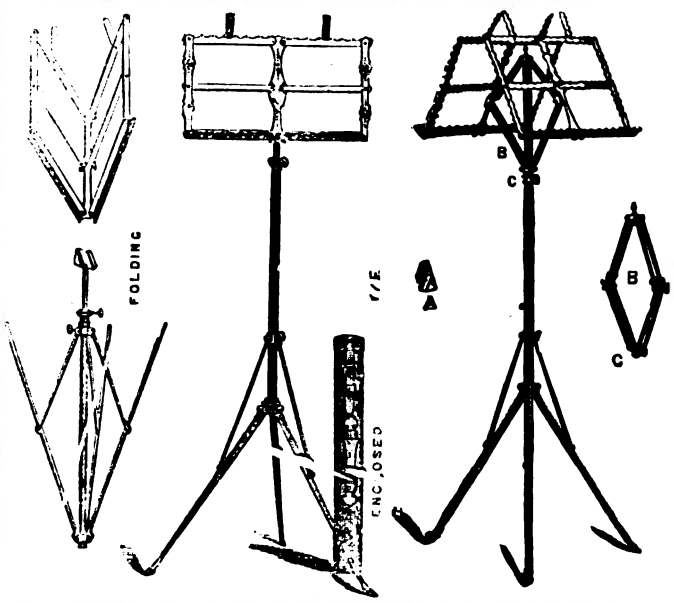
SACRED.—If any place on earth should be sacred the Lodge room should be that place, and every secret should be kept inviolable! Too many leaky vessels are found in Lodge rooms of late years, and when a brother is afraid to express his opinion freely about character or anything else in a Lodge of brethren, the true men should seek to correct the evil, and we know of but two ways to do it, one way is to discipline by expulsion the offender, and the other is to guard the ballot box with greater scrutiny.—*J. M. Howry.*


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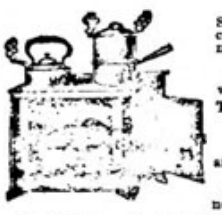
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## SONIC RELIEF, IN THEORY AND IN PRACTICE.

TWITHSTANDING the boasted benevolence of Freemasons, and the popular idea that members of ler extend a helping hand to those of their number y be in distress, we fear that in a large majority of would go very hard with the Mason who found him- strange English town, penniless and in want. His ght bear the strictest investigation, his distress ave resulted from causes wholly beyond his control, he would often find it a difficult task to obtain suf- Masonic relief to keep him from suffering the pangs er. The reason for this is not far to seek; it is emasonry or its members as a body who are to be but the few black sheep who have found their way Masonic fold—men who do no work, and who tend to, so long as they can eke out an existence ng on their fellow creatures. These it is who stop of Masonic benevolence, and make it hard for the serving brother to obtain that which he is justly o; for a Mason in distress is really entitled to f as his brethren are in a position to afford. While nise this as the true cause of Masonic hardhearted- e is yet another fact which has to be taken into tion, there are few towns which possess any ion intended to deal with appeals and cases of tem- stress. Were this the case the stranded brother ve a tribunal to which he could submit his appeal, tances such as we have referred to there would be tory response, costing the brethren of the town a e each, but proving of great service to the

We ask our readers to imagine the position of circumstanced as we have surmised, who sud- d himself in their midst. What could he do, to ld he appeal, and what would be the reception im? Provided he had no information as to the town, he might visit two or three of the ore even discovering where a Lodge met, and ad secured that information he might find it to ascertain the name of a single member. he was so far successful as to find himself in the a brother, is it not more than likely he would judged, or, at the most, he would be promised e should be considered at the next meeting of

All this might be prevented if we had in each mittee duly appointed to consider applications, elief on behalf of the Lodges they represented. a hard matter to swindle these committees, as be in frequent communication with those in , and thus they would serve a double purpose, check imposture and relieve real distress; that far below what we are led to believe is annu- d on so-called Masonic impostors.

ork contemporary ably meets this question by t of advantages which attach to a Masonic ief, and a brief perusal of the various items will no doubt prove interesting to our readers. but it also proves the means of aiding others in such a way as to render their appeal to a Lodge for pecuniary assistance unnecessary; this we shall show later on.

A Board has more time and better opportunities to investigate cases. This is perhaps the strongest argument that can be urged in favour of establishing Boards of Relief, for as we have said above, we consider it would be next to impossible for swindlers to deceive the brethren who constituted such Boards—at least to any great extent—because of the communication which would be kept up between the Boards of different towns. Further than this, some member or members of the Board would generally be in the district, and cases of distress could be considered at any moment, instead of being left over, as is often the case at present, until the next meeting of the Lodge.

The delegates and Officers of a Board gain much experience, and are therefore better qualified to judge as to the merits and needs of the cases, while on the discovery of an impostor they publish the fact to the world at large. These are arguments which speak for themselves, this being more particularly the case in regard to the exposure of fraud, but the suggestion that familiarity with applicants places a man in a better position to judge what is right is also true and worthy of consideration.

A Board assumes the responsibility of Masonic Charitable relief, and acts as the almoner of the Lodge contributing to it, at the same time reducing the actual cost of charitable disbursements to the minimum. And, our contemporary might have said, is in a position to give practical effect to the preachings of a large class of brethren whose willingness to help ends with the talking about it. A Board is able to make inquiries which are impossible in a Lodge, the members of which would in many cases have departed to their respective homes before a report founded on actual experience could be prepared. This is not the case with a Board, the members of which can resume an inquiry in which they are engaged from day to day, so long as necessary, and at the conclusion of the inquiry may be in a position to expend a few shillings to greater advantage than pounds would prove if left to the disposition of the applicant.

A Board acts promptly and effectively in cases in which single Lodges could not conveniently act, and has sums of money in hand to accomplish purposes that Lodges are not justified in undertaking. Any one who has heard a number of appeals submitted to our Lodges will agree with the truth of these arguments, for it occasionally happens that the members of a Lodge find themselves unable to vote funds for outside cases of distress although they may be desirous of affording some amount of relief. If a sum is periodically set aside for the use of a Board of Relief this difficulty is overcome, and individual brethren will have the satisfaction of knowing that should they be appealed to at any time they have a regular constituted body to whom to refer the applicant.

The system of a Board is such that adequate relief can be afforded at any hour, or on any day of the week. This we look upon as the only true system of affording brotherly assistance—a charity exercised at the time of appeal being

do for them. Our contemporary here gives a forcible summary of the whole subject, and briefly enumerates the full basis on which a Board can be established—to do the work which is impossible in the Lodge. It is as a means of furnishing employment to applicants that a Board could especially prove its usefulness, but in this and all other respects we feel it is for the brethren who constitute such Boards to decide what is best. What is first needful, however is, to inaugurate a system of Boards of Relief, and see that the system is extended throughout the country. If this be done, we think Masonic Benevolence—in a quiet, unostentatious manner—would be less of a name and more of a reality than it is at present.

## WORSHIP ON HIGH PLACES.

MANY people of old worshipped upon hills, and on the tops of high mountains; that they might have a nearer communication with heaven. Strabo says that the Persians always performed their worship upon hills. Some nations worshipped the hills as the deity. In Japan most of the temples at this day are upon eminences, and often upon the ascent of high mountains, commanding fine views, with groves and rivulets of clear water; they said the gods were extremely delighted with such high and pleasant spots. This practice in early times was almost universal, and every mountain was esteemed holy. The people who used this method of worship enjoyed a soothing infatuation, which helped the gloom of superstition. The high places to which they retired were lonely and silent, and seemed to be happily arranged for contemplation and prayer. They who frequented them were thought to be raised above the lower world, and fancied that they were brought in connection with the powers of the air, and of the deity which was supposed to reside in these upper regions. But the chief excellence for which they were frequented was the Omphi, which means the divine voice (vox divina) being a particular revelation from the spirits in the air. In short, they were looked upon as the places where God delivered his oracles. Many times when a reformation among the Jews was introduced by some of the wiser and better princes, we find it lamented by the sacred writers that a change was not made and that the highest places were not forbidden, yet the people still offered and burnt incense at the high places. The Masonic Lodge is described as extending in length from east to west; in breadth from north to south; as high as the heavens, and as deep as from the surface to the centre, supported by three columns, named Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Our Institution is said to be so supported because we need wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. Its dimensions are unlimited, and its covering no less than the canopy of heaven. That to this object the Mason's mind should be continually directed, and thither he hopes at last to arrive by the aid of the theological ladder, which Jacob, in his vision, saw extending from earth to heaven, the three primitive rounds of which were denominated, Faith, Hope, and Charity. It becomes very evident from this that a Masonic Lodge is supposed to represent the world, upon which plan the ancient Pagan temples were formed. The floor of the Lodge is intended to represent the face of the earth, and the principal ceremonies in it are an imitation of the movements of the heavenly bodies, particularly that great luminary, the sun, the god of Egypt. The Rev. D. Taylor, in his lecture on Masonry, very ingeniously solves the enigma of the three principal rounds of the theological, or I should say, astronomical ladder.

Faith is the genius of Spring; Hope, of Summer; and Charity, of Autumn. Faith of Spring, because faith and works must always come together; Hope, of Summer, because from that point the sun looks vertically down upon the seeds which have been committed in Faith to the fertilizing womb of the earth; Charity, of Autumn, because then he empties the cornucopia into our desiring laps. Faith is the eastern pillar; Charity the western; and Hope the keystone of this Royal Arch. This astronomical ladder has seven rounds, and is known in the degree of Knights of Kadosh. It marks the course of the sun through degree must pass through the seven grades of Order, which is without doubt one of the most sublime beautiful degrees that a Mason can have conferred him.—*Hebrew Leader.*

## CHARITY.

HOW few of us really catch the full meaning of comprehensive word, Charity? How many re it means love, kindness, forbearance, and tenderness, are ready to do its bidding? We often hear people they have charity—but who has it? If we have it t will be no bitterness in our nature towards any one malice, no unkindness or harshness. We will always th charitably of every one's endeavours, and judge kindl at all. In the exercise of the "greatest" of all virtues will encourage others with our sympathy and bless t lives by letting in the sunshine of kindness, when hop well-nigh gone. By so doing we enrich our own natu by cultivating a broader sympathy, and gain an enlar view of the real struggle for victory which mankind ha make "in the shifting scenes of life." We reach a s of mind which can only be gained by a real heartfelt s pathy for those who err. Truly it pays; as every vi pays, not always in dollars and cents.; not in appreciat from others, sometimes, but to the inner consciousnes man it brings sure reward, in the peaceful assurance t he hastened to make some life brighter, and exten sympathy, kindness, and even mercy, to an unfortun one. Why should we be ashamed to do as our h prompts us with the erring? It is the God power in reaching out a saving hand to a weak one. Let us smother it. We spoil the results of many good impu by considering what this or that one may say of our a In the exercise of charity it lies between the object t benefited and us. Let us not be cowards; afraid to what we think is right. Begrudged charity is flat unhealthy in its influence. We must not forget that too, are human. If our life is full of beauty and happin our home full of joy and peace, we should have the la charity for those who have not these elevating surroundi in which to develop. Some who are blessed with eart gifts are very poor in spirit, and need kindness and s pathy in their poverty. It is charity to some who ar trouble to be left alone. We should study to extend blessing in an acceptable manner. Those of us who strong should be glad to help the weak. Why are s strong and others weak? Those who seem most noble true, sometimes fall when their day of temptation cor and that tries us. It is easy "to be carried to the skies flowery beds of ease," with every wish gratified. It is hungry heart that sins; the starved soul who is so tried, that falls by the wayside, and the poor, tired, l some one who is easily led astray. There is some rea why every time. Let us have our mantle of charity broad, so flexible, that it shall suit the needs of G children wherever we meet them. We may need it selves.—*Mrs. Kate Weston.*

## MASONRY IN SWEDEN AND NORWA

THE organization of the Masonic bodies in Sweden Norway differs materially from that of any ot country. The degrees of Masonry are conferred by vari bodies: 1. The Lodge of St. John, which has con of the first three degrees. 2. The Lodges of St. Andr which pass the brethren of the St. John Lodges thro the fourth, fifth, and sixth degrees, or the Scottish Maso 3. The Provincial Lodges, which confer the seventh, eigh and ninth degrees. 4. The Swedish National Grand Lod which confers not only the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth degrees, but also the dignity of Knight and K thure of Rose Croix, who are entitled to wear the insig of the Order of Charles XIII.

The head of the National Grand Lodge is the Gr Master; and all the Knights and Komthures Rose C are members of this body, which, in addition, is compo

ge of the finances of the Order in general and authority the works of charity. 2. The Directory of the Lodges, n superintends the Lodges, and sees that the statutes rituals are properly observed. 3. The Directory of nic Orphanages, which controls the many established n asylums.

sonry was introduced into Sweden from England, in and was from the first under Government protection. the coronation of the Duke of Sundermannland as es XIII., in 1780, he was elected Grand Master, and ed the office until 1811, when he was succeeded by Crown Prince Charles John. The "Order of s XIII." was instituted in 1811, as an order of hood, and has become the highest degree of Masonry eden, and as the King is the Master of that Order, consequently the Grand Master of Masons in the om.

present membership of the Lodges is reported as 0,000.—*Kansas Light.*

## CALLING ON.

time of year has arrived when the Lodge is again alled to labour. It is presumed that the members ad a long rest, and that they are pleased that the again resumed. Men do not engage in the work onry from a sense of duty, but from a desire to be of to their fellow man, which duty affords them very leasure and satisfaction, and all the more so because compulsory. The coming together this year will the previous ones, with the usual interchange of nt, handshaking and mutual pledges of brotherly d affection. Masons always like to see the happy their fraternity, and we imagine that upon this eunion the greetings will be unusually strong. We at the work will go on with increased vigour. The ons are most favourable for prosperous times. rally speaking. In reading the Proceedings of we find the following elegant sentiment, which prompt the lesson of Masonry. If each Brother that he has acted the part as mentioned below, then e is a Mason in all respects.

eviewing the past, who of us can look back and see e have performed our whole duty as Masons, and hat we have always assisted a poor, distressed his widow or his orphan, and that in no instance allowed them to go hungry and gave them no rsty and gave them no drink, naked and clothed , sick and visited them not? If any there be who feels conscientiously that he has discharged duty as a Mason, he may well feel proud, and I every Brother—scanning his own actions, being of his own past conduct—who feels that he has rt of his duty, will see that the future brings full for any errors or shortcomings."

spirit we extend our congratulations to each with the hope that in the work to come he may abundance of wages as a faithful Craftsman.—*'s Journal.*

## RY AMONG THE ABORIGINES.

journal of Mr. John McDouall Stuart, the cele- d Australian explorer, and a brother Mason, g his fourth expedition, in 1850, for fixing the Australia, he spoke of encountering some natives. an old man, and seemed to be the father of ine young men. He was very talkative, but I e nothing of him. I have endeavoured by signs rmation from him as to where the next water is; not understand each other. After some time, conferred with his two sons, he turned round, ed me by giving one of the Masonic signs. I im steadily; he repeated it, and so did his two en returned it, which seemed to please them old man patting me on the shoulders and strok-

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Penarth, under the banner of the Windsor Lodge, on Wednesday. The proceedings commenced soon after three o'clock at the Penarth Hotel, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Marmaduke Tennant presiding. The Right Worshipful Sir George Elliot appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

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| Bro. J. Harman | Senior Warden |
| J. C. Sladen | Junior Warden |
| Canon Walters, Canon William Williams | Chaplains |
| H. White | Treasurer |
| H. N. Davies | Registrar |
| John Jones | Secretary |
| D. E. Jones | Assistant Secretary |
| — Clay | Senior Deacon |
| G. B. Hughes | Junior Deacon |
| — Clay | Superintendent of Works |
| A. Hussey, G. Dean Burdett | Directors of Ceremonies |
| H. Taylor | Sword Bearer |
| James Hughes, J. C. Vye-Parminter | Standard Bearers |
| J. E. Deacon | Organist |
| — Hawkins, — Harris | Pursuivants |
| T. W. Jones, D. L. Davies, C. Page | Stewards |
| G. Butterwell | Tyler |

The annual report was adopted. Five guineas was voted to the testimonial being raised for Bro. Binckes, who has filled the post of Secretary to the Masonic Boys' School for so long a time, and sums of twenty-five guineas each were voted to both the Provincial Education Fund and the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. After the usual business Lodge was closed, and in the evening the brethren were entertained at a banquet provided by Bro Wain at the Penarth Hotel, Sir George Elliot presiding, and there being also present a large number of visitors, members of the Penarth Lodge, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE brethren of this Province assembled for their annual meeting on the 15th instant at Stourbridge, when the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., presided. He was supported by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., the Deputy of the Province, Colonel Foster Gough Deputy Provincial Grand Master Staffordshire, and a large number of brethren. On the recommendation of the Library and Museum Committee it was decided to take the necessary steps to acquire for the Province the collection of Masonic curiosities and antiquities formed by Bro. George Taylor. Sir Edmund Lechmere moved a resolution expressing the regret of the brethren at the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Albert Brown, the former Treasurer of Provincial Grand Lodge, and proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the family of their deceased brother. Brother Godson seconded, and the brethren unanimously endorsed the propositions. Bro. A. Green, W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498, Dudley, was then elected to the office of Treasurer, and the other Officers for the year were appointed. A handsome illuminated address was subsequently presented to Brother G. Taylor, the Provincial Grand Secretary, in recognition of his valuable services to the Province, and in due course Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren walked in procession to attend service at St. Thomas's Church, where an eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Provincial Grand Chaplain. In the evening a banquet was held at the Talbot Hotel. The





## MASONRY A PERFECT SYSTEM.

IN my remarks at this time I am inclined to consider Masonry under two heads, to wit: First—the philosophy of the Order in so far as it engages in speculations on the nature of man as an immortal, social and responsible being; and second—its teachings and practice as applied to the various relations of life.

Darwin, in his "Origin of Species," refers to the fact which is well known by naturalists, that in the animal kingdom there is a constant tendency on the part of the different varieties of the same species of domestic animals to revert to one wild original stock; and so it appears to be with the human family. There is a constant tendency to go back to the original state of barbarity and ignorance from which the elevating and refining forces in constant operation have redeemed it. During the present century discoveries have been made in Oriental lands which have brought to light, from the gray and mouldering past, the astonishing fact that away back in the ages, two or three thousand years anterior to our earliest sacred or classical history, there existed distinct and well organized nationalities in Egypt and India, far advanced in all the elements of civilization, possessing a language perfect after its plan and a rich and copious literature. But these nations passed away; their sun set in darkness, and we have only buried cities and scattered fragments of their greatness to tell the sad tale of their fall. Traces of a fallen people and an extinct civilization are also found in Central and South America, and the Mound Builders of the Mississippi valley seem to have been a superior race to the natives found there when that country was first explored.

What caused the downfall of those nations and the passing away of their civilization can only be conjectured. No light can penetrate the blackness that surrounds their history, and tradition, like a sphinx, looks out over the desert of years, but utters no voice and gives no clue to even their names. Advancing up the pathway of time until we reach authentic history, we know that the decline and ultimate destruction of Greece and Rome was caused by the licentiousness and general corruption of the people. Had not virtue departed from Rome, and luxury enervated her citizens, the Goth and Vandal could not have preyed upon the seven hilled city's pride, and spread the pall of barbarism where once the light of a splendid civilization shone. We may then conclude that the causes which brought about the "dark ages" of our history, also, in former ages, brought barbarism upon the civilization of the far distant past, and that the former, within given cycles of time, has over-run and engulfed the latter, as vast waves might a green island of the sea. Whether the light of this age shall go out in darkness, or continue to shine on through the future with ever brightening rays, depends upon the strength and persistency of the forces and influences that are building up and sustaining our grand system of civilization. Let us, therefore, briefly inquire into the nature of these forces and influences. They may be divided into three generic groups, namely, those that pertain to the physical man, and relate to the laws of health, including the medical science, with all its rules and appliances for the development of the body and preservation of health; those that train, enlarge and strengthen the mind as the various drills, studies and sciences of the schools, together with history and general literature; and those which give strength, breadth and depth to the moral or spiritual nature of man, as the various moral and religious organizations that have grown up and made their impress upon the present age.

Masonry occupies a prominent place in this important group, and while I would not detract from the well-earned honours of other organizations founded upon purely moral principles, I am persuaded that it is better designed for the accomplishment of its high purposes than any other organization of this class. The church is not taken into consideration in this connection, for the reason that, while it teaches morality, it goes further, and claims, through its instrumentality, to lead men to that Divine source of light and purity where they are regenerated in their spiritual natures

passwords, save one, but is found in the Holy Bible. know that modern scepticism has condensed a survey all the powers of mankind into the well known epigram Goethe:—

Wherefore drift the people and strive ?
They seek to provide for themselves, and beget children and supp
them as well as they are able.
Further no man can go, let him try however he may.

This makes all the complicated activities of man co prehensible under three categories, which wholly igno his spiritual nature. This epigram might apply to lower animals, but not to man. But Masonry, unl within the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, is tinctured with scepticism. The first confession demand of a candidate for its mysteries is a belief in God, and last sad rite it performs by the open grave is to drop i the portals of the tomb the evergreen emblem of i mortality. The doctrine of the immortality of the son also forcibly taught in the third degree of our Order, a this is the very foundation of all forms of religious fai Max Muller has truly said that, "Without a belief personal immortality religion is surely like an arch rest on one pillar; like a bridge ending in an abyss."

Masonry teaches the All-Fatherhood of God and All-Brotherhood of Man, and all its forms and ceremo are designed to elevate and ennoble its votaries. design and influence of our organisation being good, affecting human society, let us next consider its durabil

It is founded upon symbols and surrounded by tra tions which cannot change. Every Lodge represents K Solomon's Temple, and all its furniture and fixtures symbolic in their nature and use; while the memb represent Craftsmen engaged in their daily labours. N as the temple was a physical structure, which is minut described in both classical history and the Holy Bible, exact plan can never be lost until history fails and Bible is destroyed. The language of Masonry is univer and is spoken by every tongue and people, and its my chain binds together all nations of the earth in one comm Brotherhood. And while cities may crumble and nati die, it will exist among men until the last vestige civilisation is blotted out and all literature destroyed. our civilisation is built up and sustained by the forces influences of Masonry, and other organisations designe teach purity of heart and rectitude of purpose, acting harmony with the Christian religion, it must follow tha long as these shall fulfil their high mission the wave darkness and barbarism can never again bring devasta and ruin upon the world.

I have not discussed the forces mentioned in the two groups, since the physical and mental welfare of human family depends almost entirely upon its moral spiritual condition. The knowledge of the laws of he and the splendid physical development of her citizens not save Rome. Let Phidias and Praxiteles tell if the saved Greece. The melancholy pages of all past his prove that nothing but the moral worth of the people exalt and maintain a nation. I do not claim that Mas alone is to-day sustaining the civilisation of the world, I do claim that it is an important factor therein, w could not be removed or destroyed without serious res In the moral world the same harmony must be preser and the equal balance maintained as in the physical w

From Nature's chain whatever link you strike,
Tenth, or ten thousandth, breaks the chain alike,
And, if each system in gradation roll
Alike essential to the amazing whole;
The least confusion but in one, not all
That system only, but the whole must fall.

The present is grand both in its possessions and p bilities. Plagues and dire diseases that in former t swept over entire nations and filled the land with sic ing scenes of death and sounds of woe, are now b brought under the control of medical science and hes art. There is intense intellectual activity throughou earth, and while wars and bloodshed seem to be decrea and the banner of Moloch trailed in the dust, the tra soldiers of the plow-share, the anvil and the loom,

Solving the riddle old,
Shaping the Age of Gold.
The love of God and neighbour,
An equal-handed labour;
The richer life where beauty
Walks hand in hand with duty.

here are other thoughts which might be presented in connection, but my time is passing rapidly by and I ; now briefly consider the *teachings and practice of ory as applied to the various relations of life.*

ere is much being said and written in regard to the uity of our Order, but whether it had its origin back e reach of the dim and musty records of the past and id tradition itself, in that far distant period, which age can only faintly shadow upon the mind by the ssion "In the beginning," amid the dawning of the truths of nature, when the morning stars sang her, and all the hosts of heaven shouted for joy; or her it may be traced back through the Building orations of the Middle Ages and the Roman Colleges rtificers to the Eastern Magi and the Egyptian eries of Osiris, may be interesting questions for is and delving minds, but it is of more practical tance to know what Masonry now is, and what it ses to be in the future, than to know its origin or ts past history. If it is to make its impress on this t must rely on something more than its antiquity. It be a living institution, labouring in the fields of the it, not a lifeless mummy from the catacombs of the

the year 1717, there met in London, England, the entatives of four Lodges, for the purpose of forming rst Grand Lodge in that country. That was only ears ago, and yet in that short period the Mystic rhood has grown until we now have 15,000 Lodges whole world, with a contributing membership of 2,000,000. These are scattered throughout the nations earth and the islands of the sea. The sun in his ourse never sets on Masonry, but shines with the ident beauties of his meridian light upon her mystic s. That Masonry is doing much good in the world be denied; that it fails to do more is to be regretted. is unreasonable to expect perfection in any human ion, because humanity is weak and imperfect, and precepts are perfect, practice fails. Our theories ach to the stars, but our halting feet will hardly e hill tops. What the future of Masonry will be s upon what the present is, to a great extent. All are pre-existent and indestructible. Take the science hematics, and its axioms are as enduring as the of eternity. The fact that in any right-angled , the square of the hypothenuse is equal to the the squares described upon the sides which contain ht angle; or that a right line is the shortest between two points, cannot be changed by the ns of time. The great truths of astronomy are ing and undying. The earth moved onward with s force, though Galileo was driven to recant the id his blind and bigoted persecutors thought they pressed the theory. Our Order is a symbolic on, but all its symbols and all its legends, like the of the ancient poets, are designed to teach sublime ical or religious truths. Look upon the Temple ion, with its matchless symmetry and beauty! e symbol of a perfect Masonic life. But oh, how s can hope to build so grandly! Sir Christopher as an eminent Mason, and the most renowned of the age in which he lived. The cathedral of 's, which required a period of about thirty-five building, was the great work of his life: but it rk that the most lofty ambition might look upon ngs of pride. With peculiar fitness this magnificture was made the last resting-place of the uilder, and his tomb in the crypt was inscribed significant and appropriate words, "If you seek ment look around." How many of us, when we hed our work and passed from the labours of the refreshments of the Grand Lodge above, h this inscription carved upon the ideal temple s builded up?

ar of Masonry is an important symbol. The ere Masonic light is first received, and at it, on ces, we learn some of the most important lessons were bound by ties stronger than a threefold cord; there the mystic chain first bound our hearts, and there we first felt the pleasure of dwelling together in unity. Around the altar we may assemble, away from the marts of business and weary treadmills of earth, coming from the vales of obscurity and the high stations of life—to meet on one common level as brethren. None of the distinctions which divide and sever men in the great outside world should be felt or known here. Resting upon the altar are found the Holy Bible, square and compasses, which are symbols of the highest importance. If by the light of Divine Truth, we square our actions and measure them by the square of virtue, while with the compasses we circumscribe our desires and keep them within due bounds with all mankind, but more especially with our brethren, life becomes a majestic poem, woven of flesh and spirit, garnished by the fingers of love and rhythmic with the truth.

"Forenoon and afternoon and night—forenoon
And afternoon and night—forenoon, and—What?
The empty song repeats itself. No more?
Yes, that is Life; make this forenoon sublime,
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And time is conquered and thy crown is won."

The Holy Bible from its central position in the Lodge pours forth refulgent rays of Divine truth upon the East, West and South. To it we look as the bright source from which are drawn the sublime lessons of our Order. Therein is found a lesson of the power of love of country and kindred, as taught by Queen Esther, the fairest of queens and one of the noblest of women; a lesson of the love of a father for a wayward child, as set forth in the story of the Prodigal Son; a lesson of the love of a wife and daughter, as taught by Ruth; but perhaps the most pleasing and forcible lesson, excepting the direct lesson of Christ Himself, is that taught by David and Jonathan. This is a lesson of brotherly love—that passion which springs up in the hearts of strangers and binds them with its silver cords, strong as bands of steel, that the finger of time can never unloose. Masonry teaches this, and though it may not be found in its perfection among the Craft, it is held up as the sublime ideal, and the nearer we approach this ideal the better men and Masons we will be.

There is a charming tradition connected with the site upon which the Temple of Solomon was erected, which fitly illustrates the spirit of love which our Order teaches. The ground upon which the temple was built is said to have been owned in common by two brothers, one of whom had a family, the other had none. On the spot was sown a field of wheat. In due time the grain was harvested and gathered into separate shocks, and on the succeeding evening the elder brother said to his wife: "My younger brother lives alone, without a companion; he has no one to assist him in his labours, nor reward him for his toils, while God has bestowed upon me a wife and children to bless me. I will, therefore, by way of compensation, take of our sheaves and place them with his, without his knowledge." The younger brother, being actuated by like motives, said within himself: "My elder brother has a family to support, while I have none. I will contribute to their support by taking of my sheaves and secretly adding them to his." Judge of their mutual surprise when the following morning they found their shocks undiminished. This course of events transpired for several nights, when each resolved in his own mind to stand guard and solve the mystery; they did so, and the following night met each other half-way between their respective shocks with arms full of golden grain. Upon ground hallowed by such associations as these the magnificent temple was erected, and Masonry has been ever engaged since then in teaching Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth to the nations of earth. A lesson of charity is one of the first given in our Order, and like a thread of gold it runs through all its teachings. Faith, Hope and Charity are the principal rounds of Jacob's ladder, by which all good Masons hope to arrive at that starry-decked heaven, whose columns are Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Masons are taught not to herald their good works to the world; their charity should be like the cooling moisture from the sylvan fountains, borne by the breath of the morning to the surrounding flowers, giving them life and beauty, yet no hand is seen and no voice heard save the song of the fountain.

But while I exalt the principles of Masonry to so high a

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his solemn vows. There is not a church but has its hypocrites; not a dogma but has its recreants; not a doctrine but has its false believers; and so it is not strange if Masonry has its false brethren. But the counterfeit only proves the genuine, and a false brother is no more a Mason than a hypocrite is a Christian. The "Mystic Brotherhood" has had its reverses and its enemies in all ages, and even in its bright present there are a few Nebuzaradans who would gladly destroy our sacred temple and drag the Craft into captivity; but Masonry is a primary force and sustaining principle in the grand system of morality and civilization which encircles the world, and has nothing to fear from outside assaults. Whatever danger there is to the Order now is from within; but there is none that cannot be avoided by closely observing the important duties which we owe to each other in all the relations of life, as well as to the world at large.

While we delight to dwell upon the scientific and historic aspects of Masonry, we should not forget that it has also a practical, every-day significance that must not be neglected. As we gaze with rapture at the glittering beauties of the snow-capped mountains, we should not with rough feet crush the shrinking flowers in the pleasant vale. We live in a practical age. The temple in which we walk is the busy teeming world. Our hearts are the trestleboards upon which the Supreme Architect lays out his designs, and our lives are the stones with which we are building. Neither must we live for ourselves alone, for our lives are so closely interwoven with the lives of others that much of our happiness and theirs depends upon our relations and conduct with each other. And, what sad blunders we often make!

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust
Amid the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?"

And I fear our hands are not always even well-meaning in their thrusts. "Hand to back," should be to support a falling brother, not to stab him with a dagger. We must make practical use of the beautiful teachings of our Order, and bring them to bear on the affairs of every-day life, if it is to be perpetuated in the world and respected by men. It must be something more than a rose-tinted dream, or a sublime theory; it must be a living, acting epitome of truth, morality and fraternal love. It was a beautiful fancy of the poet when he said, that the song he had breathed into the air he found again, without the loss of a single note, long, long afterwards in the heart of a friend. So true friendship is ever breathing its sweet songs into the air; and so, too, it shall find them all again, from beginning to end, in the hearts into which they come. Nothing that love does is ever lost. We should always be as ready to sustain the name and reputation of a brother as to sustain our own. Mankind generally pay strict regard to the rights of others, so far as they relate to the laws of property and the preservation of life; but when it comes to that intangible, though priceless, property, consisting of a man's reputation, they are not so careful of his rights, but ruthlessly and even wantonly mar, blacken and destroy it with little regard for crushed hearts or darkened homes; and it is a matter of regret that even Masons are not entirely free from this common sin.

Masonry never before had such numerical strength and moral influence as it now has, but this fact only makes it more necessary for the Craft to practise its precepts and carefully observe the ancient landmarks. This is an age of intense activity, and a spirit of adventure pervades all classes. We are restless under restraint, have but little veneration for the past, and are inclined to try experiments. But Masonry is a perfect system, proven and fully tested by the wisdom of past ages, and acknowledged by the experience of the present. No experiments with its work should be attempted, or departure from its ancient landmarks allowed. The essential principles of our Order should be kept constantly before our minds, and its elevated sentiment be ever guarded like the Parsee's sacred fire. If Masonry fails in its grand mission the responsibility must fall upon the Craft themselves, and not upon outside and strengthen in the face of all opposition as long as practices are consistent with its teachings. — *Voice Masonry.*

## GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETT

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lod of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held at the Masc Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, 9th June, when the follo ing Officers were present:—

Abraham H. Howland jun. Grand Master, George P. Sanger Dep Grand Master, William T. R. Marvin Senior Grand Warden, Ge W. Storer Junior Grand Warden, Samuel Wells Grand Treasu Sereno D. Nickerson Recording Grand Secretary, William C. Rob son Corresponding Grand Secretary, the D.D.G. Masters of Distr 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, Rev. Fielder Israel Grand Chaplain, Charles Harris Grand Mars James M. Gleason Grand Lecturer, Baalis Sanford as Senior Gr Deacon, Sylvester B. Adams as Junior Grand Deacon, William Farnsworth as Senior Grand Steward, Joseph F. French as Jun Grand Steward, Z. L. Bicknell Grand Standard Bearer, Joseph Mason Grand Pursuivant, William H. Gerrish Grand Organist, He J. Parker Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 p. prayer being offered by W. Rev. Fielder Israel Gra Chaplain. The Record of the Quarterly Communicati held in March was approved without reading, an abstr of the same having been distributed in print. Bye-La and amendments from private Lodges were presented approval, and referred to the Standing Committee on B Laws and Charters. Past Grand Master Welch havi addressed the Grand Master, it was resolved "that the Gra Lodge of Massachusetts in Quarterly Communicati assembled, has learned with deep regret of the illness R.W. Thomas A. Doyle, Past Grand Master of the Gra Lodge of Rhode Island, and desires to express to him a his family its profound sympathy and earnest hope for speedy recovery." Various appeals were next introduc and in each case they were referred to a Committee consideration. Reference was then made to the decease Bro. O. B. Seagrave D.D.G M. of the 19th District, w died in February last, and an "In Memoriam," submitt by a duly appointed Committee, was ordered to be record It was stated that one hundred and forty-eight Lodges h between them contributed upwards of 800 dollars on half of the sufferers by the fire in Galveston, but it appe ing that the needs of the Galveston Brethren had been su plied, the contributions were retained by the Grand Sec tary, subject to the order of the donors. A sum of 5 dollars having been placed at the disposal of the Committ on Charity, the Recording Grand Secretary submitted verbal report as to the progress made in the work of pri ing the early records of Masonry in Massachusetts, which it appeared that there was already in type the f record of St. John's and Massachusetts Grand Lodge, fr the time of the organization of each until the union of t two. He also exhibited some interesting mementoes of t past, and later on it was voted: That a committee of th be appointed to consider and formulate a plan by wh this Grand Lodge may become the custodian of objects Masonic interest which may be either loaned or donated it. Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in ample form

Among the candidates seeking admission to the Ro Masonic Institution for Boys, is James Howes Haylett, N 18 on the list, son of the late Bro. Alexander Charles Ha lett, of Diss, Norfolk. The case is a particularly deservi one, the lad being one of seven children (the eldest whom is a confirmed invalid) left to the care of th widowed mother, who is totally unprovided for. The fath was initiated into Freemasonry in the Faithful Lodge, N 85, Harleston, in 1875, and died after a three days' illn in August 1885. Among those who recommend the case Bro. Dick Radclyffe (129 High Holborn, London), w will be pleased to receive proxies for the candidate.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA.—The Grand Lodge of Monta has adopted the following truly Masonic resolution:—"Should a

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## GLEANINGS.

RY IN COURT.—Hon. R. H. Thompson, sitting as Judge of e City Court, was about to pass sentence on a prisoner before n the prisoner pleaded the bonds of the Fraternity, and he protection of a brother. Bro. Thompson thought for a and doubled the penalty, remarking: "You are guilty of a fence; you have not only transgressed the laws of your but have violated a solemn obligation, voluntarily assumed, ht disgrace upon an honourable Order."

ND NOW.—Centuries ago, before the dawn of the Christian ghted the darkness of a decaying civilization, roving bands s had covered the plains of Asia with the monuments of is. Obedient alike to the behests of Jew or Gentile, they equal skill the Temple of Solomon and the Temple of after years, under the name of Free and Accepted Masons, ecrated their genius to the service of the Church, and magnificent cathedrals, which still remain, the marvels and ter days. Bound together by the strongest ties, preserving grity by means which have been handed down to their they inculcated the broadest principles of charity and , and enforced obedience to the laws of God and man. A was then, as now, a good citizen, and the promoters of ler always found their most zealous defenders in the ranks ety.—*Elliott.*

is.—Be always obedient to the Chair. Obedience is a greatest importance to your own character as a Mason, and re of the Lodge. Without obedience, *wisdom* would be *strength* would lose its power, and *beauty* its grace. y persuasion suffer yourself to be inveigled into a party e Officers in charge of the Lodge. If you do, you will d man, and your progress in Masonry will be rendered Oliver.

onic Temple in Helena, Montana, cost over £10,000, f the handsomest structures in that city.

ated pavement is one of the levels of the world; on it all o matter how diverse their birth, fortune, or social

ipal Council of Geneva has presented the Craft in that iece of land on which to build a Masonic Hall.

to the *Chaine d'Union*, the Grand Orient of France has dience 313 Lodges, 35 Chapters, 13 Councils—in all 361, of 9 during the year.

, worthy Mason is one who regularly attends his Lodge, the duties incumbent upon him as a member of the to understand the living principles of, and remembers , his covenant. He thinks enough of Masonry to make s in its interest.

d if there is anything that poisons the atmosphere of om, when the Craft are there, it is the presence of a s no sense of his obligations, neither to his brethren, ited. The man who can and will discharge his obliga- truth, and do unto others as he would they should do n bleman, even though his bread is only procured from He hath something riches cannot take from him. But comes sick and dependent, then the Lodge will exer- es toward him that our teachings exact. When we brother pays his debts, we feel very kindly toward ve the same feeling for any man who is self-supporting. drones therein is no hive at all. Query: Can there ut having some drones in it—some to be pushed out ction produced by the industrious in their busy work he drone that comes in their way.—*Grand Master of*

room should be made cosy and comfortable. It being ne, it should have the comforts incident to our family

dge of Missouri has passed resolutions for the estab- sonic Home in that State.

not attend his Lodge will never learn to discharge *ualist*; he that does not *read* will never learn much

Lodge are injurious. They tire out the Brethren esome to Masons' wives. They should be avoided. ould so plan his work as to close in good season.

AIN.—The *Official Bulletin and Masonic Review* of t of Spain, the organ of the Supreme Council and Lodge, is published in the city of Madrid. There d 56 Chapters in this Grand Orient subject to the This does not comprise all of the Masonic Lodges is there are other Grand Bodies who claim juris- dissensions are unfortunate. An effort has been n Grand Lodge separate from the Supreme Council, desiring to form the Grand Body have been holding ter Charters granted by the Supreme Council, and organize a separate Grand Body.

TY.—Masonic charity, true Masonic charity, does at charity which is extended to a Mason or his except that which will be his in the world to come. Such is Masonic charity.

The Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco disbursed for charitable purposes during the past year £2,000. During the thirty years of its existence the Board has disbursed about £50,000.

As evidence that members of a Masonic Lodge once attended, in a body, a Roman Catholic Church:—On St. John's day 1830, the members of No. 60, Ennis, Ireland, attended the Roman Catholic Chapel there, and heard a sermon by the Parish Priest, Rev. Dr. McDonagh, who subsequently dined with the brethren. This Lodge was warranted in 1736, and is still on the roll, with the same number and place of meeting.—*Gould's History.*

SO MOTE IT BE.—We love this quaint old response. To us it means unity born of harmony, which is the key to heavenly enjoyment. It says we have sat together on the Level, and profit has been its fruit; that we are better men for so doing, and as little things make up our natural Temple, so these meetings, from time to time, build up our spiritual. It should be our aim to make these words golden. Let them be an echo from the heart. They are a benediction born of a charity which has its sustenance from a world unseen by mortal eyes—the source of all inspiration. For more than a century has this Masonic saying been borne heavenward as incense. We trust, as the years roll by, they will be dearer, as the sun of that land of rest begins to shed its lustre over the mountain peaks which look upon a landscape where a weary footfall is never heard, and tears and sighs are aliens. Amen. So mote it be.—*Portland Masonic Journal.*

GLOVES.—The giving of gloves was an old custom of the operative guilds, when, either on admission to the Lodge or once a year, gloves and aprons were given to the workmen. In Scotch Masonic Lodges of the 16th and 17th centuries it was a rule that intrants should present so many pairs of gloves on their admission. The custom is still said to be retained Masonically in foreign countries; but we have no traces of the custom in Speculative Masonry, except that Freemasons are expected to wear white gloves in Lodge meetings. There are many payments recorded for gloves to Masons in the old Fabric Rolls.—*Mackey.*

*The Masonic Advocate* makes a note of the readiness with which Craft periodicals have given publicity to the old story in regard to a Lodge that been called up by three knocks of the gavel, when the W.M. stumbled backward and fell out of a third-story window, breaking his neck. Waiting for the sound of the gavel to seat them, the members remained in their places for a quarter of a century, when their skeletons were discovered in that position. This ancient narrative has again gone the rounds of the Masonic journals, and will probably have a period of rest for a time, so far as these publications are concerned; but the event is one that will often be rehearsed in remarks for "the good of the Order" as brethren seek "to point a moral," and enliven their discourses by apt illustrations.

Freemasonry is the application of the symmetry of geometry, the beauty of astronomy, the profoundness of philosophy, the concord of music, the pathos and sublimity of poetry, the ingenuity and grandeur of architecture, and the glory of truth, to moral and spiritual living. In brief, it is the erection of the Temple of the Soul by all the principles of wisdom, strength, and beauty.

CONSECRATION.—The consecration of special places for Lodge meetings is something modern. When a Lodge-room has been duly consecrated and set apart for Masonic uses solely, there can be no question that it should not be occupied for anything but Masonic work. Our traditions say that in the most ancient times Lodges assembled under the canopy of Heaven, on the high hills, or in the low valleys; but the Lodges of old times, concerning whose history we have positive knowledge, did not meet in chambers especially set apart for the work of Masons. That all Lodge-rooms should be dedicated in accordance with modern usage, no one will dispute, but that the Lodge may not do work properly in an unconsecrated apartment is new law to us.—*Wm. R. Whitaker.*

During an annual communication of the Masons at York, on St. John's day, in the 16th century, it is said that Queen Elizabeth, who was then the ruling soverign, sent a deputation of nobles and a posse of armed men to break up the assemblage, because she considered the Masons as dangerous to her government. The deputation, however after visiting the Lodge, returned such a good account of the doings of the honourable Fraternity that henceforward the Masons were allowed to pursue their avocation undisturbed. Thus it has been at all times. Wherever the Order has been assailed, and its teachings questioned, it has always emerged from the ordeal stronger and better. Why? Because its foundation stone is the Holy Bible.

The utility of Masonry may be perceived in a variety of ways, but in nothing more than this, that it serves as a strong tie of sympathy and love to unite the hearts of men, while it both recommends and illustrates that charity which is declared to be the crown and bond of perfection.

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**AGED TEN YEARS.**

An orphan, whose father, Bro. Charles Steng, for many leather dresser, in Wilds Rents, Bermondsey, was initiated i Old England Lodge, No. 1790, in the year 1881, and contin subscribing member until his death, which was caused by a can the stomach, in October 1885; the mother died in the year Four children are left totally unprovided for. The case is a deserving one, and this being the *Last Application*, it is str recommended by the

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**AGED EIGHT YEARS.**

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## ENING OF A FREEMASONS' HALL AT DOVER.

N event of considerable importance to the Freemasons of Dover took place on Monday evening, when the first Craft meeting held at the newly acquired premises in Snargate Street. The Craft Lodges—Peace and Harmony, No. 199, and the Corinthian, 1208—together with the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 199, and the : Master Masons' Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 152, have ›rto met at different hotels in the town, and although several ›pts have been made to obtain premises which could be devoted ely to Masonic purposes, it was not until the present year that rowing desire to get away from licensed premises has been ›plished, by a suitable building being secured for a asons' Hall. The premises, which are well adapted for the ses for which they are required, consist of a hall—used as a e-room—with three ante-rooms, lavatory, &c. The hall has been tastefully decorated and handsomely furnished, and contains, s several other gifts from the brethren, three stained-glass ws, presented respectively by the Worshipful Master of 199, orshipful Master of 1208, First Principal of Chapter 199, and orshipful Master of the Mark Master Masons' Lodge 152. These ws add very much to the beauty of the Hall, whether viewed ›be interior or exterior. A very large number of the officers rethren of the local Lodges assembled at the opening hour m.—on Monday, it being the first monthly meeting this session Corinthi›n Lodge, No. 1208. The Worshipful Master, Bro. mar O. Kennett, presided, and was supported by Bro. Rev. Vickers P.P.G.C., J. D. Terson P.P.G.S.D., J. Bordeaux S.D., Dr. Fern P.P.J.D., F. W. Prescott P.G.J.D., J. M. Brown-P.G.S. of Wks., T. J. Perkins I.P.M., and several Past Masters and 1208; together with Bros. Col. Cuming P.P.G.S. Sussex, endy, Zetland Lodge, 655, Australia; J. W. Bussey W.M. 199. J. H. Higgins 31, Canterbury; E. Bass 184, Chatham; H. ›den P.M. 503, Maidstone; besides others from the district. the evening, Mr. Martyn Mowll, of the firm of Mowll and Solicitors, Dover, was initiated in a very impressive manner by O. Kennett, the Worshipful Master, who afterwards gave ›ge. The ceremonies were musically performed—the choral by Bro. G. Plant (of Canterbury Cathedral) Provincial Grand t being used—and were very effectively rendered by Bros. Iggleden, Bordeaux, and Higgins; Bro. Chas. Winterburn ing and presiding at the organ. The Lodge was closed at and the brethren then sat down to a supper, provided by Bro. P.M. The usual toasts and a very cordial vote of thanks to f. were afterwards given and duly honoured. During the a programme of glees and songs was performed by the who had assisted at the choral service. The brethren d at 11 p.m., and it was felt that a decided step in the best of Freemasonry had been successfully inaugurated.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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### :EDERICK OF UNITY LODGE, No. 452.

ld Surrey Lodge held its regular meeting on the 21st inst., he Masonic Hall, Croydon, when there were present Bros. ances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., C. G. Scott S.W., W. G. W., Magnus Ohren (P.M. and Treasurer) P.G.A.D.C., C. M. ., A. M. Ohren, and several other members; with Bro. S.D. 781 as a visitor. An interesting feature of the even›e installation of Mr. Wm. Jordan, merchant, of Nuwara-›lon—a friend of Bro. Magnus Ohren. After the reading of es, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. hren, who, in an impressive and most careful manner, per› ceremony of initiation. At its conclusion, the chair was pied by Bro. Frances, the Worshipful Master, and ballots › for the offices of Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ar, when Bro. Scott was duly declared unanimously elected mer, and Bro. Magnus Ohren was in like manner re›easurer. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren a banquet, admirably provided by Bro. Rhodes, proprietor nic Hall. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and, in of the evening, Bro. Magnus Ohren informed the Lodge ›rdan intended, on returning to Ceylon, to form a Lodge ›ict of Nuwara-Eliya, but he hoped to be able to take his ›es in England previous to his return. In proposing the › W.M. said he much regretted that a brother who had ›thily recommended, and who had paid so deep an atten›eremony of the evening, was not to remain

### SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday afternoon the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the transaction of important business. There were present Bros. G. Marsden W.M., R. J. Voisey S.W., J. Hernaman J.W., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, C. Wilson Secretary, S. H. Goldschmidt S.D., D. D. Mercer J.D., T. E. Webb I.G., F. W. Norman-Smith Organist, C. Gooding Steward, J. J. Brinton I.P.M., R. R. Bryant P.M., J. Sagden P.M., C. Gross, R. Elgar, W. Y. Andrews, W. Andrew, F. P. Hunt, C. J. Jones, H. H. Hyslop, J. Arnold, R. Irvine, C. R. Scrivin, J. C. Bradley, Chas. Lye, H. Chabot, H. S. Bigg, and J. M. Turney. The Visitors were Bros. J. H. Lowry 1475, A. Cooper Bradley I.P.M. 1216, and J. J. Penny J.W. 1679. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to pass Bros. W. C. and H. M. Crisp to the second degree, which ceremony was performed most ably. The brethren next elected their Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Voisey S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. J. C. Reynolds was also elected—for the sixteenth time—Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Harrison Tylor. An Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. J. J. Brinton proposed, and Bro. Sugden seconded the proposition, that a Master's jewel and collar be presented to the Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office; this was carried most enthusiastically. Other matters having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren thereupon adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Venables had prepared a neat little repast; on the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master, in appropriate terms, proposed the Queen and the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. Bro. Brinton then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in a graceful speech, to which the Worshipful Master responded most eloquently. The concluding toasts were, the Visitors; the Past Masters; the Worshipful Master elect; and the Officers of the Lodge; all of these were suitably acknowledged. During the evening, Miss A. Payne, who possesses a most musical soprano voice, sang, "Love, the Pilgrim," "To the South Wind," "When Sparrows Build;" and Mrs. Turney—contralto—vocalised, "Fond heart, farewell," "The Summer Night," and "Love's Old Song;" Mrs. Marsden sang, "The Old Cottage Clock." These ladies are talented vocalists, who, during the past year, have enlivened the meetings around the festive board by their excellent melody. The year of office of Bro. Marsden has been a most successful one in every respect, and we hope his successor—who is an accomplished singer—will continue this practice. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings of a most enjoyable evening.

### BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th instant. Owing to the rapid growth in membership, sixteen initiates having been enrolled during the year just ended, it was necessary to hold the business meeting at the Albany Hall, Kingston, where 55 brethren signed and entered Lodge. Bro. Moorman, the outgoing W.M., had shown his proficiency at each of the six meetings prior to that under notice, and now, for the last time occupying the chair of K.S., he gave still further proof of his Masonic skill by installing his successor in a most efficient and impressive manner. There was a large assembly of skilled Craftsmen, including fifteen Masters, and Bro. Moorman's correct working was much appreciated. The W.M. elect was Bro. J. Drewett, who having been installed in prescribed form, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George Moorman S.W., W. Drewett J.W., Oldridge P.M. Treasurer, Laurence P.M. Secretary, H. W. Humphreys S.D., Montague J.D., F. J. Hunt Organist, F. Lockett D.C., W. Yoaldon jun. I.G., Taylor and Bowers Stewards, John Horne Assistant Secretary, and W. Lane Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the Lodge, and the W.M. took the occasion of complimenting him upon the way in which he had conducted the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. J. W. Moorman acknowledged the gift of the jewel, and said that if it had not been for the continual support the Officers had given him he could not have gone through his year of office in the way he had. After receiving the Auditors' report, which was most satisfactory, Lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to the Sun Hotel, their usual meeting place, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Bond. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and one of the initiates (Bro. McCall Chambers) contributed considerably to the pleasure of the company, which numbered sixty-four. Mr. E. J. D. Causton also amused greatly with his capital mimicry and musical sketches.

### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., there was a large meeting of this Lodge at its hall in St. Saviourgate, York. Those present included Bros. A. T. B. Turner W.M., Sir F. Milner Bart. I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M. and Org., J. Blenkin P.M., M. Millington P.M., G. Simpson P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treas., J. T. Seller P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Sec., S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lockenby J.D., W. Storry, J. D. Irving and P. Pearson Stewards; W. Hall Tyler, J. Thorne W. H. A. C...





second degree, after which Bro. Wm. Stephenson presented to the Lodge an oak chair for the use of the I.G. Bro. Masterman presented another oak chair for the D.C. Both these chairs were carved and upholstered to match the other furniture of the Lodge. Bro. J. E. Wilkinson gave a framed Masonic photograph, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. presented a batch of books to the library. All these brethren received votes of thanks for their gifts. After the close of the Lodge the W.M. entertained his brethren and visitors at supper, and a social evening was spent, the W.M. receiving many congratulations on his health having been so far restored as to enable him again to take an active part in Lodge business.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Bleakey occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Surridge, Sherlock, Gregory, Glass, Hemming, Silvester, Dimsdale, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Glass, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The W.M. then opened in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Hemming worked the second section of the lecture, after which Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the second section of the first lecture was worked by the same brother. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to music and refreshments.

On 15th inst., Bro. Surridge in the chair, supported by Brothers Ross, Bleakley, Hansen, Wheelock, Gregory, Messer, Silvester Dimsdale, Ament, &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form and minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Messer acting as candidate. Bro. Bleakley then worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Surridge for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in any Lodge, Bro. Ross was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Lodge was closed.

**East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.**—The first meeting of the session was held on the 7th inst. There was a good attendance to support Bro. Dr. Smith W.M. 463 as W.M. Bro. Streeter P.P.G.R. Surrey was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Hawes J.D. 463 elected Secretary, and Bro. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey Preceptor. The ceremonies of the first and third degrees were rehearsed. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the Lodge was closed in due form. The meetings of the above Lodge are held every Tuesday evening, at 7.45, at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, Croydon.

On Tuesday, the 21st inst. Bros. Kilmington was W.M., Dr. Nicholls S.W., Fenn J.W., Cambridge S.D., Matthey J.D., Hodden I.G. The Lodge was duly opened, and four brethren were elected members. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Wilson candidate.

**Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.**—The usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. Bros. G. Tilling W.M., G. S. Graham P.P.G.O. Middlesex S.W., Costello 765 J.W., Mitten 765 S.D., Dunkley P.G.P. Middlesex (Secretary) J.D., Leonard 720 I.G., T. Poore 720 Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Arnold W.M. 720, Charnsley 141, Culpin 719, Allen Treasurer 720, Treves P.M. 720, Stanbrook 720, A. C. Campbell 720, R. Bissett 172, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, &c. The business in the first place was the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation. Bro. W. H Tilling being the candidate. The rendering of the ritual of the degree was gone through by the Wor. Master in a correct and impressive manner, and elicited the highest encomiums from the oldest and most experienced Past Masters present. This was the more satisfactory as this was the first time that Bro. Tilling had taken the chair in any Lodge. It is, however, but just to say that he was most ably supported by each Officer present. By way of giving a further specimen of his ability the Lodge was raised to the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was gone through in all but a faultless manner, Bro. Culpin being the candidate. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing week having been appointed, it was proposed by Bro. Poore, seconded and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. G. Tilling W.M., for the very able, correct and impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in the Panmure Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tilling acknowledged the compliment, and spoke of the great pleasure he experienced in receiving it. Bro. Poore said he wished to address a few words to the brethren; they were that night honoured by the presence of Bro Thompson, who was one of his oldest friends, and many years ago was one of his Preceptors. To see him again amongst them brought back vividly to his mind old times, and with them many pleasing recollections; in speaking in his presence he felt sure that they would all give him a hearty welcome. Bro. Thompson, in reply, said he was quite taken by surprise at this manifestation of kindness and goodwill on the observations made by his dear old friend Bro. Poore; he well remembered the time, years ago, when they worked together, but he had certainly far overrated any service or little act of kindness that he was able to render; but at the same time he felt extremely gratified at the complimentary way in which he had spoken of him; he could assure the brethren that he should be happy at any time to do anything that lay in his power for the good of Freemasonry in general, and that Lodge of Instruction in particular. The Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

I.G., Western P.M., and several other Brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bro. White a candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Vas Stavern, Joppa Lodge, 188, was elected a member.

On Monday, 20th instant, Bros. Cooper W.M., Snook S.W., Flue J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D, Whittall J.D., Anthony I.G. Trewinnard Preceptor; P.M.'s Fenner, Western, and several other brethren. After all preliminaries had been carefully observed, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as the W.M. elect. After the salutations in the three degrees, the Officers were formally invested, and the addresses given, Brother Cooper performing the entire ceremony in a very creditable manner. The brother will again rehearse the installation ceremony on Monday, the 27th instant.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Thursday, 23rd inst, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Bros. Williams W.M., Austin S.W., Purdue P.M. J.W., Whittle S.D., Breitbart J.D., Cavers I.G.; P.M.'s Spiegel (Preceptor), Sims, Cuff, Jassey, Child; Bros. Jennings, Mars, Lowe, Prosser, Rogers, Stroud, Cragge, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cuff P.M. candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Marsh. Bro. Davies worked the second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Cuff P.M. Zetland Lodge 511 was elected a member and Bro. Austin was appointed W.M. for next Thursday. Bro. Davies announced that the fifteen sections would be worked on the fourth Thursday in October. Bro. Spiegel gave the closing charge.

The first meeting of the Session 1886-87 of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will be held at 202 Whitechapel Road, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at seven o'clock in the evening punctually. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. F. Kimbell. The formation of a second Prince Leopold Subscription Fund for obtaining Life Governorships of the Masonic Institutions, will be considered at this meeting.

The St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction No. 144, has resumed its duties for the session, and now meets every Thursday evening.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, on the 28th October, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. C. Hogard M.E.Z., F. Brasted H., J. P. Parkes J., J. Sheffield S.E., W. Radcliffe S.N., J. Russell P.S. The session may be said to have now fairly set in, and R. Companions assemble in goodly numbers. This gives the opportunities for perfecting themselves in the duties of the respective Chapters.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Jas. Terry P.M. 228, 1278, 130 P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday the 30th inst., at the High Cross Lodge of Instruction No. 754, Coach and Horses, High Road, Tottenham. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Morning dress and Masonic clothing to be worn. Trains from Liverpool Street, G.E.R. to White Hart Lane (three minutes from Coach and Horses) at 6.25, 6.42, and 6.55 p.m.

Any of our subscribers who have Boys or Girls votes to spare would confer a favour on the Editor of this paper by sending them to him, care of Bro. W. W. Morgan, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The republication of Mr. J. F. Smith's story "Minnigrey" havi

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**rincess's.**—The verdict accorded to Mr. H. Hamilton's latest :, "Harvest," on Saturday last, must be gratifying, not only to uthor himself, but to every one concerned in the production of lay. Mr. Hamilton has shown us what he could do in previous s, but his latest may certainly be pronounced his best. rvest" is described as a new and original play in a prologue and acts. It contains some pretty passages, and when the mons," that most of the principals have to preach have been iled, the work will go even better than it did on Saturday. Its dy passages are fresh, vivacious, and free from rudeness of h. The behaviour of the principal in the first act would at once ny one to believe him to be as selfish a man as may well be con- ; he hesitates but little in availing himself of the flaw in his h marriage, and deserts his wife, to marry a rich widow in n. However, his wife's behaviour after he has left her is not we look for from a woman who has truly loved, and her de- r revenge is certainly carried a little too far. However, Nora rald and Bazil Brooke are provided with material to keep the ce in high spirits, and this they do to the fullest extent. On ing of the curtain it is at once apparent that Noel Musgrave s wife Brenda are not happy. They have a son, five years of lso a Scotch servant, attached to Brenda. Noel and Brenda gone through a ceremony which they think binds them to- . A cynical friend of Noel, named Tresider, discovers that l of the ceremony taking place in Scotland, it took place on glish side of the Border, consequently Noel is at liberty to again if he so chooses. Noel, moreover, can marry a rich provided he is free, and being short of money selects that nd leaves Brenda and her child. Brenda tells him that from ds he has that day sown there will come a harvest, and then— beware. Twenty years are now supposed to elapse, and Noel ried, but has been left a widower. He has also become a , but he has no son to leave his title to. Tresider, who is Noel's side, and well acquainted with his desires, reminds t should Brenda and her son be yet living, the baronet may, dance with the Scotch laws, make him his heir. This intelli- omes on Noel as a great surprise, but his wishes lean towards very of the boy he discarded twenty years since. The search is g one, for Roy Marston—otherwise Brenda's son, who has e name of Marston—is staying with his mother in the neigh- l, and has fallen in love with Noel's step-daughter, Lettice l keness of whose pretty face he has taken while out sketch- either being recognised by Noel, when introduced to him, and her son visit at Rossmoyne House, the property of during the absence of the latter's step-father. Having ally obtained a clue to Noel's intentions with regard to Roy, nforms her son that she disapproves of his intimacy with who of course is the child of the woman for whom Noel had r aside. Heedless of his mother's warning, Roy declares and almost simultaneously Noel—who has returned home— that the young artist is his long-lost son. The union of couple is entirely what he would wish, but Brenda sternly ther to be reconciled to Noel or to consent to the marriage d Lettice. Now comes a time for Noel to suffer; the dis- nt attendant on Brenda's refusing to become reconciled is for him. In the last act, however, Brenda gives way, and ears the way for Roy and Lettice's marriage. Brenda can- of having recovered in public estimation; she has long be the loving wife of the prologue. Upon Miss Amy is no easy task. Graceful, patient, with a splendid delivery, ent of the part of Brenda is perfect. Without sign of timid- er sure of her words, Miss Roselle has never acted better. racter of Noel Mr. Arthur Dacre did not spare any detail add to its power. Although with but little to say, after e, he made every line tell. Mr. Brandon Thomas, as Tresider, delivered his lines with judgment. The racters, however, received the most applause. The Irish girl of Miss Fanny Brough was splendid; Miss Brough has shown us several good pieces of have never seen her in a piece better suited to her n on Saturday. She was ably supported by Mr. C. H. ho has revealed an unexpected vein of humor. These s highly amused the audience whenever they were d deservedly gained chief honours. Mr. Yorke Stephens as Roy Marston; while Miss Edith Chester gave us an rmature of Lettice Vane. Miss Carlotta Addison, as an ter, and Mr. W. H. Denny, whose Scotch dialect was good, materially helped to strengthen the caste. At the author and artistes each received a call before the pecial one was given for Miss Roselle and the author. s elaborately mounted, and will turn out to be a thorough

lle.—"The Road to Ruin," reproduced at this theatre drawing such good houses that it is doubtful when ill revive "Sophia." All the parts are well sustained, es work with a will that seems to command success. r players as Charles Warner, James Fernandez, Fred Royce Carleton, with Misses Sophie Larkin and Kate all times an attraction, and when engaged in a piece ir special characteristics, they are sure to make it a only change in the caste is through the absence of house, but Siky has managed to find [illegible]

theatre. This will be the last occasion on which "Macbeth" will be played at this theatre. Although the "revival" has not resulted so successfully as could have been desired, the presentation should not be missed by old fashioned play-goers as it undoubtedly possesses many interesting features. We hope our good Bro. Douglas Cox will be well supported on this occasion.

**Covent Garden.**—Another successful evening was scored at the Promenade Concerts on Saturday last, not only in the class of programme provided, but in the numbers present to listen to it. At the early hour of six, when the band of the Scots Guards commenced to play, the promenade and seats gradually commenced to fill, and by the time the more serious part of the programme was started the house was crammed to overflowing. Mr. A. G. Crowe's excellent band gave several well-executed pieces during the evening, while Mr. Barrington Foote sang in his well-known style "Ask nothing more," and "Here's a health unto His Majesty;" Miss Ida Patterson's rendering of "Roberto, o tu che adoro," and "I dreamt that I dwelt," was highly appreciated. Madame Enriques was in splendid voice, and gave "Won by a Rose" and "The Storm;" while Mdlle. Anna Lang displayed her ability with the violin to great advantage in "Ballad and Polonaise" and "Saltarella." The popular and tuneful vocal waltz "Little Sailors" was given by Mr. Stedman's excellent choir. We must congratulate Mr. Stedman on the way he has managed to train his juvenile band. Mr. Howard Reynolds again evoked applause for his cornet solo. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion with the National Anthem.

**Prince's Hall.**—As a proof of the popularity of Mr. Charles Du-Val's entertainment, the Prince's Hall was crowded to overflowing on Wednesday evening, when this gentleman represented "Odds and Ends" for the 500th time in London. Mr. Du-Val was as amusing as ever, and gained considerable applause for his different impersonations. The character wherein he was most effectual on Wednesday was undoubtedly the Irish boy, Terry O'Reilly. Here he delivered La Fann's celebrated Irish Ballad poem "Shamus O'Brien" with fervid spirit and grand dramatic power; while the humourous passages were distinguished by a truth and fidelity that were remarkable. In the serious part, where Shamus escapes, Mr. Du-Val rose to the situation and thoroughly carried away his audience. Another novelty introduced during the evening were some special phases of thought reading. These were successfully accomplished by Mr. C. and Miss Lilian Morritt. Their plan of action is as follows:—Miss Morritt seats herself on the stage and Mr. Du-Val blindfolds her. A black board is placed on an easel, with a piece of chalk near the lady, Mr. Morritt descends from the platform and enters the body of the hall. A coin is given him, and without the slightest assistance Miss Morritt writes the date on the board. A name of a member of the audience was next written by Miss Morritt, and then the number of a bank note was similarly proclaimed. A card was chosen from a pack and Miss Morritt produced another like it from a pack lying by her side, she all the while being blindfolded. All these experiments were performed without an apparent sign or word passing between the lady and the gentleman who assisted. Each experiment was accomplished amidst perfect silence, but at the conclusion Mr. and Miss Morritt received the hearty applause of the audience. The Circassian family, the Glinkas, gave their musical entertainment; while the Count and Countess Magri, with Baron Magri also gave one of their amusing entertainments. At the conclusion of his successful sketch "An artist's studio," Mr. Du-Val thanked those present for their kindness in attending on this eventful night of his career. We congratulate Mr. Du-Val on having achieved the success he so richly deserves.

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A few days since Bro. J. J. Pope P.M. 179, 1305, and P.Z. 742, 1305, was the recipient of a gratifying testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow residents in Chelsea, a handsome album being presented to him, bearing the following inscription:—

CHELSEA 1886.

This Album was presented to
J. J. POPE, ESQ.
on his leaving the White Hart
by
OLD CHELSEA FRIENDS,
with the best wishes for his future health and prosperity.

Brother Meek, a well-known Chelsea man, acted as President of the meeting at which the presentation was made and was supported by Mr. Bradley as Vice President, while among those present were several of Brother Pope's oldest friends. It must be gratifying, alike to members of the Craft and friends outside to hear of the high opinion in which Bro. Pope is held, and this is heightened among those who know him as a warm supporter of the Masonic Charities, of each of which he is a Life Governor. He is also a consistent supporter of the Charities connected with the trade of which he is a member.

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*Illustrations* for October—commencing a new volume—will contain the opening chapters of a story by Mr. Francis George Heath entitled "Dragon Hollow." [illegible]

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1621—Feckham, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7 30. (In)
Royal Master Lodge of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

## MONDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1901—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Perseverance, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Hussey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Seaton rise, Devon

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 815—Elmr, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—4 Items of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## WEDNESDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Shepherds Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The House Steward Street, Regent's Park, at 8
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instru
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Ins

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instru
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (I
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.3
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (In
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instru
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1284—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

## THURSDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instructi
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instructio
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instructions
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (I
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Inst
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruc
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instr

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (I
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Inst
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instructio
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (In
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell,
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instr
1625—Frederar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instructi
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, a
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruc
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instructio

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lot's Hotel, St. John's Wood, a
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Ca
at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Brecon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1550—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instructio
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

## FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W.,
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (I
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St.,
831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instru
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Inst
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pon
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—Edmund Rose, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Peage, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, C
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Clevel
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruct
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.,

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
448—Chigwell Palace Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Inst
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fazeakerley, Liverpool.
574—Royal Berkshire, Pelican House, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
603—St. John, Market Hotel, Wellington, Salop
689—Selton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
769—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford

-Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
-Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
-Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
-Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
-Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
-Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
-Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
-Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
-Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
al Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
-General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
31—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
139—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

al Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Essex Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7 30. (In)
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
73 - Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. BEANLAND.

On Saturday, the remains of the late Mr. William Beanland, of Holly Villa, Little Horton-lane, Bradford, were interred in Scholiffe Cemetery. The funeral was of a public character, and attended by many members of the Bradford Town Council, by station officials, and by representatives of Freemasonry, as well personal friends of the deceased gentleman. The funeral *cortège* left the residence of the late Mr. Beanland shortly after eleven o'clock.

In front of the hearse walked a detachment of sixty borough police under the command of Superintendent Laycock, a number of the employés of Messrs. J. and W. Beanland, builders, of Harris-street, and representatives of Masonic Lodges. The latter wore the usual sprig of acacia, and were chiefly members of the Chapter of Fidelity, with which the deceased had been long and prominently associated. Among those who preceded the hearse were Mr. Henry Lee, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of Wakefield, Mr. W. Lupton, Mr. Walshaw, Dr. Evans, Mr. C. Gott, Mr. C. J. Schott, Mr. James Hill, Mr. G. B. Beanland, Mr. J. W. Booth, Mr. S. Woodhead, Mr. Priestley, Mr. Stamford, Mr. T. Hindle, Mr. J. B. Knight, Mr. John Hill, Mr. S. Lodge, Mr. J. Brigg (Keighley), Mr. Fearnside, and Mr. W. Williamson. The procession was joined at the Town Hall by members of the Town Council and borough officials, including the Mayor (Alderman T. Hill), the Town Clerk (Mr. McGowen), Aldermen Priestman, F. Priestman, John Hill, Wood, Drake, Morley, Atkinson, Beaumont, Moulson, and Turdoff. Following the hearse several morning coaches and private carriages. Along the route to the cemetery blinds and shutters were drawn at many places of business as the procession passed, and the Town Hall bell was tolled. At the cemetery a considerable number of persons awaited the arrival of the *cortège*. The service in the chapel at the grave-side was conducted by the Rev. A. J. G. Mellor, Vicar of St. John's Church, Horton-lane. A large number of wreaths were placed on the coffin.

—*Bradford Observer*, 18*th September* 1886.

## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

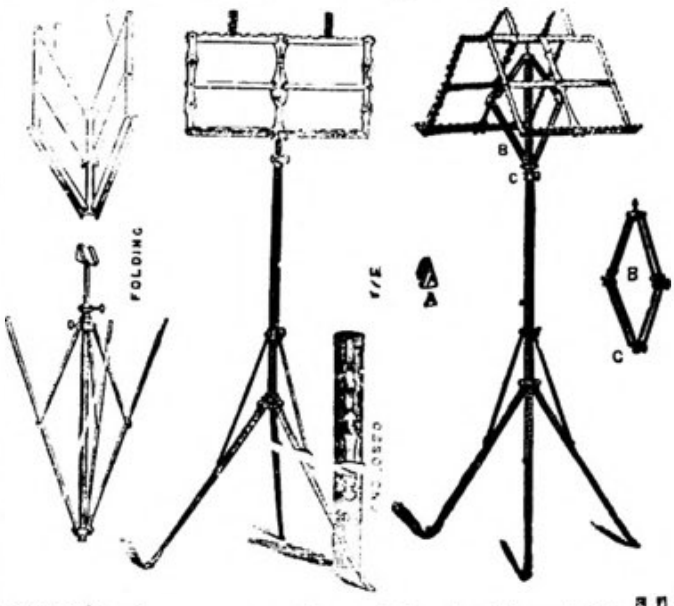
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A Mason's crown is a noble crown,
Beset with resplendent gems;
Which, like the bright-hued flow'rets sweet,
Hang firm on their golden stems.
Their radiant gleams, as a halo shows,
O'er the worthy Freemason's head;
And their dazzling light as a beacon glows
On the path which his footsteps tread.
The jewels are virtues, and feelings rare,
And their blessings with tenderness fall;
Each one to humanity carries a share,
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### IV.—DUTY.

The Sailor traverses the tireless wave—
The Soldier marches o'er the shifting sand,
They forward press with fearless hearts and brave,
To guard the interests of their native land.
At Duty's call they rouse with eager pride,
And spring with ardour for the work or fray;
His Duty bids them cast all self aside,
And face each danger, be it where it may.
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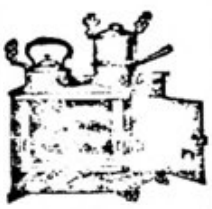
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## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CANADA.

THE third annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was recently held in the Masonic Windsor, Ont., under the presidency of Sir Knight Henderson, Q.C., the acting Grand Master, who was rted by Sir Knight Henry Robertson as Deputy Grand r, the Provincial Priors of the London, Toronto Kingston Districts, a number of past and present Officers, and others. Great Priory was opened in orm at ten a.m., the acting Grand Prelate imploring sing upon the proceedings. The Credentials Com- then reported that of the twenty-eight Preceptories e roll, eighteen were represented by their regular entatives and five by proxy, leaving five unrepre- ; this report was adopted, and then the admission to ssembly of Great Priory of all Knights Templar in standing was authorised. The minutes having been ned, letters were read from several Grand Officers, them being the Supreme Grand Master, expressing that unavoidable circumstances prevented their ance. Petitions were received from several Knights ar, residing in Truro, Nova Scotia, and Melbourne, a, praying for Warrants to open Preceptories at places, which petitions were referred to the Grand l.

Deputy Grand Master then read the Allocution of upreme Grand Master, in which, after offering greetings to his Fratres, the head of the Order ed to pay a tribute to the memory of those Knights r of the jurisdiction who had died during the past among them being Dr. Robert Ramsay, who was own as a writer on the various occult degrees and Masonry, and as a prominent member of several egrees. The Grand Master next refers to the edict of ercourse with the Scottish Templars of New Bruns- hich he regrets to say is still in force. The exist- Scottish Encampments in the Dominion had always him a matter of indifference, whether they remained ed body or amalgamated with the English juris- and none could deplore more than he did the neces- ; Great Priory felt of issuing the edict, the prin- which was so much at variance with the usages of law in England, by which, until of late, in Templar they have been guided, viz., "That a Grand Body, ere creation, cannot invalidate Subordinate Bodies existing in the territory over which it assumes on." Great Priory, however, on declaring sove- thority in Canada, adopted the "American system" sive jurisdiction for governing Masonic powers, as also established by the United States Templars lamental principle. Such being the law of unani- this Continent, it appeared to him incumbent, and the whole Order, on the part of the Scottish En- ts of New Brunswick, to join the Great Priory of after its separation from "Convent General," it then acknowledged, lawfully independent governing the Dominion. There cannot be the slightest thinks, that the Chapter General of Scotland ve released the new Brunswick Templars from giance, as readily as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of Canada, if they chose to ask for it, but it him that at all hazards they were determined the way of any amalgamation. This, he considered, was but a repetition of the old, much to be regretted, unwise, and unnecessarily-provoked quarrel by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with that of Quebec. It was essential for Masonic peace and unity that one Masonic power should not create subordinates, or continue to exercise authority over such as did exist, occupied by another independent co-equal power. Even if the naked right existed, there were ample considerations that forbade its exercise. This, he thought, was now the settled Masonic law, and alike applicable to the Templar system. Great Priory, bearing all this in mind, felt it incumbent at the very outset to assert their supremacy, and at once put down any attempt at innovation of their rights, by issuing an edict of non-intercourse with all foreign Templar bodies in the Dominion. But he could not help thinking that had a little more time been taken for consideration, and less eagerness shown to precipitate matters, in their anxiety and determination for immediate independence, much of the present difficulty might have been avoided. His opinion was strongly in favour of establishing Provincial Priories in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, &c., when a sufficient number of Preceptories had been organized in each—three at least—and the members prepared to form the Provincial bodies, who should send duly appointed representatives to Great Priory acknowledging fealty to the Sovereign body; this would leave the Provinces of the Dominion in the same position as Canada was formerly to England, and still be a united body of Templars in Canada. He was satisfied that more interest would be taken in working and disseminating the Templar system if this plan was adopted. The Province of New Brunswick having, with the Scottish Encampments, the legal number of Preceptories, the Grand Master suggested that the Great Priory, under all circumstances, should at once give the subject mature and deliberate consideration, of making this proposition to the New Brunswick Scottish body, to establish an independent Provincial Priory, and thus if possible harmoniously end a controversy so foreign and out of character to the principles of the Christian Order which they represent, and, in the words of a great statesman, prove "That concession of local government is not the way to sap and impair, but to strengthen and consolidate unity." Dispensations granted for the opening of new Preceptories having been referred to, the subject of the Revised Statutes receive attention. "The Rituals of the Templar System," a sketch of the history of the Templar Order, its rise and progress, and other matters of a kindred character, form the remaining portion of the Allocution, which, on motion duly made, was referred to the Grand Council for report.

Reports were then presented from the Provincial Priors of the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Districts. The Provincial Prior of the London District regrets that from his own observations, and from communications received, it is his duty to report that there is not the same zeal and activity manifested in Templary as in other branches of Masonry, and which he deems should be pre eminently shown forth in the noble Christian Order. During the year, invitations were extended to all the Preceptories in the District, to witness the exemplification of the Templar Degrees by Windsor Preceptory; these were accepted by several Fratres of London and St. Thomas Preceptories. After the confer-

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time was spent in renewing old friendships and this interchange of ideas, as to the aims and purposes of our noble Order. He believes that such re-unions should be of more frequent occurrence, as they tend to bring the Fratres of the different Preceptories into closer fellowship with each other, and fraternal associations and friendships are formed, which materially advance the interests of Knight Templarism. The Provincial Prior of Hamilton District reports that he had the pleasure of assisting at the presentation of a beautiful jewel to V.E. Sir Knight Thomas Hood, Preceptor of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory; and also in installing the officers on the same occasion. The Officers of the various Preceptories, he says, are zealous, ardent lovers of the Order, and are doing all in their power to further the interests of Knight Templarism in their several Preceptories. The Prior of Kingston was happy to state that none of the Preceptories in his District have adopted, or appear to have any desire to adopt, the showy and unsuitable military dress that some of the Western Fratres now use, and for this reason applications for membership in the Templar Order in this District are likely to come from those only who desire to join the Order from a conviction that its teachings are pure and elevating, rather than from a wish to exhibit themselves in public parades and quasi-military drills. The Provincial Prior of New Brunswick reports that since the issuance of the edict of non-intercourse with the members of the two Scottish Encampments in his jurisdiction, the position of affairs remains unchanged, and, excepting in one instance, the edict of Great Priory has been generally observed. It is felt, however, that a settlement of the difficulty, and a renewal of fraternal feeling, would be viewed by those who have the welfare of the Order at heart with satisfaction. Yet it appears that nothing will dislodge the Fratres of the Scottish Encampments from the position taken, that "New Brunswick is unoccupied Knight Templar territory." It is needless to state other than that the opposition is strong, and admittedly active. This is apparent not only in the issuance of the printed statement by the Encampment of St. John, R.S., under date of the 2nd July 1885, explanatory of its position, and challenging, as it were, that assumed by the Great Priory of Canada, but in the publication of numerous articles on the question, which have appeared in Masonic journals in the United States, some of them adding weight of approval to the stand taken. It is interesting to note that the printed statement alluded to was issued directly by the Encampment of St. John, and immediately placed in the hands of those high in Templar authority in the United States, a favour not extended to either the Grand Master or Grand Chancellor, so it is said. The reply, however, to that printed statement, when it did come, from the M.E. the Supreme Grand Master, and the Grand Chancellor, R.E. Frater Daniel Spry, dated 20th January 1886, published in full in the Toronto *Evening Telegram*, *Craftsman*, and other journals, was considered effective, clear, and scholarly; the many points adduced so forcibly met that Knights Templar could not fail to be enlightened on the question at issue. As the Grand Encampment of the United States meets in St. Louis in September next, an opportunity will be given to that body to consider the question of encroachment of territory in this jurisdiction by the Scottish Encampments. Viewing the proposed meeting in any light, whatever action may be taken will be interesting, and considered an event in the history of Templar Masonry, as doubtless the members of Grand Encampment have a keen comprehension of the scope and underlying principles involved; that wise counsels will prevail, and a decision arrived at which may facilitate an early settlement of the alienation between the respective Knights Templar bodies, before the situation becomes additionally complicated; that it will array itself in favour of home rule in Templar Masonry for Canada, and by a statutory regulation declare that the law in respect to territorial rights in America is immutable,—by so doing it will assist in knitting together all Knights Templar in the Dominion under one governing power. Not that we desire that the Grand Encampment should make itself a party to the strict enforcement of right, but of the reasonableness with which the right is asserted. Already the Grand Encampment of the United States has given generous recognition to Great Priory, without condition or limitation, with the popular sentiment of home rule in Te Masonry.

The annual statement of accounts was next subn and then followed the report of the Grand Council Allocution of the Supreme Grand Master. This C heartily approves of the remarks of the Supreme Master, "That the course pursued by the Sovereign Priory has been the wisest" in regard to the New I wick matter, and the report thus proceeds: It m expected, however, that any course of action, even adopted after mature deliberation, will not meet, b the Dominion of Canada, with unanimous approval. doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction which is accepted governing Masonic bodies on this continent, must, if on at all, be acted on fully and freely. The Sovereign Priory accepts that doctrine in its unrestricted sense. Grand Council are, however, inclined to believe sectional feelings and prejudices exist, which having viously disturbed the Templar harmony in New Brun were at the outset an hindrance to the Great Priory ing out amicably its objects in that Province, and co to prevent that kindly adjustment of differences whi Sovereign Great Priory would approach in a proper The Grand Council believe that the time will arrive when on all sides will be hailed, with emotions, the silver lining which is undoubtedly the present cloud. The history of the Templar says the Council, so far as relates to its connection Freemasonry, is admittedly shrouded with such tainty, that even the best historians on the subject among whom may be well reckoned their Supreme Master, feel compelled to rear a superstructure, pl no doubt, but not able to bear strict historic tests. their Supreme Grand Master has shown such diligen profound research that he has removed from the h of the Order many of the doubts which have enshr it. The Council believes it is wiser for Templars to d on their own actions for what they profess to be merely to live on the renown of their predecessors, heigl by traditional colouring. The Grand Council regret the Supreme Grand Master, through ill health, is to preside over the deliberations of the Sovereign Priory. It is fervently hoped that he may again be b with good health. His presence and advice are not sources of strength, but they inculcate that sp loyalty to the Sovereign and fidelity to the princip the Order, which have ever been conspicuous in Sov Great Priory. The report was subsequently adopt also were those on Audit and Finance, on the condit the Order of the Temple in Canada, on grievance appeals, on Warants, and other matters. It wa resolved that the next Assembly of the Great should be held at Brockville, Ontario, on the 12th 1887, and the third annual Assembly was brought conclusion in due form.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lod Suffolk will be held, on Friday next, at the Town Ipswich, when the Right Honourable the Lord He will be installed as Grand Master of the Province b Right Honourable the Earl Amherst Provincial Master of Kent, and the usual business of the year w transacted. Provincial Grand Lodge will be ope 12·30, the brethren assembling at 12 o'clock. Service will be held at St. Matthew's Church, at 3 after which Provincial Grand Lodge will be resumed as soon as the business is completed, a banquet will b at the Public Hall, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master. Special arrangements have been mad the Great Eastern Railway Company, whereby tickets at a single fare and a quarter will be issued all stations in Suffolk and Essex, as well as from No Yarmouth, and other places.

## DEATH.

GREENWOOD.—On the 28th ult., at 11 Bentinck Terrace, Regent' suddenly, Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Surrey, in year. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at (St. Pancras) Cemetery. The *cortege* will leave the residence of the d 17 Highgate Road, at 12 o'clock.





# SUCH IS MASONRY.

## INTRODUCTION.

HE influence of the unseen, the unknown, the mysterious—who has not felt it? And when suddenly unexpectedly it manifests itself, whether to bless or to t; to save or to destroy; developing gratitude and , or fear and distrust, who is not filled with wonder awe, and an insatiable desire to trace the hidden cause, xplore its secrets?

o, stand beneath the canopy of calm and solemn night, view the world of wondrous beauty overhead! What ights and emotions rise! and how the imprisoned soul s to burst its bonds and scale the empyrean!

storm-cloud, dark and threatening, rises in the west, with the scowl of a demon on its brow, directs its gnant course, toward our roof-tree. Mutterings of rend its hideous breast, and the livid flash that ever anon plays upon its front only renders its gloom and more fearful and portentous, while the swift-winged sers, upon which it is borne, level palace in its pomp forest in its pride! How the heart of man then wilts withers at the manifestation of the power and glory of who "plants his footsteps on the sea and rides upon storm!" As suddenly as it comes, so suddenly it goes; lo! upon the skirts of the retreating and dissolving l there appears the ethereal bow, spanning the arch of en with its mysterious and spiritual glory, recalling the ise of old: "I will not again curse the ground any for man's sake; neither will I again smite any more thing living as I have done," and the heart goes forth song of gratitude and praise to the Author of all good earns the important lesson, "There is no evil so great which some good may not be plucked."

ho can control the longings of the soul to pierce the eries that surround it—the mysteries of life, of death, od, of tempest, of love, of hate, of famine, of pestilence, ie, past, present and to come, of benevolence, of ma- y, of government, of law, of social customs and insti- is? Mystery is largely the charm that envelops every t; yet, often, ere we have penetrated the rind, so fickle uperficial are men, we fling it away with all the rich- of its core untasted and unknown, and eagerly pursue er.

t the truly thoughtful mind discovers and enjoys the of mystery in everything, the least as well as the st, and he delights to penetrate that mystery, to el it as far as possible, or to watch its developments onsequences. Who, indeed, alas! knows anything as ould? Here is a grain of mustard seed, "the st of all seeds," yet within its covering lie concealed ysterious principles of life and reproduction—prin- which it has inherited, so to speak, from the grain poken into existence—principles which may lie dor- for an indefinite period, but which, under favourable nstances will begin to manifest themselves. Under sistless impulse of these influences, the seed enlarges, vering parts, and soon a little leaf and a tiny root are orth, the first like the prayer of gratitude and faith, up toward God, and blessing Him for His glorious the second, like works, remembering that faith can e sustained by the good deeds of life, takes fast hold h and proceeds to give to faith the nourishment it needs. Behold the mystery of life! And then the mystery of reproduction, the flowering, the seed- nd then cometh death, decay, the faded flower, the ed leaf, the blasted stalk, the wasted root. But the which even in death were sown shall not perish; ly as the seasons roll shall there be a glorious resur- , teaching to the pious observer the doctrine of tality and of faith in God. *Not even a mustard seed the ground uncared for by His providence.*

such is man. "As a flower of the field, so he eth! In the morning he is like grass which cometh In the morning it flourisheth and groweth the evening it is cut down and withereth." With e the same mysteries of life, of reproduction, of death, y, and, as faith teacheth, of ultimate resurrection.

to-day we are chiefly concerned about the mysteries social organizations and institutions, all is mystery. We are ever a mystery to ourselves.

Among the creations of the human mind, as a necessity of social life, there is an institution which ever has been the marvel of the world. It has survived the wreck of empires—the mutations of time. Other institutions of man rise, flourish, decline, pass away and are forgotten. This one lives and prospers with increasing years; and although its head is hoar with the rime of centuries, it is strong and flourishing, rejoicing as if in perpetual youth, and vigour, and usefulness. At times, indeed, it has been cast down by misrepresentation, by treachery, by persecution, but only, like Antæos of old, to gather fresh strength from contact with mother earth, and anon it eclipses its former glory; and not until probationary time has ceased to flow will it fail to be man's guide, friend and solace. I speak of Masonry. Grand and mysterious, it stands a glorious and imperishable monument of man's genius and philanthropy, its foundation lost in the misty depths of antiquity and hidden under the wrecks of buried ages, its massive walls defying the ravages of time, its battlements piercing the clouds and pointing to its grand ideal above, ever lengthening, and widening, and heightening, and strengthening, it has the globe for its base, time for its duration, and the starry canopy of heaven for its covering. Into that awful, that reverential pile I now propose to lead you.

## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is the science of humanity, the instrument of civilisation, the handmaid of religion. Its central idea is the existence of an all-powerful, all-wise, all-merciful God, the Creator, the Preserver, the Rewarder of men; and Him every Freemason is required to worship and serve with all fear, humility and love. He is the centre, the sun of our existence, and every duty of life is to be performed with a lively sense of our obligation to Him.

It has for its base gratitude toward that Supreme Being, and the study of nature through a sense of duty to Him. For its attraction and vail it has secresy and mystery; for its key, allegory; for its bond, morality and mutual kindness; for its object, the perfection and happiness of man; for its final result *here* beneficence, for it is only in an activity of well doing that real happiness can subsist, and ultimately a seat in the Grand Lodge above, that "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

And yet Masonry, although based upon the fundamental idea of true religion, is not itself in strictness a religion; nor does it propose to take the place of, or to supplant, religion; for it has no religious rites and ceremonies, no priesthood, no sacrifices, no sacraments. It preserves the knowledge of the only true God; it teaches us to love Him with all the heart and our neighbour as ourselves, to do good to all men and especially to our brethren, to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, to cultivate faith, hope and charity; but there is nothing in Masonry which teaches or can impart spiritual regeneration, its arena being man's present stage of existence.

It is a school of morality prescribing to us our duties to ourselves, to our fellows and to our God. Once it was the depository of the wisdom of the world; but as knowledge is no longer the heritage of a privileged few, Masonry now contents itself with inculcating the duty of studying art, science and literature, the true, the beautiful and the good, impressing upon every initiate the importance of accepting every means of improvement so as to fit himself as a "stone polished after the similitude of a palace," for a place in the Lodge of the High and Holy Grand Master above. It is the inheritor and perpetuator of many precious truths, of mysterious secrets and traditions, of an imposing ritual, of an impressive system of instruction, of a valuable code of practical morality and beneficence, and of a universal language. It teaches rather by deeds and lives than by words; shows by example how man passes from nature's darkness to light, from barbarism to civilisation, from civilisation to refinement, from life through death to immortality. It shows each one how weak and dependent he is, yet teaches him to be manly and self-reliant, rather a prop to others than a vine needing support; to live not for himself alone, but for his brethren,

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men," banishing discord, strife, dissension; allowing in its halls no discussion of politics or theology, the fruitful sources of estrangement among men. It does not impart a single precept or principle which is contrary to right. Its text-book is the Bible, which is recognised and taught as man's great light and guide, and every brother is directed to search it for that "pearl of great price" which Masonry cannot give. "Render unto Cæsar the things that be Cæsars, and unto God the things that be God's." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." Fear God and honour the king." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "Be temperate in all things." Owe no man anything, except to love him and to do him good." "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and imprisoned, relieve the afflicted and the distressed, minister to the widow and to the orphan." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." These, and all other moral teachings, we, as Masons, owe to the Book of Books, without whose open pages we cannot congregate.

Such is Masonry—such its teachings and doctrines. It has its secrets, its mysteries, which are in harmony with the truths it promulgates, but of which it does not become me here to speak. Wonderful is its history, stretching back through untold centuries, encircling the earth with a girdle of light and beauty, blessing the human race, pointing through nature up to nature's God, bearing man up to the threshold of the temple, but bidding him to ask, to seek, and to knock in some other name than hers.

And here, my brethren, we meet with the first objection to our Institution, here comes in the first reproach, here the first malicious stone is flung at us. "Practise what you preach" is sneeringly said to us. "Look at your disorderly members. Reform them ere you expect to reform the world."

To this our sufficient reply is: "No society is chargable with the disapproved conduct of its members. Judge us by our doctrines, their general fruit and our history, not by the lives of unworthy brethren. We lament their defection much more than you can rejoice over their fall; and we labour with tears and prayers to reform them, while you would delight to see them sink to a lower depth." But such an argument against Masonry, "like a sharp razor working deceitfully," proves if anything at all, entirely too much. It is an argument against all that is good, because, forsooth, some evil may be found with it. Like a two-edged sword in the hands of an unskilled combatant, it is as dangerous to him who wields it as it is to his opponent; and if we will but give him room enough he will take off his own head with his own weapon. He "who spake as never man spake" teaches us that the good and the evil will always be found associated together in this world, but that the day is coming when they will be separated and each rewarded according to the deeds of this life.

Tried by the standard of our objector, what worthy institution is there among men? We sometimes find unworthy husbands, or unworthy wives; but shall marriage, with all its high and holy and conservative influences, be abolished? Laws bear harshly in some cases; and governors, or legislators, or judges, or juries, may be at times corrupt: but could we get along any better without them? The noblest efforts of patriotic ardour are frequently rendered futile by the wiles of a traitor: but shall we proscribe patriotism and exalt its opposite, ranking a Benedict Arnold with a Washington? Hypocrites may be found even around the Communion table; but shall we, on that account, denounce the church as evil, and all its members as deceivers? One of the chosen twelve was a devil: but shall we rank Peter, and John, and James, and Paul, and the other worthies of that day, with Judas? The apostate Julian once loved the Christian religion which he afterwards deserted, and which he then hated and persecuted because he had deserted it: but shall we so far forget the heaven-born charity which we teach as to class our objector with Julian? We are told that that deadly sin, envy, once invaded the very courts of heaven, robbing it of some of its mightiest angels: but shall we, on that account, despise that blessed abode, refuse to strive to gain

brethren from the quicksands upon which they stranded. But Masonry is not a proselyting institu throwing wide its doors, and inviting all to enter. requires applicants to come with clean hands and hearts, with minds prepared for the reception of precious seeds of truth. It does not propose so muc reform men directly, by enlisting them promiscuously its ranks, as to use those who are already reforme examples for others.

That Masonry is often mistaken in the character of applicants, or that its members frequently prove recr to some of its moral teachings, is a mournful fact, however, not to Masonry, but to the weakness of hu nature, to the fallibility of man. Outside of God man do nothing and is himself nothing, but in Him may spiritually live and move, even as in Him we have being.

## DESIGN OF MASONRY.

The design of Masonry is: 1. To preserve the kn ledge of the true God. 2. To spread that knowledge am men and so call them from darkness and barbarism to l and civilization. 3. To bring men to a knowlege of w they owe to themselves, to their fellows, and to the God. 4. To promote "peace on earth," "good will am men," and, by a judicious system of mutual aid and in dependence, by the broadest charity and philanthropy unite all men in the bonds of good fellowship, and elevate them to the highest possible state of earthly ha ness and perfection. 5. To be the forerunner of Christian Religion, even as John the Baptist was of Ch the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway our God," and proclaiming, "Repent ye, for the kingd of heaven is at hand."

No one can be made a Mason unless he has a knowle of the true God, nor unless he declares, most solemnly unequivocally, his belief and trust in Him. Then Mas takes him, and by a series of impressive lessons, shows how poor, and weak, and blind, and ignorant, and helpl he is; teaches him subordination, confidence in his breth as well as faith in God, and that his first duty to himse to purge himself of all darkness and to dwell in the li And then light, not merely physical but spiritual li begins to dawn upon him, to permeate his being, and to him with a holy exaltation of mind.

My brethren, have you forgotten the noble enthusi which possessed your souls when first you were brou from darkness to light? What can obliterate the rem brance of the lessons and determinations of that ho Return to them frequently, ponder them often, engrave t deeper and deeper upon heart and memory. And t commenced the lesson, too, as to what you owe to fellows; that lesson so beautifully carried on and compl in the second degree, and upon which was laid the fou tion for that third lesson: "What do you owe to God

How shall I enter that "Holy of Holies" of F masonry? Can I tear aside the vail and show to all sublime drama there enacted? Hearing and seeing, hear not, nor see; but our ears, they hear and underst our eyes, they see and perceive.

Lift, my brethren, your enlightened eyes, lend unstopped ears and follow me; pronounce the "( Sesame," and stand within the vail. A darkness that be felt and that hangs like a pall upon all nature— prayer so full of agonizing foreboding as to the future— phantom forms that rise and fright—the summoning o that is manly to pursue the chosen path—the bl assault—the flight for life—the fierce pursuit—the uny ing fidelity, preferring death to dishonour—the fatal blo the shriek of anguish and despair—the consuming rem —the fearful expiation—the Nain-like wail in behalf o widow and the widow's son—the solemn prayer of faith hope—and, lo! the answer comes. Once and again hope died away in despair, yet faith would not rela hold. The prayer once more ascends, and lo! in the tant east, the faint glimmer of a light begins to appear. widens, and broadens, and deepens, and, bursting in blaze of glory, it brings life and immortality to the t Then he who had been lost was found again, and he had been dead was alive once more. And so the M

## "OLYMPIA" AT KENSINGTON.

### An Interview with Mr. J. S. Wood.

WHAT is Olympia? Who is Mr. Wood? Olympia is the name of that vast palace of glass and iron which is raising its head be midst of fashionable Kensington. Its full title is the National icultural Hall—far too long for the public to make use of, and it is noted by a company with very rosy prospects. Its directorate prises many names well known in social and financial circles. Wood is the general manager of this great scheme, which is to devoted to exhibitions, shows, sports, and pastimes of every ription, always granting they are of a "high order." He it was inaugurated those marvellous Fancy Fairs and Old English ws which took the town by storm a year or two ago. He it is is now the organizing head of this vast undertaking which is to Barnum to the blush. Olympia is to be opened before Boxing with an entertainment that should draw all London. In order ot the earliest information, we despatched a representative to Mr. Wood about London's new palace of recreation and amuse-

was surprised (he says) to find so discreet and sober a gentleman Ir. Wood surrounded by beautiful posters, showing vivacious as in red habits taking ten-barred gates amid the congratulations a multitude; or vivid chromos of the interior of Olympia, with nan tournament in full swing; or dazzling representations of ot races. But pictorial art plays an important part in these s. Mr. Wood is no amateur showman, though he is new at this h of the business, and I found him at least as smart as Mr. am. He is up to every wrinkle, and knows more than a thing o. To him Olympia is the centre of the universe. "Where is pia?" said Mr. Wood. "Olympia is actually on the Addison Station, which is in direct communication with every part of ountry. This is no figure of speech, for it lies equidistant en Clapham Junction and Willesden Junction, and the trains of dozen different railways are passing every few minutes. As ad communication, one entrance is on the main road, and Mr. h tells me that the London General Omnibus Company are red to put on any number of extra 'buses, although there are ix of them now chasing each other in close pursuit. The idea ated with Colonel Burnaby, who sought for some great Metro- arena where all the 'arts of war and peace' might be central- nd developed. His soldierly instinct made him long for a m-like structure, in which combatants might do full justice to elves in a great military or other tournament. This germ has n to its present huge dimensions. The Company owns 12 acres t valuable freehold ground. The buildings cover 4 acres, and at hall itself 2½ acres of ground."

e seating," Mr. Wood continued, "will be in the form of a mphitheatre, divided into boxes, stalls, grand circle, amphi-, and two extensive promenades, holding some 9,000 people. s the great hall, there are many accessories in the way of side

We shall let space for exhibitions, shows, concerts, fêtes, nents, contests, races, sports, balls, fairs, theatrical and ian performances, lectures, dinners, meetings, amusements, tertainments of any description. There are already plenty of tions, and we can accommodate all, so long as they are high in 'The gardens of Olympia' will be a special feature and on, with its musical promenade, lawn tennis courts, &c. There ng that may not be done, so extensive are our resources: yes, to an artificial presentment of Canada's national sport of ning."

g put Mr. Wood through his facings, I next asked him to some details of this marvellous Paris Hippodrome which is he opening attraction. Those who know their Paris know ippodrome, for it has been the most popular show of the gay or some years. Those who do not know their Paris will and from what follows that the Hippodrome will be an enter- t which will worthily inaugurate so great an undertaking as . Listen to Mr. Wood's account. "Yes; the opening event pia will be representations by the great Hippodrome from ith its entire staff of artists, stud, properties, and acces- The horses, ponies, elephants, packs of hounds, stags, &c., more than 250. There are 300 artists, assistants, and , and an orchestra of seventy performers. Why, the cost of om Paris to London will be £2,000. The great track in e tournament displays will take place is 100 feet wider and an the largest similar track anywhere in England. It will five minutes to walk round it. In such a space horses can ir wildest speed, while a brigade of artillery may gallop at ch, giving a reality to m mic warfare impossible in any other nong the properties and accessories to be brought over by odrome is the carriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of k, dated 1802. It is a large gala chariot, similar to those e German Court at the commencement of the present cen- o the carriage of the Khedive, made for the Viceroy of aid Pasha, the panels of which are of engraved crystal. awarded the first p ace at the Paris Exhibition of 1869. o magnificent equipages are drawn by four horses, and are onvey the artists round the track and to the 'magic circle.' be too far for them to walk from the *manège*. Our bar- ," continued Mr. Wood, "contains types of saddlery of the ges and the Renaissance, and a collection of saddles and om Spain, Arabia, and Turkey sufficient for the equipment ses. There are nearly 300 suits of German and French r men and horses, which serves for the representation of tournaments. The costumes are by M. Thomas, the designer and Opera at Paris."

three minutes, and a veritable train appears with locomotive, tender, and waggons, carrying more than a hundred travellers at express speed. In another of their representations a real stag hunt is represented with every regard to the truth of detail. The pack of hounds were lately the property of the Duc d'Aumale. One of the most exciting and popular attractions of the show is the revival of the chariot races which so delighted the Roman people in the Coliseum at the time of the Cæsars. Some of the chariots are drawn by four and others by eight horses. There are also exact representations of the ancient Roman race (the Olympian race)—the 'post,' with thirty-two horses, in which the rider stands on two horses, racing thirty others yoked together."

Altogether, the performances of the Hippodrome may be said to be unique. The management was wise in introducing the Paris Hippodrome as the opening event at Olympia.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

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A Lodge's responsibility.—A Lodge is, morally, responsible for the support of the distressed and destitute of its own membership, whether they reside within its jurisdiction or otherwise. It is equally responsible for the relief of the widows and orphans of its own membership. They belong to the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, and that Lodge is primarily responsible for aid furnished them. A brother in distress should apply to his own Lodge for aid; but if the brother is not able to make the application to his own Lodge, or if the Lodge is unable to render the required relief, owing to the fact of the brother's removal or absence from their midst, the Lodge is as much responsible as though he were in the jurisdiction thereof. It is not claimed that a Lodge is under any obligation to aid the brother of another Lodge whilst he resides in the jurisdiction of his own Lodge; why should it be if he does not so reside? Does mere absence from the jurisdiction of the Lodge absolve that body from its obligations to aid and assist? It is supposed that one Lodge will deal honourably with another, and that only such assistance will be given as the circumstances of the case may require. If the Lodge to which the brother belonged is able, it should return, gratefully, the money expended; if it is not able, and the membership is not able, it should have the same charity extended to it by the Lodge assisting. To establish any other mode of procedure would, in our opinion, be exceedingly dangerous.—*Louisana Proceedings.*

Does it pay to be a Mason.—To one who wants to join the Masonic Order for the pecuniary benefit he will derive from being a member, for the assistance he will receive in his business, or from any reason of a similar nature, we would say, "No, it does not pay to be a Mason." To one who desires to join the Order for the purpose of participating in its charitable work, to take part in the dissemination of the great truths and principles which it teaches, to try and live so that he will be known as a Mason, by his charity to his fellow man, his love of truth, his observance of his country's laws—to all such we would say, "Yes, it pays to be a Mason."

Three generations in one Lodge.—Alexandria Lodge, No. 235, Alexandria, Ind., has the representatives of three generations—says the *Masonic Advocate*—in one family in the Lodge,—grandfather, father, and son, by the name of Vermilion.

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## MASONIC RELIEF, IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

*To the Editor of the* Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have read your article on Masonic Relief in your issue of the 25th inst., in which you, at the conclusion observe, that if certain suggestions made in it were acted upon, Masonic Benevolence would be less of a name and more of a reality that it is at present, and special prominence is given to the obtaining for, or giving employment to, Masons

I am a Freemason; so is my father. I am not aware that ever in my life have I obtained a situation, or been retained in one, because I was a Freemason; in fact I never embraced Freemasonry on account of anything mercenary. I am a man over thirty; and when during the few times I have been out of employment I have applied preferentially to Freemasons, I never received any help from them, and employment always came from quarters where there was no Masonic influence of any kind or sort. I have known of a man not a Mason promoted over the head of a man (far superior in his firm's interest) who was a Freemason, and this, too, by a man who was a Mason!

In some instances Freemasonry is a disadvantage—or cause for persecution, when Freemasons happen to be among Roman Catholics, through their enmity and intrigues.

As regards Freemasons in position helping their brethren by maintaining them preferentially in their employment, I may say that I am at this moment out of work; one of several Freemasons who were parted with some months ago in consequence of the compulsory reduction of staff in a railway office, when others who were not Freemasons were preferentially kept on; and this, too, at the hands of a

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTION, OCTOBER 1886.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although you have given your usual *résumé* of the claims of the several candidates, I dare say you can find room for an old contributor to say a few words on the same subject. The first thing that I always do, and shall, is, to call the attention of your readers to the last chances; of these we have four cases—three on a first, and one on a second application—amongst the girls, and seven amongst the boys—three (Newton, Renneson, Purnell) for a first and final, one (Jones) for the second time, with 0 to his credit; one (Andrews) for the third, with 333; one (Gibbs) for the fourth, with 13; and one (Taylor) for the fifth, with 50. The last case is from East Lancashire, and the last but one from Hants and Isle of Wight, each Province capable of ensuring the election of one or more candidates whenever they please; consequently, if these applicants are unsuccessful, the fault rests entirely with the Provinces, for if the cases are unworthy of support they ought never to have been brought forward, or if the candidates or their friends have become possessed of sufficient means (the want of which should be the only reason for refusing to place on list) since their candidateship commenced, they should be withdrawn; the last case but two, Andrews, is from London. Now, London cases generally are very uncertain; for this reason—which should rejoice the hearts of the Provincial brethren—viz., that, with few exceptions, the London voters do not pull together, but work independently, both as Lodges and as individual members. It is right and proper that this should be so, but if only a quarter of the number of the London Lodges pulled together they could make a moral certainty at any election whom they should or should not put on. But to come back to the lad Andrews; with 333 votes his supporters ought not to relax their efforts until at least 1200 more are secured. Jones is a West Lancashire lad, and though he has no votes to his credit West Lancashire will put him in, and one of her other candidates besides. The other three belong to East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Warwickshire, respectively, and can all be returned if they secure the support of their several Provinces. Amongst the four last chances with the Girls, is Martha Steng, a second application, 250 votes to the good; this candidate can be returned with very little effort on the part of those by whom she is recommended. The other three—Marshall, Nicholson, and Johnson—from West Lancashire, South Wales (Eastern Division), and Worcestershire, should be equally safe. I do not think any of the others call for particular remark, but I would venture to direct the attention of those brethren who are working cases, or who have the getting them up, to the case of Elizabeth Waspe, without either parent, but with a wealthy uncle; her appeal is made in this guise, "four children were left dependent." Now this statement is misleading, though true; f is dead, and the brother whom I promised to support last Apri successful, and is now in the Boys' School, leaving only two de ent. In support of the present candidate my name has bee without my sanction; this I should not have given, because as late father was a Licensed Victualler, I do not see, in fairness to more necessitous cases on our list, why his child should not hav a candidate for the very excellent Institutions of that body; ther although my name is on the child's canvassing paper, I sha support the case, for the reason stated, not however that will make much difference, but I object to my name being used out leave, and also to saddling the Masonic Institutions with than their fair share of the general burden. The case I am advo is that of Edith Melhuish, where they have four other children out parents) still dependent on friends, after placing a boy other Masonic Institution at the last election.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 160

| | Number. | Average Age. | Average of Father's Subscriptions. | How many helped one or more Institutions. | Parents Living. Mother. | Father. | Both. | Stepmother. | Neither. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | yrs. mos. | yrs. mos. | | | | | | |
| BOYS | 44 | 9 6 | 9 1½ | 8 or ½ | 37 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| | | yrs. mos. | yrs. mos. | | | | | | |
| GIRLS | 33 | 9 3 | 10 4 | 8 or ¼ | 24 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |

*Provinces whence the Candidates come.*

BOYS.—London 11, Berks and Bucks 1, Bristol 1, Corn Durham 3, Essex 2, Gloucester 1, Hants 3, Kent 1, Es cashire 4, West Lancashire 3, Middlesex 1, Norfolk 2, umberland 1, Warwickshire 1, Wilts 1, West Yorkshire 2 Wales 1, South Wales (East) 1, Colonies 2.

GIRLS.—London 5½, Cheshire ½, Cornwall ½, Devon 1, Dur Hants 2, Herts ½, Kent 2, East Lancashire 3, West Lanca Lincoln 1, Middlesex 1¼, Norfolk 1, Surrey 1, Sussex 2, W shire 1, Worcestershire 2, North and East Yorkshire 1 Yorkshire ½, South Wales (East) 1, Channel Isl Colonies 2.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

| Province. | No. | Cost this Year. | Subscriptions this Year. | Seven Years' Average Subscriptions. | Surplus or Deficit this Year. | Av Seven Av Sur De |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London | 77 | 2720 6 8 | 5383 3 0 | 5920 5 4 | 2662 3 0* | 3199 |
| Bedford | — | — | 134 13 0 | 26 2 9 | 131 13 0* | 26 |
| Berks and Bucks | 1 | 35 6 8 | 228 5 0 | 226 19 3 | 192 18 4* | 190 |
| Bristol | — | — | 145 19 0 | 51 15 0 | 145 19 0* | 51 |
| Cambridge | — | — | 273 0 0 | 57 6 0 | 273 0 0* | 57 |
| Cheshire | 7 | 247 6 8 | 78 15 0 | 127 12 2 | 168 11 8† | 119 |
| Cornwall | 1½ | 53 0 0 | 31 10 0 | 51 7 7 | 21 10 0† | 1 |
| Cumberland and Westmoreland | 2½ | 88 6 8 | — | 57 10 3 | 88 6 8† | 30 |
| Derby | 2 | 70 13 4 | 37 10 0 | 111 19 8 | 33 3 4† | 71 |
| Devon | 6 | 212 0 0 | 136 19 0 | 155 3 10 | 65 11 0† | 56 |
| Dorset | 1 | 35 6 8 | 147 16 0 | 89 13 10 | 107 9 4* | 54 |
| Durham | 3 | 106 0 0 | 68 5 0 | 91 1 10 | 38 15 0† | 14 |
| Essex | — | 212 0 0 | 245 14 0 | 288 14 3 | 43 14 0* | 76 |
| Gloucester | 4 | 141 6 8 | 222 12 0 | 310 6 0 | 80 5 4* | 168 |
| Hants | 12½ | 441 3 4 | 177 5 0 | 382 13 1 | 263 18 4† | 58 |
| Hereford | — | — | 74 11 0 | 10 13 0 | 74 11 0* | 10 |
| Herts | 2½ | 88 6 8 | 131 1 0 | 132 2 0 | 42 14 4* | 43 |
| Kent | 15 | 530 0 0 | 547 6 0 | 410 6 3 | 17 6 0* | 113 |
| Lancashire (East) | 4 | 141 6 8 | 170 0 0 | 152 16 1 | 28 13 4* | 11 |
| Lancashire (West) | 8 | 283 13 4 | 363 6 0 | 211 2 11 | 79 12 8* | 72 |
| Leicestershire and Rutland | 2 | 70 13 4 | 10 10 0 | 102 9 5 | 60 3 4† | 31 |
| Lincolnshire | 5 | 176 13 4 | — | 13 10 0 | 176 13 4† | 163 |
| Middlesex | 5 | 176 13 4 | 171 8 6 | 337 2 5 | 1 4 10† | 160 |
| Monmouth | 2 | 70 13 4 | 199 10 0 | 96 10 6 | 128 16 8* | 25 |
| Norfolk | 2 | 70 13 4 | 67 4 0 | 85 12 6 | 3 9 4† | 11 |
| North and Hants | 1 | 35 6 8 | — | — | 35 6 8† | 35 |
| Northumberland | 4 | 141 6 8 | 906 12 0 | 158 15 3 | 765 5 4* | 17 |
| Nottingham | 2 | 70 13 4 | — | 98 2 8 | 70 13 4† | 27 |
| Oxford | — | — | 106 0 0 | 113 19 7 | 106 0 0* | 113 |
| Shropshire | ½ | 17 13 4 | — | — | 17 13 4† | 17 |
| Somerset | 5 | 176 13 4 | 133 7 0 | 139 11 0 | 43 6 4† | 37 |
| Stafford | 2 | 70 13 4 | 204 15 0 | 265 6 0 | 134 2 8* | 191 |
| Suffolk | 5½ | 194 6 8 | 126 10 6 | 155 14 1 | 67 16 2† | 39 |
| Surrey | — | — | 1345 15 6 | 301 4 6 | 1345 15 6* | 301 |
| Sussex | 5 | 176 13 4 | — | 476 5 2 | 176 13 4† | 299 |
| Warwick | 4 | 141 6 8 | 102 18 0 | 190 12 9 | 38 8 8† | 49 |
| Wiltshire | 5 | 176 13 4 | 209 11 0 | 153 7 3 | 33 18 8* | 23 |
| Worcester | 2 | 70 13 4 | 63 0 0 | 135 12 0 | 7 13 4† | 68 |
| Yorkshire (North and East) | 4 | 141 6 8 | 82 0 0 | 190 13 7 | 59 6 8† | 49 |
| Yorkshire (West) | 23½ | 830 6 8 | 500 0 0 | 765 8 7 | 330 6 8† | 6 |
| N. Wales | 1 | 35 6 8 | 102 7 6 | 113 11 5 | 67 0 10* | 108 |
| S. Wales (East) | 5 | 176 13 4 | 110 0 0 | 146 14 3 | 36 13 4† | 23 |
| S. Wales (West) | 2 | 70 13 4 | — | 80 7 2 | 70 13 4† | 9 |
| Channel Islands | 1 | 35 6 8 | 63 0 0 | 26 8 0 | 27 13 4† | 9 |
| Colonies | 9½ | 235 13 4 | 105 0 0 | 88 6 9 | 235 13 4† | 146 |

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

| Province. | No. | Cost this Year. | Subscriptions this Year. | Seven Years' Average Subscriptions. | Surplus or Deficit this Year. | Seven Years' Average Surplus or Deficit. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| on | 69 | 3125 0 0 | 5452 10 6 | 5851 13 3 | 2726 10 6* | 2726 15 3* |
| ord | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| and Bucks | 1 | 45 0 0 | 199 10 0 | 207 11 8 | 154 10 0* | 162 11 8* |
| ol | — | — | 26 5 0 | 20 5 0 | 26 5 0* | 20 5 0* |
| ridge | 1 | 45 0 0 | 131 5 0 | 43 13 0 | 86 5 0* | 1 7 0† |
| nel Islands | 2 | 90 0 0 | 110 5 0 | 72 17 10 | 20 5 0* | 17 2 2† |
| ire | 3 | 135 0 0 | 47 5 0 | 143 2 7 | 87 15 0† | 8 2 7* |
| erland and Westmoreland | 3 | 135 0 0 | 500 0 0 | 267 18 7 | 465 0 0* | 132 18 7* |
| rall | 1 | 45 0 0 | 254 2 0 | 60 5 2 | 209 2 0* | 15 5 2* |
| rshire | 2 | 90 0 0 | 76 4 0 | 330 7 9 | 13 16 0† | 219 7 9* |
| shire | 6 | 270 0 0 | — | 126 11 9 | 270 0 0† | 143 8 3† |
| t | 4 | 180 0 0 | — | 90 6 0 | 180 0 0† | 89 14 0† |
| m | 4 | 180 0 0 | 63 0 0 | 235 0 5 | 117 0 0† | 55 0 5* |
| | 3 | 135 0 0 | 238 6 6 | 184 17 3 | 103 6 6* | 4 17 3* |
| estershire | 4 | 180 0 0 | 133 1 6 | 240 8 9 | 46 18 6† | 60 8 9* |
| | 6 | 270 0 0 | 507 5 6 | 335 7 6 | 237 5 6* | 65 7 6* |
| ord | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| ord | 5 | 125 0 0 | 94 10 0 | 120 15 2 | 31 10 0† | 4 4 10† |
| | 10 | 450 0 0 | 294 0 0 | 693 18 3 | 156 0 0† | 243 18 3* |
| shire (East) | 8 | 360 0 0 | 152 5 0 | 491 5 7 | 207 15 0† | 131 5 7* |
| shire (West) | 8 | 360 0 0 | 68 5 0 | 550 7 10 | 291 15 0† | 190 7 10* |
| tershire and Rutland | 1 | 45 0 0 | 257 5 0 | 138 17 2 | 212 5 0* | 83 17 2* |
| nshire | 3 | 135 0 0 | — | 15 7 5 | 124 10 0† | 119 12 7† |
| sex | 3 | 135 0 0 | 313 6 0 | 318 6 1 | 178 6 0* | 183 6 1* |
| outh | 1 | 45 0 0 | 31 10 0 | 74 14 0 | 6 10 0† | 29 14 0* |
| | 4 | 180 0 0 | 420 0 0 | 99 7 0 | 210 0 0* | 80 13 0* |
| and Hunts | 3 | 135 0 0 | — | 30 15 0 | 135 0 0† | 94 5 0† |
| mberland | 5 | 225 0 0 | — | 289 3 7 | 225 0 0† | 64 3 7* |
| zhamshire | 1 | 45 0 0 | 102 2 0 | 107 7 11 | 57 2 0* | 62 7 11* |
| shire | 2 | 90 0 0 | 126 14 6 | 80 8 2 | 36 14 6* | 9 18 10† |
| hire | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| etshire | 4 | 225 0 0 | 303 0 0 | 165 0 3 | 78 0 0* | 59 19 9† |
| lshire | 6 | 270 0 0 | 168 0 0 | 241 19 10 | 102 0 0† | 28 0 2† |
| | 1 | 45 0 0 | 121 0 0 | 147 11 10 | 76 0 0* | 102 11 10* |
| | 3 | 135 0 0 | 334 13 0 | 153 11 3 | 199 13 0* | 18 11 3* |
| | 7 | 315 0 0 | 420 0 0 | 243 0 5 | 105 0 0* | 71 19 7† |
| kshire | 7 | 315 0 0 | 283 10 0 | 194 16 5 | 31 10 0† | 120 3 7† |
| re | 2 | 90 0 0 | 66 18 0 | 53 10 2 | 23 2 0† | 36 9 10† |
| ershire | 2 | 90 0 0 | 63 0 0 | 135 4 2 | 27 0 0† | 45 4 2* |
| re (North and East) | 4 | 180 0 0 | 41 14 6 | 211 3 9 | 138 5 6† | 31 3 9* |
| re (West) | 14 | 630 0 0 | 760 19 0 | 636 15 9 | 130 19 0* | 6 15 9* |
| Vales and Salop | 4 | 180 0 0 | 87 3 0 | 133 17 7 | 92 17 0† | 46 2 5† |
| s (East) | 2 | 90 0 0 | 105 0 0 | 191 10 4 | 15 0 0* | 101 10 4* |
| s (West) | 5 | 225 0 0 | 210 0 0 | 125 17 2 | 15 0 0† | 99 2 10† |
| | 11 | 495 0 0 | 52 0 0 | 105 4 11 | 443 0 0† | 389 15 1† |

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

| Provinces. | Men. | Women. | Cost. | This Year's Contributions. | Average Contributed during Seven Years. | This Year's Surplus or Deficit. | Seven Years' average Surplus or Deficit. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 53 | 72 | 4424 0 0 | 8779 4 6 | 7556 16 1 | 4355 4 6† | 3432 16 1* |
| | — | — | — | 53 12 0 | 7 13 2 | 53 12 0† | 7 13 2* |
| d Bucks | — | — | — | 159 11 6 | 195 2 6 | 159 11 6† | 195 2 6* |
| | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | 318 10 0 | 34 14 6 | 246 10 0† | 62 14 6† |
| ge | 1 | — | 40 0 0 | 143 0 0 | 35 13 1 | 103 0 0† | 4 6 11† |
| | 7 | 5 | 440 0 0 | 154 12 0 | 139 3 10 | 286 8 0† | 309 16 2† |
| | 4 | 5 | 320 0 0 | 152 5 0 | 79 1 5 | 287 15 0† | 272 18 7† |
| and and Westmoreland | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | — | 23 11 1 | 72 0 0† | 48 5 11† |
| | 1 | — | 40 0 0 | 63 0 0 | 58 10 0 | 23 0 0† | 18 10 0* |
| | 3 | 11 | 672 0 0 | 157 10 0 | 93 19 6 | 514 11 0† | 578 9 6† |
| | 3 | 2 | 184 0 0 | 180 10 0 | 113 12 3 | 3 13 0† | 70 7 9† |
| | 1 | 2 | 104 0 0 | 105 0 0 | 88 16 9 | 1 0 0* | 15 3 3† |
| | 4 | 3 | 256 0 0 | 115 5 6 | 203 16 2 | 130 14 6† | 49 3 10† |
| rshire | — | 3 | 96 0 0 | 39 18 0 | 286 12 3 | 59 2 0† | 190 12 3* |
| | 6 | 7 | 461 0 0 | 142 5 0 | 267 2 11 | 311 15 0† | 196 17 1† |
| | — | 1 | 32 0 0 | — | — | 32 0 0† | 32 0 0† |
| | — | 1 | 32 0 0 | 279 5 0 | 343 9 6 | 247 5 0* | 311 9 6* |
| | 9 | 9 | 648 0 0 | 884 0 0 | 413 12 7 | 236 0 0* | 234 7 5† |
| e (East) | 12 | 9 | 768 0 0 | 120 15 0 | 252 3 0 | 647 5 0† | 516 17 0† |
| e (West) | 5 | 4 | 328 0 0 | 78 15 0 | 221 2 9 | 249 5 0† | 105 17 5† |
| shire and Rutland | — | — | — | — | 77 1 4 | — | 77 1 4* |
| | 3 | 3 | 216 0 0 | — | 12 16 4 | 216 0 0† | 203 3 8† |
| | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | 546 4 6 | 364 1 10 | 406 4 6* | 292 1 10* |
| | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | — | 79 10 3 | 72 0 0† | 7 10 3* |
| | 2 | 4 | 208 0 0 | — | 9 9 3 | 208 0 0† | 199 10 9† |
| d Hunts | 4 | — | 160 0 0 | — | 75 9 3 | 160 0 0† | 84 10 9† |
| erland | 4 | — | 160 0 0 | — | — | 160 0 0† | 160 0 0† |
| m | — | 1 | 32 0 0 | 176 18 6 | 79 15 2 | 244 18 6* | 47 15 2* |
| e | — | 3 | 96 0 0 | 46 18 6 | 123 10 6 | 49 1 6† | 27 0 6* |
| | — | — | — | 25 0 0 | — | 25 0 0* | 3 11 5* |
| hire | 2 | 3 | 176 0 0 | 173 4 0 | 123 1 7 | 2 16 0† | 32 15 5† |
| re | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | 204 15 0 | 102 17 10 | 132 15 0* | 50 17 10* |
| | 3 | 9 | 408 0 0 | 305 10 0 | 159 10 11 | 102 10 0† | 210 9 1† |
| | 3 | — | 120 0 0 | 118 11 0 | 258 8 2 | 28 11 0* | 148 8 2* |
| | 2 | 4 | 208 0 0 | 122 10 0 | 199 8 7 | 85 10 0† | 19 11 5† |
| ire | 2 | 2 | 144 0 0 | 239 2 0 | 74 7 2 | 94 2 0* | 69 12 10† |
| | — | 4 | 128 0 0 | — | 71 8 3 | 128 0 0† | 56 16 9† |
| hire | 1 | 2 | 104 0 0 | 287 8 0 | 157 13 2 | 183 8 0* | 31 13 2* |
| (North and East) | 6 | — | 240 0 0 | 42 0 0 | 159 5 8 | 198 0 0† | 61 12 4* |
| (West) | 16 | 18 | 1296 0 0 | 735 0 0 | 851 14 7 | 481 0 0† | 159 5 7† |
| nd Salop | 1 | 1 | 72 0 0 | 29 11 0 | 50 1 4 | 42 9 0† | 96 4 8† |
| East) | — | — | — | — | 12 17 2 | — | 12 17 2* |
| | 1 | | 40 0 0 | | 19 17 0 | 40 0 0† | 2 17 0* |

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The Votes and Interests of the Governors and Subscribers of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## MEYRICK GEORGE BRUTON GOOD,

AGED EIGHT YEARS.

His Father, Joseph Good (Lodge Entente Cordiale, No. 586), late a physician and surgeon of Wilton, died on the 27th February 1880, from paralysis, after a lingering illness, leaving his widow and five young children unprovided for.

*The case is very strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—*

The Right Hon. the EARL OF PEMBROKE AND MONTGOMERY.
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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked thus (*), and by


# LAST APPLICATION.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1886.

The Votes and Interests of the Governors ar
Subscribers of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for G

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## MARTHA PAULINA CAROLINE STE

AGED TEN YEARS.

An orphan, whose father, Bro. CHARLES STENG, for many
leather dresser, in Wilds Rents, Bermondsey, was initiated
Old England Lodge, No. 1790, in the year 1881, and conti
subscribing member until his death, which was caused by a ca
the stomach, in October 1885; the mother died in the year
Four children are left totally unprovided for. The case is
deserving one, and this being the *Last Application*, it is st
recommended by the

### OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790,

*And the following Brethren:—*

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* *By whom Proxies will be thankfully received.*

# OCTOBER ELECTION, 188

The Votes and Interests of the Governors and Subscribers o

# Royal Masonic Institution for C

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## FLORENCE GRACE CHAPM

AGED NINE YEARS,

Whose father, Bro. THOMAS CHARLES CHAPMAN, was initiate
Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on the 18th February, 1871, and sub
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## ASONIC POETRY OF AMERICA.

natural for Freemasons to sing: they have sung m the beginning, and will sing to the end. Their tokens a happy spirit and a merry heart. When s over, and refreshment is begun, then listen for ng notes of peace and harmony in the Craft. We whether there was ever an instance of Freemasons ding the mahogany after the close of a Lodge, when usic did not contribute to the pleasure of the . It is as natural for Freemasons to sing as to The brethren taking thus kindly to minstrelsy, of ere has been no lack of Masonic poetry for them Right sorry are we to admit, however, that the of Masonic poets appear to have been *made* rather *n*. As a rule their songs do not sing themselves, e to be sung, and then are sometimes halting. ohn made a song without words, but many a as made words without a song. And how rugged ht, as well as in language, some of them are! No on Masonry was published without its appendix ic songs. We have before us a work of some the first "Ahiman Rezon" published in Penn- by order of the Grand Lodge, edited by Grand , the Rev. Bro. Wm. Smith, D.D., and printed in Hall and Sellers. The second song, on page 117. " The Progress of Masonry." We quote four of y stanzas:

y lend me your ears, my dear Brethren, awhile,
ll sober my sense, tho' joking my style;
ng of great wonders unknown to all those

When, lo! to complete and adorn the gay ball,
Old Adam was made the Grand Master of all.

But Satan met Eve when she was a gadding,
And set her (as since all her daughters) a madding;
To find out the secrets of Freemasonry,
She ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree.

Then as she was filled with high-flowing fancies,
As e'er was fond girl who deals in romances,
She thought her with knowledge sufficiently cramm'd,
And said to her spouse, My dear, eat and be d——d.

But there is something more finished than this song in the volume to which we have referred, and singularly enough it springs from America. It is an "Ode for the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in South Carolina, 1772, composed by the Most Worshipful, the Honourable Sir Egerton Leigh, Baronet, Grand Master, set to music by Brother Peter Valton." We quote several stanzas from this poem:

Boast not, mortals, human skill,
If the sculptur'd dome you raise,
Works of art, by fancy's will,
Lead us oft through folly's maze.
What if Phidias' chisel guide?
What if Titian's pencil grace?
Marble flatters but our pride,
Bane of all the human race.

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Let the diamond's lustre blaze,
Call its water bright and clear,
But confess the greatest praise
Rests on pity's tender tear.
May the social virtues bind,
Tune each sympathetic heart,
Raise the feeble, lead the blind.
Wipe the tear that swells to part.

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The next stanza is quite a patriotic prophecy:

Blessings await this Western Land,
Blessings o'erflow with liberal hand.
Commerce uprears our infant state,
And golden currents make us great:
Fair Science lifts her head and cries,
"I'll come to make you good and wise;
These be the glories of each day,
Marking our Monarch's gentle sway."

Now let us come down to a later period. There are two American Masonic poets who have gained the attention of the Masonic world: these are, Past Grand Master Brother Rob Morris, of Kentucky, and Bro. David Barker, of Maine—the latter deceased, the former living. Bro. Morris has, by universal consent in America, been styled and crowned "Masonic Poet-Laureate." Thirty-two years ago he composed his masterpiece, "The Level and the Square," which is familiarly known and admired wherever Masonry is known; and since then he has written hundreds of Masonic poems and songs, which are only less beautiful and striking than it. Two years ago our now venerable Brother collected all of his Masonic poems into a handsome volume (they had previously been published in smaller ones), which we are glad to know is meeting with a fair sale, and is undoubtedly the best volume of poetry ever written for the Craft.*

The Fraternity has just been favoured with a new edition of the poems of another gifted Brother, David Barker,† the author of "The Sign of Distress," the second most popular Masonic poem in the English language. We need not quote the excellent language of either Barker's "The Sign of Distress," or Morris's "The Level and the Square," for both are indelibly impressed upon the minds, and have touched the hearts, of every Craftsman. But Bro. Barker wrote other poems of nearly equal merit. We quote a simple but beautiful "Ode:"

Ho, worthy Craftsmen all,
Up cheerily to your toil
While strength is given;
Strike boldly for the right,
Drive error from your sight,
Grasp virtue with your might,
And trust in Heaven.

By Trowel, Plumb and Square,
By watchfulness and prayer,
Our Temple rose,

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* "The Poetry of Freemasonry." By Rob Morris, LL.D.,

And while the mystic three—
While Faith, Hope, Charity
Shall Masons' motto be,
We fear no foes.

Fight with the arms of love,
Press for the Lodge above,
Never despair;
Our work is just begun,
Toil till your task is done,
Speed to the goal is won,
The prize is there.

When orphans shed no tears,
When widows have no fears,
When Want 's unknown,
When foemen foemen greet,
When lambs and lions meet,
Our mission is complete,
Our task is done.

Who is there that will not admire the truth and beauty of these lines. There is music in them without any accompaniment—they sing themselves. And then there are Bro. Barker's playful lines concerning "Courting a Mason's Daughter," and his "Last Request," in which he said:

Let no stranger's hand entomb me
Underneath the tufted sod,
None except a Brother Mason
Should consign my dust to God.

His poems entitled "The Templars" and "To Kossuth" are also full of pathos. We cannot forbear quoting three stanzas from his "Light":

Brother, are you faint and weary,
Is your pathway dark and dreary,
Doubt, nor fear, nor falter never,
Let this be your watchword ever,
Light!

Light to stamp each sin with terror,
Light to hunt and banish error,
Light to kill or weaken sorrow,
Light to gild a better morrow,
Light!

While one intellect is clouded,
While one soul in sin is shrouded,
While a world for light is dying
Brother never cease your crying—
Light!

Bro. Barker's poems have just been published in a tasteful red-line illustrated edition, for the benefit of his widow and children, and no Craftsman who possesses it will fail to admire the rhythm of its lines and the truth and beauty of its sentiments. To Brothers Morris and Barker the whole Masonic world is under fraternal obligation, and right proud are we that both were born on American soil, were made Masons in American Lodges, and thus demonstrate that while we cannot vie with our mother Grand Lodge of England in antiquity, we may point with pardonable pride to our aptness in learning the Masonic lessons she taught us, and to the fact that we number among us two brethren who, by the consent of the Masonic world, were born poets, and have writtten their best poetry for the Craft.—*Keystone.*

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Gaiety.**—The brief interval that has elapsed since Mr. Dixey left the Gaiety, has been well utilized, and an agreeable surprise awaited "First Nighters" on Saturday, the evening set apart for the production of "Dorothy." The interior of the theatre has been magnificently decorated, the auditorium has been re-modelled, the orchestra enlarged, and a new act drop has been painted, by Mr. W. Beverley. A patent system of ventilation has been introduced, insuring a pure atmosphere throughout the building. For that portion of the audience which indulges in a cigarette during the acts, a sumptuous foyer and smoking room has been erected. The electric light has been turned on all over the building, and Mr. Edwardes may be congratulated on the way in which he has had all these alterations carried out. Turning, however, to the business that called us to the Gaiety last Saturday, we may say that "Dorothy" is a piece well suited to this house. Mr. B. C. Stephenson is responsible for the book, and Mr. Alfred Cellier for the music. "Dorothy" is described as an original comedy opera in three acts, and is of the more refined and delicate type. Mr. Stephenson might, perhaps, have supplied a stronger book, but this is made up for by the charming and catching music. Mr. Cellier has poured forth number after number full of attractive melody, and most unquestionably the success achieved is due to him. Some of the ideas connected with Mr. Stephenson's portion of the work are traceable to such pieces as "She Stoops to Conquer," "Erminie," and "The Rivals," but he has woven his material so well that the similarity will not be noticed by the majority of playgoers. The opera has received elaborate treatment in the shape of dresses, Dorothy is a young lady, the daughter of Squire Bantam. gentleman desires to marry her to Geoffrey Wilder, a cousin sh not met for years. This naturally she objects to, and carrie anti-wedlock ideas to such an extreme as to profess surprise a girl thinking even of marriage. Dorothy and her cousin, Lydia thorne, adopt humble attire, and go together to the hop field. here they meet Geoffrey Wilder and his friend Harry Sher These gentleman thus make the acquaintance of Dorothy an cousin, and as a result another meeting is arranged for. The give Geoffrey and Harry each a ring, to be shown them o morrow in token of their constancy. Wilder, however, is pursu a Sheriff's officer named Lurcher, from whose attention he hop be rid on reaching Chanticleer Hall, his uncle's residence. Wilde lemma with the sheriff's officer is temporarily made straight by h mise to pay the debt, and by his saving Lurcher from being ducke horse-pond by a crowd of peasants, who are indignant that a wr just been served on an old woman. Wilder masquerades as a and, now accompanied by Sherwood, and with Lurcher a secretary, arrives at Squire Bantam's hall; here he declares hi riage has broken down, and craves shelter for the night. and Sherwood next meet Dorothy and Lydia, whom they recognise as their village lovers. The two girls, who immed recognise Wilder and Sherwood, contrive to get their rings again, and resolve they will play a trick upon their fickle adm Wilder, to obtain the money necessary to pay the Sheriff's gives out that he has been robbed during their stay in the in the expectation the Squire will insist upon making the sum This plan succeeds, and by this means Wilder is able to free h from Lurcher. The excitement occasioned in the household reported robbery, and the appearance, at break of day, of a cr huntsmen, with the hounds, to take the Squire for a run, brin second act to a lively conclusion. Now comes the amusing por the opera. Dorothy and Lydia, disguised as rustic lads, ob Wilder and Sherwood to a duel, for personal indignities squire's relatives, and a hostile meeting is arranged for in the cent wood. To test the courage of their lovers, the two girls the spot, armed with pistols, which they have taken care sh chargeless. However, being the challenged, Wilder and She insist upon the duel taking place with their pistols, whereup girls' courage oozes in double quick time. Explanations na follow, with result long foreseen. The opera has been well reh under the direction of Mr. C. Harris, and praise is due to a cerned for the perfect manner in which it was presented on th night. Mis Marion Hood worked with a will as Dorothy; sh with her wonted brightness, but we should like her better moderated her style somewhat; this had more of a tendency t burlesque acting than to us appeared necessary. This lady r valuable assistance from Miss Florence Dysart, as Lydia; h contralto voice tells to good effect in the concerted pieces. part of Wilder, Mr. Redfern Hollins did not show to such adv as was expected, but Mr. Hayden Coffin (Sherwood) was simp fection. The Phyllis of Miss Florence Lambeth, the Mrs. of Miss Harriet Coveney, the Squire Bantam of Mr. Furneaux the John Tappitt of Mr. Edward Griffin, and the Tom St Mr. John Le Hay, received the applause of those present, an effectively aided the principal artists. The part of Lurch small one, and could very well be written up, but the little th required from Mr. Arthur Williams, who played the part, wa the most of. In the absence of Mr. Cellier, Mr. Stephenson a ledged the enthusiastic call for the author, while Mr. George Ed came forward to receive congratulations from his friends up success of his first production.

**Haymarket.** — After an interval of some mont popular Society Romance, "Jim the Penman," was produced at the Haymarket Theatre, on Saturday las further success awaiting this piece was evidenced plaudits of a large and appreciative audience. The most ant change in the cast since its original production has be of James Ralston (Jim the Penman). This character is trusted to Mr. E. S. Willard. This gentleman's facial exp splendid acting, and well-trained voice, gained for him well applause. Lady Monckton, as Mrs. Ralston, has greatly in upon her original presentation. In the third act, where sh pares her husband's handwriting with a forged letter, she wa applauded. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree, as Baron Hartfeld, added v the play. His German accent was excellently sustained. M Macklin was at home as Louis Percival; but Mr. C. W. Ga did not grasp the part of Captain Redwood, a character m most of by his predecessor, Mr. Charles Sugden. Mr. E. Mau ceed and collected as Lord Drelincourt. Miss. Helen Leyton the part of Agnes Ralston in true girlish style. Miss H Lindley enacted Lady Dunscombe with her usual ability.

**Prince of Wales's.**—Mr. Edgar Bruce has just obtained permission from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to rename his house in Coventry Street, Piccadilly, the Prince of Wales's This was the title originally intended to be used; but the l authorities held that it was but fair to the landlords of the old building in Tottenham Street—which was condemned Board of Works in 1882 as unsafe—that a certain time s allowed them to rebuild before their title could be transferr where. This difficulty being now removed, the Prince's will in future be known as the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

"La Bernaise," new comic opera, in three acts, from the F MM. Letorr and Vanloo, written by Alfred Murray, comp André Messager, will be produced at the Prince of Wales's Coventry Street, Piccadilly, on Monday evening next, un stage direction of M. Marius. Miss Florence St. John, Mis

# In Memoriam.

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## CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B. ENGLAND, D.P.G.M. SURREY, &c.

s a day of acute suffering the sad intelligence reaches the death of the worthy brother whose name heads notice. This reference to ourselves may seem out of here, but we are impelled to make it, as Bro. Green—more than any one we know—had given us his athy during the trying illness that has afflicted us e last twelve months. Bro. Charles Greenwood died esday, the 28th September, at the residence of his Dr. Greenwood, 11 Bentinck Terrace, Regent's Park. nly five months back that we made the announce- of the death of Mrs. Greenwood, the wife of our d brother, and at that time we further informed our s that Bro. Charles Greenwood's state of health was much anxiety to his large circle of friends. How- e rallied somewhat from the shock which befel him ril, and was enabled to take part in the annual ing of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, in when he was formally invested as Deputy Grand of the Province. On that occasion, General Brown- he Masonic Chief of the district, paid a high tribute ability and long services of Bro. Greenwood to the ce of Surrey, and felt assured he would do honour appointment, as he had to the many which had ed it.

respect to Bro. Greenwood's Masonic record. He tiated into Freemasonry in the St. Michael's Lodge, l, on the 11th February 1851; served the office of n 1855, and at the time of his death held the office surer therein, a post he had filled for upwards of five years. He became a joining member of the Lodge, Ewell, No. 410, about three years after his n, and filled the chair of that Lodge some five years fter which he acted as its Secretary, until 1868, e was elected its Treasurer, and this office he held ime of his death. For many years he received the f Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, and, as we id, was appointed by General Brownrigg to the high of Deputy Grand Master of that Province etirement of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Arnold. He was into the Holy Royal Arch in Fidelity Chapter, n the 1st May 1857; here he passed through the offices of the Chapter, and regularly attended its s until the time of his wife's death. He was also er of the Grove and other Chapters. He was made ht Templar in the Harcourt Encampment in nd was one of those who formed the "Arch of when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales ited to that degree. He took a foremost part in ing a new Encampment in London, and in other vanced the interest of Knight Templary. He was Knight of Malta, and last, though certainly not s honoured with the appointment of Grand Sword n the Craft Grand Lodge of England in 1880. born in May 1822, so that at the time of his was in his sixty-fifth year, an age at which he be spared by his private or Masonic friends, who in him a staunch and zealous companion, one dy to devote his time and ability in the f those who sought it. He was blessed with al aptitude for adjusting differences, and whether ppealed to as a Mason, or as a man of the world, r seemed equally effective. He would not exactly way a difference, but so regulate the disturbing as to remove all necessity for further unpleasant- ower this, sometimes lacking even with the most "peace makers." Our pen to-day fails us when to say more to the memory of our dear friend. rds of Shakespeare we will simply add :—

His life was gentle; and the elements
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, "THIS WAS A MAN!"

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nrnful duty does not, unfortunately, end this we have recorded the demise of Bro. Green- P.G.S.B. and President of the Board of Benevolence, died on Wednesday, and Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell P.G.D. D.P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Superintendent North and East Yorkshire, on Sunday; we have also to chronicle the death of Bro. E. C. Mather, a Mason who had long shown an active interest in the Girls' School and the other Masonic Institutions. To the memory of each and all of these brethren we desire to offer our tribute, and at the same time express our sincere sympathy with their relatives.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348.

THE monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, Bradshawgate, Bolton, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Lodge was attended by the following:—Bros. R. H. Phillips W.M., W. Chadwick S.W., R. Jones J.W., J. Eckersley S.D., W. Wood J.D., J. Mantell J.S., E. Hindley I.G., T. Higson P.M. Prov. G.T., J. Partington I.P.M., J. Kenyon P.M., W. Cranshaw P.M., J. Wolstenholme P.M., R. Partington, J. Hibbert, J. Hamer, H. Heyes, T. H. Heyes, E. Gregory, J. Calderbank, C. Holgate, W. Green, R. Hampson, S. Smith. Visitors—G. P. Brockbank P.G.S.B. P.M. 37, 221, J. Poyntz W.M. 37, J. F. Skelton I.P.M. 146, J. Walker J.W. 221, H. Critchley 291, J. Eatock 770. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of a Lodge of emergency, held since that time were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to advance the Lodge to the second and third degrees, and forthwith closed in the second, when he most effectively delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree, performing the duty in such a manner as to call forth hearty demonstrations of approbation. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G.S.B. addressed the brethren, stating that in the absence of Bro. Robert Harwood, an old P.M. and Past Prov. G. Supt. Wks., who was unable to attend, he had been asked, as an honorary member of the Lodge, and a Past Grand Officer, to make a presentation to the Lodge from a number of brethren who were desirous to add to its outward adornment and give an appearance of solidity, with a view also to add to the dignity of its proceedings. 1st. An elegant Brussels carpet, with chequered pavement and variegated border, producing a rich and elegant appearance in the Lodge-room; 2nd. A silver square and compasses, to be placed on the Volume of the Sacred Law; and lastly, a solid silver chain, to be attached to the Master's collar, strictly in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. This chain is of very chaste design, and has an imposing appearance when placed on the shoulders of the W.M. It has in the centre the square and compasses surrounded with a silver ribbon, with the name of the W.M. and date in raised letters; on each side are links formed of knots in chased silver and the Lamb and pennon, square and compasses surrounded with a circle, and figure of St. John alternately, all nicely modelled in relief and chased. The chain is mounted on light blue watered silk ribbon; and pendant from the centre is a massive oval medallion with chased ornament on the top. A figure of St. John, with Lamb in the centre, in relief, and surrounded with the name and number of the Lodge in bright raised letters on a frosted ground. The weight of the chain is 14 ozs. Bro. Brockbank expressed his great admiration of the beautiful works of art he had the honour to present, in the name of the subscribers. He paid a high compliment to the talent and energy displayed by the W.M., who had been most ably assisted in his labours by Bro. John Kenyon P.M. He also commended the brethren generally on their liberality, not only towards the decoration of the Lodge, but in supporting the Masonic Charities—both local and Metropolitan. Bro. Kenyon had recently served as Steward, both at the Boys' Festival and the Mark Benevolent Fund. A gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation, after which a portion of the ancient charges was read by the S.W., and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

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Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted engagements to lecture on the Ritual of Freemasonry, in the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, at the Wellington Club, Wellington Street, Upper Street, Islington, on Wednesday evening next, the 6th inst., at 7 o'clock; and—for the third time—in the Hampshire Emulation Lodge of Improvement for Master Masons, at the Masonic Club, Portsmouth, on the 13th proximo. Bro. Stevens asks us to state that he will be pleased to arrange for the delivery of his lectures in any Lodge, Metropolitan or Provincial, whose members may be desirous of making an otherwise blank evening profitable by instruction in ritual and ceremonial.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

## MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
134—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1445—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
17—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Rooms, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible], Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instructi
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Ins
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Ins
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Inst
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Ins
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instru
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park,
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street,
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (I
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instructi
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheer
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcast
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1488—St. Eloth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhy
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, M
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 690—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 845—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street,
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpo

## WEDNESDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instructi
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruc
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instr
278—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park,
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—Jan Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (I
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartlett-road, E. (Instructio
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (I
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmon
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W.,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E.,
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instru
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons one
R.A. [illegible]—Stanhope, Stanhope Hotel, Stanhope-street, Regent-st., at 8. (In
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at
R.A. 844—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1569—S. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instructio
M.M.—Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ancoats, Rochdale
326—Morris, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
808—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcast
817—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
826—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
851—Sinarian, Freemasons Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmout
854—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
861—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
865—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manc
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
875—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bo





Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Foro Street, Tiverton
—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

## THURSDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
Peruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
Union and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
Panic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Marlborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
Malden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
Regrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
Charing Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
Friars of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)
St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
Bickwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
St. Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Peberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
Mount Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Duke, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
Belgrar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
Hyston, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
Leaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Unity College, 61 Weymouth Street
Wilton, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
United England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
Wilton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
Wingate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
Castle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
Old Industrions, Masonic Room, Canterbury
Royal, Council Chamber, Chichester
United Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
United Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
Peers, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
Townhall, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
Trinity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
Trinity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
True Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
Unity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
Unity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
Universal, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
Vermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
Vigilance, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
Vigilant, Red Lion, Fareham
Victory, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
Unity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
Kingston, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
Talbot, Abington Street, Northampton
Tyler, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
Union, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
Trident, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
Masonic Hall, Morpeth
Old, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
Ridley, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
Unity, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Royal Hotel, Elland
Lodge, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
Union, Masonic Hall, Hornecastle, Lincolnshire
Potter Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
Lodge of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
Alfords Chambers, Widnes

1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 681—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
K.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

## FRIDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Benaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leyburn Bizzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8

R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Cavoac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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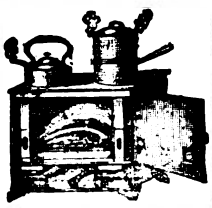
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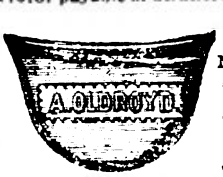
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## HE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

### A SPECIAL APPEAL.

REEMASONS cannot be accused of niggardliness in the dispensation of their benevolence. What they ertake they strive to do well, and it is almost as much ble to them if they are compelled to limit the extent of r munificence, even in the most insignificant matter, as to have to refuse altogether. We cannot find a better tration of this than that presented by the Royal onic Benevolent Institution; the precept inculcated has been to do more, always more, and it has sometimes ired the strongest persuasion of the more cautious cribers to keep the actions of the over generous within bounds; not that we believe there is one subscriber to Institution who would not advocate an increase in its fits provided the funds permitted it; but there are who may perhaps show a too ready reliance on the itableness of the brethren in days to come. With the evolent Institution considerations for the future are ven greater moment than those of the present; it is to impossible accurately to estimate the liability which be entailed when an annuitant is elected on to the s of the Charity. In the case of the other two nic Institutions it is an easy matter to decide this; committees know exactly how long a child will be le to remain in the School, as the rules provide for val at a certain age, but with the Benevolent Institu- nothing of the sort exists—death being the only deter- tor of an aged brother's or his widow's annual on, and we rejoice to say that during the last months the hand of death has been particularly among the old folks in receipt of the benefits e Institution. So much so is this the case that e time of writing there appears to be a probability year closing without a vacancy on the roll of annui- even though they number at the present time no less hree hundred and ninety-five.

form a better idea of this state of affairs we must back a few years, when various alterations were ted, with the object of benefitting those who had on to appeal for the help afforded by this Institution. ons for the Benevolent Institution are held annually, for each of the Educational Funds there are two in ar. It was proposed to adopt this latter system in ction with the Old Folks' Fund, as it appeared par- ly hard that a brother or widow should have to wait y twelve months before it was possible for he or she, heir friends, to make another attempt to secure the l prize, more particularly—too often the case—when vere some three or four claimants for either branch all but succeeded." Cases have been known where number of votes have been secured, all but enough y the case, and in the interval before another elec- e poor old man or woman has died,—shall we say ctual want? It would be hard perhaps to put it in ght, but there are some very hard facts to be faced lay in this world. Let us imagine the feelings of an rother or a widow, whose misfortunes had gradually at; that their friends have striven to secure for them. Unfortunately, however, the best efforts put forward proved unsuccessful, and the only consolation that could be offered them was,—this day twelvemonths your election is all but certain; indeed, you may rely on then getting the annuity. Twelve months to wait, when it has been a struggle to keep body and soul together for weeks past! Is it possible that charity can make such hard terms? is it not rather going too far to expect that life will last, under such conditions, for so long a period? Yet what can be done? It is no use rushing madly into responsibilities which cannot be met, and we all know it is impossible to give £32 or £40 a year to a widow or to a brother so long as they live without money be subscribed for the purpose. Recognising all these arguments, and at the same time desiring to make the benefits as speedy and as numerous as possible, without entailing the trouble and expense of a half-yearly election, certain brethren proposed a system of deferred annuities, whereby the highest on the list of unsuccessful candidates at any election were eligible to fill a limited number of vacancies as they occurred, without waiting for another election. This system was adopted, and since then it has been the rule for the three highest unsuccessful candidates on each Fund to step into the places of those called away by death. This has proved a blessing to all who have been fortunate enough to secure it, but, unfortunately, it has the effect of lessening the number of vacancies to be filled at each recurring election, and, as we have said above, it may be the means of preventing any vacancies being available at the close of the present year, for we understand there is still one aged brother entitled to a deferred annuity waiting to be placed on the Funds of the Institution as soon as a vacancy occurs. We have before said it is far from the desire of the subscribers that the rate of mortality should be greater among the annuitants, and therefore the only way to be in a position to help a larger number of those eligible is to raise increased amounts year by year.

The coming year will doubtless prove a trying one in many ways, especially to those who have the desire to do good but lack the means to accomplish all they wish. The jubilee of the accession of our beloved sovereign will be offered as the excuse for numerous special appeals, and there is every reason to expect that these appeals will not be made in vain. It is a matter for congratulation that so much that is good is proposed as the means of marking the pleasure felt by Englishmen at the long reign of Her Majesty, and we sincerely trust that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will come in for a large share of this special benevolence. That the Institution is deserving is well known to our readers, while that it is in need a perusal of the facts enumerated above will amply demonstrate. Whether it will receive special help time alone can prove, although we can hardly imagine an urgent appeal being made to the Freemasons of England without its meeting a satisfactory response.

A special appeal is now before the Craft, and its immediate object is to provide the means of helping some of the one hundred and thirty candidates who are eligible for the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for whom there is not at present a single vacancy. It is hoped that this state of affairs, coupled with the desire

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able for distribution. We must admit the task looks a formidable one, as no less a sum than £13,760 is now required to provide the existing annuities, a sum to which the Craft of England is actually pledged, while to warrant any large addition to the number of annuitants a considerable amount must be forthcoming beyond that needed for current expenditure. There is, however, a large field to work upon, and there is virtually no limit to the amount which might be raised if all who are in a position to help could be induced so to do. There is not a single Lodge in the land that could not send up a Steward to one or other of the Charities during the coming year if it so chose, and there are many who could afford to support all three of the Institutions. If what is possible in this respect could be accomplished, we should have such a sum subscribed as would enable the various committees to mark in a tangible manner the Masonic appreciation of Her Majesty's jubilee, and who shall gauge the extent of the benefits that might thus be conferred?

The Benevolent Institution offers special facilities for the display of this spirit of thankfulness, inasmuch as its work is among the aged—those in whom Her Majesty must have especial interest, evoked by what we may term fellow-feeling; for it must be remembered that a reign of fifty years finds our sovereign well advanced in life. Is there a more worthy object open to the Freemasons of England by which to mark their thankfulness that that of helping those who have worked during the long years of Her Majesty's reign, only to find themselves at the close of their lives in a state of distress? We think not, and whatever may be urged on behalf of the many other claimants for special consideration at the present time, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the aged have the first claim. They it is who have worked side by side with their Queen to make the empire, its industries and its charities, what they are, and they it is who should be considered ere it be too late. There may be many years during which others can be assisted, but the days of the aged are limited, to what extent it is not for us to decide; that the short space of time still available to many of them could be made brighter by kindly sympathy and financial aid is true beyond question, and it remains for the brethren of England to do their share—their duty—towards securing for their distressed fellows as much of this brightness as is possible.

## SUCH IS MASONRY.

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### TENDENCY OF MASONRY.

The tendency of Masonry cannot be evil and must be good. The knowledge of God which it imparts; the high plane of duty upon which it places its votaries, and the morality which it prescribes, tend to make the Mason a better man in every relation of life. But while it appears to be hardly necessary to press this point, it may not be out of place to notice some of the objections which the ignorant and malicious urge against the Institution. For, alas for human nature! there is nothing so pure, so elevating, so high, so holy, that has not its enemies and detractors, and many hate Masonry for no other reason than the Athenian of old hated Aristides. He could not bear to hear Aristides called the just, because that title was such a reflection upon his own life. In like manner many hate Masonry solely and simply because its very existence is a condemnation of their every thought, and word, and act. Their lives are evil, and they love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.

Some worthy men, may, perhaps, be honestly opposed to Masonry, but it is because they have been imposed upon by others and are really ignorant of what they condemn; just as some irreligious though otherwise excellent people condemn the Bible without having read, perhaps, a dozen chapters in it. No man is entitled to an opinion on any subject before he has carefully examined it; only fools are swift to speak before having heard, examined and thought.

But to the objections. Lifting up both hands in holy horror, the objector cries out, "It is a secret, a mysterious

ingly vile and sinful must be the thoughts of the h
the objector; for in that secret laboratory he conver
into evil and evil into good, to the deception and b
often, no doubt, of himself. Oh, my soul, enter th
into the secrets of his foul and deceitful heart! W
know it? The heart that is continually thinking
others, and ascribing bad motives to them, is undo
"a cage of unclean birds."

But there is nothing secret about Masonry so far
design is concerned. The only object of its existenc
do man good upon the broadest platform of humar
ficence, elevating him above himself to a knowledge
duties he owes to his neighbour and his God. Its secr
tain solely to methods of communicating, preservi
transmitting a certain mysterious and impressive f
initiation and instruction.

If in the whole body of Ancient Craft Masonry t
a single precept or principle which tends, directly
directly, to conflict with any religious, civil or socia
then I know it not; but, on the contrary, I do kno
all its precepts and principles tend immediately and
to cultivate the best and holiest motives in the disch
all the duties of life. Were it otherwise, could we
to find among its votaries any of that long list of w
who have adorned the annals of every condition of
every age and country? The testimony of such
Warren, Franklin, Washington, and their compe
Europe and America, surely ought to outweig
cavils and objections of hosts of ignorant and pre
sectaries.

But, if secrecy be such a damning sin, what sh
say of Christianity itself? Has it not often been a
institution? Have not Christians often been compe
meet "in upper rooms," and in caves, in mountains
deserts, for fear of the enemies of the Lord? The
thousand of old, who had not bowed the knee to Ba
they not secretly worshippers of the true God? W
secrecy a sin? And yet some Christian denominatic
secute Masonry.

Again, Masonry is said by many to be atheistical,
one can become a Mason unless he declares his bel
trust in God, and Masons cannot convene without h
copy of the law of God on their altar.

"Masonry is a secret political order!" is vocifera
some, and to show the consistency of the charge, in
it is said to teach democracy, and in America mo
The truth is Masonry banishes politics from the Lod
can such questions ever arise there. Everythin
divides men into parties is absolutely prohibited; for M
is constantly on guard against division, and on the l
for what will produce harmony.

But Masons are "gluttonous and wine bibbers, the
of publicans and sinners," say some. The same w
of Him "who spake as never man spake," to be
with whom, even in reproaches, is a glory. But
deny the charge both against Him and themselves.
other virtues they inculcate temperance. "Be ye ten
in all things;" in eating, in drinking, in dress, in ev
dulgence, custom, passion, habit, speech and action
all things but not *abusing* them. The cardinal vir
Masonry are Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, J
Fortitude in resisting temptation; Prudence in reg
our conduct; Temperance in governing our ap
tempers and passions; Justice in guiding our dealing
all men.

But the objections against Masonry have been re
thousand times, and those of to-day are mere repetit
those which have been urged time and again in
ages, and time and again have been proved utterly b
They deserve, therefore, no further consideration
hands.

### CONCLUSION.

My brethren, ye are Freemasons: free to do go
not evil; free, as having passed from darkness to
free, as having shaken off error and imbibed true
ledge; free, as having passed through death and the
to the resurrection of a more glorious life. Forget
emblematic colours of our Institution. Blue is typ
truth, scarlet of zeal, yellow of active beneficence.
violate our cardinal virtues, fortitude, prudence, t

that purity of action which can only come from
earts.

we are not only Freemasons, we are Free and
d Masons. Let us walk, therefore, worthy of the
n wherewith we are called; illustrating our faith by
rks; showing upon what we base our hopes and
hey are fixed; practising charity to all mankind;
g always by the light of the Book of Life, remem-
that, before God, we are all upon a level, and that
rse should ever be upright and plumb, and all our
be regulated by the square of truth.

dedication of the 24th of June to John the Baptist,
observance by us, shows the beautiful and symbolic
gs of Freemasonry. As John was the forerunner of
so is Masonry of Christianity. As John came forth
meridian of his life to announce the "new morn
midday," so this day, in the meridian glory of the
aches us that we must no longer postpone consecra-
rselves to God, for the decline of life, symbolized by
ting year, is upon us, and as the remainder of the
ill rapidly pass away, so will it be with us.
ber the warning cry in the wilderness: "Prepare to
y God."

dedication of the 27th of December to John the
list, the beloved disciple, crowns the symbolism of
sonry, and fixes its modern character, showing that
s undoubtedly Christian in its signification, or that
nity is its necessary complement—its crown and
In his younger days John was a man of fiery and
ous zeal, often rash and hotheaded, a veritable "son
nder," but of unswerving fidelity to the cause he
ed. In maturer life, when completely subdued by
e and holy doctrines of the Gospel, he became the
of love and peace. "Little children, love one
r," is his affectionate exhortation.

nry has various traditions with regard to the two
They are more or less apocryphal, and have,
ss, largely grown out of the failure to appreciate the
ic or allegoric signification of the dedication of the
entioned to the great forerunner of Christ and to his
l disciple.

year is emblematic of human life, and the 24th of
just three days, the Christian resurrection period,
meridian glory in the northern hemisphere. If
and early manhood have been properly spent, then
iews of life and its responsibilities have been taken,
rect habits formed, and we are ready, being fully
l with earth, to consecrate ourselves in the maturity
powers wholly to the service of God. We have
through the state of preparation, the fullness of time
ne, and the King demands his throne—man's heart.
propriate then the dedication of the 24th of June to
at forerunner, John the Baptist! Hear and heed
ning cry, "Prepare."

follows harvest time. "By their fruits ye shall
hem." Now man's grateful heart, like soil well
d, yields the glad returns which God requires, and
s are spent in doing good.

closing days soon follow, and man, like a ripe shock,
be gathered, stands at the threshold of eternity.
ooks back over the past he sees much to regret in
er, even when his motives were purest; and bewail-
strife, the emulation, the misplaced zeal, the bitter-
life, his lips are seen to move, and we hear him
ally murmur, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity;"
"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
od and keep His commandments, for this is the
nty of man." Then raising his voice soon to be
to mortal ears, in the tide of eternity, he says:
children, love one another;" and looking forward,
ntenance catches a faint reflection of the ineffable
at rises to his sight, and there falls upon our listen-
, the longing, yet almost inaudible prayer, "Now
ervant depart in peace."

fitting that the 27th of December should be dedi-
John the Evangelist! for then the sun is just six
e Masonic resurrection period, past its farthest
om our pole, and the year is nearly gone. Man's
done, his hands are heavy and weary, and he longs
blest abode "Where the wicked cease from troub-
the weary are at rest." He realizes the symbolic

however, not in what he has done, but in the grip, the strong, the everlasting grip of "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah," "The Prince of Peace," whose hand has raised him from the level dead unto the living line. O Lord! my Lord! in Thee, and Thee alone, is help for man!

Such, my brethren and friends, is Masonry in Christian communities, for in them alone has it reached its fullest perfection. It teaches how and why to live and how and why to die. Conducting its votaries through death, the grave and the resurrection, it introduces them into the glorious life beyond the tomb, and so giving them a foretaste of things unutterable, it rings in their ears the constant cry: "Beware! Prepare!"

Saith the Master, "Duty, go?" The Mason goes—no doubt, nor fear. Crieth Duty, "Come?" He comes with ready heart and hand. "Do this?" He doeth it with all his might. "Live?" He bends him to his toil with unabating zeal. "Die?" He gathers up his working tools, his house in order sets, then folds his hands in prayer, and to the God who gave it meekly renders up his soul.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## FIDELITY TO THE OLD STANDARD.

BANNERS of war which have been rent by the storms of battle, but remain undestroyed in the hands of victors, are justly held in respect and veneration. They are emblems of honour, of valour, of the triumph of might conjoined with right. Freemasonry has its banners, but they are banners of peace; nor are they material, though they are actual. The Fraternity's banner over us is Love. It has come down to us through many a conflict. The good, the true, and the beautiful always have to fight their way—there is a lasting conflict between Light and Darkness. The principles of Freemasonry are so just, so true, so useful, that these very qualities ensure to them enemies. Iconoclasts destroyed many an architectural pile which our skilfully operative brethren of the middle ages erected, and iconoclasts would now destroy the moral edifice which the Craft of the last two centuries has erected on the remains of the architectural wonders of the past. This cannot be done—not while we fight under the old standard. The future of Freemasonry depends upon itself. If it continues to be unique, to avoid copying profane manners and customs, to maintain the standard of qualification for participation in its mysteries, to preserve unimpaired its foundation principles, to antagonize the tendency that would overlay the ancient degrees with modern ones—then the Craft will grow older without becoming decrepit, and with age will only grow stronger. Fidelity to the old standard is the price of its perpetuity, the guarantee of its immortal youth.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is about to celebrate the centenary of its independence. Four years ago, in 1882, it celebrated the sesqui-centennial of its origin. There is no just ground for pride in age *alone*, unless it be vigorous and changeless in principle. Hence the present is the time to consider whether the age of the Craft in this jurisdiction is a green old age, or a ripe one, betokening decay and death.

One of the devices on the banner of Love which the Fraternity waves over us is, Faith in God and in the Immortality of the Soul. Without a belief in these, Freemasonry would be as a dismantled barque at sea, at the mercy of the winds and waves. With them she is afloat for all time, guided by compass, answering her helm, with the blue sky of Divine Providence over her, and sailing on, a thing of beauty and of life, freighted with one of the richest cargoes that was ever sped over the sea of existence.

Another device is, Love to the Brethren. This love we can manifest in a thousand ways—not merely by the sympathetic word and the fraternal deed to those who are in distress, but by our kindly affection for all our brethren, and especially by not bringing into association with them, nor electing to preside over them, any who are not of good report, and in every way worthy to be members of and rulers over the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The black ball and the ballot are the guardians

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worthy are evading the scrutiny of the Examining Committee and of the ballot, if the immoral are finding an entrance, and those exercising unwholesome, not to say degrading, occupations, are being added to our number, then we are not loving the brethren as we should. We are introducing to their company the unworthy, and these same unworthy ones may come to rule over us. Freemasonry can only be wounded in the house of its friends. The man who is of good report, whose vocation is an honourable one, whose life is an example of the triumph of Light over Darkness, will strengthen the Fraternity, lengthen its years, and add to its honour, while he who is the reverse will stain its escutcheon, and may imperil its very existence.

Give us always the old standards—in Masonic principles, in Masonic usages, and in Masons. The old Standard Bearers of the Craft, who were they? Glance over their names in all of our jurisdictions. Men of unsullied character; men of renown in achievement in State, Church, the professions, and mercantile life; men whom their fellow-citizens were proud to honour with stations of official trust; men whose word was never broken, whom even the forked tongue of slander never dared approach. Such men must *remain* standard in Freemasonry, if its future is to equal its past.

As the Craft in Pennsylvania is about to enter upon a new century of its independent existence, it is becoming that it should maturely consider these facts. A century hence will find us—where? On the same high plane of action, with the banner of Love waving over the Craft, with the old emblems of Faith in God and in the Immortality of the Soul still blazing with the light of life? Or shall the Fraternity be stranded on the shores of time? Forbid it, Grand Architect of the Universe! Forbid it, every brother linked with us in fraternal bonds! Forbid it, Examining Committees! Forbid it, every one who may deposit a black ball! Forbid it, every one who may cast a ballot! The eternal years belong to the Craft, if it be true to itself. And then the finite shall be merged into the infinite, the Lodge below close for ever, and the Lodge above open for the endless ages of eternity. Fidelity to the old standard is what the Craft demands from every candidate who has been brought to Light, and on that old standard are emblazoned the emblems of the eternal gospel of Love. —*Keystone.*

## DEFINITION OF MASONRY.

TWO hundred years ago the Westminster Assembly met to define the doctrines of the Church, and the youngest member of Assembly was appointed to answer the question, "What is God?" The answer given and adopted was, "God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." Now, one would think, that this was a fair and full definition of God; and yet there is no mention of mercy here, and that, too, as wonderful as if a man were to paint the human countenance and leave out the eyes—as if a man were to explain the solar system and leave out the sun—as if a man were to describe the waters of the world and leave out the ocean! God in His nature is a God of mercy, and the most precious part of Revelation is, that to man He is "God, who is rich in mercy" (Eph. ii 4). Perhaps, says one, the Assembly thought that as white light is produced by all the rays of the rainbow, all their varied colours combined, so it needed all the attributes of God to express that God in His very nature is a God of mercy. Whatever may be thought of this definition, or answer to this question, "What is God?" there is no misunderstanding the definitions and explanations which are afterwards given of mercy by the assembly of divines. But what we here, in this example, draw attention to is this, that we are enabled to see how difficult it is for a *general statement to become a complete definition of anything.* It is difficult to define by a general statement what a plant is, as distinguished from an animal; there is a border-land where some seem to partake of both natures. It is difficult to define by a general statement what a man is—his body as related to the material creation around, and his spirit as related to the spiritual world above. One of the most

ranks amongst our great statutes, all of which i
in our constitutional history. "To a jurist, this
says, "is a chaos of absurdities and contradicti
the philosophers tell us how difficult it is for thos
a discovery when they have made it. Faraday h
fore, always to apply to a Greek scholar to give
compound word that would distinguish, if it
define, his discovery—telegraph, biology, telep
compound words, to distinguish, *not to define*,
general statements.

Now, that which is the case with regard to th
statements of other things is also the case with
the general statements of Masonry. Very gr
have arisen from not considering that a general
in Masonry is made, as is made everywhere else,
brevity than explicitness, and so it has become
time after time, to explain what Masonry really
to be in its settled beliefs, and in its practical w
*Rev. R. Wilson, of New South Wales.*

## WHAT IS REQUIRED.

COMPANION Thomas J. Wilder, of Dakota, ing on the staying of a candidate on Master's degree, because "the first joint of his finger was off," says, "We know of but one rule in all such cases. Can the brother conform t requirements of the degrees? If so, enough. qualification has long been a bone of contentic Masons. How often have we seen them reject possessed every mental and moral qualification v most conservative could ask for, because of so blemish to the hand, eye, or foot, while some ha counterjumper, without a single mental qualific hardly sense enough to part his hair, or, if he ha it in the middle, and was of no more use to the h than a duck's wings are to an angel, was recei open arms, made a Mason, if such could be, donning a big square and compass, exhibited hims world as a representative of an Institution whic be in the hands of *men*, and not under the contro pletons. Ours is an organisation which does numbers; there are too many now of some kinds We want men; men with souls as well as bodies brains, education, and ability, in whose hands t tution will be what it now is, and we trust alw be, the grandest and best in the world for the pu which it was designed. Then, once for all, let this question as before intimated, by receiving an numbers such men only as are possessed of r education and ability, with such physical qualific will enable them properly to conform to our r regulations."

## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

### V.—Earnestness.

Go, watch the hardy miner at his toil,
Which drags earth's treasures to the light of d
How carefully he moves the valued soil,
And deftly washes all the dross away.
His mind engrossed, he takes no outer note,
But eager, watches, fearful lest by stealth
Some minute particle away may float,
And so diminish something of his wealth.
But we have treasures richer far than gold,
Which in our Noble Order hidden lie;
Awaiting but the searching to unfold
Their beauties to the willing seeker's eye.
Be earnest, then, to grasp their priceless worth
And guard them from the touch of false alloy.
Be earnest for, and claim the Newer Birth
In God-made Temples deck'd with Bliss and Joy

### VI.—Fidelity.

The Knights of old, though fierce and bold,
And rude in life and aim;
Bore hearts of steel, and firmly leal
To keep their knightly fame.
On cross and book, their vows they took,
And watched their vigils through;
Then donned their arms, for war's alarms,
To prove their fealty true.
Let Masons then, enlightened men,
By Wisdom's searching Light,
Keep watch and ward their vows to guard

# :NSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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## JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

first meeting of the session was held on Monday, at the eemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. Bros. p W.M., Wall S.W., Lion J.W., James Lyon Treasurer, L. P.M. Secretary, Botibol S.D., Gardner J.D., Lonzberg I.G., .C., S. J. Roco Chap., E. Van Noorden Org., Goddard Tyler; s. Dodson P.M., M. Spiegel P.M., Obed Roberts P.M., Martin H. Green, Isaac Van Praagh, H. Lazarus, Hyam, L. Davis, J. Harward, Sagenberg, H. Sagui, Von Staveren, Frank ı, J. Wynman, Silver, Bland, T. Meyers, Kool, &c. e opening of the Lodge and confirmation of the minutes, Harward, H. Harward, and H. Green were passed to the egree. Bro. J. Van Praagh, after the usual questions had y well answered, was raised to the third degree in a perfect oy the Worshipful Master, who, during his year of office, has he ceremonies most efficiently. A petition from a widow of ed brother was presented for the signature of the brethren, Worshipful Master agreed to support it at the Board of nce. The resignation of a member was accepted, with A letter was read announcing the death of Bro. Greenwall; igence being received with great sympathy. It was proposed J. S. Lyon, and seconded by Bro. T. Meyers, that a letter of ce be sent to the bereaved family; this was unanimously ›. A proposition of Bro. Spiegel, and also one from Bro. r, was received, and will be considered at the next meeting. ren then adjourned to banquet, when 46 sat down. Bro. , as usual at Hebrew Lodges, superintended the service. the visitors were Bros. Staley P.M. 185, J. Van Praag 1668, on 76, G. Warner 813, C. Read 1613, J. Berg 1613, L. Levy J. Buck 1349. The various toasts were proposed by the ul Master, and loyally responded to. That of the Visitors owledged by Bros. Staley, J. Van Praagh, Robinson, Levy, s. Bro. Van Noorden conducted the musical entertainment by the Worshipful Master. Miss Effie Chapuy, Miss Mary and Bro. Arthur Weston were the singers, while Mr. 'an Noorden accompanied on the piano.

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## KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

nnual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., the Highbury Station Hotel, Islington, when Bro. James V.M. presided. He was supported by Bros. R. P. Forge 1950, S.W. and W.M. elect, G. Snook J.W., A. W. Fenner asurer, C. K. Killick P.M. Secretary, C. K. Killick jun. 3. Herts P.M., H. Hall P.M., N. L. Western I.P.M., T. D., W. T. H. Mayer J.D., J. T. Anthony Dir. of Cers., H. C. 3., T. W. S. Holden Steward, together with a large number rs and visitors. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, nvited the Past Masters, Officers and brethren of his Lodge im at the studio of their Inner Guard for the purpose of tographed together, and who was still engaged in super- the arrangements, the Lodge was opened by Bro. C. K. ı., the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who imme- roceeded with the business of the day. The minutes en confirmed, the balance-sheet and Auditor's report were idopted, after which Lodge was advanced and Bros. F. J. Conway and T. Howard were raised. The ballot was then five gentlemen, candidates for initiation, and being in their y were regularly admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, Forge P.M., the W.M. elect, performing the ceremony on ılf. These were Messrs. John Ball, John Hatton, and icks, introduced by the W.M. elect and seconded by Bro. and Messrs. Dando Harper and Herbert Farrand Bangs, by Bro. T. Casely S.D., and seconded by Bro. Killick. The installation was the next business to be transacted, being regularly placed in the chair and subsequently the three degrees. He appointed the following as the the year:—Bros. Snook S.W., Casely J.W., Fenner P.M. Killick P.M. Secretary, Mayer S.D., Turner J.D., Holden otter Dir. of Cers., W. Whittle and Simon Stewards, ler. The ceremony of installation was then concluded, r, the Installing Officer, completing the work of his year in le manner. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. presented ecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, at the same time him his hearty congratulations and hoping, on his own l on behalf of every member of the Lodge, that Brother ht be spared for many years to wear it. The jewel bore g inscriptions:—

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THE KINGSLAND LODGE 1693,
1885-1886.

verso:—

Presented to
BRO. JAMES COOPER,
the members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.
As a mark of esteem
For services rendered as W.M.
1885-1886.

ıs then closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, admirably served under the personal direction of Bro. due course the Worshipful Master proposed the various revered by every brother under his rule. The Grand Officers—including the Pro and the Deputy Grand Masters—was the next toast, and this having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. Bro. Cooper assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was a very pleasing duty to him, but at the same time somewhat of a hard task, as he felt that the toast required a brother to propose it who was better able to do justice to it than he was. Were he to speak for an hour, he could not praise Bro. Forge enough, for he was a thorough Mason, zealous and energetic in all the doings of the Craft. He had had the pleasure of witnessing his installation in another Lodge, on the occasion of his first filling the office of Worshipful Master, and then had seen what a capable officer he was. He was not only a Mason—but a brother at heart, as was evidenced by the way in which he supported the Charities of the Order. He had done much for them in the past, and only last year, when he (Bro. Cooper) was acting as a Steward for one of the Institutions, Bro. Forge had handed him an amount sufficient to complete his qualification as a Vice-President of it. With such a brother at the head of their Lodge they need have no fear as to its prosperity during the coming year. Bro. Forge, in reply, having tendered his thanks, felt he hardly deserved the many kind words said of him. He should always endeavour to do his duty in his new position, and he hoped to give the members satisfaction. If the brethren would bring up gentlemen for initiation he should be happy to confer the degrees upon them. He was much gratified with the high position in which it had pleased the brethren to place him during the evening. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was an important one—that of the Initiates. They had that evening introduced five gentlemen into Masonry, each of whom, he hoped, would not only be an honour to the Craft, but a credit to the Kingsland Lodge. He felt they had been impressed with the ceremony they had taken part in that night, and would be still more so when the time came for them to receive their second and third degrees. Bro. Ball, replying as an initiate, tendered his thanks. He felt highly gratified at the reception accorded him by the members of the society of which he had just become a member. He should be pleased to do his utmost, in his humble way, to advance the welfare of the Order. Bro. Hatton followed, tendering his thanks. Bro. Dicks also had great pleasure in being initiated; indeed he might say the present was one of the happiest moments of his life. He hoped he should spend many evenings among the brethren around him, as he had so much enjoyed his first experiences. He should be as regular an attendant as possible, and should do his best to advance the interests of the Order. Bro. Bangs only hoped the pleasure he had that evening experienced might be repeated on many occasions in the future. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the name of Brother. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors. They had a numerous array that night, and he felt sure that every member of the Lodge was pleased to see them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Baker, Seaman, and Elliott. The former felt it was indeed a difficult task that he had before him—one he felt quite unequal to achieve. He could but acknowledge and thank them for the great kindness of the Lodge towards every visitor he saw around him. He assured them he fully appreciated the enjoyment that had been provided for the guests of the evening, and hoped it might be his good fortune to attend the Lodge on some future occasion. Bro. Seaman felt especial gratification in attending the several installations—he might say—of the present Worshipful Master, inasmuch as he had had the pleasure of initiating him. Looking to Bro. Forge he felt very much like the duck that hatched a swan's egg—he was surprised at the chick he had been instrumental in bringing forth. He was exceedingly proud of Bro. Forge, and was pleased to witness the high esteem in which he was held in the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Elliott, who followed, expressed the gratification he felt in being present. If there was one thing he regretted it was that in his earliest years he had not joined a Lodge in his own parish. He had worked with the Master of the Kingsland Lodge in other quarters and had received great help from him. He felt he might say the Kingsland Lodge occupied a prominent position in the Craft, and he hoped it might long retain the place it had achieved. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of Bro. Cooper, the Installing and Immediate Past Master of the Lodge. He could but endorse the words of one of their visitors who had told the brethren that Bro. Cooper had faithfully performed the duties attached to his office. He had truly proved himself a worthy occupant of the chair. Bro. Cooper, in reply, tendered his thanks. He felt he had received very much more praise than he deserved or ever expected. Twelve months since, when he first occupied the chair, he said he should do his best, and he had done so, more particularly perhaps as the body over which he had been called to preside was his mother Lodge. He felt most happy and proud to be a Past Master of the Lodge in which he was admitted as an initiate. He was pleased to think he had, in a measure, merited the approval of those over whom he had ruled during the year, as was evidenced by the handsome present of a Past Master's jewel which they had been kind enough to make him that day. The twelve months during which he had been at the head of affairs in the Lodge had been enjoyable ones to him, and he almost regretted his term of office had expired. The next toast was that of the Masonic Charities, proposed by the Worshipful Master in true brotherly style. With such a large number of Masons as at present existed, it was absolutely necessary to have some properly organized system of dispensing charity, and this was found in the three Institutions associated with the Craft. The Kingsland Lodge had done well since its consecration on behalf of these Masonic Charities. It had, he thought, sent up a Steward each year on behalf of one or other of them, and sometimes two or three. He and his Brother

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there a true home for those who might need it; indeed, if he should come in his old age to want it, he could not desire anything better than was there provided. It was impossible for him or those around him to become young again, so they would never need a home in either the Boys' or the Girls' Schools, but he hoped they might all live to grow old, and who should say how many of them might be glad of an annuity from the Benevolent Institution. If misfortune did overtake any of them, it was a gratification to know the doors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were open to them. He would, therefore, urge them to support it to the best of their ability, now they were in a position to do so. He would not trouble them with further remarks, as he had a brother near by who would respond to the toast, who was far better able to do justice to it than he was. He was pleased to see Bro. Terry among them again in renewed health, and hoped he would long be able to give his services for the good of the cause of which he was so able a champion. A visiting brother here sung in capital form a humorous song on the delusion of L.U.V., which gave Bro. Terry a text for his reply. He assurred the brethren there was no delusion in the love he asked his hearers to entertain for the Benevolent Institution, which was worthy of all the love that could be conferred on it, and was not at all likely to resent attentions as had those referred to in the song they had just listened to. He then made a strong appeal to the newly-admitted brethren, and to all around him, to exercise that virtue they once professed to admire, and pointed out the method by which they could now render that assistance which was denied them at their initiation. Having summarised the work being carried on by the two Educational Institutions, which Brother Terry ventured to think were pre-eminent among the scholastic Charities of England, he referred to the Institution with which he is officially connected. The Benevolent Institution was at the present time expending no less a sum than £13,760 per annum in providing annuities for three hundred and ninety-five old people—brother Masons or their widows. During the last ten years they had not only increased the amount, but they had nearly doubled the number of these annuities, yet they had to reject an enormous number of applications year by year, being unable to render any assistance from sheer lack of funds. At the present time there were one hundred and thirty candidates seeking to be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, and they had not a single vacancy to fill; indeed they might be said to owe an aged brother's annuity, inasmuch as one of those entitled to a deferred annuity had not yet been admitted to the Fund, and his only chance of being so admitted depended on the death of one of those already receiving an annuity. Bro. Terry could well remember when he consecrated their Lodge and occupied its chair for the first time. Since then it had done good work and it promised to do well in the future. He hoped that the present Worshipful Master and his Junior Deacon might be so supported in their joint Stewardship as to place them at the head of the long line of Stewards who had already represented the Kingsland Lodge. The Past Masters were next toasted, the health of Bro. Fenner, the Treasurer, being included. That brother felt especial pleasure in witnessing the success of the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and fully appreciated the compliment paid him by the members in electing him to the high dignity of Treasurer. Yet another toast remained to the Worshipful Master—that of the Officers. Bro. Forge trusted the selection he had made had proved satisfactory to the brethren. The o he had chosen had been selected in the best interests of the Lodge, and he was sure they would each do their utmost to carry out their duties efficiently and to the benefit of the Craft. Those of the brethren included in the toast who were present having responded, the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the closing sentiment in due form. An enjoyable programme of music was provided for the meeting, and, under the direction of Bro. Wright, Organist, this added much to the pleasure of those present, who appeared to spend a really enjoyable evening. Among the visitors were Bros. C. A. Wadsworth 1790, G. Bell 733, A. Combes 1471, J. T. Laws 820, J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, M. J. Dickins S.D. 1692, John Howard J.D. 1692, G. Clarke J.W. 1950, W. Wright Org. 1897, J. Little 193, E. Seaman P.M. 619, W. J. House 1828, L. Kool 188, W. S. Richardson D.C. 55, F. Everitt 1602, K. Defriez, Alfred Love 1791, E. Woodman 1897, C. Payne I.P.M. 1602, R. Garner I.G. 1602, James Bayne 1897, T. Morris Sec. 177, W. T. Oakley 1524, S. T. Millin 1567, E. J. Farrils 1365, J. Osborn P.M. 1602, R. W. Humphreys 192, A. Cook 1336, A. J. Dixie J.W. 453, H. P. Matthews 569, J. H. Collingridge 1677, J. John J.W. 857, C. S. Clark 228, R. Baker (Clerkenwell), Th. First 238, A. Job 1471, W. Mittens (Finsbury), C. Townley 201, R. Groome 1929, John Probert, W. W. Morgan jun., and others.

## HUNDRED OF BOSMERE LODGE, No. 1958.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their meeting at the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., during which a presentation was made to Bro. Elverston P.M., on the occasion of his marriage. The gift took place in the form of a handsome marble timepiece, and was presented by Bro. Hill W.M., who made some pleasing remarks, which were duly acknowledged by Bro. Elverston. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2396.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, 25th ultimo. Present—Bros H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Bidpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser Sec., W. G. Goole J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., F. W. Leaver Org., and W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. Geo. Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, E. C. Hoblon, E. C. J.D. 538. The Lodge having been opened, a ballot was Mr. H. H. Aston, which proved unanimous in his favour, an initiated into Freemasonry—the Worshipful Master sub giving the charge. The Lodge was then closed, and the adjourned to refreshment.

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### PEACE AND HARMONY CHAPTER, No.

THE quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held on W afternoon, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Street, Dover. Amongst those present were M. E. Comp Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Superint Kent, James B. Terson P.Z. acting Z., Rev. V. S. Vickers, Prescott P.Z. J., John Bourdeaux P.Z. P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj Lukey P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., C. C. Walter P.Z. P.G. Soj., Rev. John B. Harrison M.A. P.Z. 784, William Carter E. Companions James W. Bussay P.S., George J. Bussay Soj., J. A. Hopper 2nd Asst. Soj., W. O. Kennett, T omr John James Wright, E. A. Marsh, Colonel Cumming Chapt R. Iggleden, G. Willson Janitor, &c., &c. The installation was performed in a most efficient manner by M.E. Compan Terson P.Z., who installed E. Companions the Rev. V. S. Z., Clement C. Walter P.Z. as H., and James Walter Bus The following Officers were also invested: Companion Terson P.Z. S E., E. A. Marsh S N., Thomas Hearn P.S., Bussay 1st. Asst. Soj., W. O. Kennett, 2nd Asst. Soj., H. Treasurer, G. Willson Janitor. After the Chapter the Co sat down to a most recherche banquet provided by Mr. A. nall, of Snargate Street, which was served in an admirable and gave the greatest satisfaction to all those present. D evening the Earl Amherst in proposing success to the Do masons Hall spoke at great length as to the benefit the Fr won'd derive in having premises of their own, and in a comp speech congratulated the Dover Companions upon the acqu their new hall. The meeting was greatly enlivened by s glees rendered by Companions W. O. Kennett, J. Bourdeau Iggleden, and Bros. Winterbon and Higgins. The Co dispersed at 9.30 p.m., after a most pleasant and successfu had been passed.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—This Chapter commenced work on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at t Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, and jud the number present, somewhere about twenty, the interes beautiful ceremony of the R.A. Degree increases as years There may be some reason for the unusually good attend ce Chapter of Improvement, in the fact that its Preceptor ( Brown) is always to be found at his post; he is ever read one and all the benefit of his knowledge. The ceremony o tion was ably rendered by the following Companions:—M. E. C. Beedell H., A. W. Wells J., J. L. Payne S.N., W. Sim Comp. C. Powell was the candidate. The Chapter has just whole of its furniture and regalia polished and re-painted, presents a marked contrast to its former appearance, which be described as rather dingy. A departure from old ways recorded in the fact that the Companions have determined to the opening of the session by having a supper on the Only a limited number will be able to be present, as the r be served in the same room as the members use for the We may mention that Comp. Levey undertook the re Officers' jewels, and renovating of the collars, and was heartil by all present for his kindness.

The usual weekly Convocation of the North Chapter of Improvement No. 1471, was held at the Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on 3 at 8 o'clock. Present:—Comps. W. Radcliffe J. Strugnell H., F. Hallows J., J. E. Sheffield S.E Shaw P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably re by the above-named Officers. Several R.A. Mas lately joined this Chapter of Improvement, and it s be establishing for itself a good repute as regards t bilities of its students.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic In for Boys held their regular meeting at Freemas on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Rayn Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirme of the House Committee were read for info Three petitions were considered, and the a approved. Two ex-pupils were granted sums providing outfits, and a notice of motion by J. Le Feuvre, for the next Quarterly Court havi approved of, the proceedings were brought to a c with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairm

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**pera Comique.**—There was produced on Wednesday last, e an overflowing and appreciative audience, a new and original al comedy by Mr. W. Outram Tristram, entitled "The Under- nates." The piece is slight and crudely constructed, but never- ss contains some very amusing scenes; arising out of the doings retired prize fighter, by name Jerry Duggan. This gentleman odgings in Oxford, and has as tenants two Undergraduates. of these, Ernest Farrant, has engaged himself to Duggan's hter Fanny, who, however, is already married to an unfortunate , named Sparks, who has turned footman. The plot principally s on the loss of a bag, containing the necessities for a prize ; which, if found, will jeopardise Duggan's liberty. How Sparks possession of the bag, and returns it to Duggan; how Ernest nt falls in love with a rich heiress, whom he afterwards marries; how Sparks, by returning the bag, gains the goodwill of his r-in-law, are cleverly shown in the course of three acts. Mr. ram was fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Felix is to undertake the part of Duggan. This gentleman, although r nervous on Wednesday, was amusing from first to last, and on mainly rests the success of the piece. Mr. Morris's performance ifelike and humorous study, full of effective detail. Mr. Yorke hons played with agreeable lightness the part of Ernest Farrant; those of Sir Jasper Farrant and Horatio Sparks were made ost of by Messrs. Arthur Greville and Lawrance D'Orsay res- vely. Miss Kate Phillips, as Fanny, never failed to make the of her opportunities, and scored well. Miss Eva Sothern acts grace and feeling as the heiress, Di Deverelle; her acting in the scene in the second act was natural and deserving of special e. Smaller parts were well filled by Mr. W. Scott Buist (Ralph rry), Mrs. W. Sidney (Lady Farrant), and Miss Constance Stan- (Mildred Farrant). The author, at the conclusion, was called e the curtain, and was well received. "The Undergraduates," r thinking, though requiring a little strengthening, would do well evening bill, the part of Jerry Duggan being too good a char- to be lost after a solitary morning performance.

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**iterion.**—"Wild Oats" was revived at this theatre on Satur- the 25th ult., and, if we may judge from the hearty reception it met, its success for the limited number of nights fixed for its sentation on this stage is assured. Mr. Chas. Wyndham played r in his own merry and rollicking style, and was deservedly uded; whilst Mr. Edward Righton made an excellent Sir George der. Miss Mary Moore was a very charming Lady Amaranth. David James, as John Dory, created much merriment with his t, though somewhat boisterous and uncouth speeches and erisms. As every playgoer knows, the piece is full of "go," and n runs continuously from start to finish; keeping the audience rs of laughter. "Wild Oats" is preceded by the well-known , "Who Killed Cock Robin." Here a word of praise is due to William Blakely for his rendering of the part of Abel Tinkle.

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**bert Palace.**—This favourite resort for amusement seekers e more the scene of a very amusing entertainment. Mr. William nd, who is always on the look out for something new, has now l a large and well-conducted circus, which is under the manage- of Mr. Claude Ginnett. Two performances are given daily in entre of the nave, and we must congratulate Mr. Holland on his acquisition. Mr. Ginnett's circus would alone repay anyone visit, but added to this is an unrivalled constellation of star es specially engaged by Mr. Holland. Of the artistes who ve a special word of praise we may mention the Cragg troupe of ats, who go through their clever entertainment with great skill; Jennings and Son in the marvellous perche act; Mons. Russini e high stilts; the Newmarket jockey act by Mr. Fred Ginnett; isto, the boneless wonder; Mr. Richmond Hull's riding on a backed horse; the slack wire performance by Miss Jessica; and al other clever and novel items which form a very attractive amme. Among other things that Mr. Holland has given this is a cat show, which has proved both attractive and interesting, among the most amusing "stock" entertainments we noticed Britton Pettigrove's marionettes; Bayard's moving diorama; giant baby; the performing fleas; the live mermaid; and a, the sylph of the air. Mr. Holland announces fresh items for week's circus, which we feel convinced will attract numerous nces.

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sers. Spiers and Pond have succeeded in obtained a licence for refreshment rooms at Glandovey Station, on the Cambrian ay, in Montgomeryshire. This is somewhat remarkable, because agistrates of that district have, for the unprecedentedly long l of six years, refused all applications for licences. It is cer- a compliment to this well-known firm that the licencing board d have made an exception in their favour, recognising the nce between one of their refreshment rooms and the ordinary ed premises as conducted in the Principality.

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ie members of the Langton Lodge of Instruction embled for active work on Thursday, the 7th instant, ing as before at the White Hart Tavern, Abbey

Bro. G. S. Graham announces his twenty-first annual grand evening concert, which will take place on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham. Bro. Graham is always a popular man with his fellow Crafts- men, and we hope to see a goodly number of brethren to do him honour on Thursday next.

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Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution, for Boys, &c., &c., has kindly consented to re- hearse the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, East Dulwich Hotel, on Monday evening, the 18th October next, at 6.30 for 7 precisely. Brethren who are members of this Lodge of Instruction are earnestly requested to be present on the occasion, and to bring with them as many Masonic friends as possible. After the Ceremonies a supper will be provided, at which the W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge will preside.

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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked thus (*), and by

# LAST APPLICATION.

## OCTOBER ELECTION, 1886.

### The Votes and Interests of the Governors a Subscribers of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for G

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## MARTHA PAULINA CAROLINE STE

AGED TEN YEARS.

An orphan, whose father, Bro. CHARLES STENG, for many leather dresser, in Wilds Rents, Bermondsey, was initiated Old England Lodge, No. 1790, in the year 1881, and conti subscribing member until his death, which was caused by a ca the stomach, in October 1885; the mother died in the yea Four children are left totally unprovided for. The case is deserving one, and this being the *Last Application*, it is st recommended by the

### OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790,

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The Votes and Interests of the Governors and Subscribers o

# Royal Masonic Institution for G

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

## FLORENCE GRACE CHAPMA

AGED NINE YEARS,

Whose father, Bro. THOMAS CHARLES CHAPMAN, was initiated Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on the 18th February, 1871, and subs nine years. First S.W. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No January 1875, and still a member; Past Master of both L Past Prov. G. Supt. of Works Herts; P.Z. 192 and 1524. sequence of a very long illness his business has entirely coll He is now an inmate of the Hospital for Consumption, at Bro his means being entirely exhausted. His family consists of wi four children.

*The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:*

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NOTICE OF MOTION—

Bro. JOHN E. LE FEVRE, G.S.D., D. Prov. G.M. Hants and I.W.:—
rery petition on behalf of a Candidate whose father was initiated in a Province should, where possible, be accompanied by a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province, who shall be invited to give his opinion on the circumstances of the case for the guidance of the General Committee.
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air will be taken at Twelve o'Clock noon precisely.
ult of the poll will be declared at Five o'Clock, and will be found in on daily papers on the following day.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.
6 FREEMASONS' HALL,
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October 1886.

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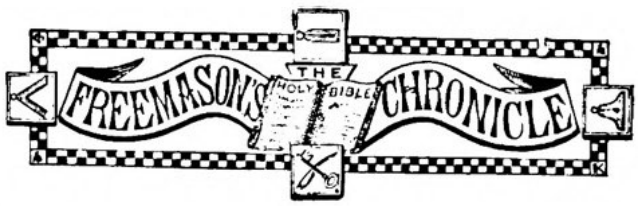
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## FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR 1886.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Once more I beg to direct your readers' attention to the work done on behalf of our several Institutions by London and the various Provinces, as set forth in the respective Festival Reports. Of course, there are individual donations; but the amounts are small, and will scarcely alter appreciably the average of the various Provinces. On investigation there will be found a general improvement upon last year; for instance, Cambridgeshire, which from 1878-1884 inclusive had done nothing for the Benevolent, but £180 for the Boys and £133 for the Girls, in 1885 was credited with £106 11s 6d for the Benevolent, and this year £143, £131 8s, and £273 respectively; Bedfordshire, which in the eight years ending 1885 gave nothing to the Benevolent, £38 17s to the Boys, and £18 6s to the Girls, has this year been credited with £53 12s for the R.M.B.I., and £134 13s for the Girls; while Herefordshire, who for nine years ending 1886 had given nothing to the Benevolent, once in the same period, 1883, £53 11s to the Boys, and in 1876 £10s 10s to the Girls, this year gives £74 11s 9 l. There is one thing to be said: neither Beds nor Hereford have had any, and Cambridgeshire only one recipient (a boy) from our Institutions, but the true spirit of Masonry does not consist, as some Provinces seem to think, of a hard and fast line of debtor and creditor account, a quid pro quo between what is given and received; if that were so, our Institutions would soon cease to exist, for to many Provinces it appears a perfect matter of indifference how much their account is overdrawn so long as some one else pays the piper. As for instance Northumberland, which year by year draws £160 from the Benevolent, has not contributed since 1877 one sixpence towards its funds. It is all very well for her to say she has contributed so much towards the Boys' and Girls'; that does not help the Benevolent Fund. Then again Devonshire, Yorkshire West, Lancashire East, show the following deficits respectively for the year:—£847 1s, seven years' average £778 3s 11d; Yorkshire West, for the year £904 3s 8d, seven year's average £571 5s 11d; Lancashire East for the year £1200 8s 8d, seven years' average £374 2s. I have to apologise to Lincolnshire in having omitted in correction of the proof her handsome subscription of £10 10s to the Boys' account, against her deficit this year of £502 5s 11d, and seven years' average deficit of £490 17s. These last calculations are made for the three Institutions collectively. I really believe that this state of things requires only to be known to individual members in the several Provinces to be remedied.

Yours fraternally,
P.M. 1607.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 29th September, Bro. Dimsdale (Secretary) occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Gregory, Messer, Ament, Ross, Silvester, Edmonds, &c. Lodge having been opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Ross offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was then further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge, on Wednesday, 27th October, by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—On Tuesday evening, 28th September, at the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon. Bros. Kilvington W.M., Fenn S.W., Dr. Nicholls J.W., Hawes Sec., Dr. Smith S.D., Cambridge J.D., Matthey I.G., Past Masters Blake, Ranson, Chamberlain, Grillo, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Blake offered himself as a candi-

Hobbs, Nicholls, Kilvington, Dr. Smith, Baber, Ridpath, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed and the charge given. Bro. Hobbs W.M. 2096 proposed, Bro. Dr. Smith seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, have heard with the greatest sorrow of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. and D.G.M. of the Province, and they desire to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary and the family of their deceased Brother their respectful and heartfelt condolence in their bereavement." The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Bro. Charles Greenwood. After other business, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.**—The weekly meeting of this very successful Lodge of Instruction, was held on Wednesday evening, 29th Sept., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, and was very well attended. The business specially appointed for the day was the working of the ceremony of installation by Bro. W. H. Tilling, the retiring W.M. of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765. The occasion was rendered more interesting on account of this worthy brother having a few days hence to instal his natural as well as his Masonic brother (the W.M. elect) into the chair of that Lodge. The retiring W.M. proved his efficiency by rehearsing in the Lodge of Instruction the duty he would have to perform in the regular Lodge, and if any encomium were needed it was amply justified by the manner in which he went through the ceremony. Of course, in view of the ceremony of installation, his brother could not be present, so Bro. Dunkley, the worthy and able secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, was presented as the candidate, and rarely has it been seen when that important rite has been more ably and correctly rendered; this proves that the St. James's Lodge has the right man in the right place. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. George Tilling took the chair, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Graham S.W., Artello J.W., Miller S.D., Dunkley J.D. and Secretary, Leonard I.G., Poore Preceptor. The following brethren were also present:—Roads, Treve, Allen, H. Thompson, Wood, Moffrey, Stanbrook, Campbell, G. Tilling. Bro. Poore proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. W.M. Tilling, the Installing Master, for the very able and correct manner in which he had discharged the duty of Installing Officer, and expressed the gratification he had experienced in witnessing the correct manner in which it had been discharged. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Henry Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158 asked permission of the Lodge, as perhaps the oldest Mason present, to add his tribute of congratulation to Bro. Tilling, for the very perfect manner in which he had gone through the installation ceremony, and said that Bro. Tilling had not only shown his proficiency in the installation, but had set an example which might well be followed by his successor. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

**Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.**—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday evening, 30th September, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon. Bro. J. Roffey, of the parent Lodge, occupied the chair of W.M., and the other offices were filled by the following brethren:—J. W. Squire—of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3—S.W., Higerty J.W., Carter S.D., March J.D., J. H. Wade I.G., G. King P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, W. H. Wingfield—W.M. of the parent Lodge—Secretary. The only visitor was Bro. H. Thompson 1426 P.M. 177 and 1158. The ceremony of installation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Roffey—Bro. March candidate—the whole of the offices being most efficiently filled, which added great interest to the business of the evening. The Lodge was afterwards raised to the second degree, when Bro. Wade presented himself as a candidate for passing to the degree of Fellow Craft, but as time did not permit the rehearsing of the ceremony, the lecture of the first section of the degree was worked, the questions being presented by Brother King, the Preceptor—one of the veterans of the Old Concord Lodge. Bro. King, at the conclusion of the lecture, proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. Roffey, for his able services in working the degree of initiation, it being the first time that he had taken the chair in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction; this was unanimously passed, and for which Bro. Roffey expressed the great gratification he experienced in receiving such a tribute of approbation on the part of the brethren, and said at the same time it would give him an incentive to further devote himself to the study of Freemasonry, which he loved so much, and trusted that when the time arrived for him to take a prominent position in a Lodge he would be able to discharge the duties with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. Bro. Squire was appointed Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and, after the appointment of officers in rotation, the Lodge adjourned until half-past-seven o'clock on Thursday evening, 7th October.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.**—A meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Railway Hotel, Putney, Bro. Sopsworth in the chair. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The [illegible] was then opened in the second, and

Grundy, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, be Secretary; unanimously. Bro. Grundy accepted the office, and expressed sense of the honour conferred on him. Brothers Castanc ling and Cuthill were then elected Auditors. A vote of th Bro. Bond for his kindness in officiating as Secretary during avoidable absence of Bro. Ratcliffe for some months past was unanimously, and the same ordered to be recorded in the mi the evening. Bro. Cuthill Senior Warden was elected W.M. ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—day, 27th Sept. at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbur were present:—Bros. C. Weeden W.M., Fluck S.W., Turr Cooper Treas., Collingridge Sec., Hancock S.D., Pott Clark I.G., Trewinnard Prec. Past Masters Bros. Fenner, Hall, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minute last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opene second, when Bros. Smith and Moore answered the question to the third degree. The Lodge was opened in the third, an of Installed Masters appointed. The ceremony of Installa rehearsed by Bro. Cooper W.M. 1693. The newly-appointe was saluted. Bro. Cooper then gave the addresses in most style. Bro. Smith, of Islington Lodge, 1471, was elected a and Bro. Fluck appointed W.M. for Monday next. Lodge closed.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—A was held on Thursday, 30th September, at the Wheatsh Goldhawk Road, W. Present:—Bros. E. Austin W.M., Por S.W., Breitbart J.W., Craggs S.D., Cavers J.D., Jenning Davies Preceptor, Past Masters Bros. Spiegel, Josey, S Bros. Cochrane W.M. 1056, Daniel S.W. 1694, Bond 14 Burbrook, Stroud, W. Williams, Dopson. After prelimin fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. D ceptor, assisted by Bro. Breitbart. The ceremony of pa rehearsed. Lodge opened in the third degree. The seco of that lecture was worked by Bro. Davies Preceptor, a Bro. Purdue P.M. Lodge resumed to second degree, fi worked by the brethren. Lodge resumed to first degr Bond, Cochrane, and Daniel were elected members, a closed.

## FUNERAL OF BRO. C. GREENWOO

THE funeral of the late Bro. Charles G P.G.S.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, t on Tuesday, at the Finchley (St. Pancras) C The remains of our respected brother we side by side with those of his wife, v interred here in April last. Amongst th attended to pay a last tribute of respect was t Worshipful Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrig Prov. G.M. Surrey, Bro. R. W. Price P.M. 4 senting Bro. G. Price Prov. Grand Treasurer Surr gentleman also represented the East Surrey Concord, No. 463. Bro. G. D. Lister and oth sented the Grove Lodge; Bro. H. M. Hobbs an others attended on behalf of the George Price Lo St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was represente W.M., Bro. Henry Martin; by Past Masters Jo Alfred Green, F. J. Hentsch, Usher Back, W. W T. H. Pierce; Bros. Barr, Kent, Linfield, &c. Man gentlemen who were associated with Bro. Greenw more public duties were present; as also were seve Floral wreaths were sent by many sympathising and everything betokened the high esteem in v late brother was held. A special service had be St. John's Church, Highgate-road, where Bro. wood had for several years held the post of chur and the service was completed at the grave si most impressive and long to be remembered scen

We are pleased to hear that Bro. John Probe quitted himself at the "In Memoriam" concert Bro. J. L. Hatton, given at the Crystal Palace on last, on which occasion he sang "Good bye, sw and "The lark now leaves." We are further g hear that Bro. Probert has been engaged for th and Edinburgh Choral Festival, which will tak February next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming inc [illegible] should be a warning to every one to [illegible] Holloway's Pills should be taken [illegible]

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## GLEANINGS.

Symbolic Masonry, genuine Masonry, is strictly cosmopolitan, iting in one common brotherhood men of every country, sect, and nion; it recognizes no creed or distinctive form of religion, save y a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and Royal ch Masonry is but an elaboration of this theme. It is the com- ntary upon, or the more full elucidation of the ideas for which mbolic Masonry furnishes the text. Being founded upon the same nciples, Royal Arch Masonry, was by the old English Constitutions, gnized as a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. It alone, of all the alled higher degrees, can justly claim the title of Masonic. tainly, an organization which requires its votaries to subscribe to religious creed or dogma, or to be supporters and defenders of particular belief, cannot claim to be Masonic, no matter what r qualifications they may require of their initiates. Their teach- in other respects may be grand and sublime, and their cere- ies impressive, yet ignoring the one distinctive feature of Free- onry, they should not be looked upon as an integral portion of it. . *L. Youngs, of Wisconsin.*

RICH LODGE.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Mass., limits its bership to twenty-six, and has property valued at two hundred sand dollars.

NEW MASONIC PAPER IN ITALY.—Milan, Italy, has a new nic journal, *Humanitas*, the first number of which was printed August.

RICT LAWS.—Among the standing orders and regulations of the d Lodge of Maryland we find that the Grand Secretary adver- the meetings of the Grand Lodge in the public newspapers; overy brother elected or appointed to office in the Grand Lodge nished with a certificate to that effect, over Grand Lodge seal; the Grand Lecturer, for each visit to a consistent Lodge, is ed the sum of 25 dollars; that the Grand Secretary is required ue the Proceedings in printed form inside of sixty days from of closing of the session; that no brother can be installed r of a Lodge until he produces evidence from the Grand rer that he is qualified to confer the three degrees of Ancient Masonry; that Lodges are forbidden to apply to the General ably of the State for charters; that no Lodge is permitted to aid from foreign jurisdictions without permission from the l Master; that no (private) Masonic information can be furnished public press, except such as may be authorized by the Grand r or Grand Lodge.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

IASONRY EXCLUSIVE?—Upon this question there may be a diver- opinion. It is right that a father should guard carefully his ousehold. In this respect he should be strictly exclusive, for ason that the members therein are nearer to him than all and the same rule holds good with societies, associations, communities, or whatever the formation may be. A man must s own kindred the preference. When a body of men are joined er by ties of the strongest nature; when these men worship rine that is as extensive as the world itself, and whose motto ersality; we think that, after taking all things into consider- such a body should be exclusive. When it comes to national matters of business, or anything outside of a fraternal nature, asonry should be non-exclusive, for every man should meet other, in all his dealings as a man. And when a brother vio- e laws of a country, or those of society, then the fact of his Mason should not shield him from receiving the penalties that ations inflict. From our conception of Masonry we should our own as far as it is consistent. We should act judiciously rrectly, and the more fact that a man is not a Mason should er us from bestowing toward him the good feeling, kindness, the blessings of life that a good man has the right to expect oy.—*Freemason's Journal.*

YORK GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.—The Bibliophile, be he Mason ne, will find much to interest him in the Grand Lodge Three volumes in Latin, printed in 1604 in Spain, and by a monk, are explanations of the book of Ezekiel and Com- s. A copy of the Holy Bible printed in London in 1613, rty years after the art of printing was discovered, and dated 1733, are unique and curious.

RY IN SOUTH AFRICA.—A movement, commenced in 1881, has o be *an fait accompli* in the constitution of a District Grand nglish Constitution, for Natal Free State, Griqualand West, swaal, in South Africa. There are few towns where Masonry s as healthfully as it does in Cape Town. Masonic buildings ection compare well with some of the handsomest structures countries. The Grand Lodge has instituted a Masonic Education, which is in its fourth year, and out of a treasury pent £200 for education.—*Hebrew Leader.*

ASON'S AIM.—Forms of the ritual and the externals of the do not fill the requirements of Masonic life. We must er than all our symbols for the true import of our Masonic s. We must search the motives. They must be laid upon ience, and be measured by the highest sense of duty. Any for these honors, at these sacred altars, should first desire better man. Better innately. Better in every high and solution. Better in every relationship to the brethren of Better in every aim as a part of the moral structure to belong, and of which you form a part. Bound more inti- in any other human society, we must all be honored in s of one, or pained and injured by the failures of one.—

on.—At the last session of the Grand L dge of W shing- ry the following was adopted [illegible]

to investigate the manner in which the various jurisdictions in America have treated the question of rituals and work, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next session such matters relating to the usages and means adopted by such other Grand Lodges to settle the vexed question of uniformity of work, together with a brief history (so far as proper to be written) of the work in general use by the jurisdictions on the Pacific coast, and more eastern jurisdictions, together with such other information and recommendations as the Committee may find proper to submit upon the subject.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States held its twenty-sixth triennial convocation at Washington on 27th September.

Germany has 372 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 43,306. There are eight Grand Lodges, situated as follows: three in Berlin, one in Hamburg, one at Bayreuth, one at Leipsic, one at Frankfort, and another at Darmstadt. These form a confederation named "Deutche Grosslogenbund." Last year these Grand Lodges spent over 50,000 francs in charity.

New Mexico has 13 Lodges and 553 members, with a gain of 67 over the previous year. There were 70 initiations.

Manitoba has 31 Lodges and 1,350 members, with a gain of 113 over the previous year. The initiations were 138.

The total number of Lodges in Michigan is 354. Total active membership, for 1885, as per returns, 27,045.

NETHERLANDS.—The Lodge "La Bein Aimée," in Amsterdam, held a festival on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. 750 dollars were voted for two charitable institutions. A richly-carved gavel, inlaid with gold, was presented to the Worshipful Master. Amongst the many charitable institutions that have originated in this Lodge are "The Institution for Saving the Life of the Shipwrecked," "Institution for the Blind," Industrial Schools, and Savings Banks.—*Freemasons' Journal.*

The Masonic Seal of Erwin of Steinbach (A.D. 1275) is mentioned by Bro. Clavel as being the oldest arrangement of the compasses, square, and the letter G, extant.—*Freemasonry in Europe.*

The Grand Master of the operatives as early as the fifth century was an officer clearly recognized by royal rescript, entitled to precedence at court, when properly arrayed with his gilded staff of office. In his title of Mastership is to be found nearly the equivalent used in addressing that functionary in modern times—*Magisterium* * * * *Spectabilem.—Mediæval Builders.*

The best test of all true Freemasonry is, what does it do for charity? How does it manifest brotherly love, and sympathy, and relief? I believe in no profession of Freemasonry which does not evidence the reality of its belief and of its principles by these evident tokens of sincerity, of having "counted the cost" of Masonic membership.—*Defence of Freemasonry.*

MIDDLE-AGE GRAND LODGES.—Thirteen years after the completion of the Strassburg Minster turret, Jacob Dotzinger, as Master of Masons employed on the Cathedral, in the year 1152, succeeded in uniting the existing Lodges in Germany in a general or Grand Body, and in the year 1459, at Regensburg, the statutes and general regulations of the stone-cutters or Masons were reduced to writing. In this constitution the authority of four Grand Lodges is recognized, viz., Strassburg, Cologne, Vienna, and Zurich, under whose several jurisdictions various subordinate Lodges were recognized. Twenty-two Lodges were dependent on the Grand Lodge of Strassburg, and were dispersed through Swabia, Hesse, Bavaria, Franconia, Westphalia, Thuringia, the provincial territories bordering upon the Moselle, and as far as Italy. The Grand Lodge of Cologne exercised jurisdiction over cities along the Rhine. * * * Among all the Grand Lodges of this age, that of Strassburg was pre-eminent, and was recognized as having supreme authority over all Masonic bodies in the empire. Moreover, the Master Builder, then at work on the Minster at Strassburg, was declared the Grand Master of the Fraternity in Germany.—*Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry.*

According to the latest statistics in North America the number of members of the different Orders of Masonry, from Blue Lodge to Commandery, is as follows:—Master Masons, 594,464; Royal Arch Masons, 140,960; Knights Templars, 70,154.

FORMS.—Some one has said: "Of what use are forms, seeing that, at times, they are empty? Of the same use as barrels, which, at times, are empty too." In Masonry there are many forms, and all are empty unless the real, essential, underlying principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth fill them. The barrel, if allowed to remain empty, becomes dry, and in time will fall to pieces. The forms and ceremonies of the various degrees in Masonry, if allowed to remain empty shows, will dry up and fall to pieces. There is too little of the meaning of the ceremonies understood by the great mass of the Fraternity. Every degree, from the first to the last, has some beautiful moral lesson, and, as in England, every road leads to London, so in Masonry every form should lead to the great central truths of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Of what use are the forms if they do not convey some thought to the mind that will be lasting? The more of the senses we can bring to bear upon a lesson in virtue and morality, the deeper will be the impression made, and the more lasting the results. The ear hears the words of wisdom, the eye sees the beauties fully pictured in form and ceremony, and the feeling is made to receive the impression of the lesson.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

The Harvest Festival at St. Mark's Church, Dep ford, has been made the occasion of the unveiling of six painted windows, executed by Mr. Taylor of Harrow

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

302—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1999—Hampshire Lo of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
22—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1602—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Mitcham
R.A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Newcastle
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Helston-on-t, Helmsley
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Priory Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Atherstone, Leicester

## TUESDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

55—Confidential, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)

198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruc
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instructi
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instructio
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8
1349—Friars, Live..pool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instructi
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1697—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broadstreet-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instr
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.3
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (I

23—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Inst
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (I
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
62—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

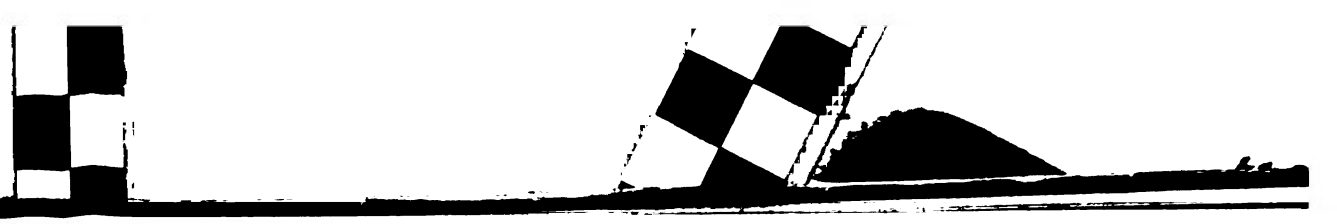
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Prince Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosnell, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Acton
986—Hesketh Grapes Inn, Croston
994—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Malton
1120—St. Mildburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Cholmley-road, Bolton
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Surrey Tavern, Kent, Walworth
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Chelsfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Haildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Halifax
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 205—Jubilee, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hall, Leeds
R.A. 339—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall,
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romford Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Shepherd's Bush Road, at 8.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
158—Confidence, Horseshoe Tavern, Tottenham Court Rd., at 7. (Instruct
228—United Strength, The Hope, Sandringham Street, Regent's Park, at 8
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst
724—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Bow-road, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Meridian, Navy, Silver Tavern, Barking-road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
847—White Lion, Red Lion, Pentonville, Pentonville, at 8 (Inst
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (I

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Rising Sun, Finsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Margaret's, Le Strange Arms Hotel, W.
1308—Lodge of St. John, White Horse Hotel, Alperton, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Nelson, Nelson Road, Queen's Road, Peckham, at 8. (I
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8
1615—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Cannon Street Hotel
1654—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1691—Grosvenor, Victoria Hotel, Victoria Station, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Alexandra, Victoria Hotel, Victoria Station, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1872—Bow, Masonic Hall, Bow-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1951—Belgrave, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1981—Imperial, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Broadgate, E.C.
2018—Centurion, Pegasus Hall, Hammersmith
2060—Montefiore, Grand Hotel, Broadway, Ludgate Hill

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A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
4—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
5—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
6—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
8—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
—Hudderfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
—Keystone, New Inn, Whitwood.
—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
—United, George Hotel Colchester.
—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
e Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
aldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
rownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
ottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
rancis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
lexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
row rigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
erseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
oline Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaithwaite
ervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
inity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
outhdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
anford, Town Hall, Hove
est Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—Ethelfreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

## THURSDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

ptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
uvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ee, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
ndship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
rim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
bury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
len, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
rave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
ousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
hwark, Southwark Park Tavern
wark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst.)
of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
er, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
ern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
onald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
tt Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
hn, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
well, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
reat City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
gton, Cock Tavern, Highbury
of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
naught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
pring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
ersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
gh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of berton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
ar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
n, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
ers, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
ett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
n, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
n, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
nte, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, The Criterion, Piccadilly
nt Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
don, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
ce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
y Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
iends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
rth London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
nson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
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216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Claytonle-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
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1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
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1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Wardroot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
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1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
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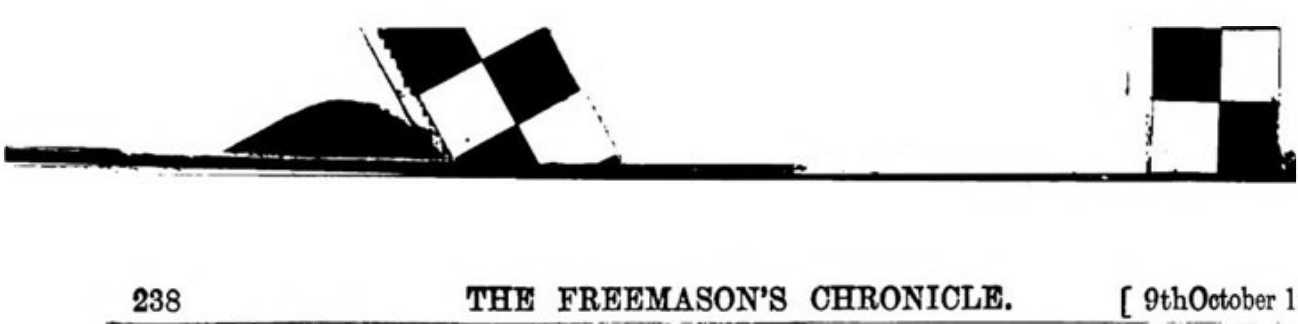
## FRIDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithes
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
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R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
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R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Canton Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. race Brooks Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, ron, in the chair. After the reading and confirmation he minutes of the July Court, the Chairman said,—ore commencing the business of the day it was his ful duty officially to inform the brethren that on the August last, at a ripe old age, passed away, amid the entations and tears of the children she loved so well, late esteemed and venerated Matron of the School, Jarwood. In undertaking the difficult task of filling that onerous and responsible position, the Board of agement had been so fortunate as to secure the services lady who, like the late Miss Jarwood, was educated in School, passed through the office of pupil teacher, and during the last eighteen months been responsible as ng Matron of the Institution, and had carried out her es so efficiently as to give entire satisfaction to the mittee, who felt assured that Miss Buck would spare ideavours to continue to repay the love of the children, to win the esteem and regard of the management, h should always exist in well-regulated establishments ich they reckoned theirs was—between the staff and managers. In regard to another sad event, words him to express in adequate language the great loss stitution had sustained by the removal to another , during the past few weeks, of Bros. Joshua Nunn E. C. Mather, who for a number of years devoted time, spared no labour, trouble, or money for the t of the Institution. In extolling the virtues of a gue, it seemed to be something like sounding own praise. He would only therefore say of their ed brethren that they, like every individual member House Committee, ever had, in the management of stitution, but one aim, object, and desire — to be interests, and to promote the welfare and com- f the fatherless children the subscribers had com- to their care. It now only remained for him to e what, he was sure, they would carry with great nity of feeling, that the Secretary be directed to etters of condolence to Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Mather, sing the sincere and deep regret of this Quarterly of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic tion for Girls at the great and irreparable loss they stained. Bro. Edgar Bowyer seconded the motion, was carried unanimously. The Chairman next de- a vacancy in the Trusteeship of one of the funds of titution—the Sustentation Fund. According to the the Institution, this vacancy must be filled up that d he had the privilege, as their Chairman, to pro- brother who was well worthy of the honour, the member of the House Committee—Bro. Col. James .G. Sword Bearer—who, during the last eleven ad paid such great and assiduous attention to the and management of their Institution. Bro. E. rth seconded the motion, which was carried. Col. banked the brethren for his election; he should ecutors shall during the current financial year be entitled to receive and sign the voting paper such deceased Life Governor or subscriber would be entitled to had he been still living, and that the laws of the Institution be altered accordingly."

He thought this motion would at once commend itself to the brethren's acceptance; at all events that it would meet with favourable consideration. It would be beneficial to so vast an Institution as this, and he could not divest his mind of the idea that when a benefactor passed away, if the votes were sent to his executor, giving him, as it were, a little patronage, it might induce him to add to the funds of the Institution. Bro. James Stevens seconded the motion. Controller Bake thought "Life Governor" should be struck out, but that the Life Subscriber should have his vote for the year. Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought the words "during the current financial year" should be struck out, and for them should be substituted, "at the next ensuing election." He thought the privilege should be granted for only one election after the death of the subscriber. The Chairman said his proposition was nothing more than was carried out by every voting Charity outside Masonry. Bro. C. F. Hogard said they already had a law validating voting papers signed by the subscriber while he was alive. He objected to making it a vote for life and one year afterwards. Bro. Tattersall moved his proposition as an amendment, and Bro. James Stevens seconded. Bro. C. F. Hogard, believing the whole thing was wrong, moved the previous question. The Chairman begged the brethren not to vote for the previous question, as his motion could not then be put. He would accept the amendment of Bro. Tattershall rather than that his motion should be thrown out on the previous question. It had been his privilege for the last 35 years to be on many Finance Committees of Philanthropic Institutions, and the Secretaries had put before him the satisfaction which executors of deceased benefactors had expressed at receiving voting papers. It was on that ground, and that ground only, he made his proposition—for the benefit of the Institution. He could not divest his mind of the belief that when these voting papers got to executors and beneficiaries who were outside the Masonic body, those persons would say it was a compliment to them, and for that reason they would send a cheque for five or ten guineas. The cost of the extra printing and paper was nothing, and could be no detriment to any individual subscriber. If the voting papers were used, it must be for the benefit of some candidate. The previous question was then put and lost, and the amended resolution was put and carried. Bro. Henry A Hunt, Vice President moved:

That the House Committee be authorised to expend the balance of the grant of the 9th January last, together with a sum not exceeding £500, in the erection of a boundary wall along two sides of the newly-acquired land.

Bro. Hunt said that the piece of land in question was of great advantage to the Institution, but it was absolutely necessary to build a wall round it. The children of the neighbourhood came up to the fence and climbed over it. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, seconded the motion; he thought the wall should be built as soon as possible. Bro. Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon, as a member of the Premises Committee, would like to say a few word. It was

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overrun by the children of the neighbourhood. They had been obliged to invoke the assistance of the police to keep the place quiet on Sundays. The first grant of £50 was for a short fence. Grand Lodge voted £1000 distinctly for the fitting up of this wall, and therefore if they got this grant of £500 from the Institution they would be well within what Grand Lodge had given. Bro. Walter Hopekirk agreed that the outlay was desirable. The motion was carried. Bro. John E. Le Feuvre Deputy Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, V.P., moved, to come after Article 6 of Law 54, as an additional clause:—

Every petition on behalf of a candidate whose father was initiated in a Province should, where possible, be accompanied by a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province, who shall be invited to give his opinion on the circumstances of the case for the guidance of the General Committee. In the event of the petitioner being unable to procure such recommendation and expression of opinion, the fact shall be stated in the petition, with the grounds for such inability, and, if deemed sufficient by the Committee, it may, at their discretion, be dispensed with.

He thought that such a rule would bring information regarding candidates which would be most valuable. It did not affect London brethren, but was only limited to the Provinces. It would afford the General Committee of the School an opportunity of receiving from the Provincial Grand Secretaries an impartial opinion or report on the merits of each case. It could do no harm, and might do much good. There were cases within his personal knowledge which he was sure if reported upon by Provincial Grand Secretaries, would not now have been in our Schools and encumbering the lists. On the Boys' School list was a boy who was born 13 years after his father had ceased to subscribe to a Lodge. In the Girls' School some years ago for want of candidates all that were on the list were admitted. One of those would not go out till 1887, and he was sure she would not have been favourably reported on by the Provincial Grand Secretary. Another was in the School whose mother was a widow at the time of the election, and was carrying on her late husband's business just as well, and was as prosperous as when her husband died. She ultimately married a second husband, who has since been a Master of a Lodge. That child would not leave till 1888. He did not think either of these cases would have been accepted if fuller enquiries had been made. Brother Charles Lacey seconded the motion. In reply to Brother Hogard, Brother Le Feuvre said his motion did not deal with Districts but only with Provinces. Bros. Hopekirk, S. G. Bake, and Hogard objected. Bro. Frank Richardson trusted the motion would not be carried. The whole body of subscribers had decided that they would adjudicate on the cases. If this was carried the Provincial Grand Secretaries would really be the electors. In a Province where there was a Charity organisation that organisation took up the cases. If at any time they had two cases which they knew they could carry, and a third came forward, which would destroy the chances of the other two, the Provincial Grand Secretary would naturally say the third was not a case to be recommended. After other remarks Bro. Le Feuvre replied; his proposal was only carrying out the new rule in the Constitutions that such a report was necessary for country cases coming before the Board of Benevolence, and it worked very happily indeed. Last month there was an occasion when a Prov. Grand Secretary said he had made inquiries into the case, and he did not recommend it for relief. That was valuable information for the Board. The motion proposed to get information which the Committee might act on if they pleased. On division the motion was lost, and the election was proceeded with. In another page we give a list of the successful candidates, while below are the unsuccessful, together with the number of votes secured by each.

| No. on List | | Forward | Polled | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Clark, Julia Elizabeth | 203 | 1141 | 1344 |
| 7 | Steng, Martha Paulina C. | 250 | 1038 | 1288 |
| 16 | Goodchild, Edith Grace | | 1123 | 1123 |
| 14 | Melhuish, Edith | | 883 | 883 |
| 6 | Rawlings, Lilian Gertrude S. | 129 | 535 | 664 |
| 4 | Sutton, Eleanor Julia | 202 | 171 | 373 |
| 8 | Proudfoot, Edith Lilian | 19 | 260 | 279 |
| 10 | Harris, Grace Lenore | | 254 | 254 |
| 30 | Gurney, Amy Elizabeth C. | | 247 | 247 |
| 25 | Harnden, Fanny Maria | | 196 | 196 |
| 2 | Woods, Lilian | 51 | 20 | 71 |
| 19 | Longshaw, Hannah Maude | | 62 | 62 |
| 11 | Craft, Ethel Ada | | 10 | 10 |
| 22 | Phenix, Gertrude | | 5 | 5 |

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTI FOR BOYS.

ON Monday the Quarterly Court of the Roya Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' H the presidency of Bro. Captain S. G. Homfra Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire, simply resolved its meeting for the confirmation of the minutes, a notice of motion on the agenda—that of Bro. Le a similar character to the one decided at the Gir Court on Saturday—was withdrawn, in conseque opinion of the brethren being against it on that As soon as the minutes were confirmed the ball usual half-yearly election was declared open. I column will be found a list of the successful candi here give a list of the unsuccessful, with the votes they will carry forward, if eligible, to the e April next.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Angier, Harry Norman | 45 | 1149 |
| 6 | Matthews, Percy Haslem | 117 | 857 |
| 5 | Wood, Joseph | 173 | 553 |
| 25 | Collinson, William | | 364 |
| 13 | Gray, Harold | 86 | 149 |
| 2 | Taylor, Albert | 50 | 154 |
| 3 | Gibbs, Percy | 13 | 86 |
| 26 | Green, Charles William | | 59 |
| 44 | Scott, Frederick William John | | 41 |
| 1 | Cannon, George | 20 | 20 |
| 33 | Burgess, Edgar Holmes | | 39 |
| 24 | Crossman, John | — | — |

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE SUFFOLK.

THE Right Hon. Lord Henniker was, on Fr 8th inst., installed as Grand Master of the of Suffolk, in place of Bro. Lord Waveney, who the office for many years previous to his dea months since. The ceremony of the day was perf the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Kent, who was supported by a large number of The Lodge was opened by Bro. Rev. C. J. Marty the Deputy of the Province, and the minutes ha confirmed, and the brethren addressed as to the the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Master formally introduced, installed, and saluted. He nounced that he had appointed Bro. the Rev. C. as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master—an ap which evoked the heartiest marks of approval fr assembled. Bro. E. P. Youell P.M. 1631 was un re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. Syer Tyler. The Officers for the year were inv follow:—

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| Bro. J. G. Oliver 1008 | Senior Warden |
| S. G. Carley 555 | Junior Warden |
| Rev. A. T. Mitton 516 | Chaplains |
| Rev. A. R. Abbott 1631 | Chaplains |
| E. P. Youell 1631 | Treasurer |
| C. H. Vincent 1823 | Registrar |
| N. Tracy 376 | Secretary |
| V. D. Colchester 114 | Senior Deacon |
| J. M. Franks 376 | Junior Deacon |
| J. White 959 | Superintendent |
| W. Clarke 114 | Director of Cer |
| H. W. Cullum 1668 | Asst. Dir. of Ce |
| R. Barker 388 | Sword Bearer |
| C. Byford 225 | Standard Bearc |
| J. T. Eccleston 305 | Standard Bearc |
| T. Palmer 114 | Organist |
| H. J. Wright 936 | Assistant Secre |
| A. Laughton 1592 | Pursuivant |
| B. Smith 81 | Assistant Pursu |
| Cook, W.M. 225 | Stewards |
| E. J. Sherman W.M. 959 | Stewards |
| G. H. Beart W.M. 936 | Stewards |
| S. B. Syer 376 | Tyler |

The Report of the Provincial Board of Genera showed a total membership of 874, as compared

eath, six by erasure, and fifty-one withdrawn. After eeting all liabilities the Province had a balance of 32 11s 8d to the good. Various grants were then made om the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, sums of ten uineas being voted to each of the three Masonic Institu- ons, five guineas to the Waveney Memorial Fund, and ve guineas to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund. The brethren ien proceeded to St. Matthew's Church, where a special rvice was held, the offertory at the conclusion being in d of the East Suffolk Hospital. Provincial Grand Lodge aving been resumed, the report of the Suffolk Masonic harity Association was submitted. This showed that the ontributions from the Province to the Masonic Charities r the last three years had amounted to £1974, being an verage of £94 per Lodge. During the past year four tewards had represented the Province at the respective estivals, and together they had taken up a total of 695 13s, an increase of £70 over the amount of the pre- ious year. There were at the present time four brethren id nine widows from the Province receiving annuities om the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, five ildren were in the Girls' School and one was in the oys' School. Notwithstanding the liberality of the ethren, say the Committee, the Province is receiving larger amount from the Charities each year than it sub- ribes to them, and on this account it is earnestly hoped e brethren will not relax in their efforts for the future. he amended bye-laws were then adopted, the Provincial rand Master suggesting it should be compulsory for each odge Secretary to send a copy of his summons to the ead of the Province, the Deputy and the Provincial rand Secretary, so that they might know exactly what as going on in the district. Lord Henniker then made forcible address to the brethren, and votes of thanks ving been accorded to those who had assisted in the day's ork Provincial Lodge was closed. A banquet followed the Public Hall, after which the usual toast list was ne through.

## MASONIC READING.

THERE are many very valuable Masonic newspapers published all over the world. There is much printed l sent broadcast regarding Masonry, in book form. ere are a number of histories of the Fraternity. There voluminous Proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies. The rld is full of books on the subject of Masonry, yet there ery little known of the true essence of the Craft-teach- s. The fact is, there is very little Masonic literature t is read. A Mason thinks because he is a Mason he st have some history of the Fraternity in his library, as he thinks he must have some diploma or Masonic rt framed or hung over the mantle in the front parlour. book adorns the shelf just as the picture adorns the l, a matter of ornament merely, not to be consulted for rmation. And then some Masonic widow or orphan es around with "Addison's Knights Templar," ackey's Cyclopædia," or some other good work, and of sympathy and, may be, a real desire to help a thy sister, or, what is more likely, just to get rid of agent, he buys the book, never opens it, except to l the title page, puts it away and forgets it.

here are various reasons for all this. The first and test reason perhaps is the brother does not feel that interest in the Masonic Fraternity that he thought he

For, after all, the number of really interested Masons ie vast army of five hundred and ninety-six thousand the United States contains, to say nothing of the rest ie world, is very small. They are ignorant of what onry has been, what it is to-day, in organization, teach- and benefit. Many join Masonry out of mere curiosity, when that curiosity is gratified by the degrees they , they have all they want of Masonry, never attend ge meetings, never read a Masonic book, and never a Masonic journal. Others join because it has pleasant l advantages, and they enjoy the Lodge, take de- in helping to confer the third degree, without realizing the great, underlying, fundamental principle of the ia is. They never read, only to be posted about the l of the degrees, so that the few who remain, whose est is sufficient to lead them to search the records and the current literature, must support the publications

The complaint comes from all over the world, that Masons do not read, that they do not support the publications of the Craft. From India, from New Zealand, from Canada, from our own country, everywhere the same cry goes up. This, of course, ought not to be so. Every Mason should be an intelligent Mason, and if he fails to avail himself of the many opportunities for gaining knowledge, he is culpably negligent. But there is also another side of the question. Brethren ought not to be expected to read *everything* that is found in Masonic periodicals, for there is much printed that is the merest trash. There should be, on the part of those who publish Masonic newspapers, an effort to have the tone of the paper very high. Low, scurrilous articles ought to be excluded. Only the pure and beautiful should be published. Masonry is a system of beautiful symbols, and around it should be gathered everything that will bring out clearly and distinctly every hidden glory, and nothing that will tarnish or destroy. There should be variety, not strained monotony. There should be freedom, not stilted stoicism. All should be just such as would appeal to the nobler, higher, purer instincts of the man. Long, prosy articles on some exploded theory, that may be very beautiful to stand off and look at, are a burden, and make a magazine heavy and *never read*. There has been very much of this in Masonry, too much, and it has been a direct injury to all Masonic publications.

Many of the periodicals, as they are published to-day, are unworthy of the names they bear. They are nothing but the scrapings, the peeling, while the fruit has been thrown away. There is a great deal of genuine talent in Masonry, and the very best of it should be employed on the literature. The trash should be weeded out, and only the true stuff should be preserved. Then the publication ought to be presented in an attractive form, good type, clear and plain, good paper, and the whole workmanship should exhibit a master workman. Let those who essay to write be careful to give only their best thoughts, carefully prepared, and those who print, do it in a workmanlike manner, and it may be some of the trouble will be removed. There are some Masonic publications in the world whose very appearance would create a feeling of disgust rather than admiration. The type, the paper, the whole "get up" is so careless and uninviting that you would expect to find the matter inside equally distasteful. This corrected, and then the matter carefully prepared, so that one may "pick something out of everything he reads," and the cry of want of support will be lessened, and the ignorance of the Craft will be supplanted by knowledge, and the tenets of the Craft will be understood and more widely practised, and the grand mission of our noble Institution made secure beyond a peradventure.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden, under the auspices of No. 2081, The Lodge of the Golden Fleece, at Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the transaction of the usual business; when and where all Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of the several Lodges of the Province, are summoned to attend, and all Master Masons are invited to be present.

The rapid growth of Freemasonry during the last few years has had the effect of producing a great change in the accommodation provided for Masonic assemblies. At the present time a large number of the best restaurants and hotels made a special feature of the quarters they provide for Lodge meetings, some of them even fitting up the most elaborate Masonic Halls. Very convenient quarters are available at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, and Lodges seeking accommodation would do well to inspect the features of this establishment. The entrance from Victoria Street leads to the Masonic apartments without the necessity of passing through the restaurant, and the whole of the rooms set apart for Masonry are so arranged that the utmost privacy is secured. The banqueting hall will accommodate upwards of one hundred guests, and as regards the service, we think it only necessary to refer to the Lodges which already make their home at this establishment, and we believe they are

# INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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## ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 765.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 5th October, at the Bridge House Hotel, and was very numerously attended by both members and visitors, while seldom has it fallen to our lot to witness the business so well done as on this occasion. Bro. W. H. Tilling W.M. presided. Bros. G. Tilling S.W. and W.M. elect, E. J. Rawle J.W., F. C. Child P.M. and Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, J. E. Costello J.D., E. J. Jones I.G., G. W. Rowe Tyler, supported by the following members:—James Cox P.M., H. W. Mitten P.M., G. Hyde P.M., L. C. Mollet, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, W. J. Stahlschmidt, A. Cavers, T. Prior, George Carter, A. A. Travers, R. Hosie, Alfred Tilling, C. Slow, C. E. B. Rudd, J. Mills, F. Carne, D. Samuels, R. Bower, C. A. Colwell, W. Brinkler, H. Burnell, T. Kent, D. Bradford, H. King, J. Spencer, T. Williams, T. H. Spearling, C. H. Dent, and the following visitors:—Past Masters G. J. Tilling P.P. Superintendent of Works 130 394 1461, W. S. Dunkley P.P.G.A.P. Midd. 1777, W. Purnell P.P.G.S.B. Bristol 103, J. Stevens 720 1216 1426, J. J. Davison Emulation, J. Loader 1622, F. H. Waterworth 49, H. Taylor 2000, F. Meen 1707, E. Stimson 15, S. R. Speight Secretary 147, J. J. Hutchings 147, T. Poore 720 2105, G. Trevis 720, J. R. Glanvill 134, W. E. Johnson 134, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, W. T. P. Montgomery W.M. 1475, H. J. Levitt W.M. 1972, W. Martin W.M. 879, E. H. Brannon W.M. 294 177, 1158, G. J. Venables I.G. Surrey Masonic Hall, J. E. Jones I.G. 2004, W. Williams J.W. 147, A. Mitten 25, E. C. Talbot Prosperity, J. W. Standen Sydney, R. Jarvis Strand, W. G. Kent 1178, W. Fountain 879, F. W. Farmer 25, W. Burgess 2048, A. Browning 733, J. Hattersley 1607, J. Read 1391, W. Toole 1752. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last Lodge, including the election of Worshipful Master, were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was next received and adopted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. G. Tilling W.M. elect was presented to receive the benefit of installation, the retiring W.M. conducting the ceremony in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from all the brethren present. Lodge having been raised to the third degree, a Board of Installed Masters was opened in due form. With ancient ceremony Brother George Tilling was now duly installed into the chair of K.S. as Master of the Lodge. The brethren below the chair were then admitted, and the new W.M. was saluted and proclaimed in the different degrees, Bro. J. Stevens acting as Director of Ceremonies. The other formalities having been gone through, the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. J. Rawle S.W., J. E. Costello J.W., W. H. Tilling I.P.M., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, E. J. Jones S.D., R. W. Hosie J.D., G. Perkins I.G., G. Hyde P.M. D.C., A. Tilling W.S., the W.M. in each case clearly explaining to each the nature of their duties. Bro. W. H. Tilling I.P.M. then completed the installation ceremony, and gave the different addresses in a correct and most impressive manner, the principle of elocution being strictly observed; at the conclusion he was greeted with the heartiest approbation. On this occasion the cause of charity was not forgotten, and the Lodge recommended the case of an unfortunate brother to the Board of Benevolence. The W.M. then said that his first duty was a very pleasing one; it was to present his natural as well as Masonic brother with a collar and jewel; this had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren at the last meeting, as an appreciation of the services he had rendered during his year of office as Worshipful Master, and they wished him health, happiness, and long life to wear them. Bro. W. H. Tilling I.P.M. thanked the brethren most sincerely for this mark of their kindness and confidence by presenting him with the collar and jewel, but scarcely considered he had done enough to deserve them; at a later period of the evening he might find a few words to address them on the subject. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, where a banquet was served of excellent quality and ample in quantity. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the professional singers. The W.M. said he was sure that it would not be a trouble, but a pleasure, to ask the brethren to drink the toast which stood at the head of the list; this was "The Queen and the Craft;" but as there were a number of Provincial friends present, and he wished them to remain with them, he did not intend to make long speeches, but should make his observations as short as possible; and at the same time he did not desire the brethren to make lengthy replies. As in the course of a few months so much would be said on Her Majesty's completing the 50th year of her reign, he should content himself by giving the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, given by Miss Emmie Hare, and Bros. Lester, Taylor and Farmer, under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry; Bro. Fountain Meen P.M. presiding at the pianoforte. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; in doing so he was sure that no observations were required of him, as there was no brother Mason who was not well acquainted with the Grand Master's merits. He therefore asked them to drink his health with all the enthusiasm that they could give to the toast; a request most heartily responded to. Miss Emmie Hare gave "Il Bacco" in splendid style, and drew forth the most energetic applause. The W.M. said the next toast was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers; to those of the brethren who had the opportunity of attending Grand the Worshipful Master. He felt that they were fortunate such a man in the chair, and he was sure that at the end of office they would find that the St. James's Lodge did second to any other in the Craft. It was the duty of the give him their support, and if every brother did his best thi only prove a success, but would be the commencement of successful years for their Lodge. As he was commanded n a speech—which, by the way, he might say he had not the do—he should only ask the brethren to be upstanding an health of their Worshipful Master. The W.M. said he w extent suffering that night from confusion; in occupying for the first time he felt that he was a little out of plac he could do was to promise them that during the year he his best to promote the welfare of the St. James's Lodg interesting to him to look back upon the few years he had nected with Masonry; he had gone on until at last he himself in the chair; the pressure exercised by friends for forward was irresistible, so he consented. It was r ever, that he should tell them that when he reached Warden's chair he was indisposed to go further, as in o of his avocations he had not time to master the ritua unable to devote himself to the working of the Lodge; h his friends said that as his medical adviser had recommen take walking exercise to keep him in health they would him and give him instruction; thus, with the assistance Masters, he hoped to plod through his year of office to faction of the Lodge, and with pleasure and credi self. He thanked the brethren for placing him in tion, and with the support he expected to receive from he had appointed he looked forward in the future for cess for the St. James's Lodge. At the beginning he pr to make long speeches, and he was determined to kee For the kindness they had shown him he again thanked t Worshipful Master said the next toast was the Imm Master, and the manner in which he had discharged thought would warrant the brethren in drinking his enthusiasm. Whatever his brother undertook he alw out with hearty good will; even at times he wishe was not quite so zealous, but he supposed that a few y tame him, and he would then become a sober and ste Bro. Lester sang Lover's "I'm not myself at all," wh much merriment. Bro. Tilling I.P.M. in reply, said he ingly obliged to the Worshipful Master for proposing and thanked him for pointing out what he should do, a that he should become a sober and genial Mason in He might say that during the past year he had taken a gr in the St. James's Lodge, and had done his best to welfare and make all things pleasant. He believed that year they had enjoyed complete harmony; that they better Masons, and of course better men, and had done for charity. He had been glad in any way to assist the bre past year, and in the future would do all he could to he shipful Master. He thanked them for the kindness they shown him, and for the very handsome jewel they sented to him that evening; he felt that he had not However, he had tried his utmost to merit their appro with a full heart he begged to thank them one and Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to prop Visitors, whom they were pleased to see. The St. Ja always treated visitors well, and gave them a hear Several of the guests returned thanks for the kin and hospitality they had received, and Brothers Po Thompson expressed the gratification they had exp the Lodge room in listening to the splendid render ritual of installation by Brother W. H. Tilling. It wa correctly, and impressively given, from beginning t also congratulated the St. James's Lodge on its having able a Master to maintain its reputation. The Wor. Mast occasion to descant upon the services so ably given by performers, under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henr willing at all times to render assistance. Bro. Cha acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his desire t approbation. Several other toasts were given before t ings were brought to a close. It is but justice to Miss H to refer to her splendid solos on the violin; these were siastically encored, as well as her accompaniment in t "Pass Cloud Away," which was admirably render Margaret Hoare. Altogether the gathering was a most one, and was one of the most successful in the hi St. James's Lodge.

## ABBEY LODGE, WESTMINSTER, No.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when avoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. S M.P., who is at present on the Continent, the Lodge wa the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. H. Baker. The bu day consisted of the three degrees, the first and second ferred by Bro. Baker, and the third by Bro. Burdett-Co the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Mr. Louis de was initiated, on the proposition of Bro. H. Cloots, secon T. Bull P.M.; Bro. H. Dawson was passed; and Bro. raised, the following Officers of the Lodge assisting in William Sugg P.M. S.W., H. R. Baker J.W., H. Bowmar ing P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. C. F

owley, J. Hayler, D. Stroud, J. H. Montague, T. W. Davies, W. rick, T. Hawkins, W. Holland, J. E. Smith, F. C. Morgan, S. W. ghan, R. Chivas, J. E. Salway, H. Cloots, A. W. Hilldon, P. A. ves, J. A. Richards, T. Flury, C. T. Pullen, T. J. Cocks, G. Dexter, V. Rosch, W. Balchin, T. C. Wood, H. E. Poole, A. T. Jeffery, ambling, T. White, W. E. Wood, L. de Wyttenback, D. De Pinna, . Hamborg, C. Davies, A. G. Thomson, T. Buller, R. D. Wynne, llman, R. Baughan, H. H. Bridgman, J. M. Hughes, John Kent, ill, A. Simner, T. Gammon, and J. Pain. At the conclusion of odge business, the brethren sat down to banquet, under the dency of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., who in due course gave the toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft he was sure would artily received by those around him, as Freemasons were pro- ud for their loyalty. The next, he said, was a toast with even specific interest for Freemasons. The association of royalty the Craft was an historical fact, and a very fortunate for although a body so ancient and distinguished Freemasonry did not require it, yet the brethren always glad to receive the stamp of recognition from the itary sovereign or the heir to the throne of the country. It particularly fortunate that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—Most ipful Grand M ster—had always taken such a close and warm st in the Craft, the result of which action on the part of His Highness was evidenced by the enormous addition to the during his Grand Mastership. Only lately they had witnessed xiety to draw his relatives near to him in the Order, the cere- a few weeks since in Sussex being a particular exemplification f. The toast having met a hearty response, was followed by f the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., e rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Burdett- did not know he could say anything very new of these ben or of the Officers of Grand Lodge. He had seen them m their duties in a most exemplary manner, evidencing that ere always cognizant of the importance of good working. He ver made any disguise of his opinion on this point; he felt that curate working of the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft was tely necessary for the good of Freemasonry. One pleasure ed to the proposition of this toast was the fact that it in- y brought a response from their beloved friend and Chaplain, v. R. J. Simpson, with whose name he would now couple the Bro. Simpson tendered his thanks. The acting Master had ay proved himself possessed of the right spirit in having ed up from Norfolk to supply the place of their absent , Bro. Seager Hunt, whose absence they all regretted, and at e time hoped he would be present on the next occasion they led. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast, had sed for having nothing new to say in connection with the Grand . He (Bro. Simpson) considered this was rather a matter gratulation to Freemasons, who would much prefer keeping old landmarks of the Order rather than adopting anything Freemasonry had its loyalty and charity to boast of, and the t was kept to such common things the better it would be for sociated with the Order. Having thanked the brethren on f Grand Lodge generally, Bro. Simpson referred to what he ed a sin of omission on the part of the Grand Lodge officials. etted their rulers had not arranged for an especial Grand or the purpose of tendering a welcome to the many colonial who had recently been among them. They had brethren in ist from all of the colonies, whose hearts beat in unison with rn, but no official welcome had been tendered them—a ve omission, he felt. He hoped it was not too late to remedy he knew many distingnished colonists who regretted with omission, which he felt sure was really an oversight. Bro. P.M. proposed the next toast. He rose that evening in a capacity with a twofold object. He rose as Immediate ter, and as the acting Master of the first part of the even- rking, and had to propose the toast of the presiding Officer first Master of the Abbey Lodge. This twofold capacity uite end here, for he was sure he was expressing the view rother present when he said he regretted the absence o rshipful Master Bro. Seager Hunt, but, as they had been absence arose from circumstances wholly beyond his The brethren could console themselves with the feeling always had a worthy deputy to fall back upon in their first Bro. Burdett-Coutts. It may be, and sometimes is thought, ren who occupy a high position in society cannot devote to the working of the ceremonies of the Order as some ith fewer calls can do; but those who have been present etings of the Abbey Lodge know that such is not the case Bro. Burdett-Coutts. His working of the third degree was an ample demonstration of the fact that he was fully to perform any work he might be called upon to under- leed, his rendering of the ceremony was as good as could hoped for, even had he been in the regular occupation of instead of, as was the case, being called upon at short do the work in the absence of another. Bro. Burdett- t he had to respond in a double capacity. First he press his deep regret, as Master of the Lodge, that mstances beyond his power he was kept away that those he held dear. Next, as acting Master, he ay a word in recognition of the ability and capa- heir absent Worshipful Master, Brother Seager Hunt, nce they all regretted. He felt there were really good private character which kept him from his place in the ough he must say that when he read his first letter, in Hunt said that circumstances beyond his control would attendance, that the phrase did not seem altogether

both by example and words, the proper working of the various ceremonies of the Lodge. A great part of Freemasonry depended, so to speak, on form and external appearances, while beneath dwelt principles of grave importance to members of the Craft. Much therefore depended on the way in which Freemasons expressed themselves; for its lessons lost half their charms, and he might say half their value, if they were not properly rendered. Personally he might say he had derived considerable good from the efforts he had been forced to make to commit to memory the ritual, and to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the beautiful ceremonies of the Order; more particularly that of the third degree. He hoped he was not impressing it too forcibly on those around him that in order to be a good Mason they must acquire a knowledge of the ceremonies. Whatever might be the circumstances of his life, and many of them were very pleasant, he always had the feeling that if he wanted a thoroughly honest, open, and straightforward welcome, he was sure of it at the Abbey Lodge. The next toast was that of the Past Masters. Having returned thanks for some one else in his own capacity, Bro. Burdett-Coutts felt he now had to propose his own health in yet another capacity—that of a Past Master of the Lodge. He could speak of them with considerable personal knowledge, and was not sure he knew any Lodge which had three better Past Masters. He began to think the toast was rather a perplexing one—if he disassociated himself from the toast he could speak in the most flattering terms of the Past Masters, but as he had to include himself, he must leave it to the brethren to show their appreciation or otherwise. Taking them as a trio he considered the Past Masters a body calculated to more or less elicit from the brethren feelings of sympathy, friendship, admiration, adoration, and all else that falls to those looked upon as having done their duty. Bro. Baker replied. If it was a difficult task for the Worshipful Master to propose this toast in a dual capacity, how much more difficult was it for him to acknowledge it as a one-third portion only. He trusted he should have the other Past Master, Bro. Spink's assistance, as then they should muster two-thirds of the whole, and at least be in a majority. He had felt happy when he had installed his successor into the chair, as he had felt that his work in the Lodge was then finished, but he had unexpectedly been called upon to resume activity, and had had much pleasure in complying. He hoped that as long as he lived he should be present at the regular meetings of the Lodge, and assured the brethren he should always have pleasure in doing any work required of him. Bro. Spink followed. He felt the brethren must have been gratified to find that their first Master had not forgotten his work, but that he had been able to carry out the ceremony required of him with credit to himself. He had always considered that when a brother's health was proposed as a Past Master, his obituary notice was, so to speak, delivered in a Lodge, and that he would not be again called upon to perform any work, but they had had evidence that this was not always the case. The call made on the Past Masters had been willingly met. Bro. Baker then proposed the health of the initiate, who, in response, said he fully appreciated the honour done him in receiving him as an initiate of the Lodge, of which he trusted he might become a worthy member. Bro. Burdett-Coutts gave the health of the visitors. He did not know what the Abbey Lodge would do without its guests. The members were good boon companions, but they were much better when surrounded by visitors. The Lodge formed a strong body by itself, but he had noticed its meetings were always attended by a large number of guests, who appeared to take great interest in the doings of the Lodge, and who, it might be said, shed a glow on its proceedings. He did not like to see the visitors preponderate over the members of a Lodge; on the present occasion they formed about twenty-five per cent. of those present, which per centage might well be increased to thirty, forty, or even fifty, but beyond that it should not go, as then a meeting might really become tame. Although the toast regularly appeared on the programme, he desired the visitors to consider there was nothing of a formal character about its present proposition, the visitors were heartily welcome, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. Bro. Bailey was the first to reply. It was far too late, he said, and the fountain of eloquence had been far too deeply drawn upon, for him to attempt any lengthy remarks at that late hour. He considered it a most fit and proper thing that he, a Past Master of the old Abbey Lodge, of Burton-on-Trent, should enter the Abbey Lodge of Westminster on the first occasion of his visiting a Metropolitan Lodge. He had come that day with the feeling that it was hardly possible for him to take back anything fresh with him into Staffordshire, but he had witnessed such an exhibition of Freemasonry as he should be proud to store up, and detail to his friends in the Provinces. Bro. Marché followed. Looking at the candidates, and the way in which the ceremonies had been performed, he felt that the Abbey Lodge was fulfilling its mission thoroughly and handsomely. He felt the visitors would go away greatly benefitted with what they had seen and taken part in that night. Bro. Mason felt that beyond the degrees worked in their Lodge that day there was a something which came from the Abbey Lodge, which was a true explification of Freemasonry, and this something was to do whatever was in the power of the Lodge on behalf of those who were unfortunate enough to need help from others. The Charities of the Order had already reaped the advantage of support from the Abbey Lodge, and Bro. Mason hoped the help would be extended on many occasions in the future. The Acting Master next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary—two most valuable officials, he said. He was sorry to say the Treasurer, who had given his undivided attention to the Lodge, had been obliged to leave, but they had the Secretary yet with them, and he was sure the brethren would accord him a hearty reception. Bro. Shand, in reply, said he very much appreciated the kind words and hearty expressions of approval he had just listened to, and hoped to long

most valuable assistance from the Officers, many of whom had held the highest positions in other Lodges, and yet had condescended to take minor offices in the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Sugg S.W. tendered thanks on behalf of the Officers, who, he said, would strive as earnestly to do their duty in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Piper felt it a great pleasure to see so happy a gathering as theirs had been that night, and promised his help for the future. Bro. Bull was here called upon by Bro. Burdett-Coutts, as a brother who had, on many occasions, stepped into any gap, and had fulfilled any odd duties required of him most ably, his knowledge of the Craft being such as to render him efficient in any office he undertook. Bro. Bull expressed his thanks; he had great pleasure in rendering any assistance in his power to the Lodge, of which he was delighted to be a member. Bro. Goffin J.D. also replied, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing the proceedings to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Bailey P.M. 624 P.P.G.R. Staffs., J. Mason P.M. 309 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, T. Mount Humphries P.M. 539 P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Staffs., A. Price J.W. 151, Horace T. Bonner 73, W. D. Church 1365, Vincent J. Marché W.M. 1963, H. J. Dutton 1706, James Dotterill 1624, F. J. Wray P.M. 1257, G. Evans J.D. 172, F. Whiting J.W. 1772, H. G. Harper 171, T. P. France 205, A. Haig Brown P.M. 174, I.P.M. 1962, S. R. Lamble P.M. 27, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, H. Cornish S.D. 1351, W. Bangs 27, Odoardo Barri 1772, J. C. Flattely P.M. 1624, T. D. Hill 813, Edwin Styles 704, W. Richards W.M. 1853, H. Edrupt 534, H. C. Baker 21, P. Storr 811, W. W. Morgan jun.; and others. Some excellent songs were given during the evening, Bro. Odoardo Barri and others being well received in their respective efforts and eliciting the thanks of the Worshipful Master for their services. The contents of the Charity box, sent round during the supper, amounted to £2 6s.

## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE opening meeting of the session of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday, 8th inst., when the following officers were present:—H. N. Price W.M., Pierpoint I.P.M., A. Simner S.W., H. J. Chapman J.W., George Everett P.M. Treas., T. Morris Sec.; Past Masters Walford, Buscall, Ferguson, White, Foxcroft, and Spink; R. Harvey S D., Sadler Wood J.D., N. Salmon I.G., J. E. Spurrell D.C., &c. The minutes having been confirmed, each of the three degrees of the Craft were worked; Bros. E. A. G. Smith, T. H. Hobbs, J. J. Elliott, and J. Anley jun. were raised, Bro. W. F. Turner was passed, and Messrs. F. H. P. Smith and H. M. Martyn were initiated. Bro. E. W. Bayly, of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was accepted as a joining member. A banquet followed the closing of the Lodge, and in due course the toasts were honoured. The visitors, in responding to the toast given in their behalf, bore testimony to the fact that all the good things spoken of the Domatic Lodge had been amply exemplified that day, while they were pleased at the general appearance of harmony which surrounded the doings of the Lodge. So long as it had brethren similar to its present Master to preside over its destinies there could be no fear as to its prosperity. The Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Past Masters in a few well-chosen words. Bro. Pierpoint, in acknowledgment, said he had great pleasure in being associated with the toast. There was not one of the Past Masters but was at all times willing to come to the front and carry out any duty that might be required of him. He was very proud of the Domatic—his Mother Lodge, and felt there were but few Lodges where the true principles of Freemasonry or the work of the Craft were better carried out. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given. The Treasurer was always present, said the Worshipful Master, unless the state of his health prevented, and was at all times striving to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the members, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The members of the Lodge had also to thank their Secretary, whose office was a most arduous one, as a moment's consideration would prove, bearing in mind the large number of members in the Lodge. Bro. Everett was much obliged for the kind reception of the toast. The Worshipful Master, out of his kindness of heart, always managed to say a great number of good things about him, perhaps more than he deserved. He was gratified to hear so many cries of No! No! and fully appreciated all the kind things said of him. He felt very pleased and proud, and desired to express pleasure on behalf of the Worshipful Master, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Lodge generally, that they had made so happy a start for another session. He was heartily glad to find all meeting again in such harmony, and was pleased to be able to say that the Lodge was in a more flourishing condition than it had ever been before since its consecration. Bro. Morris, Secretary, also replied to the toast, and then the Worshipful Master gave that of the Officers, which was duly acknowledged, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in regular form.

## ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting since the recess took place on Tuesday, when Bro. Henry Martin, the W.M. presided. In the absence of the Wardens of the Lodge Bros. Alfred Green P.M. and Usher Back P.M. filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden respectively. Amongst other Past Masters present were Bros. W. Radcliffe (Secretary), John Laver, T. H. Lavers, F. J. Hentsch, and W. W. Morgan; F. T. Bennett S.D., W. G. Aires J.D., H. Lindfield I.G., and B. Banks Tyler; Henry Green, Percy John Burr, Philip J. King, Captain Challen, &c. The Lodge was draped, and the brethren wore the insignia, of mourning in respect to the memory of the late Bro. Martin, in feeling terms, spoke of the many sterling q Bro. Greenwood, and directed attention to the heavy loss had sustained. He (Bro. Martin) could not boast of s acquaintance with Bro. Greenwood as many of those aroun he could testify to the geniality of disposition and busi fications of their late Treasurer. It was the general wish of bers of the Lodge that a vote of condolence should be sent and daughters of their old friend, but the painful task this he would leave to Bro. Usher Back, who had had al intercourse with Bro. Greenwood for upwards of twenty y Bro. Back followed, and in a speech fraught with deep feel ally moved the address. Bro. John Laver, now the ol Master of the Lodge seconded, and several other brethren those present on the occasion. The address having been the Secretary was instructed to forward the same. Two were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the s guineas voted to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund. A reque ferred to the Worshipful Master, from the Grove Lodge, No ing him to confer the third degree on two candidates be that Lodge. This will form part of the business for nex which will take place on Wednesday, 10th November. then closed, and after an hour spent in social converse, the separated.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 142

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturd inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., when the Officers were present:—Robert Fendick W.M., F. W. Po H. J. Bertram J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chapl Headon P.M. Treas., F. T. C. Keeble P.M. Sec., J. Ste J. Seex P.M., R. Stanway P.M., G. W. Blackie P.M., W. Ki W. Baber P.M., W. Cook P.M. D.C., G. Jenkins Org., J. R I.G., H. F. Frost Steward, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The liminary business having been disposed of, Bro. F. W. presented, as W.M. elect, for the benefits of Installation, a course was placed in the chair of the Lodge, and saluted it degrees, subsequently appointing the following as the Offic Lodge for his year:—Bertram S.W., Greening J.W., He Treas., Baber P.M. Sec., Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, Cook C. T. Smith J.D., H. J. Frost I.G., E. Wesley Org. (in t of Bro. Wesley, through ill-health, his collar was tempor by Bro. Jenkins), W. F. Bertram D.C., L. B. Mozley Keene Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses given by Bro. Baber P.M., and the ceremony of install pleted. Several matters of interest to the Lodge occupied tion of the members. One candidate was proposed for while consideration of the annual balance sheet was defe the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and the adjourned to the banquet hall, where the remainder of t was spent under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. Among the visitors who attended the Lodge T. Hawkins W.M. 25, F. Jacob P.M. 45, G. Hunt P.M. 100 P.M. 554, T. Harper P.M. 1216, C. E. Wright W.M. 1460, nol W.M. 1672, J. G. Humphreys P.M. 167, W. Heseltine F. P. Baxter 1216, J. Nightingale, W. W. Morgan jun. and customary toasts were given after the banquet, that of H the Queen being, as usual, the first. The Worshipful sidered that whether Her Majesty was looked upon as t the vast empire over which she reigned, or as the mother English family of which she was the head, she might be a bright example to be followed by her subjects. She termed the mother of English Masons, being the mother o Grand Master. If it was the custom to admit ladies into F the Worshipful Master felt Her Majesty would have lon come a shining light in the Craft. In submitting the t that of the Grand Master—the Worshipful Master said th nately, he had never had the pleasure of seeing H.R.H. t Wales in Grand Lodge, or, indeed, in any Lodge, so th not speak of his ability from personal experience; but he that the Grand Master had the reputation of being a g and a thorough Mason. He trusted the Prince of Wales live to rule over the destinies of the Craft, and merit the the members of it. In submitting the next toast the Master said he had had the pleasure of seeing the Earl of Pro Grand Master and the Earl of Lathom Deputy Gr occupying the chair of Grand Lodge, and highly delig been with the manner in which those noblemen had co duties which devolved upon them. It was indeed a t Mason to look forward to to see either of them at the hea Lodge. Bro. Fendick proposed the health of the Worshi who, he said, had that day been installed as ruler of t succession to many worthy Masters, who had preceded chair; none of whom, however, had, he thought, more prepared themselves for the work attached to the offic Bro. Potter. The Worshipful Master tendered his very sin He had always endeavoured to discharge the duties of a which he had been appointed to the best of his ability— filled each office in the Lodge with the exception of the Steward. He had striven to do his duty in the past, an what the brethren said of him, that he had in a measure He should continue to devote his best energies to the wo to his share in the future, as he had in the past, and hope would prove satisfactory to the members. The next toa of the Visitors. The Worshipful Master saw a goodly arr around him, and was proud to welcome them. The Great had always been to the fore in extending a hearty welco





Hunt was the first to acknowledge the toast. He referred to action taken by The Great City Lodge in connection with a case stress which one of the Lancashire Lodges declined to recom- d to the Board of Benevolence, and expressed a strong opinion in ar of the action taken by the Great City members. When he the correspondence which passed on the subject—some months —he candidly admitted it touched his heart. He was of opinion the Great City Lodge had shed a light on the Provincial Lodge red to, which would shine in such a way as to arouse its mem- to a better feeling, and one more in harmony with the teachings reemasonry. He also spoke of help given by the Great City e to a distressed member of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 999, hester, and bore testimony to the appreciation of the Man- er brethren of the kindness then shewn to one of their number. ght truly be said that the Great City Lodge—which was well n for its bounty—did good, not only at home, but throughout rovinces. As a sailor he could speak of Masonry in many phases, id met with its members in every part of the world, and felt o society could compare with it, for through its means it was le to find a friend and a home in every clime. Bro. Harper ed. He had much pleasure in being associated with the toast, ving had the honour of introducing the present Master of the City Lodge to Freemasonry—a fact which, considering Bro. was initiated in the Great City Lodge, while he (Bro. Harper) ever been a member of it, might appear strange to some of those l him. When Bro. Potter desired admission to the Order, he Bro. Harper to introduce him, but as the Lodge of which he member met some distance away, he introduced Bro. Potter to tevens, and thus he became initiated in the Lodge of which he at night been installed the ruler. He had much pleasure in him in his high position, and hoped he would have a prosperous and the Lodge a successful future. Bro. Hawkins felt that any ho had witnessed the working in the Lodge that day could imagine but that the Master would perform his duty ably, and e would be well supported during the ensuing year. Bro. Scott stimony to the hearty reception he had met with. He was a er to them, but no sooner had he come amongst them, than he elcomed as one of a true band of brothers. Bros. Nightingale iddleton (an old member of the Lodge) also responded, and ie Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate aster and Installing Master of the day, Bro. Fendick. He t all who witnessed the installation, or, indeed, any work Bro. Fendick had attempted, would agree with him when he eir Immediate Past Master was a most capable Mason. He d always ready to give his advice and assistance, and had his utmost in the various duties he had had to perform. The rs of the Lodge had been pleased to vote Bro. Fendick a Past s jewel, and it now afforded him infinite pleasure to present doing so he trusted that Bro. Fendick might be spared for any years to occupy his well earned position among the Past s of the Great City Lodge. The jewel bore the following in- ns :—

ie obverse :—

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

e reverse :—

Presented to
BRO. ROBERT FENDICK,
with the thanks of the brethren,
on the termination of his year of Office as 13th W.M.
9th October 1886.

'.M. tendered his thanks for the very kind and hearty recep- ays accorded, and for the excellent jewel which had been d to him. So long as he lived he hoped to wear it, in ance of the many happy days spent in the Great City Lodge. shipful Master next had the honour of bringing before the the toast of the Past Masters. They had that day a good Past Masters around them, still he could but wish they there. They had each done good suit and service in their each had striven at all times to maintain the reputation of ge. Bro. James Stevens was the first to reply; he was at for once he was at a loss to properly acknowledge the d compliments which had been paid him by the Worshipful the Lodge, by one or other of the Visitors, or by members dge. He had been spoken of as the originator of the Great ge, but he was not entitled to the credit of having started it, an having been its first Master. To Bro. Hendon belonged it of originating the Lodge, and it would be very s on his part, knowing how much Brother Hendon to attempt to deprive him of any part of the honour at- the founder of the Lodge. His connection with the Great e had proved a source of great gratification to him, as in it med many friendships, and further than that he was proud to a Lodge which had made such a name for itself as had City. He wished he could see the principles which actuated bers of the Great City Lodge carried out in every Lodge. re was to do all the good their position in life would per- s long as the Great City Lodge existed he hoped the same ld be found among its members. Speaking of the Officers, ere was not a brother who had filled a chair of the Lodge ne about his work with the intention of doing all the good could for Freemasonry in general, and the Great City articular. Each had done his best, and no man could do . Hendon followed, tendering his thanks. Referring to position of the Lodge, he said that at the time the Lodge d it was distinctly stated that theirs was to be the last anted for a Lodge in the City of London, but since their nt, some thirty or thirty-five others had been consecrated reason that in times of depression in trade, gentlemen were not so eager to join Freemasonry as they would be in more flourishing times, while others who had joined were obliged to resign their connection with their Lodge, in order to keep down expenses. Still, the Great City Lodge at present numbered some ninety members, and if all these were to sit down together it would not be a remarkably small party. He felt sure the Lodge would maintain its reputation, and hoped to be with those around him for many years to come. Bro. Blackie expressed the regret he felt in being absent from the installation—the first he had missed since the consecration of the Lodge - but, unfortunately, the meeting that day had proved to be beyond the length of his cable-tow. He had been with them, however, in time to hear what had been said on the various subjects discussed in Lodge, and hoped to witness its prosperity for many years to come. Bros. Seex, Kibble, Keeble, and Baber also responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair, and those brethren having acknowledged the compliment, the Worshipful Master proposed the Officers. Unless he had the good feeling and co-operation of the brethren he had appointed to assist him in his duties he felt it would be impossible for him to carry out the work of the Lodge with any prospect of success. That he should receive that co-operation he was convinced, and that their united efforts would prove of benefit to the Lodge he sincerely hoped. Bro. Senior Warden tendered thanks. They were all actuated by one desire—to do their duty. He hoped that by the end of the term for which they had been appointed they might have proved themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Bro. Junior Warden and others also responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. An interesting programme of music was given during the evening; the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens (whose humorous song was deservedly encored), assisted by Bros. Heney, G. T. Carter, and E. J. Bell.

## ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 1298.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Wellington Club, Wellington Street, Islington, on Wednesday, 6th October 1886, under the presidency of Bro. Ernest Edward Street W.M., when advantage was taken of a clear agenda to welcome Bro. James Stevens P.M., and hear his Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree. Under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences" this Lecture is now becoming widely known and appreciated, both in London Lodges and throughout the Provinces, and the manner of its delivery being extempore, each succeeding delivery presents new features, and renders it more and more interesting and attractive, and divests it of that sameness and repetition which attend written addresses. We have had the satisfaction of hearing Bro. Stevens on more than one occasion, and note with much pleasure that the introduction of new points in Masonic working, and a varied choice of language, give a freshening influence to each successive delivery. There was at this meeting a goodly attendance of members and visitors, and at the conclusion of the lecture, which occupied about two hours, the lecturer was highly complimented by the W.M. and several of the brethren. Bro. Conrad C. Dumas P.G.A.D.C. spoke in warm terms of the services which Bro. Stevens is rendering to the Craft by his lucid exposition of the anomalies and innovations which have crept into Masonic ritual, to his personal knowledge, since his initiation in 1859. Bro. Dumas expressed the hope that Bro. Stevens would persevere in his exertions to point out these divergencies, notwithstanding the prejudices and somewhat unreasonable opposition on the part of many who either could not or would not understand how the purity of the ritual is being affected by unwarrantable introductions of senseless words and procedure. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, for which Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks, and stated his willingness to meet the wishes of any other Lodges desirous of hearing him. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of supper, and spent a very agreeable hour before separating.

## OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Ransom W.M., C. Terry S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., W. Fonlsham P.M. Treasurer, H. M. Hobbs Secretary, J. Kilvington S.D., E. Samuel J.D., R. G. Fleming I.G., W. Lane Tyler, H. Baber I.P.M.; also Bros. Griffin, Horton, Best, Haskins, Chamberlain, Blogg, Davis, Greenfield, Philps, Blockey, and J. Clarke. Visitors—Bros. W. Staley S.D. 1597, W. G. Oates D. of C. 2096, A. R. Jones Org. 804, D. Gundalla 2096, J. Browning 1320, W. Burn 858, A. Mathey 2096, A. W. Smith 1044. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for three gentlemen; it proved unanimous in their favour, and one of them, Mr. William Francis Blockey, was initiated into Freemasonry. The charge was given. After two gentlemen had been proposed and seconded for initiation, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on (Thursday, 28th inst. Bro. J. Davies (Preceptor) W.M., Bro. Jesse Collings P.M. 1585 S.W. First Lecture—Bros. Dopson, Josey, Rogers, Breitbart, Cahld, Cuff.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

## ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 9th October 1886,

W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., J.P., P.G. Tr., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 16 Girls into the Institution from a list of 33 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

| No. on List | | Votes | No. on Poll |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Nicholson, M. ... ... ... | 2264 | 1 |
| 21 | Ireson, D. ... ... ... | 2216 | 2 |
| 20 | Andrews, R. G. ... ... | 1974 | 3 |
| 31 | Gothard, E. ... ... ... | 1972 | 4 |
| 27 | Hamer, E. ... ... ... | 1923 | 5 |
| 28 | Clarke, E. F. ... ... ... | 1843 | 6 |
| 9 | Hyde, W. C. ... ... ... | 1820 | 7 |
| 32 | Johnson, L. ... ... ... | 1820 | 8 |
| 24 | Blyth, M. B. ... ... ... | 1795 | 9 |
| 26 | Timings, G. B. ... ... ... | 1779 | 10 |
| 23 | Waspe, E. ... ... ... | 1748 | 11 |
| 18 | Chapman, F. G. ... ... | 1690 | 12 |
| 29 | Hornsby, E. I. ... ... ... | 1624 | 13 |
| 15 | Wilson, F. ... ... ... | 1578 | 14 |
| 12 | Dean, B. J. ... .. ... | 1545 | 15 |
| 1 | Lillywhite, E. M. ... ... | 1408 | 16 |

The number of votes recorded for the unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
9th October 1886.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

## WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of October 1886,

W. Bro. Capt. S. G. HOMFRAY (P.G.A.D.C.), D.P.G.M. Mon., Patron, in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY-TWO BOYS from an approved List of Forty-four Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

| No. on Poll | No. on List | | Votes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 37 | Smithers, A. H. ... ... ... | 1984 |
| 2 | 8 | Holmes, B. H. ... ... ... | 1964 |
| 3 | 19 | Biggs, R. T. G. ... ... ... | 1886 |
| 4 | 23 | Freeman, H. ... ... ... ... | 1871 |
| 5 | 4 | Andrews, J. T. ... ... ... | 1861 |
| 6 | 17 | Whiteford, L. C. ... ... ... | 1857 |
| 7 | 7 | Good, M. G. B. ... ... ... | 1834 |
| 8 | 38 | Rennison, H. ... ... ... | 1775 |
| 9 | 41 | Moorcroft, F. A. ... ... ... | 1771 |
| 10 | 29 | Wheeler, W. E. ... ... ... | 1762 |
| 11 | 36 | Newton, H. ... ... ... ... | 1756 |
| 12 | 10 | Jones, M. B. ... ... ... ... | 1746 |
| 13 | 39 | Murless, J. B. ... ... ... | 1743 |
| 14 | 9 | Hayward, A. V. ... ... ... | 1731 |
| 15 | 12 | Gay, W. ... ... ... ... | 1731 |
| 16 | 22 | Carter, F. E. ... ... ... | 1716 |
| 17 | 31 | Stibbs, F. B. ... ... ... | 1709 |
| 18 | 27 | Walker, W. R. ... ... ... | 1682 |
| 19 | 32 | Watson, W. E. J. .. ... ... | 1656 |
| 20 | 16 | Hayes, F. W. ... ... ... | 1646 |
| 21 | 43 | Purnell, S. H. ... ... ... | 1640 |
| 22 | 11 | Lewis, H. ... ... ... ... | 1612 |
| 23 | 18 | Haylett, J. H. ... ... ... | 1611 |
| 24 | 21 | Milford, E. S. ... ... ... | 1605 |
| 25 | 35 | Gothard, A. ... ... ... ... | 1601 |
| 26 | 20 | Fortune, R. A. ... ... ... | 1602 |
| 27 | 30 | Oakes, W. A. ... ... ... | 1599 |
| 28 | 42 | Davis, J. D. ... ... ... | 1580 |
| 29 | 40 | Lamb, H. ... ... ... ... | 1580 |
| 30 | 14 | Johnston, G. F. ... ... ... | 1556 |
| 31 | 28 | Jenkins, F. M. ... ... ... | 1500 |
| 32 | 34 | Bingham, E. R. ... ... ... | 1496 |

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

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11th October 1886.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRO. CHAPMAN and Friends beg to thank the Governors and Subscribers for their assistance on Saturday last, which enabled him to secure the election of his child, FLORENCE GRACE CHAPMAN.

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JOSEPH GREENAWAY,

Reading, 12th October 1886.

# R. M. I. B.

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## CENTENNIAL OF THE PENNSYLVANIAN GRAND LODGE.

THE Academy of Music, Philadelphia, is seldom so full as it was on Friday evening, the 25th ult., when members of the Masonic fraternity, with their friends, gathered to celebrate the end of the first century of the independence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons. On the programme for the evening appeared, coupled together, the names of William Adcock and E. Coppee Mitchell, the latter being the present Master at the present time, while the other occupied the same office in 1786. As was fit Bro. Mitchell Grand Master presided at the meeting, while with him on the platform were the other Officers of the Grand Lodge, Joseph Eichbaum Deputy Grand Master, Clifford P. McCalla S.G.W., J. Simpson Africa Junior Grand Warden, Thomas R. Patten Grand Treasurer, Michael Nisbet Grand Secretary, John H. McCannell Grand Chaplain, George S. Graham Senior Grand Deacon, James McKean Junior Grand Deacon, Lewis M. Chastean Grand Sword Bearer, Joseph W. Grand Marshal, L. Kingston McKay and J. W. Supples Grand Stewards, E. S. Steward Grand Pursuivant, William A Sinn Grand Tyler, A. J. Kauffmann, William B. Lamberton, John G. Bobb and J. Wadsworth District Deputy Grand Masters; Richard Vaux, Edward B. Day, Samuel R. Dick, and R. A. Lamberton Past Grand Masters; William Donaldson of Pottsville, the eldest member of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Judge. The Temple Committee of the Grand Lodge, which had charge of the celebration, consisted of Thomas J. Kelly, Edward Matthews, Hibbert P. John, Godfrey Gerber and Samuel W. Wray. There were with them the following guests from other Grand Lodges:—Bros. J. Congden Grand Master, Thomas W. Tilden Deputy Grand Master, R. M. Moore Senior Grand Warden, Charles H. Mann Junior Grand Warden, Charles Bechtell Grand Treasurer of New Jersey, Newton D. Arnell Grand Master of Rhode Island, B. J. Witt Grand Master of Kentucky, Miron M. Parker Past Grand Master, C. C. Duncannon Grand Treasurer, John Singleton Grand Secretary District of Columbia, J. C. Smith Deputy Grand Master of Illinois, Henry Robertson Grand Master, Thomson Grand Secretary, I. Ross Robertson District Deputy Grand Master of Canada, Edward M. L. Ellis Grand Secretary of New Jersey, J. Fred. Miller Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers Senior Grand Warden, J. A. Sterns Grand Treasurer, John N. Isaacson Grand Secretary of Quebec, E. N. Blackwell Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey. In the body of the house and the galleries not only Masons, but their friends, had room. It was not like the Lodge room, where ladies never enter, for there were hundreds of the fair sex there, their bright faces adding to the beauty of the scene. Bro. Mark Fenstermacher, with a full orchestra, entertained the audience from half-past seven until eight o'clock, when the exercises were opened by M.W. E. Coppee Mitchell Grand Master. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. McConnell Grand Chaplain, addresses were delivered by

The Grand Lodge met at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the 25th ultimo, in the Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge Officers and their distinguished guests from other jurisdictions were greeted by the strains of an enlivening march by Bro. Mark Hassler's orchestra as the procession filed into the Grand Lodge-room to continue the centennial celebration of Masonic independence in Pennsylvania. The Masonic dignitaries were led by the Grand Master, Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, after whom came the other Grand Lodge Officers in their rank, and then the little body of Past Grand Masters, with the eminent Masonic landmark authority, Richard Vaux, upon the lead. The guests from the Canadian Grand Lodges and those from other American States who had participated in the Academy of Music ceremonies of Friday night were in the line. In the meantime over 300 Master Masons had entered the hall and were already seated. The Grand Lodge officers then took their respective stations and places. The east, west and south, together with the altar, were heavily draped in the habiliments of mourning to the memory of the late Past Grand Master Williamson. There was no decoration visible to remind the brethren of the occasion they were present to celebrate, as Masonry in its simple form does not tolerate any display. One of the features of the notable gathering was the presence of the venerable Judge William Donaldson, of Pottsville, who bears the distinction of being the oldest member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He occupied a conspicuous seat to the right of the Grand Master, and was the recipient of marked attention on the part of the Craft. The Grand Officers were all present, excepting George S. Graham and James S. McKean the G.S.D. and G.J.D. respectively. The Grand Master appointed to the former place George W. Spiese, and to the latter Samuel J. Dickey. Grand Lodge was opened and prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Robinson one of the Grand Lodge Chaplains. Grand Master E. Coppee Mitchell directed the attention of the brethren to the occasion which had assembled the Craft. He said that when it became necessary to arrange a programme for the centenary the Grand Lodge officials were somewhat at a loss as to what course they should pursue. It was finally decided that the simpler the proceedings could be made the better it would be. "I have instructed the Grand Secretary," he continued, "to produce the minute book of the Grand Lodge of 100 years ago, and to read of the action of the Colonial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which had been in existence fifty-six years prior to that time, in severing its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Great Britain." Amidst a breathless silence on the part of the brethren, Grand Secretary Michael Nisbet opened the bound volume of ancient parchment and read from the minutes of 25th September 1786, two extracts, one from a motion that was adopted, declaring the Lodge independent of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, the other a motion establishing it as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and adjacent districts of America. The reading of this antiquated transcript excited the keenest interest.

Grand Master Mitchell then took occasion to welcome formally the eminent visitors, who had been accorded seats in the east along with the Pennsylvanian Past Grand Masters. With the proper dignity he asked if they "had anything to offer," and called first upon Grand Master B. J. Witt, of Kentucky, who replied that he was present to bear the congratulations of the oldest Grand Lodge west of the Alleghanies to the oldest Grand Lodge on the American Continent. He was proud to say he was the great-great-grandson of the Master Mason who had organized the Lodge at Charleston, Maryland, with the first warrant that was granted by the independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He then spoke of the charity of Masonry and illustrated it by recalling the destruction of the city of Chicago and the astounding liberality with which the Masons of the world hastened to her financial relief until the brethren of the ill-fated city cried a halt. J. Fred Walker, Grand Master of Quebec, then followed, in brief and congratulatory remarks, as did R. M. Moore S.G.W., Charles H. Mann J.G.W., and Charles Bectel G.T., all of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Grand Secretary Taylor, of New Jersey, paid an eloquent tribute to the Pennsylvania Craft for their rigid preservation of the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity. J. J. Mason G.S of the Grand Lodge of Canada, aroused applause by the compliment that the Canadian Masons admired the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its quaint ways, which are like those of old England. Myron M. Parker P.G.M. of the District of Columbia, said that "the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge was looked up to because it dealt out simon-pure York Masonry and nothing else." The Grand Master having concluded with the visiting dignitaries, then passed to the home Grand Masters, and Richard Vanx, R. E. Lamberton, Samuel C. Perkins, Samuel B. Dick, Michael Nesbit and Conrad B. Day were called upon, and each responded in turn. The Grand Wardens, McCalla and Africa, and Brothers Edward Masson and General Louis Wagner then followed, with which the addresses were concluded. The orchestra led in "Old Hundred," the assembled Craft arising and joining at the order of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge was then closed in harmony until the stated Quarterly Communication in December next. In the evening a banquet was tendered to the visitors in the Temple. And thus the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania enters on the second century of its independence, second to none in influence and importance, with the greatest harmony prevailing from one end of its jurisdiction to the other, and with a firm determination to go on for centuries to come in the grand and glorious cause in which it enlisted over a century and a half ago.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner, P.A.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—*Diseases of the Bowels.*—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous taints from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen a rash appears, and as it thickens the skin is irritability subsides. Acting as above described, this ointment draws to the surface, relieves the tender intestines from all acrid matters, and [illegible] dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Avenue.**—Consequent on the success of Mr. H. B. Farnie and M. Audran's productions at this theatre, their latest work has been looked forward to with considerable interest. This was fully manifested on Monday last when "Indiana," written by H. B. Farnie and composed by M. Audran, was produced. This cannot be considered the "first night" of "Indiana," it having been previously produced in the provinces, now almost the universal custom. This is done in the hope that it will be in better working order for the approval of a London audience. However, "Indiana" turns out to be all our provincial contemporaries have pronounced it to be, as was evidenced by the favourable and enthusiastic reception accorded it on Monday. The ability of M. Audran to write music for such material as "Indiana" is composed of, is well known, and his latest work will add considerably to his reputation. Number after number is developed in a catchy and brilliant style, and we may predict that "Indiana" will become immensely popular. The book is in Mr. Farnie's best style, and conceived from an old French vaudeville. When the curtain rises we are introduced to the mill at the ford, where Matt o' the Mill has just married Nan, and is desirous of entertaining the wedding guests. Matt has been poaching over his landlord's coverts. He is recognised by the keepers, and the lease of his mill being out, Lord Aubrey Dayrell—knowing Matt's jealous disposition—orders him to take his wife to Dayrell Place, in order that she may get the lease renewed and sue for Matt's pardon. This Matt decline to permit, but during the day two supposed cavaliers—Indiana and her maid Annetta—call at the mill. Hearing of Matt's difficulties Indiana proposes to dress as the bride and go with him, more in the hope of seeing Jervaulx—who has unintentionally become connected with the Jacobite plots—her affianced husband, than to oblige Matt. This suggestion thoroughly pleases the miller, who, with his pretended bride, set off on their errand. Indiana not being recognised on her arrival creates a great impression, more especially on Dayrell and Jervaulx. Matt is very uncomfortable at the thought of his real wife being left at the mill with the other cavalier, and tries all he knows to get home, but is prevented from doing so. Meanwhile a Sir Mulberry Mullitt is busy with the Jacobite plots, and hearing of the arrival at the mill of the two strangers, supposes them to be Jervaulx and one of his companions; he also thinks Matt is an accomplice. Sir Mulberry at once questions Matt, and to help him with his despatches, requisitions the services of Dayrell's steward—Jervaulx himself. Indiana looks in vain for her lover, and not being successful, her interest in him diminishes, while the supposed steward takes his place in her heart. In an interview with the steward Indiana incautiously confesses that she is not Matt's wife; they therefore plight their troth, the steward in turn having become infatuated with Indiana. Matt in the meanwhile has escaped to the mill, which Sir Mulberry has arranged to surround to capture the supposed Jacobites; meanwhile Indiana is escorted home by her maid, dressed as one of the lads of the mill. In the end Indiana and Jervaulx — who has received a pardon from the King—meet in their proper characters, and both being in the same frame of mind a happy termination is brought about, notwithstanding the mystifications of the miller. In some parts the dialogue might be cut with advantage; while if the last act were strengthened, a very good book would be the result. Mr. Arthur Roberts sustained the part of Matt. He was very funny, engaging in a considerable amount of gag and by-play. His rendering of the song "The Plain Potatoe," was very successful. Miss Wadham was cast for Indiana, and in this rôle the talented lady had considerable scope for the display of her voice; this she availed herself of with a will, more especially in "Love will guide," "Jasper's Jacket," and "Oh, Sunny South." These songs were given with thi lady's well-known ability, and scored a success. Miss Phyllis Broughton, as Lady Prue, given to match-making, was good, and gained a well-deserved encore in the second act for her graceful dancing. These artistes were well backed by a splendid all-round company, including Mr. Charles Ryley (Lord Aubrey Dayrell), Mr. W. T. Hemsly (Philip Jervaulx), Mr. Henry Ashley (Sir Mulberry Mullitt), Miss Mary Duggan (Nan), and Miss Clara Graham (Annette). All worked with a will, and helped materially to the success of the evening. The opera is splendidly mounted; the dresses are both pretty and appropriate; while Mr. John Crook ably conducted an efficient band. The conclusion was the signal fer considerable enthusiasm.

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**Grand.**—This cozy and popular North London theatre was on Monday the scene of a new production. This was a comic opera written by Oswald Brand, and composed by Immanuel Liebich. Of Mr. Brand's portion of the work we can say that he has written an interesting and pleasing book, but Mr. Liebich's music is very poor. The composer has imitated considerably, and we caught glimpses of many familiar airs in his music, but even these were badly handled. When not imitative, the composer was feeble, and but few of the numbers obtained a hold on the audience. As we have already said, Mr. Brand has been more successful; his part of the work contains an amount of dramatic arrangement that shows a knowledge of stagecraft. Mr. Brand has chosen the Norwegian coast for his scene of action, and here we are told the legend of the ring. A water nymph, Hyacinthia, once cast at a young Norwegian a fairy ring; this, when worn by the latter, drew him to her submarine home. The Norwegian, however, lost the ring, and placed away for the love of the fairy. Eventually the ring was found by a witch, who proves to be the centre figure of the story. We find also two young Norwegian fishermen, who are in love with an innkeeper's daughter named Nora. Eric is the favored swain, but Swen, drawn to Hyacinthia, leaving Nora to mourn over his Swen having thus rid himself of his rival, incites the village the witch Christine, and this causes the latter to repent of she has played in the stratagem. She accordingly besee water nymphs to let Eric return; this they will do if E some one as hostage until Eric rejoins them. A hostage is forthcoming in an English tourist, named Lord Jones. Eri enabled to come back to this mortal world. It now transp if any one can steal the ring the charm will be dispelled. Ac Christine, who seeks revenge on Swen, steals the ring and t loses its power; this brings Nora and Eric once more Hyacinthia now appears, and takes away the power which holds through her to work charms, but permits Chr realise any special wish she may desire. To punish Swen, decides that he shall marry her. This request is granted fairy. If the ladies and gentlemen engaged for the several taken the opera in faster time a more favourable result w been achieved; as it was, the time throughout was very slo Edith Vane is bright and pleasing as Nora; her singing e especially in "I wait," for which an encore was deserv manded. Mr. Julian Cross, as the English tourist, was very but he went in for wholesale "gagging." In the songs set him this gentleman was highly successful, the Tourist's Ch by him, was much relished, as was also a topical song, "U and "The British Tourist;" each of these was re-demande Stirling Forde, though scarcely realising the ideal of a wi with considerable power. Mr. William Hillier, in the te shows promise of ability; but the best male voice heard d evening was undoubtedly that of Mr. F. Reid-Buchanan; hi ing of "The Legend of the Ring" being especially w mention. The part of Swen was undertaken by Mr. Oswal This gentleman, without pretensions to vocal ability, unde part in the absence of the artist who was originally ca Miss Berta Foresta sang most agreeably as Hyacinthia. Th parts were filled by Mr. Hal Forde, Mr. F. Furtado, M Balfour, and Miss Rhoda Browning. The opera was we and the orchestra, under the guidance of Mr. W. H. Bri acquitted itself creditably. At the conclusion a call for poser and author was answered by those gentlemen appeari the curtain. The opera was preceded by a farce, by M Brand, entitled, "A Modern Hercules;" it was received wit signs of approval.

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**Vaudeville.**—After a most successful run during the months, "The Road to Ruin" has had to be withdrawn, room for "Sophia," which was withdrawn in the height of it Mr. Buchanan's attempt to present to the public some of th features of Fielding's book has been most successful, and with the really finished acting of Mr. T. Thorne's company, " richly deserves to have a long and prosperous car have to chronicle two changes in the caste, foremost of whic of Mr. Charles Warner in the part of Tom Jones. Thi actor's frank and open manner, together with the pathos shows on occasions when required, goes straight to the h thoroughly gains the approval of the audience. Per Warner's melodramatic style is rather too plainly shown we must overlook, for in other respects he gives us a capita ing of the part. Mr. T. Thorne again created roars of lau the excellent manner in which he takes up the part of P while of Miss Kate Rorke, as Sophia, we can hardly speak t Her winning and graceful way is always agreeable, and Sophia could not have been wished for, even by the autho Mr. Royce Carleton's rendering of Blifil is another fine stu good is the Mr. Allworthy of Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, the Sq tern of Mr. Fred Terne, the Square of Mr. Groves, the Se Mr. Fuller Mellish, the Lady Bellaston of Miss Rose Lee Honour of Miss Lottie Venne, the Miss Western of Mis Larkin, and the Molly Seagrim of Miss Helen Forsyth. artistes give a true and correct rendering of their p thoroughly deserve the plaudits bestowed on them by a house.

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**Olympic.**—Thursday evening next will once more theatre open its doors. The new lessee is Miss Grace Hawth has secured an adaptation from the French, by Adolph titled, "The Governess," as her opening piece. This domes will be preceded by the one act comedietta "The Little R following is a list of the ladies and gentlemen engaged Governess:"—Miss Grace Hawthorne, Miss Olga Brandon, Cowell, Miss Alice Chandos, Miss Fanny Heath, Mis Ffolliett, Miss Phoebe Carlo, Miss Queenie Norman, M Temple, Mr. Frank Wood, Mr. Stanislaus Calhaem, Mr. Alfr Mr. Hubert Byron. We may also mention that Miss Hawt secured the services of Mr. W. W. Kelly as manger.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Norfolk will be held at the rooms of the Norwich Association (17 St. Giles Street, Norwich), on Frid the 22nd inst., at 12:30 p.m. The usual business transacted, and at 3:30 the brethren will proceed cession to the Cathedral, where divine service will

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 221.

ONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the g. Present: Comps. Jabez Boothroyd Z., E. G. Harwood H., ncan J., J. B. Tong E., Jas. Walker A. Soj., Thos. Higson r, J. W. Hawksworth Treas., Thos. Morris P.Z., and E. Comp. Brockbank P.G.A.D. of C. The minutes of the last meeting ead and confirmed. Bros. J. B. Goulburn, Thos. Magee, and Brown, all of St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, were balloted for pproved, and Bros. Goulborn and Brown were exalted to the de- f R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., the part of P.S. being ably taken by N. Nicholson Prov. G.S.B. Brethren were proposed for Exalt- at the next meeting. Hearty good wishes were expressed by epresentatives from Grand and Prov. G. Chapters, and the er closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

### MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND CHAPTER, No. 1538.

Tuesday, the 5th instant, Companion G. Gregory was very impressively installed as First Principal of this Chapter for econd time, an honour of which he may be justly proud, as it es the high esteem entertained for him by the Principals and anions of the Chapter. This intelligence will be acceptable to Companions who are indebted to Comp. Gregory for valuable ction and assistance given them in the study of the R.A. e.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**yal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, 1585.**—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on ay, the 11th inst. Bros. Cutbill W.M., Harling S.W., Feather- J.W., P.M. Taylor Preceptor, Bond S.D., Gompertz J.D., ey I.G. Also present Bros. Williams P.M., Carter P.M., ly, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of st meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Bond and Grundy, reasurer and Secretary elect, were by the W.M. gracefully in- l with the collars of their respective offices. The W.M. then d the chair in favour of P.M. Preceptor Taylor, who proposed sing the ceremony of passing. P.M. Williams offered himself andidate, was examined, and entrusted. The Lodge was opened second degree, and the ceremony very impressively carried The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. A discussion took on the subject of audit and finance. The Auditors undertook e their report ready by next Monday. The Lodge was closed ing to antient custom. Bro. Harling will preside next week.

**ngsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Mon- th October, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. W.M., Turner S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hut- n S.D., Hancock J.D., Moorehouse I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, veral others. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initia- ras rehearsed, Bro. Kirk acting as candidate. Lodge was l and closed in the second degree, and formally closed. 11th instant, Bros. Turner W.M., Stockhall S.W., Finck J.W., gridge Secretary, Barnett J.D., Moore I.G., &c. After prelim- the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ball acting didate. This brother answered the questions leading to the degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. gridge acting as candidate. Bro. Ball, an initiate of the mother was elected a member. Bro. Stockhall S.W. 1677 was elected or next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**aton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Thursday, st., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road. Present:— 'ardue P.M. W.M., Craggs S.W., Cavers J.W., Austin S.D., Wood itonehill I.G., J. Davies Preceptor. Past Masters Spiegel, , Josey, Curtis, Sims; Bros. W. Williams, Gilbert, Marsh, l, Head, Bonnor. After preliminaries, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th s of the 1st lecture were worked. Lodge was opened in the gree, when Bro. Spiegel P.M. worked the 4th section of the . Bro. Bonham, St. Marylebone Lodge, 1305, was elected a r.

### . LOUIS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE.

he Knights Templar Grand Encampment, at St. Louis, held on 'riday morning, the 24th ult., the Most Eminent Grand Master he following appointments:—Sir Knights Rev. J. C. Webster, · York, Very Eminent Grand Prelate; John R. Parson, of ri, Very Eminent Grand Standard Bearer; Nicholas Van Slick, le Island, Very Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; N. P. Ruckle,

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### "OLD MASONIANS."

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—An Association, formed by the ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, called the "Old Masonians," was started in May last, and I should esteem it a favour if you will permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to draw the attention of Freemasons generally to an important object of the Association—*i.e.* the assisting those members who are in quest of employment. The Committee feel that there are several Freemasons who would be both able and willing to assist them in this undertaking, and with their co-operation it may reasonably be hoped that no lad will leave the School without a prospect of employment. I shall be pleased to give any further information in reference to the Association, and should be glad to receive the names and addesses of gentlemen willing to assist in providing situations for Old Boys of the Institution.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

ALFRED WATKINS, Hon. Sec.

36 Cologne Road, New Wandsworth, S.W.

P.S. The President of the Association is Bro. Frederick Binckes, Vice Patron and Secretary of the Institution. Bro. William Roebuck G.S.B. Vice-Patron and Trustee; Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bear. Vice-Patron; and Bro. John L. Mather Vice-Patron have kindly consented to act as Vice-Presidents.

## Obituary.

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### BROTHER CHARLES GODTSCHALK.

THOSE of our readers to whom this popular and energetic brother was so well known will regret to hear of his decease, which took place at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Town View, Derwent Road, Lancaster, on the 11th instant. As charity representative for the Province of Devon Bro. Charles A. Godtschalk did good and substantial work for the Masonic Institutions, and secured for himself the goodwill and esteem of all with whom he was brought into contact. Some two years back, in consequence of failing health, he felt constrained to relax somewhat in his efforts, and resigned the office he had held so worthily for many years, much to the regret of all active Masons in the Province of Devon. For some time he had been suffering from cerebral softening and paralysis, and on the recommendation of his medical man removed from London, with the idea that change of air and scene might be beneficial. This, so far was successful that his brain power was decidedly improved, but his helplessness was painful to contemplate. During the past few weeks, however, he became worse, and lost all consciousness early on Sunday last, gradually sinking away until the end, just after midnight. The interment took place in the Lancaster Cemetery at noon on Thursday. Bro. Godtschalk was born in March 1826, and was therefore sixty years of age.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bearer in the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, Brother James Terry (Secretary) reported the deaths of three male and one female annuitants. The Warden's report was read, as also was that of the Financial Committee, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A widow was granted the half of her deceased husband's annuity for the usual term. Two petitions from aged brethren were rejected, while three from widows of deceased brethren were accepted, and the names placed on the list for next year's election. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

## MONDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
822—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1968—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## TUESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jopps, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cumbria Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street,
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instructio
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
900—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bat
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instructio
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruc
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instru
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park,
598—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (I
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instructio
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (I
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W.,
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., a
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruc
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (In
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
312—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lan
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barsiem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshir
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Chesterfield
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
888—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
908—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Z Island-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1090—Watson, Sacramento-line Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Redbank Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1331—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse





-De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
-West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
-Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
-Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
-Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
-Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
-Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
-Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield Street, Maryford
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instuction)
Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruruction)
Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction
Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
The Great City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
Tripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instructional)
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (In st)
Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Preston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
7—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
8—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
71—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Don Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
9—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
Howard, High-street, Arundel
St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
Ecclesiar, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Dunham House Northallerton
Dinzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
Wanbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
Pallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Old Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Inkerman, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Denbeigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Swiss, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instretion)
Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Stevensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Unique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
1453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham


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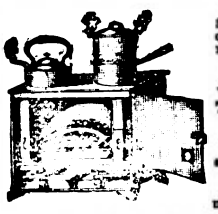
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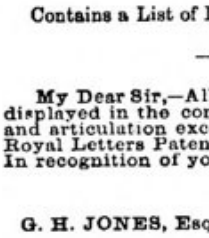
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## A LODGE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

THE extracts from our American and other contemporaries which we give from time to time in our columns may occasionally read strange to English brethren, for the systems of Freemasonry to which they refer are in many ways different to what is practised in this country, but there is always some point of similarity which may be found, and the same spirit of brotherhood is discernible throughout the many and varied opinions to which we give publicity. From some of the excerpts, which at first sight would appear the most widely opposed to English ideas, knowledge may be acquired which would prove of great advantage if properly grafted on to the English system, and from all it is possible to gather both information and instruction.

In a recent issue we inserted an extract from the Louisiana Proceedings as to a Lodge's responsibility, which was worthy of special consideration, although we may not be prepared to endorse the opinions therein expressed. The idea of our Louisiana brethren appears to be that a Lodge is, morally, responsible for the support of the distressed and destitute, the widows and orphans of its own membership, whether they reside within its jurisdiction or otherwise. This idea will be at once rejected by many English brethren, as the plea that if true it would place Freemasonry on the footing of a benefit society pure and simple, as every brother would have a claim for subsistence from the Lodge wherein he was initiated. Whatever may be the opinion in regard to the practical working of this theory of responsibility there is no doubt that it morally exists, as our American brethren say, and it would be well if brethren bore this in mind and carefully considered it ere they sought to extend the number of members in their Lodge. We fear a great change would be necessary in many quarters in the rules regarding the admission of candidates if it became recognised that a Lodge was liable for the support and maintenance of each of its initiates, should they be overtaken by misfortune, or for their widows and orphans, should they be left unprovided for. The responsibility will no doubt be looked upon as impossible, and yet it exists—morally, at least among a class of men who pride themselves on the integrity of their doings, and the force of the obligations they voluntarily enter into.

As we have said, it would be well if the brethren would look upon their responsibility from a practical rather than from a moral point of view, and learn to consider that it is actually their duty to render aid to their distressed brethren, rather than, as is at present recognised, a matter of favour, to be decided one way or other as they may think best. This would not be so serious an undertaking as at first sight appears, as those already belonging to the Lodge would exercise greater caution than they now do as to the gentlemen they admitted, and on whose behalf they undertake grave responsibilities. It is not that unworthy candidates would be rejected, but in many cases gentlemen would be excluded to whom the privileges of Masonry are a thing short of unnecessary extravagance, for from the point of view at present occupied Freemasonry must be considered as a luxury only available for those who can afford

Our American brethren follow up their idea as to primary responsibility with some instructive and well meant rules as to the action of a Lodge towards a strange brother, and the liability of a brother's mother Lodge for any aid rendered by others, all of which appears to be opposed to English ideas, and yet we could hope that it was not only otherwise, but that it was really the system under which our Freemasonry was worked; although we know it is practically impossible for such ever to be the case, as there are so many obstacles to prevent it, first and foremost being the feeling that any extension of Masonic benefits in the direction intimated, would open the door too wide for imposition. When we consider that it would be possible for any one to seek admission to Freemasonry so as to secure for himself and his family certainty of subsistence in years to come, we see how impossible it would be to practically carry out the obligations to which Freemasons are morally bound.

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"Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"—Job xi. 7.

THERE hangs in the writer's *sanctum*, the gift of a good brother many years ago, a picture of the ocean, in the midst of which is a rock, and on the top is an altar, surrounded with three candles. The altar contains a bible, square and compasses. The scene represents a raging storm, but the "three great lights" are so secure that even the tempestuous waves do not reach them.

The lesson of this picture is easily discovered. It is a most appropriate symbol of the durability as well as the spirit of Masonry. The verse that I have selected from Job seems to explain the object of our Order. According to my view of this grand Fraternity, the design for which it is intended is a much broader one than is at first supposed, and the searching of the scriptures is the first duty. Zophar named the spirit of Masonry of to-day when he said to Job, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" This fact should be prominent in all our deliberations.

The making of the Bible alone furnishes one of the most important histories extant. The various councils that have been in session, the books that have been rejected, and all the details, taken together, is a history of itself. The great object of life is to find out what is to follow at the end. We look around us, and the very formation of the planet and surroundings surprise us. In ancient times men would fall down and worship. Not that they were more reverential in spirit than we are, but something prompted them that there must be a great august Being who controls this great system, and for fear that he would deprive them of the necessaries of life they gave great homage and reverence. In our day we are more formal. The Arabian, at a certain hour of the day, falls on his knees and prays. We do not! We imagine that we can fathom all things, but the recent earthquake at Charleston, S.C., has demonstrated our weakness, and that we have as much reason to be reverent as our primitive fathers had. Over three thou-

that we may see God. If we read history we learn that church work has been largely associated with blood. One time—about the third century—the monks burned a synagogue, and they were compelled to rebuild it. The priests, too, were held responsible for the fertility of the earth. This shows how strong the ancients believed in the efficacy of prayer. Near Licopolis, about the time above named, there dwelt a hermit called Holy John, who built a rude hut on the top of a large mountain. He prayed five days, and received visitors on Saturday and Sunday, when he opened a small window. During fifty years he never ate cooked food. Even the Emperor of Rome would send officers to consult him. Such a person to-day would be styled a crank, and yet fifteen hundred years ago many thousands of people would make long journeys to consult with a hermit who might be able to tell them how to find God. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the new religion, and up to the time of Constantine, A.D. 325, about one-twentieth of the people were Christians.

The work still goes on, and while the earth is not yet Christianised by any means, with the aid of the great invention of printing, the probability is that ere another century rolls around, the Christian religion will predominate over this planet. Liberality is the spirit of the age. In America a man can think as he pleases, and the time is fast approaching when freedom of speech will prevail everywhere.

Contrast our day with A.D. 324, in which, at Rome, two thousand persons were put to death for being Christians. Contrast also our time with that event where a Gothic king compelled ninety thousand Jews to be baptised. This searching the scriptures makes a good government. That we are prospering is an undisputable fact. One time, a whole nation of one hundred and twenty thousand persons disappeared, and twenty years later not a person could be seen. War and turmoil were the cause.

One of the great Masonic writers informs us that, at the revolution in 1688, only seven Lodges were in existence in England, and of them there were but two that held their meetings regularly, and these were chiefly Operative. This declension of the Order may be attributed to the low scale of morality which distingnished the latter end of the seventeenth century.

And how, indeed, could Freemasonry, pure and spotless as it is, remarks a great writer, continue to flourish at a time when the literature and morals of this country were in a state of semi-lethargy, and a taste for reading or the pursuits of science and philosophy had scarcely begun to manifest itself amongst the middle classes of society?

A modern writer says, "Though the reign of Queen Anne has been generally termed the Augustan age of literature in this country, owing to the co-existence of a few celebrated writers, it is astonishing how little, during the greatest part of that period, was the information of the higher and middle classes of society. To the character of the gentleman neither education nor letters were thought necessary, and any display of learning, however superficial, was among the fashionable circles deemed rudeness and pedantry.

Such was the condition of society just before the revival of 1717.

The writings of Addison and Steele, who lived about 1712, had much to do to counteract this depraved state of morality. The historian states, "These writings have set all our wits and men of letters upon a new way of thinking, of which they had but little notion before."

We contrast the spirit of Masonry of to-day with that of the period of the Revival, and we readily see what progress has been made through the agency of the Great Light upon our Altars. In those times (1717) the public saw nothing of Freemasonry but its annual processions on the day of the grand feast. It was considered merely as a variety of the club system, which then prevailed amongst all ranks and descriptions of people; and as these institutions were of a convivial nature, Freemasonry was reduced, in public opinion, to the same level. The practice of the Lodges was principally of a social and companiable nature.

Sometimes the Master found leisure and inclination to deliver a charge, or a portion of the lectures, and such entries as the following are frequent in the minute books of that period: "The Master delivered an elegant charge, or it was not an uncommon occurrence to expend the wh fee on a night of initiation on a supper and wine.

A fine contrast of what the spirit of Masonry is acc plishing may be seen in the fact of the recent pageant St. Louis, and the age of 1113 A.D., as described Addison in his "History of Knights Templar:" "N knights renounced the world and its pleasures, and in Holy Church of the Resurrection, in the presence Arnulph, Patriarch of Jerusalem, they embraced vows perpetual obedience and purity, after the manner of mon They elected as their first Master that true knight Hugh Payens, and united themselves in the two most popu qualities of the age—*devotion and valour.*"

The great progress of the age, the different ways thinking, and the universality of the liberal arts sciences, all prevail to so great an extent that we are to forget the elegant system of morality of Masonry, s look upon it as a delusion. We can practise Masonry day with the same sincerity that did the three Gra Masters in the days of Solomon King of Israel. We ha just as much need of such an institution, and there is am opportunity on our part for the same display of zeal a earnestness as shown in the history of the three emin Craftsmen just named. Even in our daily avocations can apply the lessons of the working tools, all of which add materially to make us honoured citizens.

The Bible is the gift of God to man. It is the consu mation of wisdom, goodness and truth. Many other boo are good, but none so good as this. All other books m be dispensed with, but this is absolutely necessary to happiness here and our salvation hereafter. Oliver gi us this explanation of the three Great Lights of Mason "The book before us contains rules for preserving heal by the exercise of temperance and chastity; for procuri blessings, by the practice of Fidelity, Industry and Ze for securing a good reputation, by integrity and a faith discharge of every trust; and for inheriting the promis by the exercise of Faith, the encouragement of Hope, the practice of Charity, or the universal love of God Man.

"Upon the first Great Light, we find two others— Square and Compasses, which are varied in their position every degree, to mark the gradual progress of knowled and the former is opened at different passages appropri to each; for the Bible being considered the rule o Mason's faith, the Square and Compasses, when united, ha the same tendency with respect to his practice." If read the lessons of the emblems as explained by the gr writers, we are surprised to find out how much useful formation is contained in each one.

The writer is of the opinion that the Masonic system morality is a broad one, and that the request of Zophar search the scriptures is the first duty of a Brother. T fact that over half a million of men are enrolled in membership of this Fraternity, the large number of ch table institutions, as well as the elegant temples that being erected all over the world, are satisfactory evidenc that by searching the Scriptures a good work has b wrought through the instrumentality of Masonry.

All this is embraced in the spirit of Masonry, viz., to i prove the condition of mankind, not only to benefit th who may be engaged in the good work, but to make its cellent influences felt in all channels of society.

In answer to the interrogatories of the text, we gi the words of the "Great Light" as recorded in Roma "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for saints according to the will of God.

"And we know that all things work together for good them that love God, to them who are the called accord to his purpose."

The above passages fully explain the spirit of Maso —*Freemason's Journal.*

## NO ROOM FOR SERVILITY OR VENALITY.

EVERY one will admit that Masonic Lodges, and other societies organised for good purposes, sho

ıcy and safety to the moral interests and civilisation e community. The fact grows more apparent every that the restraints upon vice and turpitude are lly becoming unhinged, and that society is lapsing into te of depravity in many respects fearful to contem-

ithout occupying space on the causes of this deplo- but unmistakable fact, it may be added that it forc es the Masonic Fraternity, among others, questions of ighest importance, and duties which cannot be put

is high time to look within the Lodge as well as out, to see what is the situation; what is going on ng the Craft; how the common evil is effecting its er welfare, and what means are available for the lioration of the condition.

s heretofore suggested in these articles, it is quite plain e seen that the most common and insidious agency in lucing demoralisation among all classes is the increas- loss of personal pride of character, of common manli-, of abhorrence and contempt for ignoble and base ives—not in respect to their dishonesty or legal crimin-, but to their unmanliness and vileness—for want of ch in the community at large, every species of in- ous conduct acquires a degree of toleration never nerly allowed it.

This is not in the least intended as a homily on virtue or it is now meant by the word morals. The teachings of Craft on these matters are abundant and forcible, so it is as unnecessary to add to them as it is impossible improve them, and the world has nothing better to w. But they include the presumption that it is need- to enjoin maxims touching self-respect and manly orum on men of lawful age who have sought to be, and e been, unanimously received in membership by the nourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. Yet, mortifying as it may be to every sensitive and loyal id among the Craft, the truth is that there is a long ablished and growing necessity that the successors of noble craftsmen of the olden time should make up for redemption of the Fraternity from the influence of oble sentiments and conduct so despicable that no place s found for them in the masterly utterances designed to force the sublime principles on which Masonry is nded. And, indeed, it is not strange that it shoulp re been deemed at all times shameful to the Institution admit by implication in its authorised and official ex- ssions that grovelling and dishonourable modes and haviour might at any time need repression or repre- ssion in an institution so grounded as Freemasonry.

If there are among the disgraceful traits of human aracter any which more than others are repugnant to sonry, they must be *servility* and *venality*. Every other cies of meanness may possibly be accompanied by some agre virtue, which may serve to render the entire aracter somewhat tolerable, but the man naturally servile venal (and these two are Siamese twins) who seeks ad- ssion to Masonry, and the Lodge which takes him in, ke a joint and several mistake, and one which cannot be tified even by the consent of both parties. The detest- e want of manliness, which is a peculiarity of such an 's nature, renders a truly Masonic character in him possible. Honour is necessary to the latter—it is one of elements—yet how is honour to exist in any one capable crawling or sneaking in the train of power, or influence, success for the vile consideration of favour or pelf, or n what some are satisfied with, to be patted on the head d treated as very agreeable, when a service is wanted by cognized superiors? What can Masonry do or expect m such? It is not Freemasonry to which such creatures pire. Indeed they do not *aspire* to anything, because ey do not aspire to be anything. The craven spirit only ks up for something adapted to its desires, and whines licks its chops as the prospect of a few crumbs is more less encouraging.

Now, the great mischief to society is that the sort of rsons and conduct above mentioned are being made spectable, or rather influential, everywhere, by the acts parties, societies, churches, and every kind of associa- n whose approval or toleration of them tend to keep em in countenance, and avert the public contempt which ght otherwise hold them in check, and, as it were, quarantine" them from spreading the contagion of their e among the ignorant and unreflecting, and especially Masonry to take a little thought concerning what the Craft are suffering their own influence to effect, in floating along with the current of depraved opinion and sentiment now prevailing.

There must be some return to the old ideas of dignity and manly pride before any progress can be made in exerting an influence in behalf of truth and honesty. Masonry is properly an association of men who are above countenancing low or mean conduct whether it be considered legally honest or dishonest. If the character of the membership is changing, it is time to call a halt and see what can be done to counteract the evil. If the character of the bulk of the Fraternity has always been what it is now, as to countenancing low and corrupt conduct in or out of the Lodge, we are all wasting too much breath in eulogizing the nobility and dignity of the Craft in the olden time, considered as an association of persons.

Of course it is not to be expected that the Masonic Fraternity can keep their floor entirely rid of mean and unworthy characters. It would be impossible, under the best condition of society ever seen, as much so as to rid the world of noxious insects, reptiles and beasts. These last are a part of the multitudinous forms of life which swarm throughout land and sea; and doubtless the human race is, and always was and will be, a collective representation of every characteristic form of being beneath itself. Nor has it ever been possible for any community, association, sect, party or brotherhood, to thwart the inevitable law which compels every class and denomination of men to put up with the presence of the very characters they organise themselves to exclude. No set of men have ever been permitted to withdraw, or keep themselves segregated from the lower or viler of mankind, however much they may abhor communication with them; but they are compelled to take a share in upholding the common burden of the race; and it even appears that none, however earnestly they may strive so to do, may permanently elevate themselves, except in proportion as they are the means of elevating the lowest about them. And thus we find that the Masonic body, like all others, is clogged by the presence of the very class of humanity which, if not made better by the association, must become the cause of its ruin.

Such being the case, it is not for those who think themselves the wiser or better portion of the Fraternity, to withdraw themselves in scorn from any who have been admitted to the benefits of the Lodge. There is no place on the chequered floor for Masonic pharisees. The meeting is "on the level." It is true the right of expulsion exists and in some cases should be enforced, but there is no reason to expect that the power of expulsion will ever be exercised with more discretion or justice than that of admission or rejection, under the operation of which these same persons were made Masons.

This condition, under which the Craft must exist, was doubtless well understood by those who set up the moral and governmental landmarks of the Lodge. It is not clear that in former times expulsion was contemplated in any case, as the phrase, "Once a Mason always a Mason," must have had some foundation.

The brethren must accept the situation, and not content themselves with teaching truth and justice, benevolence and the like, and desiring all to conform to the good tenets of the Craft; and as long as nobody about the Lodge steals or commits other offence against the criminal law, think all is well enough. It is not well enough. The influence of the Lodge must be utilized in behalf of noble and manly sentiments and the stamping out of unmanly and base sentiments, and to prevent the cheapening of virtue by the constant tolerance of conduct too indefinite to be reached by punishment and too discreditable to be treated with any sort of allowance.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## WOMAN'S PLACE IN MASONRY.

"A ministering angel thou."

WOMAN has a place in the Order of Freemasonry, but not in the ranks of the active workers. As woman has always had a place in the army—not in the ranks with a musket, but still occupying an important position and rendering invaluable service—so she has in Masonry. In the church she is not expected to occupy the sacred desk and expound the teachings of Holy Writ, but she has a

himself. The many kindly offices of woman in the army and in the church are recorded to her praise. The ceaseless ages of eternity will be too short to tell all that her gentle hands have done. The myriads of fevered brows that have been bathed by her tender hand, the thousands of parching lips that have been cooled by water brought by her loving feet, the many aching hearts that have been cheered by her angelic presence, the army of disheartened human beings that have been raised from despondency by words of comfort her sweet lips have spoken, will only be revealed in the world beyond. These are gentle offices that woman alone can fill.

Her place in Masonry is as a helpmeet in the work of charity as taught, and as it should be practised by the Order. She could not be a member of the Lodge, because Masons are, symbolically, builders, "hewers and squarers of stone, toilers in the heat of the day, and it would be out of all character to permit the fair and fragile frames of our sisters to be subjected to the rough labour and weariness which must ever attend manual labour."

There have been many attempts to found a society of Masons of both sexes, but they have never succeeded or been real Masonry. They have been adjuncts or auxiliaries. France has perhaps been foremost in the effort to have Lodges made up of male and female members, but they flourished for a time, then died out. In 1730 the idea seems to have been originated, and various organisations have since been established, but none have succeeded to the present time in any strength or prominence. The ceremonies in many of them were very beautiful and impressive, but the objects seem to have been solely for social intercourse.

In this country the Order of the Eastern Star originated in 1855, and is now in a flourishing condition in many parts of the land. It is calculated to cultivate the social elements of Masonry, and at the same time render assistance to its members, and to society in general. The ceremonies of the five degrees, of Jephtha, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, are very beautiful, and the lessons taught valuable and impressive. This part of woman's connection with Masonry is very pleasant, and is productive of good alike to Masonry itself and the members of the Eastern Star Chapters.—*New York Dispatch.*

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This day (Saturday) Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, the Worshipful Master elect of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, will be installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in succession to Bro. William Ramsay. The new Master will signalise his advent to the chair by initiating his son, Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall jun., undergraduate of Trinity College, Dublin, into Freemasonry.

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Our talented Brother Seymour Smith announces his annual benefit concert for Monday evening next, the 25th instant, at South-place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street, E.C., (within two minutes walk of Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Liverpool-street Stations). The vocalists who have promised their services are Madame Worrell, Miss Meta Russell, Miss Annie Matthews, Madame Raymond, Miss Clarice Yost, Miss Helen Heath; Bros. Arthur Thompson, C. A. White, Arthur Weston, G. T. Carter, James Budd, W. G. Hazelgrove, and Chaplin Henry. The instrumentation will be supplied by Madame Brett, Mr. R. O. Morgan, and Bro. Michael Watson, at the pianoforte. The veteran Bro. Richard Blagrove will once more display his ability as a concertina player; while for conductors we are promised the services of Bros. Michael Watson, Mr. R. O. Morgan, and Bro. Seymour Smith. Tickets—Reserved Seats, 4s; Gallery, 2s; Unreserved Seats, 1s—may be obtained of the Stewards, or of Brother Seymour Smith, 24 Carden-road, Nunhead-lane, S.E.

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# INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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## LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, was held on Mon Oct. 11th, at Brightlingsea (Essex), when Bro. the Rev. J Britton P.P.G.C. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. Hayman Cumm P.P.G.C. Cornwall, and the Officers for the year were appointed invested as under:—Bros. Joseph S. French I.P.M., E. Frost S G. Angier J.W., W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman I P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., W. Martin S.D., F. Cross J.D., J. E. Wise D.C., Herbert I.G., Pitt and Martin Stewards, Wilson Tyler. In vesting the Treasurer, the W.M. announced, amidst much appla that this was the thirty-third year that Bro. Clarey had been ele to that office. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. the H Hayman Cummings for his kindness in acting as installing mas at a few minutes' notice, in the absence of Bro. Tisley, the Lodge closed; and about 40 brethren afterwards dined together at Swan Hotel, a capital repast being provided by the hostess, Harmer. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and s vocal music added to the harmony of the evening. Among visitors present were Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. S Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., John J. C. Tu P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Fred J. Wiseman P.M. 1734 P.P.G.J.W., Mau H. Page Sec. 2063, and E. Butler Bootes 51, with the follow members of No. 433:—Bros. C. Blyth P.P.G.P., J. Richardson P P.P.G.S.B., Henry York, Geo. Riches P.M. P.G.A.P., W. S. I P.M., R. C. Athill P.M., John Dean P.M. P.P.G. Std. B., R Poppleton P.M. P.P.G.D., Adam Smith P.M., and Bros. F. Ma Bacon, Downs, Lord, Gentry, &c. At the half yearly election of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' H London, on the 11th inst., Harry Norman Angier, son of the late Angier, of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, was one of the candida being first on the unsuccessful list, with 1194 votes.

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## NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

THE usual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thurs 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. There a good attendance of members, and a few visitors were also pres This being the installation meeting, Comp. S. George P.M. wa stalled in the chair of Z., Comp. R. R. Harper P.M. into the cha H., and Comp. A. J. Potter P.M. into the chair of J. The o Officers who were invested were Comps. W. Pierpoint P.M. I. L. C. Haslip P.M. N., H. J. Gabb P.M. P.Z. S., J. Stillwell Treasurer, H. Cope P.S., C. Weeden W.M. 1st Assistant Sojour C. R. Cordell 2nd Assistant Sojourner.. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Rad P.Z. 11 and 91 installed the three Principals in a truly mas manner; indeed, afterwards it was unanimously resolved that a of thanks for his kindness be recorded on the minutes, and that h placed on the list of honorary members of this Chapter. And pleasing tribute fell to the lot of Comp. W. Pierpoint P.Z., i shape of a very handsome jewel that was voted him by the Cha for his services for two years as M.E.Z. At the banquet that lowed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly given honoured.

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## CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the new M masons' Hall, Snargate Street, Dover, on Monday evening. Worshipful Master Bro. W. O. Kennett presided, and there w large attendance of brethren, including several visitors from sister Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 199. The ceremoni raising and passing were performed during the evening in an im sive manner by the Worshipful Master; the candidates being re tively Bro. George Spicer, journalist, and Bro. Martyn M solicitor. The ceremonies were accompanied by a choral ser in which Bros. Plant and Higgins (of Canterbury Cathe and Bro. G. Igglesden assisted, with Bro. Chas. Winterbon a organ. In the course of the evening new candidates were propo

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## ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE annual installation of this prosperous Lodge was held a Masonic Temple, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, on Mo 11th inst. Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m., and Bro. Cockersell was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impress performed by our esteemed Bro. Quartermaster Naylor P.P.C The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro Blamiers I.P.M., A. Develin S.W., E. Tomlings J.W., E. Plume Treasurer, W. Carter P.M. Secretary, J. Pepper S.D., A. Abbs Rev. H. Mangham Chap., J. Plant P.M. P.G.O. Organist, T. Be I.G., R. Blake P.M. Tyler, R. Simms D. of C., P. F. Brine Ass. C., and McClintock and D. Hall Stewards. A Past Master's jew presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Blamiers, who suitably replied. other formal business was disposed of, the Lodge was closed. S quently the usual banquet took place at the Royal Fountain I where a sumptuous repast was served by the worthy Proprietor Ward. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. T. Bla I.P.M., Rev. Harrison P.P.G. Chap., A. Devolin S.W., E.

J. Stowart, J. Naylor, G. Jones, J. Passmore, Capt. W. Jones, ·don, T. Leech, A. Anderson, B. Martin, all of 1449; J Rossiter 2, R. Clout W.M. 1063, R. H. Platton W.M. 158, W. Ashenden , J. Wilson 108, F. Clarke 972, E. Mills 972, J. Barton 1063, F. ild 71, Captain Montague, Surgeon Dodd, Addison 1449 rs. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. J. .M. &c., and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly l. The gathering was a most successful and enjoyable one.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

annual meeting for the election of Master took place in Free- asons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, 4th inst. Bro. Turner W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. T. B. ead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford Treasurer, W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Sec- . J. Dalton S.D., W. Storry as J.D., W. Stephenson I.G., ion and J. D. Irving Stewards, W. Routledge, J. Starkey, reglesworth, J. S. Spetch, J. Thorpe, G. Lamb, W. G. Penty; tors Bros. Captain Marshall (9th Lancers), R. S. Robinson l others. The gavel was assumed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead id Bro. Halliwell was made a M.M. Bro. Whytehead pre- o the Lodge a framed engraved portrait of Elias Ashmole, with a copy of the Diary of that ancient brother. He also ed to the library, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, a series of n Grand Lodge reports. Votes of thanks were accorded for fts, a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

## WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

of the most successful meetings in the history of this Lodge as held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, W., on Saturday, 9th inst., numerous gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and attended to welcome Bro. J. W. Fisher as W.M. for the year There were present Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., J. W. Fisher . Kasner Treasurer, A. J. Burr Secretary, G. Wright S.D., rter J.D., J. L. Hamilton I.G., Geo. Coop Dir. of Cers., J. eward, P.M.'s A. Beasley, W. Seward, S. Dyer; also Bros. s, F. Sladden, H. Smyth, M. Guy, A. Pooley, G. H. Gabb, mpson, J. R. Fernee, C. P. Bellerby, W. Meadows, J. Clarke, arsh, E. Gasson, E. Tink Brown, G. Harper, S. Meech, S. C. n, J. R. Eden, C. Cunningham, G. H. Parsons, J. Evans. —Bros. W. H. Chappell 1245, W. Bellerby 2021, J. Salmon 077, H. Youens J.W. 185, A. C. Foy 172, C. E. Spagnioletti Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Lee 1897, W. Rickwood P.M. 192, ng W.M. 2020, W. Chadleigh 1803, J. Rutland 1566, J. H. W. 518, F. A. Underwater 1176, W. London 2077, W. J. 2077, W. Titley W.M. 749, J. Fleck 172. Lodge having ened and minutes confirmed, the auditors' report was re- nd adopted. This showed the funds were in a prosperous n, and the Lodge was making steady progress; the outgoing received special recognition for the care he had exercised—at time he had not spared necessary expenditure to secure fort of the brethren—during his year of office. The candidate ing not being present, a Board of Installed Masters was and Bro. J. W. Fisher was installed W.M. by Bro. Kasner he ceremony was impressively rendered, in Bro. Kasner's eful manner. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow :— ht S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., H. Kasner Treasurer, A. J. Burr y, J. L. Hamilton S.D., Geo. Coop J.D., A. Pooley Dir. of Wells, E. Tink Brown, J. R. Fernee Stewards, G. Harrison Business being completed, the Lodge was closed in ancient mn form. A most excellent banquet was then enjoyed by the and visitors, Bro. Stephens jun. receiving great praise for his l efforts. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given ent style, and were heartily responded to by the brethren. ts of the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, and Officers of the were especially honoured. The brethren at parting were ns in their hearty approval of the day's proceedings, and hes were expressed for a successful year's working under of Bro. Fisher. The musical arrangements were under the of Miss Madeline Hardy, of 19 Stockwell Park-crescent, o was assisted by Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Sidney Burton Jas. Budd. These artists greatly enhanced the evening's en- by their capital rendering of a well-selected programme. ly may be mentioned "Bid me good bye," by Miss M. Hardy; r Two," by Miss F. Venning; "Afloat," by Mr. J. Budd; ve have I," by Bro. Sidney Buxton.

**Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—On lay, 13th inst., at 8 o'clock, at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N. Present—Bros. W. Hancock W.M., S.W., Pitt J.W., Weeden Treasurer, Cordell Secretar., ., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Harper, Galer, Dixie rs. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of rais- ehearsed, Bro. Dixie candidate, all formalities having been erved. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and closed harmony. This being the usual monthly meeting night of volent Association, Bro. Harper Secretary announced there [illegible] paid up to enable the members

## METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

A VERY successful meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the annual installation of Worshipful Master and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. There were upwards of one hundred and twenty brethren present, and as usual at this Lodge the whole of the day's proceedings passed off without a hitch. Among those present were the following Officers:—Henry Lovegrove W.M., G. W. Knight S.W., T. C. Edmonds J.W., James Willing P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, G. Edwards I.P.M., J. J. Michael P.M., C. J. Scales P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., Henry Stiles P.M., G. Clark jun. P.M., F. W. Dimsdale S.D., W. Davey J.D., W. F. Bates I.G., John G. McEwan D.C., R. W. Fraser A.D.C., D. R. Bryce Assist. Steward, G. F. Bruce Org., and B. Whiting P.M. Tyler. The minutes having been confirmed, and other preliminary matters, disposed of, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. George William Knight the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. He was placed in the chair by his predecessor, Bro. Lovegrove, who was assisted in portions of the ceremony by Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. In due course the following brethren were appointed as Officers:—Bros. Edmonds S.W., Dimsdale J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, Perks P.M. Secretary, J. F. Saunders Assistant Secretary, Davey S.D., Bates J.D., Fraser I.G., J. G. McEwan D.C., Bruton A.D.C., Bryce and R. Alaway Stewards, G. F. Bruce Organist. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the ballot was taken for six candidates for initiation; the result proving favourable. Four of these candidates being in attendance, they were introduced, and regularly admitted to a participation in the benefits of Masonic light by the newly-installed Worshipful Master. These gentlemen were Messrs. Robert John Smerdon, Richard Cummings Gleed, Miles Porter, and Thomas Charles Carter. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Worshipful Master, and after the transaction of some formal business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the dining hall, where banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts were honoured. In introducing the first on the list, the Worshipful Master said that Her Majesty the Queen had presided over this realm for very many years past, in such a manner as to endear herself to all her subjects, more especially those associated with the Masonic Order, the members of which would do anything in their power in honour of Her Majesty. As those around him were aware, Her Majesty would next year celebrate the jubilee of her accession to the throne, and as it was proposed to make a special appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities in connection with this jubilee year, he trusted that the brethren would seize the opportunity of expressing their loyalty, and at the same time benefit the Institutions of the Order. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, a special verse for which had been composed for the occasion by Bro. J. W. Tubby, one of the members of the Lodge, who rendered the words he had composed with marked effect. The M.W. the Grand Master was next toasted, and then the G. Officers received their meed of praise. Bro. Knight paid a compliment to the true Masonic spirit of the Grand Master, and expressed his admiration of the way in which the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master discharged their duties, indeed the thoroughness with which each of the Grand Officers set about his work was sufficient to ensure for them the hearty support of all Masons. Bro. Lovegrove submitted the next toast, that of the Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge, Bro. Knight, who, he said, had worked for many years in the Lodge, of which he was an early initiate. He had also made for himself a name in other ways in Freemasonry, more particularly perhaps as a worker at Lodges of Instruction; he was much respected in the Craft, as was evidenced by the fact that a hundred and twenty-three brethren had been present on the occasion of his installation, a larger number than had ever assembled at any of the gatherings of the Metropolitan Lodge. He felt sure he might say all present wished the Worshipful Master a happy, successful, and satisfactory year of office, and at the same time they trusted he might be spared to perform the duties of his office to the satisfaction of himself and for the benefit of the Metropolitan Lodge and its members. The Worshipful Master tendered his sincere thanks for the flattering way in which the toast had been proposed, and for the cordial reception accorded it by those present. He was under a deep obligation to the Immediate Past Master for the way in which he had placed him in the chair of the Lodge, but he could not overlook the fact that he was also much indebted to the brethren for their support, and for the confidence they reposed in him when they elected him to the high office of Master. As some of those around him knew, he considered himself a better worker than a talker, he therefore hoped they would excuse his saying much that night, but at the same time he hoped they would give him frequent opportunities of working the ceremonies during his year of office. The next toast he considered one of the most important it was his privilege to propose, it was the Past Masters of the Lodge. He regretted the Immediate Past Master had been obliged, through illness of his father, to leave, but they had around them such a display of Past Masters as to lessen the disappointment felt at the absence of Bro. Lovegrove. Bro. Knight briefly sketched the rise and progress of the Metropolitan Lodge, referring to the part taken by each of the Past Masters in the work which had been accomplished. Bro. Willing was the first to respond, tendering thanks on behalf of the I.P.M. to the brethren for the way in which he had been received. Personally, Bro. Willing felt there was little need for him—as the father of the Lodge—to be present at each of their meetings merely to look after his child, for with such Masters as had ruled its affairs, and with such brethren as at present filled the offices there was little of advice or help they could desire from him. He well remembered the admission of the present Worshipful Master to the Lodge, and he felt that admission marked an event in English Freemasonry. When Bro.

friend Brother Hervey, and asked his advice. Brother Hervey's answer was, that if the gentleman seeking admission was a good man, and one likely to become a good Mason, no bodily defect, arising from accident, should exclude him. Bro. Knight was accordingly admitted, and had since amply proved himself worthy of the opinion formed of him before his admission to the Craft. The late Bro. John Hervey was among those present on the occasion of Brother Knight's initiation, and since that day had expressed approval of the course then taken, which he said had removed a little misunderstanding which existed in the Craft as to the eligibility of a gentleman maimed by accident, or otherwise, who was in all other respects a most desirable candidate. The Metropolitan Lodge had also reaped the benefit of their action on that occasion, the members being heartily pleased with what Bro. Knight had done for them. As Treasurer Bro. Willing took care of their funds. He was always ready to spend the money of the Lodge as the members desired—and they appeared to desire rapid expenditure, in Charity of course—but he desired to mention that if Charity began at home it was not absolutely necessary it should always stay there. On the contrary, he thought the members might advantageously extend the circle of their benevolence. Bro. Michael followed. He was very pleased to be once more present at the Metropolitan Lodge, and meet with the usual hearty reception accorded to its Past Masters. On the present occasion there were only two of the founders of the Lodge who had passed its chair who were present among them—Bro. Willing and himself. They had seen some ups and downs in the Lodge, but could now look round and congratulate themselves on its success. All below him included in the toast had been initiated in the Lodge of which they were now Past Masters, and not a few of them had won a reputation for themselves in the Craft, by their working or otherwise, which would remain as long as they lived. He was very pleased with the remarks made by Bro. Willing as to the initiation of their present worshipful Master, as he felt an especial pride in him, Bro. Knight having been among his earliest friends in the Lodge. Bros. Scales, W. M. Stiles, H. Stiles, and other Past Masters also responded, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the initiates. They had that evening had the pleasure of admitting four gentlemen into their midst, a large number for any Lodge to initiate at one time, although it was not so much of a novelty in the Metropolitan Lodge. He trusted the initiates would look forward and strive to make themselves efficient for the other degrees to which they would be entitled in a few weeks, and to the highest honour in the Lodge, which they might perhaps hope to attain in about ten years, which was the time he had spent in reaching the chair. Bro. Smerdon had great pleasure in thanking the brethren for the very kind way in which he had been received as a member of the body of Freemasons generally, and of their Lodge in particular. He felt it a great honour to be admitted to the ancient Institution, and that he had been amply compensated for any anxious moments he might have spent previous to his entrance into the Lodge. Bro. Gleed felt that no words could express the pleasure he felt in being admitted that night. Bro. Porter said that anything he entered into he desired to carry out to the best of his ability, and such would be his endeavour in connection with Freemasonry. He was not so young a man as many then around the board, still he hoped to spend some time among them. It was impossible for him to determine where he should be ten years hence — by which time the Worshipful Master had said there might be a chance of his being at the head of the Lodge; but he hoped by that time to have proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him that night. Bro. Carter expressed the pleasure he felt in being admitted, and promised to endeavour to become as good a mason as any brother around him. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and was replied to by several of the guests. Bro. Smith (W.M. 1744) was the first to respond, tendering sincere thanks for the reception accorded by the members. Any brother visiting the Metropolitan Lodge might rely on a hearty welcome. The Lodge over which he had the honour to preside was so associated with the Metropolitan that he might term the one the elder brother of the other. So long as the Metropolitan Lodge was conducted on its present lines it would stand out as a brilliant example to be followed by others. He could but wish that every Lodge would make itself equal to the Metropolitan. Bro. Slyman followed, predicting a happy year of office for the W.M. who, with the other Officers would, he felt, command the respect of every member of the Lodge. Bro. Storr added a few words of commendation. He felt there was not one of the visitors who wished the Worshipful Master and the Lodge more weal than he did, while he hoped that woe would ever be far distant from them. He hoped the Lodge would continue to prosper as it had done during the past, and that it would ever stand out a bright example as it had done in years gone by. Bro. W. A. Scurrah followed. It was always a great pleasure for him to attend the Lodge, as in it he was surrounded by many dear friends. Several other brethren having spoken to the toast the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Officers. No Lodge—east, west, south or north—could boast of such Officers as the Metropolitan secured. Some of its Past Masters had risen from the post of Steward—he himself had done so—and now he had his reward. He briefly summarised the doings of the several Officers, and then Bro. Edmonds replied. He was thankful for the great kindness displayed towards him, but more particularly so on that occasion. Like all the Officers of the Lodge he was anxious to rise to the highest dignity, and took every opportunity of rendering himself perfect in the duties of whatever office he might be called upon to fill. It was the earnest wish of the Officers to render every assistance in their power to support the Worshipful Master, and further the interests of the Lodge. The other Officers present having also replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the meeting was

W. Middlesex, C. Sharpe 1365, A. H. Scurrah A.D.C. 20
G. Towerzey 1158, A. R. Trew J.W. 959, H. Chown 1349, R.
Galer W.M. 1366, T. E. Musto 548, A. Ramskell 1803, G Dickin
S.W. 1681, J. Court P.M. and Sec. 1869, C. B. Pudland W.M. 17
E. Storr P.M. 167, G. M. Shum 1275, H. Tyrer 1339 2147, J. P
lard 1339, W. Proctor 1288, J. Hemming S.D. 1287, H. Slym
Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, W. J. Morris 1524, F. G. W. Gwyer P.M. 12
A. Simner S.W. 177, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, G. T. Chubb I.G. 18
G. R. Bolton W.M. 1314, B. Kauffmann S.W. 1732, W. J. Lee 17
M. J. Green 1987, W. Simpson Steward 1524, J. Wilson P.M. 13
J. Knight 2005, W. Hunt 172, J. C. Smith W.M. 1744, F. Burt
D.C. 1891, T. Jackson P.M. 1475, J. Glenn S.W. 19, W. A. Heth
ington 957, R. Hewetson 177, W. W. Morgan jun., and others.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THIS Lodge assembled on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Co
mercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, at 6.30 p
Present: Bros. Chas. Crompton W.M., Jas. Walker S.W., W.
Chambers J.W., G. P. Brookbank P.G. Std. Bearer Treasurer, J.
Draycott Secretary, W. Siddon S.D., R. Cuerdey J.D., W. Fors
I.G., Edwd. Halliwell Steward, Thos. Higson Tyler; Past Mast
J. M. Rutter and J. W. Morris; W. H. Brown, H. Critchley, Mor
inson, D. M. Stevenson, C. Howarth, J. Entwisle, H. B. Trum
J. J. Bentley. Visitors: J. W. Skelton P.M. 146, F. M. Milner 1
Rob Johnson 146, J. Wolstenholme P.M. 348, J. R. Worlmer 6
C. Holgate 348. The minutes of the last meeting were read
confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degr
and forthwith closed to the first. It was resolved to contribute
guineas to the Binckes Presentation Fund. Bro. James Walker S
was appointed to represent the Lodge on a committee to be for
for the purpose of presenting a portrait of the Prov. Grand Ma
to that R.W. brother in recognition of his services to the Provi
during his tenure of office. Bro. Phillips, W.M. of the St. Jo
Lodge, No. 348, delivered the lecture on the tracing board in
first degree, in discharging which duty he acquitted himself
most creditable manner, and received a very cordial vote of th
from the Lodge; this he briefly acknowledged, expressing his de
at all times to be of any possible service to the Craft. A gentle
was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were tend
from the representatives of Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge,
other visiting brethren. A portion of the ancient rules and cha
were read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harm
at 8 p.m.

## STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Harwich, E
on Tuesday, 12th October, when there was a large gathe
of members and visitors. The first business was the admission
Freemasonry of his worship the Mayor (Mr. J. H. Vaux), w
ceremony was performed by Bro. F. R. Hales P.M. P.P.G.W.
retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. M. L. Sanders, then proceede
instal his successor, Bro. A. C. Parsons, as Worshipful Master
the ensuing year; and did so in a manner that called forth
unanimous approval of all present. The officers for the year
then appointed and invested as under:—Bros. G. Hel
S.W., A. J. H. Ward J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones W.M. 697 P.P.
Chap., W. Groom Treas., M. L. Sanders I.P.M. Sec., J. Brooks
G. Howard J.D., Thos. Jennings P.M. P.P.G.D. D.C., C. R. S
Org., J. Chapman I.G., Wilson and Green Stewards, and Be
Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sanders fo
very able way in which he had performed the ceremony of inst
tion. Bro. Clowes was re-elected to represent the Lodge on
Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and thanks were accorde
him for his past valuable services. Regret was expressed that
Clowes had been compelled to resign the post of Secretar
account of leaving the county. Bro. Clowes stated — a
prolonged applause — that he should still take a
interest in Essex Freemasonry, and should often be among
Between forty and fifty brethren subsequently dined together
Great Eastern Hotel, an excellent banquet being well put on b
manager, Brother Grew. After dinner the usual Masonic t
were proposed, and heartily drunk. Bro. Hales, in proposin
health of the Mayor, expressed the pleasure he felt in having i
duced his worship into Freemasonry that day, and trusted th
would take an interest in the Lodge. Bro. Hales also remarked
Bro. Vaux was the second chief magistrate he had introduced
the Craft. The Mayor, in responding, said he had for some
wished to become a Mason, and follow in the footsteps of his fa
who was a member of the Star in the East Lodge. H
very gratified at the reception he had met with,
trusted to become a useful member of the Lodge. The
proposed the health of the I.P.M., and remarked upon the exc
manner in which Bro. Sanders had fulfilled his duties during the
He then, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Sand
handsome P.M.'s Jewel, with the hope that he might
be spared to wear it. Bro. Sanders returned thanks. Other toas
lowed, and some excellent vocal and instrumental music add
the enjoyment of a most successful gathering. Among those pr
in addition to the brethren already mentioned, were Bros. Th
Ralling P.M. Sec. 51 P.G.Sec., R. Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W.,
Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., George Corbie P.M. Sec. 453 P.P.G
G. F. Smith jun. P.M. 1760 P.P.G.O., J. F. Hill P.M.
P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., W. M
Jones, W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Thomas Rix P.M. and Secretar
P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 Secretary
P.P.G. Standard Bearer, John Dean P.M. 433 P.P.G. St

**Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, 5.**—On Monday, 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Putney. –Bros. Sapsworth W.M., Featherstone S.W., Langley J.W., ɔc., Bond S.D., Gompertz J.D., Taylor P.M., Grant I.G.; ors Bros. Williams, Carter, Webb; Bros. Collick, Custance, ling, Spooner. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising rsed, Bro. Harling candidate. The auditors' report was and passed. Bro. Featherstone was elected W.M. for eek, on which occasion P.M. Preceptor Taylor will rehearse ation ceremony.

**land Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Mon- ıe Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Fluck W.M., Barnett ogh J.W., Casely S.D., Collingridge J.D., Dixie Acting . The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moore- didate. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Ball and Dix, f the mother Lodge, answered the questions leading to the gree. Bro. Dix was elected a member, and Bro. Barnett Monday next. Lodge was closed in due form and l.

**on Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Thursday, ant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road. Present— hrane W.M., Austin S.W., Josey P.M. J.W., Chalfont P.M. , Allman S.D., Jennings J.D., Whittle I.G., Davies Pre- Past Masters Bros. Purdue, Child, Spiegel, Sims; Visitor— mpson 1425; also Bros. Brietbart, Wood, Cross, Marsh, Stroud, Head, Love, Cavers, Craggs, Williams, &c. Lodge nd the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgley candidate. The W.M. gave ge after initiation. Lodge opened in the second degree, and section was worked by Bro. Spiegel, the questions being l by Bro. Cochrane. Lodge opened in the third degree, and section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted er Austin. Lodge resumed to first degree and was then Brother Austin was elected to the chair for the meeting on y week. Next Thursday the fifteen sections will be worked dge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

her the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Rector of Melford, Sudbury, has been appointed Honorary in to Her Majesty.

North London Chapter of Improvement held its convocation at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Brasted , Strugnell H., Russell J., Sheffield S.E., Lewis Radcliffe Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation hearsed in a masterly manner by the above named s.

Gerald A. Shoppee, M.A. and LL.M. (Cantab), has ıe years past been associated in business with the ro. Richard Hervé Giraud, and will, in accordance n arrangement made with him during his lifetime nfirmed by his will, succeed to his practice, which future be carried on at 7 Furnival's-inn, London, the name or style of "Giraud and Shoppee."

rday, the 30th inst., has been appointed for the private view Autumn Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the -street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public day, the 1st November.

Boehm, R.A., has executed a bust in bronze of the late ristopher Pond, which has been mounted on a pedestal of red a, and fittingly adorns the grand staircase of the Criterion. ulptor has dealt very effectively with nineteenth century , and also produced an excellent likeness, the modelling of meriting especial commendation.

rs. Dean and Son have in the press a charming gift book, "Sunshine and Stream," written and illustrated by Mrs. Culpeper. This book relates to the adventures of four during a summer visit to their uncle's riverside house. The tions consist of sixteen pages monotint, in addition to us etchings, to depict their boating excursions, country s with the dogs, &c. The size is crown 4to, and the price but half-a-crown.

re a brother uses language he ought not to use against another , in the course of a Lodge trial, and subsequently apologises r in open Lodge, this apology should settle it. But brothers remember, when the assault is made and it is really insulting, will take a long time for the brother insulted to get over it. y accept the apology at the time, but there may never again due feeling of respect which should exist between them. If er wants to keep a friend as ever, he should never insult him.

## Obituary.

BROTHER R. H. GIRAUD P.G.S.D.

A BROTHER who has done good suit and service to Freemasonry for many years past, in the person of Brother Richard Hervé Giraud, has passed away. Our deceased brother was an initiate of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and was admitted a member of the Order upwards of sixty years since. He was among the founders of the Asylum for Aged Masons, and was for many years honorary solicitor to both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. He was the first W.M. of the recently consecrated Huguenot Lodge, and was Treasurer of both the Grand Masters' Lodge and Chapter, having held the office in the Lodge for upwards of fifty years. In many ways, both within the Masonic circle and outside of it, our deceased brother had won for himself the respect and esteem of his fellow men.

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

Has kindly consented to deliver his Lecture, entitled

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# PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTE SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of the members of this Provir took place on Tuesday last, the 19th instant. T brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Halford-stre Leicester, under the banner of the Lodge of the Gold Fleece, and at four o'clock the brethren of 2081 forma received the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. t Earl Ferrers Provincial Grand Master, who was acco panied by Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, F.S. F.R. Hist. S., Past Provincial Grand Master; Worship Bro. Samuel Steads Partridge P.P.S.G.W. Depu Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Provinc Grand Officers, those for the present year being especia well represented. Provincial Grand Lodge having be formally opened, the Provincial Grand Master was salut and then the roll of Lodges was called, and represen tives from each of those constituting the Provi responded. The following Provincial Grand Officers the year were in their respective places:—Bros. F. J. Bai S.W., J. G. F. Richardson J.W., Rev. W. R. Hurd, A.K. Chaplain, R. Waite Treasurer, Lionel P. Chamberl Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Secreta John Hassall Junior Deacon, John Fletcher Superinte ent of Works, Joseph Young Director of Ceremoni Robert Rowley Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Jo Dove Harris Sword Bearer, Charles Oliver Stand Bearer, W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Organ George Newsome and E. P. Steeds Stewards, Thon Dunn Tyler.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Marl Harborough, on 23rd October last year, and of a spec Lodge held at Leicester in February last, had been prin and circulated; consequently they were taken as re passed, and adopted. The report of the Committee General Purposes was next read; this announced completion and circulation of a revised code of bye-law

; it, however, again urged on the Masters and aries the necessity of paying special attention to vised Book of Constitutions. One feature of this ent we would especially direct notice to;—the ittee called attention to the too frequent practice revails of initiating candidates who reside outside trict supposed to be embodied in the sphere to which spective Lodges should confine themselves. They the most extreme caution where candidates pre- themselves under such circumstances. Their was unanimously adopted, as also was that of the y Committee. The report of the Provincial Grand rar shewed an increase over last year of twenty- subscribing members. The Provincial Grand Trea- accounts next received attention; the balance sheet en printed, and the financial condition of the Pro- was shown to be on an eminently satisfactory basis. ccounts were duly passed, and the best thanks of Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. R. Waite for his es. The compliment having been acknowledged, orthy brother was re-elected to the post of Treas-

The next business on the agenda was to consider uestion of the further publication of the Official dar. It was generally conceded that under the l of Worshipful Bro. Partridge this little work had l itself of great utility to the members of the Pro- but, as explained by the General Purposes Com- , Bro. Partridge had felt himself constrained, through ny heavy calls on his time, to tender his resignation Editor. At the same time the worthy Deputy had n out a hint that a competent brother could be found vas ready to place his services at the disposal of Grand Lodge, and on whom his mantle would grace- all. Prov. Grand Lodge agreed it was desirable the ation of the Calendar should be continued, and Bro. dge was authorised to make the necessary arrange- , while a cordial vote of thanks was given to or the care and ability he had displayed in his ct of this useful little Manual. The Provincial Grand rs were then invested, as follows:—

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| s. Young 523 | Junior Warden |
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| Waite 279 | Treasurer |
| v. C. Henton Wood, M.A., 1560 | Secretary |
| o. H. Thompson 1265 | Senior Deacon |
| as. F. Wike 279 | Junior Deacon |
| B. Wilmer 2028 | Superintendent of Works |
| J. Wilkinson 1391 | Director of Ceremonies |
| Herbert Marshall 1007 | Assistant Dir. of Ceremonies |
| Jesse Freer 1560 | Sword Bearer |
| Simpkin 779<br>J. Goodall 1130 | Standard Bearers |
| H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., 2081 | Organist |
| F. Massie 1330 | Pursuivant |
| n. Marchant 50 | Assistant Pursuivant |
| os. Dunn 523<br>. Tanser 279 | Tylers |
| Maurice Williams 279<br>3. Mardin 523<br>C. Oliver 1007<br>m New 1130<br>K. Morris 1265<br>nuel Knight 1391 | Stewards |

other business before Prov. Grand Lodge was to t a Charity Steward to represent the Province; to t the Grand Lodge Charity Jewel to W. Brother T. lay Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden; to elect two rs to represent the Prov. Grand Lodge on the Com- of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. For this duty Bros. at Stretton P.M. 279 P.P.G.S.W. and J. F. L. on P.M. 1560 P.P.G. Sup. Wks. were re-appointed. uineas was voted in relief to a lady in distressed cir- nces, whose case—which presented some interesting s—was eloquently pleaded by Bro. Kelly, and ten s was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu- hich Charity will receive the support of the Pro- t its Festival in February next. The sum of five s was also voted to one of the Prov. Grand Tylers, as recently suffered a domestic bereavement. In sing the brethren the Prov. Grand Master congratu- them on the satisfactory results elicited from the reports presented. He took this—the first oppor- Countess Ferrers intense gratification, and both fully recog- nised the good feeling that had prompted it. This complet- ing the business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

## FREDERICK BINCKES'S PRESENTATION FUND.

THE following names have been added to the Executive since we printed the former list, viz.:—

Bros. Sir E. A. N. Lechmere, Bart., R.W. P.G.M. Worcestershire; Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Dist. G.M. Victoria, Australia; E. Baldwin; J. Brook-Smith, M.A., D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M. Kent, R. B. Evans, A. T. Layton, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Suffolk, G. F. Newmarch P.D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, Dick Radclyffe, Henry Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Henry Stone, Charles Truscott, T. B. Whytehead, John M. Wike, W. B. Williamson.

Amongst other donations the following Masonic bodies have contributed, viz.:—

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| Henniker Lodge " | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Chiswick Lodge " | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Fowke Lodge " | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wouldhane Lodge " | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Agricola Lodge " | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Boys' Committee Club | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| St. John's Lodge, No. 221 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

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### "IN MEMORIAM."

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — That Freemasonry has lost, in the lamented death of Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M. Surrey, &c., one of the most upright, judicious, and respected members that have adorned its Order, those who were privileged to be associated with him—and their name is Legion—will readily admit. His pilgrimage is ended, and he has entered into rest, leaving behind him a good name as a monument for all time, which is far more precious than wordly possessions, inasmuch as "good name, in man and woman, is the immediate jewel of their souls." Brother Charles Greenwood made his mark in Freemasonry, as he did, moreover, in whatever he undertook during his useful life. His "record" is faithfully recapitulated in your columns of the 2nd inst. Allow me to ask, is it possible for any Brother to possess more honourable credentials? Permit me to add another question: What do the brethren in Surrey and Middlesex in particular, and the Order generally, intend doing to perpetuate the noble memory of such a distinguished member in Freemasonry? In all probability the initiate has already been taken in this matter, of this, however, I know not. But if not, I hope that it will be, and that without any procrastination whatever. At this moment I will leave the matter for a season, being confident that those who possess the influence and the means will cause the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood to be "as familiar as household words" in the annals of Freemasonry for all generations to come.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. J. BRINTON.

44 Lower Park Road, Peckham, S.E.

### PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days ago the daily journals furnished their readers with a most interesting report of a lecture, delivered by Sir Charles Warren, in reference to the exploration of Palestine, in which he took an active part, and the numerous evidences thus brought forward in elucidation of passages in Holy Writ which had a certain amount of obscurity thrown over them have been brought into the full blaze of light by the discoveries which the Palestine Exploration Fund has made. Probably many more might have been added had that fund received a greater amount of encouragement from the British public in general, and the members of the Christian Church in particular. As an exception, how-

interested. Lieutenant (now Sir Charles) Warren was the agent selected by the members of the Palestine Exploration Fund to carry out this important work of discovery, and he certainly proved himself well worthy of the task entrusted to him, for he looked upon it as a labour of love to carry out his mission on the very spot which had been trodden and hallowed by the feet of our Saviour; where He first saw the light, and where His great sacrifice in expiation of the sins of mankind was ultimately carried out. Sir Charles Warren, by his researches and discoveries, has largely contributed to our Biblical knowledge, by opening to view those places and monuments of antiquity—which for ages had lain hidden by the crust of time—amongst which our Redeemer lived, breathed and had His being, before taking upon Himself that great propitiatory sacrifice for which He was sent into the world.

Now, Dear Sir and Brother, my object in making these few observations—faulty and shortcoming as they may be—is to draw your attention to the eminent services rendered by Sir Charles Warren, and to suggest to all Freemasons who feel interested in his labours and researches that an application should courteously be made to him to give a lecture on the subject of his Palestine Explorations in some large hall in London, where, if a trifling fee was paid for admission, a very substantial sum might be raised on behalf of one of our Masonic Charities, and thus add a further practical value to the discoveries he has made. If some of the Grand Lodge Officers would take this matter in hand I feel assured that it would receive the support of the public generally, and particularly that of Freemasons.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

H. T., P.M. 177, P.Z. 619.

## DENTISTRY.

OF late years few things have interested the general public more than the progress of dental science, and this for no other reason than the fact that everybody is interested in it. Everybody uses teeth, either natural or artificial, and to such perfection has the production of the latter article been brought, that it requires an expert to detect the difference between good natural and good artificial teeth. Dentals are now-a-days constructed with such skill, and are so comfortable, that the wearer often enters into the allusion that they are a restoration of nature's gifts. This is not surprising, and they are not in the least degree false, when they answer all the purposes for which they are intended, viz., for mastication, articulation and appearance, being made in these respects equal to the natural teeth. There are differences of quality in teeth as much as there are differences of quality in everything else. Perhaps it is this particular position that the dental organs hold in the economy of nature that has held back the science of dentistry from the attention which it always should have had, but which has really been given to it only within the last twenty years. Gradually the Faculty have come to consider the teeth of a value that had not previously been estimated, whilst at the same time the surgeon has regarded attention to these organs as something beneath his care. This has called into existence a number of dental experts who have given their special study to the surgical treatment of the teeth, as well as to the medical applications most useful for their particular care and preservation. But this is only half the battle; with the best care and the most scientific treatment teeth will decay, and the original proprietor is very glad to get rid of them on the easiest terms possible, and here comes in the art and manufacture of artificial teeth. It is this branch of the profession that indicates the special aptitude of the dental surgeon. The minuteness of the parts and the great irregularity of form in teeth and in the mouth, notwithstanding that all teeth and every mouth have and has, a similarity of form in principle, yet the skill of the dentist is elicited in the hairbreadth conformation and fitting of every tooth.

It is a very remarkable thing that special skill in any manufacture seems to locate itself in some particular country; we do not know why it is, but clearly so it is. If we want the finest sword blade we should certainly not go to Sheffield, nor even to Germany, but we should either get a Damascus blade, or one from far off Japan. If we have a valuable diamond in the rough to be cut, it must go to the workman at Amsterdam, and to come to the higher professions there are some operations in surgery that would not be attempted in London, whilst a good confidence of success may be looked for under the hands of a French surgeon. We are not, therefore, surprised that the most elegant system of Dentistry appears to have located itself in America, but let us not be misunderstood, we do not for a moment wish to say that it is necessary to take a voyage across the Atlantic to get a good set of teeth, but we do say that the education of dental surgeons, and the genius of teeth manufacture has become a speciality with the American profession very nearly to perfection, and we feel sure that where points of improvement are found out, they will be promptly adopted by the American specialist. It would not become us as unprofessional people to speak more strongly on the point than this, but so clearly have we noticed the adaptability in all matters of mechanics, and especially in that quality of the mind that does not store up historical fallacies, or worn out modes because they are old, that we feel sure American science will maintain the foremost place in all dental work. Dr. Geo. H. Jones, F.R.S.L., of 57 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury Square, London, has sent to us his interesting Pamphlet entitled "Painless and Perfect Dentistry," which is forwarded gratis, and post free to any applicant, and we find by it that he is a graduate of one of the oldest and best school-

by Dr. G. H. Jones, which are delicate, elegant, and natural in appearance, being artistically coloured to match the natural article a needful for each individual patient. This is little for us to say, s we will add the opinion given by Mr. S. G. Hutchins, Surgeon dentist to the Queen, who said:—"your teeth are the best, safest, an most life-like; and your system is the perfection of painless denti try."

Dr. G. H. Jones is an exhibitor at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and, we understand, uses to a considerable extent, in the manufacture of artificial teeth, a mineral spar obtained from New Sout Wales, and this fact should give Colonists some interest in th matter.—*Australian Trading World*

## GOOD SENSE.

THERE is a theoretical side to Freemasonry. Ther are abstract questions worthy of consideration. Th system has a scientific basis, a philosophical and historic character, calling for extended and technical investigation and the application of many rigid tests. There are pr cedents and habitual formulas, landmarks and teachings a various order, all of which need to be regarded in repre senting the Institution and shaping its course. There likewise a practical side to the Fraternity, having regar both to the system and the organisation; hence there is demand for good sense in the treatment of its interest that it may be preserved from the dangers of a du conservatism on the one hand, and on the other fro perils likely to come from enthusiastic theorists an fanatics.

There are those not inaptly denominated "Cranks" every society, men who have some hobby or pet theo which rules them altogether. This class of people ca only do work within narrow lines. It is some sing principle or rule which they want applied,—some one li which they want followed out to a determinate result. Masonry we find this same type of minds; brethren wh have but one idea respecting the system, and who wou interpret and use Freemasonry according to the pet theo that they have formed concerning it. They are technic holding always to the letter instead of the spirit, clingi tenaciously to some antiquated word, or form, or practi as though the very life of the Institution depended up the retaining of that which has become obsolete or lost power of usefulness. Good sense would say, "Stand up the old ways, yet make progress." Men of culture and broad discernment see this practical side, and they m not be accused of any lack of devotion to Freemasonry, want of respect for the landmarks and peculiar featu that give it character, because they are ready to elimin some superfluities from the system and adapt it to the b work and largest usefulness. Good sense will not hesit to purge the Masonic ritual of ungrammatical and fool forms of words, and do any work of revision that required to bring out and make more effective the less and principles of the Craft, which are its abiding, changeable foundation. If Freemasonry is intended intelligent men, if it is worthy to be called a progress institution, good sense must be acknowledged as one fa in the forces that are requisite to maintain its strength point it to the wide fields of a noble service and a l accomplishment. The ancient law must be held in resp no innovations must be allowed to creep in; but this not mean that a narrow, technical, and blind conservat shall bear rule, or that a mere theoretic impulsion shall the way to a practical movement approved by the gen intelligence and good sense of Craftsmen.—*Freema Repository.*

Messrs. Dean and Son, 160A Fleet-street, London, have just i six volumes of a new series of Sixpenny Reward and Gift B which are entitled "Junior's Library." Each is bound in boar a new style of binding in blocked gold and colours. "Honesty i Best Policy," is an entirely fresh story for boys and girls, Myrtle, with illustrations by H. Leask. "Little T's 'tories," sists of a series of poems for little children by Mrs. J. Favle illustrations by H. Leask and Arthur Hitchcock. Mr. P. H. Her author of "The Sea as a Profession," contributes two excellent for boys, entitled (1) "A Soldier's Son; or, Principle before judice," and (2) "The Mid-shipman; or, Don't Hit a Man when Down," both illustrated by A. Hitchcock. The remaining volumes are fairy tales by Miss D. Sinclair, entitled (1) "The Prince and the Goblin," (2) "The Enchanted Princess." Bo illustrated by well-known artists, including the late Richard D

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**pic.**—"The Governess" was the play chosen by Miss awthorne, the new lessee of this theatre, as the piece in which appearance before an English audience. This Miss Haw- did on Thursday evening with considerable success. the choice of such a melancholy play as this for her opening s wise we cannot say; we think not. To ensure success with the "East Lynne" type, the artistes engaged must possess an order we rarely see now. "The Governess," from the f Adolphe Belot, is a drama in a prologue and four acts. ve foreshadowed, signs of "East Lynne" were at an early ible, but the similarity in the leading motive of Mrs. Wood's d "The Governess" may be only a coincidence. However, ece before us the action is restricted to the repentance of The author has tried to secure sympathy for the lady who sed all the misery without offering any excuse for her r. The framework of the piece is weak, and we must tronger actress than Miss Hawthorne before we can ch a play tolerable to an English audience. Miss Multon mprudently in seeking to re-enter the home over he had cast so deep a shadow, and she was wrong in allow- jealousy to get the better of her judgment. In the prologue e introduced to Dr. Osborne and his sister Arabella, mer of whom has just returned from France, where een in attendance on a patient. Miss Sarah Multon is stay- the Doctor, and having expressed a desire to obtain a situa- doctor, while in France, procures for her one as governess in ily of Maurice de la Tour. At first the lady refuses to accept ffered offer; her reasons for so doing being her dislike to ; but from the description given of the family by Dr. , she learns that the children are her own, she having left nd her husband some six years since. After a while she s to go, and in the first act she arrives at the f Maurice de La Tour, where she is at once recognised by an ant, who advises her to leave before anyone else sees her. the conversation that results, Sarah learns that Maurice, her killed in a railway accident, has married again. She to leave, and on her appearing before her husband, he intro- er to his children, but does not recognise her. Now follows a g scene; the children, like their father, do not recognise their Six months is now supposed to elapse, during which arah has acted as governess to the children, and has rily suffered severely, owing to the peculiarity of her assumed . During conversations with Mathilde, the second wife of e, she, on more than one occasion, nearly betrays herself. hile, growing daily weaker, her nerves give way, and she is at iged to tell Mathilde who she is. The confession is overheard rice, who informs Sarah that if she reveals herself to her n she will blight their happiness, and he leaves her to choose r she will tell them or not. This is a severe rebuke, but not to destroy the children's happiness, she leaves for England. arrival at Dr. Osborne's house a dangerous illness supervenes, doctor seeing she cannot live, writes to Maurice, and desires bring the children to see their mother. This Maurice does, irst he will not let Sarah tell them she is their mother. He, r, at length consents, and after Sarah has embraced them she dies. The play may be described as sympathetic, more lly in the third and fourth acts, when Miss Hawthorne, who the part of the guilty wife, rises to the situation admirably. ovements are graceful, while she has the invaluable xpression. Miss Hawthorne was undoubtedly strong in the parts, but we should prefer to see her in a more spirited han "The Governess." In the course of the play honours cidedly scored by two young actresses. Foremost of these iss Olga Brandon, as Mathilde de la Tour; the other was Phœbe Carlo, who thoroughly realized a difficult part for so an actress. Bred to the stage from her infancy, this little quick to perceive the value of correct and telling emphasis. s a splendid delivery, and made a grand success of the part of ild Jeanne. Mr. Frank Wood was natural as Dr. Osborne, Mr. George Temple, Mr. Stanislaus Calhaem, Miss Gladys t, Miss Queenie Norman, and Miss Lydia Cowell gave the ry colouring to their several impersonations. Calls were ns during the evening, and several floral tributes were ed on Miss Hawthorne. "A Little Rebel" preceded the piece evening, and in this Miss Lydia Cowell disported herself with rightness and simplicity. This lady received valuable aid r. Frank Wood, who was exceptionally good as Poppincourt.

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**rey.**—Mr. George Conquest, the popular manager of this , produced his autumn drama on Monday last, to a house that owded from floor to ceiling. "Saved from the Streets," is ne chosen for the piece, and Messrs. G. Conquest and R. H. are responsible for its authorship. These gentleman have gone so much for original material, as for a collaboration of excit- nts which they know full well will please the audience that is patronise the Surrey. As long as they manage to present ing startling, and let the contrast between villainous craft ured innocence be as wide as possible, their patrons are con- It might be difficult to explain how one or two of the more ex- incidents are brought about, but that is not absolutely neces- long as excitement be forthcoming; the audience is ready o hiss or to cheer as circumstances demand. After the was raised, it was soon evidenced who were to be the , and who the heroes. The well-dressed Amos Haythorne's bearing pronounced him as thorough paced a scoundrel as ever on the stage, while Dr. Dobell, although but a silent spec-

parent was it that Rob Redburn, an escaped convict, and ticket assistant at Greenwich Pier, would turn out better than his surroundings at first warranted, and materially help to overthrow the wrong-doers. It is shown that Amos Haythorne throws his relative Peter Pepper into the Thames, and accuses Harry Halford of the murder. Harry is arrested, and is sentenced to penal servitude for life. Amos now consigns Harry's wife Edna to Dr. Dobell's asylum, in the hope that she may die there; as by that event occurring Amos would succeed to the property of Mr. Pepper. Edna gives birth to a child while in the asylum, which Dr. Dobell places in the keeping of a woman whom Amos has at an earlier period wronged. Amos, however has the child stolen, but the thief who has been engaged finds two children lying together, consequently he steals both. The children are afterwards seen in Covent Garden Market, and later on at an Industrial Home. Amos manages to get those children from the Home, and conveys them to a cellar adjoining the river, which cellar he swamps, by removing a few bricks from the wall. The water rushes in, but rescue for the imprisoned ones is at hand. As usual in such pieces, villainy is eventually overthrown and virtue triumphant. Several old favourites of the Surrey form the caste, and receive considerable encouragement from their patrons. Mrs. Bennett, as Edna, acted with intense feeling; her scene at Dr. Dobell's asylum was especially good. Mr. T. F. Nye was once more in his element as Amos Haythorne. This gentleman starts on his work with such calmness and dexterity that he well earns the applause bestowed on him. Mr. E. Gurney exhibited considerable power as Harry Halford, while Mr. C. Cruikshanks gave the necessary colouring to the part of Dr. Dobell. Mr. G. Conquest, as Rob Redburn, has a part that does not stand out so conspicuously as some that have fallen into his hands, still he gives a powerful and effective rendering of it. Miss Annie Conway presents with good effect the part of the girl whom Amos has ruined; while the Misses Katie Barry and Marion Humm, give a true and life-like picture of the waifs, who necessarily turn out to be the stolen children. The comical business is well sustained by Mr. G. Conquest jun. and Miss Jenny Lee, who personate a kind-hearted married couple. At the conclusion the authors received an enthusiastic call before the curtain.

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**Mohawk Minstrels.**—The popular interlocutor of this troupe of Minstrels, Mr. Harry Hunter, announces that his annual benefit is fixed for Wednesday, the 27th instant. Mr. Hunter has written 20 songs for the occasion, and will have the assistance of some of the best London variety artistes.

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## NEW MUSIC.

"*So near to me*," song, written by H. W. Ingram, composed by Odoardo Barri. London: J. B. Cramer and Co., 201 Regent-street, W.

THIS song, published in Messrs. Cramer's well-known excellent style, has some very appropriate words, written by H. W. Ingram, and will undoubtedly become popular. Bro. Odoardo Barri has supplied the music, which is both pleasing and catchy to the ear. We feel sure that during the forthcoming season "So near to me" will often be found in requisition at our drawing-room réunions.

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Brother Charles Greenwood (son of Brother Charles Greenwood the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey) was, on the 20th instant, unanimously elected and appointed Steward of the Manor of Old Paris Garden, Southwark.

The consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, will take place on Tuesday, the 2nd November. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by Bros. Thos. Fenn, President Board General Purposes, as S.W., Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., as J.W., Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacon, as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. P. Grand Treasurer, is the W.M. designate, and Bros. Thomas Eccleston Gibb and J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., Z., &c., the Wardens designate.

At the Grand Lodge meeting of Mark Master Masons, to be held on 30th November, Bro. John Laurence Mather, P.M Old Kent Lodge, and a member of the General Board, will be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. We wish Bro. Mather every success, as we believe the rule now followed in Craft Grand Lodge, of electing a new Grand Treasurer each year, should be adopted in the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. The Mark degree is now so flourishing that there is great difficulty in finding offices for worthy and distinguished members of the Order. The position of Past Grand Treasurer cannot but be regarded as honourable in the Mark as in the Craft degree.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## MONDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
618—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
582—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 316—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

## TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Morra, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1788—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1897—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1506—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—New Finsbury Park, Rodney Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Great-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1741—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1918—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1260—St. Alban's, Thomas Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1320—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
208—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
298—Lancaster, Fell Hotel, Barrow
456—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
[illegible]—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
[illegible]—East Surrey of Concord, Kober's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
[illegible]—Perseverance, Shelmerdine House, Hales Owen
[illegible]—Lillington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
[illegible]—Tyrian, Town Hall, Taunton
[illegible]—Derby, Town Hall, St. Albans
[illegible]—Hengist, Town Hall, Maidstone
[illegible]—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1836—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instructio
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highgate, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instructio
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1540—Chaucer, London Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I
1698—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (I
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instructio
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 258—Ancient Britons, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcas
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructi
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Tuscan, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instructi
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Alder-gate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wandle St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruc
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, West Lambeth Bridge, at 8 (Inst.
1275—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Longhorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst
1503—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8
1672—Sir John Mandeville, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corn
Pentonville Road, N. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camden Street, Camberwell. (Instructio
1627—Tuscan, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Ealing, at 7.30. (In
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1661—Langdon, White Hart, Abbey Road, Barking, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1677—Cranbourn, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (
1741—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, Lemon Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1794—Arcadia, Wrightsbridge Tavern, Wrightsbridge Road, Sydenham Hill, (
1815—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1900—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. John's Arnside, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 29—St. Albans, Alington, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, St. John's Wood, at 8.

-North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
-West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
l, Three Cups, Colchester
rial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
oration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
ent Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
e and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
ners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
artan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
ohn, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
nshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
knock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
ington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
ell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
nix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
nouy, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
ward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
noor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
ley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
rty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
sury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
nation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
bourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
pur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
ington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
Cumber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
-Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
-Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
-Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
-Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
-St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
rt Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
ent Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
iam Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
clagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
e, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
rs, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
at Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
don, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
arnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
que, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
mure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
ythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
-Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
-Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
d Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
-West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
-Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
-Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
gwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
ham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
dsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
mmercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
dge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
-Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
-Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

## SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

chester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
r, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
l of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
leston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
heus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
swick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
pter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
arncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
tes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

## GLEANINGS.

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IC AIMS.—Aim not so much at high office in the Craft as to e Freemason in thine heart. It is not necessary that we all ake office, nor is it possible for us all to do so; but it is of l importance that every Freemason should prove by his hat he has not crept into the Craft under false pretences, he is really anxious to live its holy precepts, not only for sake, but also in order to make himself more useful to his eatures. A selfish Freemason is a perjured man, in whom I ould place no confidence, whatever signs or pass-words he able to give.—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*

IS MASONRY.—Masonry has no secrets that can injure the All its secrets, as an Order, tend to promote the universal t is said that an Emperor once built a palace of glass, and t on rising ground, so that his subjects might see him in his life. Masonry does not require this outward display, It e simplest of the heart's expressions of secret faith; this is et of Masonic strength. The Masonic structure can never ed as it is on Faith, Hope, and Charity.—*New Zealand Mail.*

e Masonic Lodge all are alike, and meet on one common

ty is one of the great principles of the Masonic Order. To be

The sentence of expulsion is the highest known to our laws; it falls with severity upon the subject of it. It renders him from the date of the sentence Masonically dead. Between him and the whole Fraternity there is a great and impassable gulf. Great care should be taken to see that the offence is proportionate to the punishment—to mete out our judgments tempered with mercy, yet squared by the unerring principle of justice.

The Masonic Bodies in Naples have formed themselves into a powerful Committee to consider the best means to further cremation.

According to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, the Grand Orient of France has 361 Bodies in its allegiance, namely 313 Symbolic Lodges, 35 Chapters, and 13 Councils, which are thus distributed, namely, 67 in the Orient of Paris, 11 in Beaulieu, 229 in the Departments, 13 in Algeria, 9 in the Colonies of France, and 32 in countries outside France and the French possessions. The same authority gives the receipts for the year ended the 28th of February 1886 as close upon 139,857 francs, and the expenses as 139,856 francs.

If a man is not a better man for being a Mason, then he is not a good Mason.

The foundation stone of Freemasonry, and consequently its strength, is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

Masonry is the only society in the world where men of all nations and all religions can worship around one common altar.

The Grand Master of Washington, District of Columbia, decided that if a brother is an habitual gambler for money he can be dealt with for unmasonic conduct.

A TEMPLE FOR JERSEY CITY.—The committee of brethren appointed in Jersey City, New Jersey, to secure a site for and erect a Masonic Temple, contemplate erecting a three-story building at a cost of about £40,000.

A MASONIC MUMMY.—Freemasons will be glad to hear of the recent discovery in Egypt, by Professor Maspero, of a tomb quite untouched by the defiling and pilfering Arabs, in which a square, a level, compasses, and other implements have been found alongside a mummy. The dead man was an architect, builder, and carver of inscriptions; having control of one-quarter of the cemetery at Thebes. The tomb was very comfortably furnished with linen chests, painted jars, statuettes, and other articles of use or luxury, and contained two sledges for the transport of mummies and sarcophagi.

IOWA MASONIC LIBRARY.—The Bower library, that cost 12,000 dols., was purchased for 4,000 dols., and the library is now worth 20,000 dols., while the new library building cost 32,000 dols. The Masons in Iowa thus have the most valuable Masonic library in the world.

In the Oregon Report of Correspondence we find the following under the head of Maine:—"Some sensible remarks are made regarding Masonic balls, Masonic emblems on business cards and peddlers' carts, &c. Of all frauds, those Masons who will put the Masonic emblems on their business cards and signs are the terror of the Craft at large. Such should be treated as frauds, tried as frauds, and disciplined as frauds. In days gone by we attended Masonic balls. They were conducted properly, and were very enjoyable. But times have changed—and so has our taste on this subject changed with them. If Masons desire to dance and have a ball for themselves and families, it can be done without any display whatever of regalia. The Grand Lodge forbids the use of their Lodge name in connection with balls."


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## A HARD CASE.

IE difficulty of making laws for the government of the Masonic Charitable Institutions which shall at once e every question likely to arise, shall prevent imposi- and at the same time apply with equal fairness in all s, is an acknowledged fact, and although the rules er which the Institutions have been conducted in the have been found to work satisfactorily, we have had le evidence of late that they do not meet with universal oval, or that they provide all the protection it is ed they should do. Perhaps it would be unwise to e for a code which would satisfy every one, and yet, as by year goes on, and we gain experience, it should be ible to aim at perfection, if not to attain it. But in ur doings in this respect we should do well to bear in d that it is a question of Masonic benevolence which erns us, and, therefore, that the laws which are framed, re though they may be, should at the same time be ered with mercy, or at least should not be allowed to s too heavily on any of the unfortunate members of fraternity, or their families, for whom they were framed. niency be consistent with fairness, it should be exer- l to the fullest extent, not only in regard to the candi- s when once they are admitted to a participation in benefits of one or other of the Institutions, but also in ers concerning their election. In advising leniency know we are touching on delicate ground, as any rture from the strict letter of a law is generally looked as the result of influence in one quarter or other, pens the road to scandal and endless dispute. Still, are occasions when leniency may be exercised, and an opportunity now exists in connection with the l Masonic Institution for Girls.

nong the candidates who took part in the election three weeks back was an orphan child of the late Charles Steng, one of four children left without r or mother, totally unprovided for. The case was deserving; one of those which, if we had our way, d be eligible for admission to the Institution, under in restrictions, without the necessity of election. It strongly recommended, and the child was well sup- d, unfortunately not to an extent sufficient to ensure dmission to the School, for although 1288 votes were d on her behalf, that number proved insufficient to her on the list of successful. By the laws of the ution this child will not be eligible to compete at the on in April next, so that all chance of her admission School has vanished, notwithstanding the very large er of votes polled on her behalf—unless some amount iency can be extended towards her, and an exception in her case.

are prepared to hear that any such step would a most damaging precedent; one which would at the very root of the system under which the ons are conducted; but at the same time we remember d axiom, to the effect that there is no rule without an and fast letter of the law which governs the question. If it were a case of failure on the last application with only a few votes recorded, or if the child had a mother to look after her, we should not perhaps take the stand we do, but we appeal to the sympathy—we may say the spirit of justice—of our fellow subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to decide whether or not this is a case for special intervention. The old idea that it is charitable to be severe on those who are down in the world has exploded, but even if it were not, are we not Masons, bound together by ties of brotherhood, pledged to support the widow and the orphan so far as lies in our power? Are we to be governed by laws—just though they may be in ordinary cases—which permit of no amendment or departure from their letter in the most extreme cases? Surely this is not consistent with the spirit of Masonry. It is no answer to say that others have suffered as severely, that only goes to prove the need for alteration; or that leniency under such circumstances would be taken advantage of in the future, for the risk of ultimate failure would be too great to allow of repeated attempts being made to suspend the ordinary laws, it is by that means we propose to open a way for the admission of young Steng.

We would suggest that under all the circumstances of the case—that the applicant is one of four parentless children, but more especially in consequence of the large number of 1288 votes having been polled on her behalf—that Law LIII. be suspended, so far as this child is concerned, for the next election only, and that the votes already polled for her be carried to her credit for that contest. If she is unsuccessful on that occasion, then the matter should rest, but we think the subscribers who have supported her with their 1288 votes should be allowed one more chance to give her the benefits they evidently consider her entitled to. There is ample time in which to learn the opinion of the supporters of the Institution on the subject, and we shall be pleased to see that steps are taken to give relief to what we deem a particularly hard case, and we think that should the subscribers see their way to make an exception in behalf of this child that not only would they be doing a kindness in a case of severe distress, but we think the Institution would eventually reap the benefit of being somewhat liberal in the dispensation of its benefits.

## FORGED AFFILIATION NEXT.

AMONG the multitude of so-called legal questions which we owe to the modern avidity for novel and arbitrary legislation in Masonry, several are now the subjects of sharp controversy. Although they have much more to do with justice and Masonic duty than with any supposed rule or refinement of law, it is to be feared that they will be fought out to some conclusion, right or wrong, on the thorny desert of legal technics, and let the triumph

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of its own transcendent maxims of virtue, justice, charity and brotherly love.

The same itching for pestiferous litigations, which never perplexed our Masonic ancestors, incites haste and irritation in discussion, and insures in organised bodies recklessness of procedure such as should be left to the turmoil of political assemblies: and the deplorable results are forced upon the attention of the public, as well as of the Craft, by the clamour and confusion which always follow ill-advised action.

The true and admirable laws of our Institution have always been and now are amply sufficient in every emergency, for they are not concerned with the ingenious subtleties of ungenerous dispute, but assume that the only serious question among the brethren in any unforeseen conjuncture of affairs will be, which is the most fraternal, honourable and just way to proceed? and that the "noble emulation, who can best work and best agree," will leave no place for oppression or circumvention of each other, in concerns of the Craft.

One of the cases of dispute referred to above is, in all respects, as to reason and justice, substantially the same as the following supposed case: Bro. A. B., a worthy and skilful Mason of good report, lives at a distance of twelve miles from his Lodge, one of the oldest in the State. After dwelling there many years, a new Lodge is established within seven miles of him. He is glad of its prosperity, and continues his usual works of benevolence towards all Masons and others, and fears no evil—he trusts that the new organisation is for Masonic purposes. When the new Lodge, erected to God, has set up its lights and jewels, and celebrated its dedication to universal benevolence, the members, anxious that their Institution shall appear to advantage, both as to character and numbers, call upon him to unite with them. But for some reason, perhaps because his father and grandfather had been members of the old Lodge, and he has a son also a member; or because he cannot feel willing to part with the old time brothers who have walked with him so many times the same chequered floor, or in the same funeral train; or for some other cause, sufficient for him, and not to be inquired into by others; he declines changing his affiliation, as he lawfully may; for he has served his apprenticeship there, and wrought as a Craftsman and become a master in the work there, and is free; and what is Freemasonry, if the status it confers is to be made subject to the orders of others?

But they having for the first time looked about for a little law adapted to their purpose, and finding in some Masonic compilation that a Lodge is endowed with exclusive jurisdiction within its own territory (except when it is not), and learning further, that a number of Lodges in any country where there is no Grand Lodge, may unite in forming a Grand Lodge of their own, which, when established, would have, according to the opinion held by American Grand Lodges, such exclusive jurisdiction that no other Grand Lodge can be formed in the same territory, nor can any other Grand Lodge grant charters for new Lodges therein; and learning, still further, from some source, that by virtue of a thrifty outgrowth from the "American idea" such Grand Lodge would also be at once empowered to do what the Portuguese did in India, and the Spaniards in Mexico and Peru; demand of all Lodges found lawfully working within the territory, unconditional surrender to its own sovereignty; under pain of destruction, and seeing clearly that what is good law for a new Grand Lodge must be good for a particular Lodge under the same circumstances—and not finding the distinction between rules of convenience and amenity and those concerning forfeitures and penalties, nor the old principle that "Masonry taketh not from any man anything which he had before;" nor the law that "no man or body of men can make any change in the body of Masonry"—and not recollecting the obligations by which they claim to be Master Masons—and not trying to find what is the Masonic idea—they proceed at once to place Bro. A. B. under the ban, with as little concern as to right or wrong as a Pope of the dark ages ordering in Jews for baptism, under penalty of confiscation and death. Then they notify the Craft that A. B., a "recusant" found in their territory, is to be denied Masonic shelter, "water and fire," and be numbered among cowans, and spurned from the threshold of the very Lodge to which he belongs, and, in short, that they have left him a Masonic corpse without right of burial except at the cross roads with a stake driven through his body, to

comfort in death which the inquisitors bestowed o victims; that he perishes by his own fault in not h their ghostly authority.

It is true, whether they omit examination of M constitutions, charges and obligations or not, they c on their side many pertinent cases of royal authorit wise connected with the Inquisition. Among these of King Ahab and Queen Jezabel of Samaria, in c jurisdiction over the vineyard of the "recusant" N who claimed the right to hold on to his former pos which he had not received from the King, but from h ancestors. This authority "runs on all fours" w case of the Grand Lodge, whose proceedings th Lodge had copied, but is weakened somewhat by s authority, which, in a candid attempt to show bot should be given for what it is worth. It is the dec one of the most illustrious of the Grand Caliphs of E in a matter in which he was both a party and without looking for any law whatever in his own Having built a great palace, corresponding in sp with the magnificence of the wide empire in which then absolute Grand Master, he found it necessary i to surround it with suitable grounds, to include the lot of a very poor man; who, like A. B. and could say, "I dwell among mine own people;" a occupied a hovel on his piece of ground in front grand palace; so the Caliph sent his officer (Grand Deacon) to purchase the ground. But the latter re very indignant, with a report that the sturdy refused to give up his possession at any price, bec was his heritage, and he would dwell where his dwelt before him. The officer begged to be sent to him out of his hut and demolish the same, and he s the courtiers and eunuchs, and whoever loved the idea, insisted that it would be great dishonour Caliph that a mere beggar should be allowed to set personal rights against the wish of a sovereign; a the vile cabin must not be permitted for a moment grace the grand palace of the realm. But the said, "Nay: he also shall have his right. Let the remain; and the palace shall stand to witness that great, and the hut beside it will show that I was jus

Both Ahab and the Caliph have been judged, and is no hope that the judgment can be changed. The Body which has jurisdiction of their acts is the ci world. It will also judge their imitators; even tho are under no Masonic obligations.

There is much said just now concerning law in ca same in principle as that above supposed between th Lodge and A. B., that is, between a Grand Lodge established, and several symbolic Lodges which charters within the territory claimed by the new G. and which elect to retain their old charters and hol Masonic allegiance to the old Grand Lodge which them, as many Lodges have done before, for reas their own. As no one has any right to inquire in latter, they need not be discussed here or anywhe The new Grand Lodge claiming to act on the stren what is called by some the "American Idea;" or that extended by the addition of an apt Canadian has issued a paper or manifesto of non-intercourse these Lodges; and several Grand Lodges have fo expedient from some cause to do the same. Th created the existing demand for law on the subject, is being furnished as rapidly and of as desirable a as could have been expected under the stringency circumstances. When last heard from, the inno seemed hopeful of getting the upper hand, but were loudly for recruits.

Well, what does any Master Mason, who works square and practises charity, want of any law, one the other in such a case? If he be a worthy Ma certainly cannot desire to avail himself of any oppress another; and if there be any law found aga doing it can add nothing to that which he has often to enact and re-enact in the Lodge, by uniting w present in administering the obligations and char Masonry. Why spend time in searching to know w or not such a law exists? Suppose, on the other that he finds a law, whether ancient or modern justifies, in well coined phrases, "Doing unto oth you would *not* have them do unto you." What found? Anything which he can use in Masonry? great object, if not the chief one, of Masonry is, to

anised antagonism to such laws and the motives hich they spring. It is by them that all the crimes humanity have been c rried on. The martyrs of ght cause who have bled and writhed on the rack mes have suffered according to such laws. It has curse of the ages to this hour, that the malefactors nal and regal despotism had more law on their side eir victims had on theirs.

to enforce oppression even to torture and death ndeed "grown up" in the world through long of time; none knowing how bad laws always grow ay, under the fostering hand of the lust of on over body or soul. They cannot grow up by y, or in Masonry as any part thereof; even if every on earth should join in enacting them, they would more sweeping and destructive forms of outrages Masonry. Masonry may be trampled under foot lges, Grand and Constituent; but it will not be of laws to that effect; but because there can be n them enough Masons who are capable of making ws, whether they make them or not.

ear the forfeiture of a Mason's rights and privileges d because of what is called a "common law," which ame given to an opinion lately ascertained to have up in and about this continent, by a certain evolution ght among active Masonic minds. Doubtless many pinions of different values have made temporary nt in Masonic minds at various times since Masonry and to discover that something new has taken place minds of some portion of the Craft, is one thing; discover that such a thing as a "common law"—only exists because it dates from beyond the knowand memory of men—that is, was always the law—is another thing, and truly marvellous, not to say lous. When did this law begin to grow? Whenbegan, it must at that time have been certainly This is admitted by saying that it has grown up a former time. The same writers who assert its t existence speak in the same sentence which so , of a time mentioned by Bro. Gould in his history his law did not exist, which time was not long ago. aking an immemorial law grow up in a few years is e as causing a twenty year old gourd vine to grow season. But such a law can never begin to grow if e any positive (enacted) law covering the same subnd let that positive law be the same or contrary to posed law, the latter would be no law at all; for if the same in effect, it could add nothing; and if it d, it would only be an attempted violation. As such annot begin, so there can never be a time when it d in being a law. Its beginning is its end. In here is no common law, which can have living witto its growth, or positive law confronting it. It ot only be immemorial, but it must be common to ire community whose law it is; otherwise it can a local custom. It must be universal—in this case hout the Masonic world—for it concerns all Masonic wherever dispersed. Think of a local custom of ng states into our Union, or of naturalization; and a local custom of creating Grand Lodges and forthe Masonic rights and possessions of older Lodges! y one desire to find the proper authorities to show ion law in Masonry on this subject sufficient to supforfeiture of rights, let him put aside all lucubrad opinions promulgated by individuals, and ascerw many times, if ever, and when a new Grand Lodge ceeded to coercion to bring into its jurisdiction which chose to stay where they were; and the rand Lodges of the world, on hearing both sides, cided that the laws of Masonry at the time of the actment of the law concerning making innovations body of Masonry, provided for the forfeitures and s involved in such coercion. If he can find nothing ort, why should he be "as one who filleth his belly e east wind" of mere disputation, and go out on a for an idea which contains nothing but "vanity ation of spirit" for all concerned?

ing that a hundred Grand Lodges, lately from the expounders unthinkingly treat as an "idea"—which verily it is—merely a local custom of thinking—a number of Masons, representing as some say a majority of Lodges (the Australian idea is a minority) in a state or other political division in which there is no Grand Lodge, may form one of their own; and thereby, on securing recognition by other Grand Lodges, are at once empowered to warn in all the other Lodges in that territory; and in case they decline to unite, the Grand Lodge so formed may proceed to destroy them by promulgating an edict of non-intercourse. By this procedure, or other fulminations to follow as occasion may require, Master Masons by the hundred, who have never failed in Masonic duties towards their own Lodges or the Grand Lodge to which they owe allegiance; who have never trenched upon the American idea by attempting to set up a rival Grand Lodge or accepting a charter from any Grand Lodge outside the territory claimed by the new Grand Lodge, but remain obedient to their own Grand Lodge where the new Grand Lodge found them, may be declared clandestine with their lawful charters in their hands, and cast out utterly, as Masonic felons.

"The end crowns the work." The end of all this shows that the supposed law is wholly impossible in Masonry, because no common law can possibly "grow up" destructive of the first principle of the Craft, or of the statutory or other enacted laws in furtherance of the same.

If any one demands the production of the positive or enacted law, the answer is waiting; the constitutions, charges and obligations of Masonry, and the law that no change shall be made in the body thereof. This last law has been personally ratified by every Worshipful Master who has sat in the Grand Lodge, and by every Warden or other Master Mason who has ever stood present at the installation of a Master or Grand Master.

Whoever desires to fully understand the Masonic idea, let him explore these last mentioned laws; they are the laws which change not, and they will indicate enough Masonic duties which he owes to those who are assailed by an edict of Masonic despoiliation for no breach of their obligations, to remove any inclination he may have to take a hand in fabricating a new law to despoil a body of Masons who observe the law as laid down by their own Grand Lodge—the only Grand Body to whom they owe allegiance.

It is plainly high time that every Mason who proposes to join in holding the garments of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, while she stones to Masonic death some three hundred Masons—that is, if she can find supporters—to begin to ascertain where he stands. It is no idle question whether or not there is un-Masonic conduct involved in a procedure to drive out regular Masons from their Masonic domicile; that is, whole Lodges of them from their Grand Lodge; and wresting from each individual his wages; that is, his rights and privileges, and the benefits of his Lodge, and finally destroying the latter, and setting up the beams thereof as posts for his Masonic gibbet.

If the law under which such work can be done is valid for any purpose, it is, of course, sufficient to push every Mason adjudged "recusant" under it to expulsion. Expulsion is Masonic death—it is the capital punishment in Masonry. But whether it be good or bad law, it is the law which those who vote to approve such proceedings in advance, prefer to see in force; themselves being out of danger of having it applied to a case of their own, unless, perhaps, they may remove to some Mexican or other State, and there fall into the pit they now help to dig; or, unless, which is much more likely to happen, some of them find themselves situated as Bro. A. B. is supposed to have been—there can and will be thousand of such cases—and what will be their line of argument then, when the "common law" mentioned shall so further grow up as to include this case of an individual Mason when the nearest Lodge orders him to leave his own Lodge and come in, under pain of being driven from the Craft as "recusant?" Such a law would be, and indeed is, the same as the other, and is every whit as valid now. All that is lacking to make the two identical in all respects is that some Lodge

in an enlightened land of forfeitures and punishments being inflicted in the absence of positive law, except it was under a law which had been enforced so long that its origin was lost to memory; and it was thereby presumed to have been originally enacted, and the enactment lost through lapse of time? Every attempt to work forfeitures and confiscations on mere pretence of law, is itself an offence.

Since the above was written word comes that the Grand Master of Quebec has declared non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England. Thus this useless and reckless raid on the peace and dignity of the Craft goes on. It remains to be seen if the Grand Lodges of the United States will represent the latter or further follow the unfortunate counsels which have brought so near to actual consummation the disgrace and disaster which all can see are impending.— *Voice of Masonry.*

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 15th instant, when the W.M. Bro. F. S. Hancock was supported by a large gathering of P.M.'s, Officers and members. Several visitors from the Lodge of Concord, 632, Trowbridge, were also present, viz.:—J. H. Foley W.M., W. J. Mann P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Wilts, T. S. Hill P.M. P.G.S.B. Wilts, G. L. Palmer J.W., H. Applegate S.D., and F. W. Selfe J.D. Two candidates for initiation were balloted for and accepted, and one of them being present was ably initiated by the W.M. The W.M. then said that after Bro. William Nott P.M. had last year been elected to the office of Treasurer, instead of Secretary, on his expressing a wish to be relieved of the duties of the latter, as he found them too much for him, the members of the Lodge met and resolved to show their esteem and their recognition of his services, for 17 years as Secretary, by subscribing for a Past Secretary's jewel. This, with an illuminated address, had now been completed, and the W.M. on behalf of the brethren of 663 asked Bro. Nott's acceptance of them. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nott had at all times most willingly given his time and lent his abilities for the good of the Lodge; he had held high office in the Craft, Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, and in many other degrees which the W.M. did not understand, and he hoped that Bro. Nott would be spared many years to wear the jewel, and to give the Lodge the benefit of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. W. H. Bush I.P.M. 663, who had carried out the arrangements, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to do so, and of many warm and kind expressions towards their late Secretary, and of regret at not being able to be present that evening, which had been sent him by members of the Lodge and others. Bro. Mann P.M. 632 expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present to bear testimony to the high estimation in which Bro. Nott's services to Freemasonry were held outside his own Lodge, and said that had not the subscription been confined to the Devizes Lodge many others would have joined in it. Bro. William Nott, in thanking the brethren, said that until the W.M. had that evening risen and addressed him, he had not the slightest idea that anything of the kind was contemplated; he could only say, taken entirely by surprise as he was, that this expression of the feeling of the brethren would mark one of the brightest spots in his Masonic career. He heartily thanked the brethren for their beautiful jewel, which he should treasure during the remainder of his life, not for its intrinsic value (great though that was), but as a reminder of the affectionate regard and kindly good feeling of the subscribers, as so warmly expressed in the words of the address then before him. The jewel, a valuable one in gold and enamel, was supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.S.G.W. Wilts, by the brethren of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, 663, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the above Lodge for 17 years." The business being concluded, the Lodge was then closed.

### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE last meeting of the session of this favourite summer Lodge was held at Bro. Deacon's, Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. Brothers John Greenfield P.M. 1602 W.M., E. W. Allen (W.M. elect, P.M. 173) S.W., F. Foxley P.M. 173 J.W., W. Holcombe S.D., J. Cutbill I.G., W. Fenton D.C., Captain John Finch P.M. 795 Treasurer, Charles Dearing S.D. 1602 Secretary; Bros. J. Innes I.P.M., Linscott P.M., Harling, Waterhouse, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Morris P.M. 1566 P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks, J. Rutland P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, J. Osborn P.M. 1602 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, H. H. Mason S.W. 1501, J. G. Tongue S.W. 584, T. C. Thain P.M. 1769, J. Cross J.W. 902, W. R. Williams P.M. 975, J. Blyth P.M. 173, C. Ayling P.M. 795, W. Crane 1425, J. Woodman 813, C. T. Curtis 1950, J. W. Routledge 1669, W. Holland P.M. 180, C. Weeden W.M. 813, A. Hopkins W.M. 173, P. Block 55, L. Heil 55, G. Mornington 1669, W. Groome 816 and 1662, R. Puttick S.D. 1501, J Cooper P.M. 1769, J. Tolworthy 1769, A. Henson 1706, T. Langford 1366, J. Stephens 1425, J. Botting 1501, Lodge having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting (July) read and confirmed. The audit the auditors affirmed. The W.M. then announced to the that for special reasons it had been arranged that Bro. P.M who had so admirably installed other W.M.'s, should instal cessor, and at the same time he congratulated the bret having selected such an able successor as Bro. E. W. Alle ness whose installation so many eminent Freemasons had some cases long distances; this testified to his popularity. was then taken by the installing Master, who most ably his duties. The board of installed Masters having been W.M. elect invested his Officers, as follow:—John Green 1602 I.P.M., F. Foxley P.M. 173 S.W., W. Holcom John Finch Treasurer, C. Dearing Secretary, J. Cut W. Fenton J.D., W. F. Hurling Steward, R. Ga —and named C. S. Bailey, who was absent, as I.G.—Shepp A joining member having been proposed, and notice of m by P.M. Finch to increase the annual subscription, Lodge in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Th the Queen and the Craft having been given by the Worshipf Bro. John Greenfield I.P.M. rose and proposed the heal Worshipful Master, expressing the great pleasure he felt such an able successor filling his post, one competent and wil charge the very onerous duties. Bro. E. W. Allen then re snitable terms, and afterwards proposed the health of Bro. I.P.M., in one of the most eloquent speeches we have ever l In the course of his observations he said that the bret knew that the brother most to be depended upon wa gushing, boisterous man, but the quiet unpretending M went strictly and conscientiously about his work and discharged the duties of his office. Such a man was t diate Past Master, who was held in high esteem by Lodge, and towards whom he felt the warmest attachment first time he met him amongst them. He then, in the na Lodge, presented the Immediate Past Master with a valua having the figure of St. John the Evangelist upon it—t lent workmanship of Bro. Weeden W.M. 813; he trusted Immediate Past Master would be spared to wear it for ma and hand it down to his family as a token of the affection a of the brethren. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. Gre responding, said that the very eloquent manner in which shipful Master had spoken of him almost deprived him of of speech, and yet he rejoiced that it was not so, as in tha could not have sufficiently thanked the brethren for their g ness towards him at all times. He reminded the bret several excellent members had recently joined the Lodge, Charities had not been neglected, and that the bye laws carefully revised and approved, with the view of reducin penses. He pointed out that difficulties sometimes arose masonry as in everything else, but that these could be ove the brethren from time to time simply recollecting and their obligations one towards another. He assured the that he should wear the jewel with pride, and endeavour t down to his family as pure as he had received it. The oth were then given and responded to; and the brethren re town, having spent a day that will long be remembered present.

### NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE first meeting of this Lodge for the session was h 8th instant, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, and there sent Bros. H. P. Bertini W.M., Rev. James W. A. Sturd C. Grassi S.W., F. W. Cash J.W., Ernest E. Smith Secret Graham S.D., H. Wild J.D., W. H. Meyer I.G., W. Curley T. Grummant Dir. of Cers., G. W. Rowe Tyler; Bros. Ar Maund, James Rowe, H. W. Markham, W. J. Pegram, North, W. Avernell, C. Guffanti, R. Pratti, C. Howard, J. N Walker, E. Fry, G. F. Mounter, John Faulkner, Henry E. Rouard, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Brindley P.M. G. Reynolds S.D. 1614. Lodge having been opened and th of last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. G. Maund, Walte and W. J. Redfern, after answering the usual questions, w to the sublime degree of M.M. Afterwards Bros. E. H Pratti and C. Guffanti were passed. Before the business cluded the Worshipful Master was compelled, through press ness, to retire, and his duties were undertaken by Bros. J. W. A. Sturdie and T. Grummant. Lodge was then clos brethren adjourned for refreshment, the chair being tak Rev. J. Sturdie. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toast given and honoured, Bro. W. Curley P.M. proposed the hea Worshipful Master, regretting his absence from the ban at the same time expressing his great regret that he was to leave them. The earnest way in which Bro. Bertini had c his duties had been fully shown by the style in which he i brethren to the third degree. However, the Immediate Pa Rev. J. W. A. Sturdie and Bro. T. Grammant P.M. had fi work connected with the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. long time since he (Bro. Curly) had had the gavel in his now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the W Master, and hoped the brethren would drink it with bum Sturdie thanked the brethren for the kind manner in W.M.'s health had been proposed and responded to; he his sorrow that the Worshipful Master had to leave then pressure of business; they all knew the great interest he t affairs of the Lodge, and they appreciated the way in whic done his work. It had been a long time since they had m was pleased to see their faces again; he trusted that the W Master would have a successful year of office. The Rev. Sturdie then gave the health of the Visitors. The New Cr was always pleased to see a goodly array at their festi Although this was an off-night he trusted the Visitors ha

t at the working of the Lodge, and showed the interest in their proceedings; he trusted that they had not been ted. Bro. Brindley P.M. 1604, in reply, thanked them all hearty manner in which Bro. E. Reynolds's and his own d been drunk; he could not speak too highly of the Worshipful Master's working; he had often met him in the Covent odge of Instruction, in which Bro. Bertini took a great deal t, it being held at the Criterion. He was also much pleased of their worthy Chairman and Bro. Grammant P.M. It m much gratification to see amongst them his old friend Reynolds, the Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of n. Bro. E. Reynolds S.D. 1604 thanked the brethren or the kind manner in which the health of the Visitors had k, also for the kind expressions which had fallen from the o. T. Brindley with respect to the Lodge of which he had r of being Secretary. They met every Thursday evening, ar round, and worked with a will, and any of the who wished for instruction would be made welcome. In the saw many faces who were constant attendants, and it was g to him to see how well the Worshipful Master was d by his Officers, they were among those who were gular in their attendance at the Criterion on Thursday . They were equally proficient in sectional work, was the most beautiful part of Freemasonry. He, . Brindley, had spent a most enjoyable evening, and he them all for the hearty reception, and wished the New lge every success. The Immediate Past Master gave the Bro. Howard, who, some time ago, was initiated at a Lodge ency. This brother, in reply, expressed his gratification at mitted amongst them. He hoped to prove himself a worthy of the Lodge. The health of the Past Masters was proposed, severally returned thanks. Bro. Ernest Smith P.M. and , in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren, assured was always willing to do all he could for the welfare of the d to assist the Officers. That night had shown what the sters were able and willing to do; their Worshipful Master compelled to leave, but this evidenced how desirable it was Past Masters should be well up to their work. He was to tell the brethren the Lodge was prospering under the ip of Bro. Bertini, and he could also say that several gentlee waiting to be initiated. Although this was a bye night it ifying to find so many members present; this clearly proved rest that was taken in the New Cross Lodge. Bro. Smith posed the health of their Immediate Past Master Bro. the W. Stordie, thanking him for undertaking the duties—partly dge and partly at the banquet table,—which he knew Bro. had performed in a manner pleasing and satisfactory to all. rdie, in thanking the brethren for their kindness, said he ted very much all that had been said of him, but was sorry Worshipful Master had had to leave them; his working erance were much to be admired. He was delighted to n their brother Secretary that the Lodge was prospering, oped it would continue to do so. The health of the Officers proposed, to which Bro. Grassi responded. The Tyler's ught this pleasant and harmonious meeting to a close. Bros. Grassi, E. Fry, W. J. Pegram, Ernest Smith, and others uch to the enjoyment by their vocal ability.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ursday, the 14th inst., this Lodge paid a fraternal visit to irsk, at the invitation of the members of the Falcon Lodge, , in that town. In the spring the Eboracums had entere Falcons, and the latter took this opportunity of reciprocatesies. The Eboracum brethren, numbering over twenty, by the five o'clock train, and at Thirsk station were met ntation from the Falcon Lodge, with carriages, and were to the Masonic Hall, in the Castle Yard, where they found nd cordial greeting awaiting them. At 7 p.m. the Falcon as opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Z. Wright, supBros. Past Masters Reginald Bell, Henry Smith, Geo. Ayre, lkinson, Chas. Greensides, W. Coltman; Dr. Linford S.W., ley J.W., Rev. E. Richardson S.D., J. T. Hansell Secretary, others; whilst amongst the Eboracums were Bros. A. T. B. W.M., Past Masters T. B. Whytehead, J. T. Sellar, Geo. ; W. Brown W.M. elect, and most of the other Officers dge. The Worshipful Master of the Falcon Lodge expressed ure he felt at being able to welcome their York visitors, and shipful Master of the Eboracum Lodge responded. The rovincial Grand Master (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) re announced, the members of Provincial Grand Lodge deputation to receive him, and he was conducted into the saluted. He then proceeded to address a few remarks to ren, and expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the d witness so truly fraternal a gathering. Such interchange rtesies of the Craft were calculated to be of great use, and be glad to encourage the good spirit thus exhibited. After of the Lodge the Thirsk brethren entertained their guests al supper, which had been supplied by Bro. Farmery, the it its conclusion Bro. Z. Wright proceeded to give the usual ts, and then that of the Provincial Grand Lodge, responded . T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., who also proposed the health Worshipful Master of the Falcon Lodge. Bro. Wright responded gave Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, responded to Turner and W. Brown. Bro. T. J. Wilkinson P.M. then hort but extremely interesting paper on "The Masonic for which he received the cordial thanks of the party

## KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043.

THE regular Lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday, 7th October, at which the following brethren were present:—Bros. G. W. Webb W.M., C. H. Tench S.W., J. E. Sydenham J.W., T. Cook jun. Treasurer, G. H. Stubington Secretary, C. B. Tubbs S.D., B. W. Bennett J.D., F. J. Ferguson P.M. D.C., C. E. Hewett I.G., J. T. Brown Steward, J. F. Stevens Tyler; Past Masters W. G. Flanagan and E. Margrett; and Bros. J. H. Millard and Henry Creed. Visitors:—Bros. H. W. Schartau Org. 1549, H. W. O. Smith W.M. 1566, F. Marsh W.M. 1895, Hy. Perks W.M. 209, Doran Webb W.M. 1894, F. Blackwell W.M. 414; C. Slaughter, H. G. Sherwin, F. J. Brown, J. Sparrow, W. Ravenscroft S.W., J. Greenaway Secretary 1101; J. T. Thomas 1171, W. Bonny 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March, and of the Lodge of Emergency, held on the 1st April, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Bro. C. H. Tench—who was elected W.M. for the ensuing year at the regular Lodge held on the 4th March last—was duly installed, the ceremony being performed by Bros. G. W. Webb and W. G. Flanagan, in a most impressive manner; after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. W. Webb I.P.M., J. E. Sydenham S.W., C. B. Tubbs J.W., T. Cook jun. Treasurer, G. H. Stubington Secretary, W. G. Flanagan P.M. D.C., W. B. Bennett S.D., C. E. Hewett J.D., J. T. Brown I.G., T. E. Hill, J. H. Millard, and F. J. Lawes Stewards; J. F. Stevens Tyler. The Lodge was resumed, and a candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. W. B. Bennett, seconded by Bro. W. G. Flanagan. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to antient form, when the brethren, about 35 in number, adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, at which the Worshipful Master presided. During the evening Bro. G. W. Webb presented the Lodge with a very beautiful "broken column," for donations, in token of the pleasure he had derived during his year of office. This brother was presented by the Worshipful Master with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him at the last regular Lodge. In accepting the same Bro. Webb assured the brethren that it would be treasured by him as long as he might be spared to wear it.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, 23rd Oct. Present:—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., A. Matthey acting J.W., J. S. Fraser Sec., M. L. Levèy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., J. C. Leaver Steward, F. W. Leaver Organist, W. Lace Tyler; also Bros. Geo. Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, Holdsworth, Holden, Wilson, Gueudalla, Rev. Lennox Harvey, Aston, and Herschorn. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, C. Daniel P.M. 65, J. Newton P.M. 171, C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, W. Fox Hawes J.D. 463, E. Chevelier 890, Col. M. L. Elliot 1215, A. O. Morice 1615, and F. Laughlin Org. 1365. The Brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in consequence of the death of the D.P.G. Master Surrey. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and a ballot having been taken for Mr. Frederick Herschorn, he was initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Rev. Lennox Harvey and H. H. Aston were passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the W.M. proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Geo. Price, supported by Bro. C. H. Woodward, and carried unanimously, the same to be entered on the minutes, and a copy sent to Bro. C. Greenwood:—

"The Brethren of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096 have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the V.W. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., D.P.G. Master Surrey, and an Honorable of this Lodge, which has received so much kindness at his hands. The Brethren further wish to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec. Surrey, and the other members of the family, their sincerest sympathy in their great and irreparable loss."

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.**—At the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon there were present:—Bros. R. Clay Sudlow W.M., Ridpath S.W., Oates J.W., Shakespeare S.D., Fane J.D., Kilvington I.G., Smith, Ranson, Hobbs, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Hobbs acted as Master elect, and Bro. Sudlow as Installing Master. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers. A formal vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sudlow for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, and he was elected an Honorary member. After some other business, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, W. Present:—Bros. T. Stone W.M., J. Wood S.W., V. Wing J.W., G. Gardner Treas., W. W. Williams acting Sec., Purdue P.M. S.D., Cawson P.M. J.D., Craggs Steward, E. Dodson I.G., C. A. Walter P.M. P.G.S.D.; Osborn, Stiles, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second, when Bro. Osborn offered himself as a candidate to be raised; he was duly raised and entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very efficient manner. [illegible]





## GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., W. Ravenscroft S.W., W. Ferguson P.M. acting as J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, Joseph Greenaway Secretary, T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., C. Slaughter I.G., H. G. Sherwin acting Org., J. Sparrow Steward; P.M.'s Flanagan, E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, and E. Margrett; Bros. E. W. Ridley, H. D. Jones, W. E. Parkes, Smallwood, J. Stewart, and W. Hemmings Tyler. Visitor—Cyril B. Tubbs J.W. 2043. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Robert Eli Hodder, approved at the last regular Lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M., and Bro. W. Ravenscroft S.W. was declared to be elected. The ballot was also taken for the election of Treasurer, and Bro. J. T. Stransom was re-elected. Bro. W. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. elect nominated Bros. P.M. Pulley, J. Sparrow, and F. Brown as his banquet Stewards. Bro. Pulley suggested that an advertisement be inserted in the *Freemason* and the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, returning the thanks of the W.M. and Brethren to the Patron, Vice Patrons, President, Vice Presidents, Governors and Subscribers for their votes and interest in securing the election of Harry Freeman into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with 1874 votes, he being fourth on the poll. This was agreed to. Bro. Margrett proposed, and Bro. Hawkes seconded, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Prickett, on his vacating the chair, and this was duly carried. Bro. Prickett returned thanks. Bro. Pulley proposed as a joining member Bro. Walter Sowdon P.M. Panmure Lodge 723, P.P.G.J.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, of the Ship Hotel, Reading; this was seconded by Bro. Margrett. Bro. Margrett proposed, and Bro. Stransom seconded, a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Pulley suggested that a bookcase be made and fixed in the ante-room to contain the books belonging to the Lodge for the use of the members generally. The W.M. thought it would be better to delay ordering it, until they could ascertain the cost, and the sanction to fix it had been obtained from the W.M. of 414. Bro. Ravenscroft kindly offered to prepare a sketch and obtain an estimate from Bro. Sparrow, for which the thanks of the Lodge was accorded. The labours of the evening having ended, Lodge was closed in due form according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the second Wednesday in November.

## ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on which occasion Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., C.C., Past Grand Treasurer of England, was installed as W.M. It may be in the recollection of our readers that when, some eight years since, Bro. Marshall was initiated he signalised the event by making a donation of one hundred guineas to one of the Masonic Institutions. On the occasion of taking his second and third degrees he further exercised his munificence by contributing a similar sum to each of the other Institutions. Since then he has constantly shown an interest in the Charities, and in Freemasonry generally, by taking an active part in the working of the several degrees, and in the affairs of the Charities. His zeal for the Craft was recognised by his election to the office of Grand Treasurer, and now his mother Lodge has conferred the highest honour in its power to swell the long list of preferments which have already been showered upon him. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Clark jun., and in due course the Officers for the ensuing year were invested, as follows:—J. Holliday S.W., R. R. Johnston J.W., G. Clark jun. P.M. Treasurer, C. C. Cruikshanks P.M. Secretary, H. H. Room S.D., C. A. White J.D., J. B. Clark I.G., R. Whiting P.M. Tyler. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer delivered the address to the Master, while those to Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Clark, who throughout the ceremony displayed great ability. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall jun. It being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated by his father. It is at all times a source of gratification, both to the principals engaged and to those who witness the ceremony, when one member has the privilege of initiating another of his family, and this is especially enhanced when the relationship is that of father and son. It is well-known that Bro. Marshall performs the functions he takes upon himself in no half-hearted manner, and the deep solemnity and fervency he exhibited on this occasion will not readily be forgotten. The son was as equally impressed as his worthy sire; he also has shown his interest in the Masonic Institutions, as previous to his initiation he had qualified himself as Patron of our three central Charities. After the transaction of some other business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Albany Hotel. After the banquet the Worshipful Master rose to propose the Loyal toasts. The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty was most cordially proposed, and responded to. In speaking of the Grand Master Bro. Marshall stated that the interest shown by the Prince of Wales had unquestionably attracted attention to the Craft, and it had consequently become more popular than it might otherwise have been. For the Grand Officers Bro. Edgar Bowyer responded. In speaking to the next toast, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Bro. Marshall said that since he was initiated, in 1878, no less than six Provincial Grand Lodge collars had been given to members of their Lodge. They would thank the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, for the honour which had thus been conferred upon them. With the Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex, Past and Present, he would couple the name of Bro. G. Kenning, whom he recently marked for generous support given him on many occasions. After a brief, but feeling reference [illegible] pleasure in seeing in the chair of their Lodge. Bro. M[illegible] position was most exceptional, inasmuch as on the night of hi[illegible] lation as Worshipful Master of the Royal Hanover Lodge he [illegible] son by his side as an initiate. No doubt this would be one [illegible] principal episodes of their lives, and one which would be h[illegible] mind by them for very many years to come. Their Master h[illegible] formed the initiation ceremony in a manner most imp[illegible] and in a way which had appealed most effectu[illegible] the heart. He (Bro. Ramsey) had pleasure in asking [illegible] present to drink the toast. In reply, Bro. Marshall than[illegible] brethren sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had r[illegible] the toast. It was with some hesitation that he accepted the [illegible] of Master of the Lodge—to which he was elected by favour[illegible] brethren in July last—owing to the multiplicity of his engag[illegible] and the claims on his time in connection with the philan[illegible] works with which he was associated. About the time of his e[illegible] he was invited to lay the foundation-stone of a middle-class [illegible] in the Cathedral City of Canterbury, and those concerned, wi[illegible] generosity which was characteristic of members of the Cra[illegible] sented him with the tools with which to perform the ce[illegible] Upon the magnificent silver trowel was engraved the words, [illegible] omnia vincit," and he resolved, upon reading it, to apply tha[illegible] to his own case, and determined that if by perseverance and [illegible] it was possible to properly perform the splendid ritual of the [illegible] they should not be wanting on his part. He only hoped that [illegible] end of his year of office they might be able to say he had pe[illegible] the duties of his important position to their entire satisfactio[illegible] the Visitors Bros. W. W. Morgan and J. H. Hawkins replie[illegible] other toasts comprised the Immediate Past Master[illegible] Installing Officer; the Past Masters; the Initiate; the [illegible] of the Lodge; the Masonic Charities; and that of the [illegible] During the evening a splendid vocal entertainment was given [illegible] members. Especially worthy to be mentioned was the song [illegible] Cranch, "Hear the wild winds blow;" Bro. Leonard's "[illegible] Argyle;" Bro. Dunkley's "Let each man learn to know hi[illegible] "Only once more," by Brother Holliday; whilst as to the [illegible] "Excelsior"—by Bros. Holliday and Odell, it has seldom[illegible] —been better rendered. In the course of the evening the el[illegible] our poorer brethren were not overlooked; the Chari[illegible] was passed round, and the sum of £2 16s 6d was r[illegible] Amongst those present as Visitors were Bros. E. Bowyer P.[illegible] J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, G. Kenning P.M. P.P.G.D. Mi[illegible] W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Cranch P.M. 1650, C. I. [illegible] W.M. 2048, T. Minstrell P.M. 87, &c. In closing this report [illegible] state that we believe the fact that an Entered Apprentice [illegible] Patron of each of our Masonic Institutions is unique, and [illegible] forward to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall the younger tal[illegible] active an interest in the welfare of our Charities as has chara[illegible] the Masonic career of his worthy parent.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instru[illegible] No. 1585.**—On Monday last, at the Railway Hotel, [illegible] Present:—Bros. Featherstone W.M., Bigler S.W., Langley[illegible] Grundy Sec., Williams S.D., Collick J.D., Taylor D.C., Well[illegible] Carter P.M., Benjamin P.M. 1366, and Burrows 129. Lod[illegible] opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were r[illegible] confirmed. The installation ceremony was rehearsed by Pr[illegible] Taylor P.M., and the officers were invested by Bro. Featherston[illegible] Bros. Benjamin and Burrows were elected members of this L[illegible] Instruction, and Bro. Bigler was elected W.M. for next we[illegible] discussion followed on the subject of Bro. Featherstone's h[illegible] membership; it was proposed by Bro. Bigler S.W., and sec[illegible] Preceptor Taylor P.M., "That the evidence of the entry by t[illegible] Secretary of Bro. Featherstone's name as an honorary mem[illegible] taken as sufficient proof, and this resolution be entered [illegible] minutes." This was carried, and Bro. Featherstone than[illegible] Lodge, which was then closed in due form.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Th[illegible] at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present [illegible] John Davies W.M., Jesse Collings P.M. S.W., Sims P.M [illegible] Chalfont P.M. Sec., Purdue P.M. S.D., Cochrane J.D., Craig [illegible] Past Masters — Bros. Spiegel, Child, Corston, Cubitt, [illegible] Josey, Gillingham, Reynolds, Geo. Davis, J. Cantle; als[illegible] R. H. Williams, H. F. Williams, A. Williams, Wood, Jo[illegible] Thompson, Barrow, Breitbart, Cavers, Whittle, Marsh, [illegible] Hardy, Lindfield, Chatwin, Garrett, Gowan, Valentine [illegible] Rogers, Stonnil, Austin, Love, Long, W. W. Williams, Stroud[illegible] Cross, Murrel. After preliminaries, the fifteen sections were [illegible] in a very efficient manner. Bros. Valentine Wing 1585, Corst[illegible] R. H. Williams 865, Barrow 1425, were elected members [illegible] Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed and adjourned until [illegible] day next.

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## )YAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

### THE TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS.

will be remembered that a few weeks since we drew attention to the long services of Miss S. L. Davis, the governess of the Girls' School at Battersea Rise, and anced that a testimonial was being raised to com-)rate the completion of her twenty-fifth year of office. now understand that the subscription list for the monial will be closed on the 15th November, by which Bro. Herbert Dicketts (the Hon. Secretary of the .) requests all subscriptions may be forwarded to him, e Office of the Institution, 5 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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ie monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was on Wednesday evening, the 20th instant, at Free-ns' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice Presi- presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Junior Vice ident, occupied the Senior Vice President's chair, and W. H. Perryman A.G.P. was called to the chair of )r Vice President. The brethren first confirmed nmendations at the September meeting, amounting to ). There were thirty-two cases on the new list. ry large majority of these were London cases. The 's came from Leytonstone, Stokesley, Keswick, )p, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Llanelly, Wakefield, White-n, Feltham, and Teddington. After the opening of the d, Bro. James Brett said,

'ore proceeding with the business of the evening, he would claim ndulgence of the brethren for a few moments while he referred loss this Board had sustained by the death of its President, the Bro. Joshua Nunn, for he was sure they would all agree with that it was a loss. Perhaps he (Bro. James Brett) was more ed than any one else to speak concerning their late brother, se he was his Senior Vice-President, and, he might say, his companion, for they had been associated together for very years. They were made Grand Officers on the same night, years ago (1869), by the late Earl of Zetland; they were the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents appointed to the Board of rolence when it was newly constituted and altered, and they the two oldest members of the Board. He had been a member 1857—29 years ago this month—and Bro. Nunn had been a )er six and twenty years; and from that time to the time s death Brother Nunn had been a constant attendant at the l. The brethren all knew how well and worthily the late dent performed the duties of his office. He had hoped Bro. Nunn would have remained President of the Board at any as long as he (Bro. Brett) had the honour of a seat at it; but happened, that was not to be, and the Great Architect of the erse had called him away. Bro. Nunn was always a gentleman, although some might consider that in the office of senior Vice-dent he might have been more liberal than he was as President; would agree that on his appointment as President he seemed to feel his responsibility—a responsibility which was very , not only upon the President, but upon every member of the l, because they were entrusted with the disposal of thousands, unds belonging to the Craft. It was of the more importance, count of the money belonging to others, that they should dis- it jealously and carefully, than if it were their own. There had cases, as the brethren knew, where the applicants had been able ure the service of some eminent or eloquent brother, who could pon the fellings of members of the Board, more especially young Masters, appearing for the first time at the Board ot knowing the working of the Board, and so larger sums were ed than was the case where the applicants had not the advan-of such support. That ought not to be. Bro. Nunn was a man always acted fairly, impartially, and justly, and guarded, as was uty, the funds at the disposal of the Board to the best of his y. The brethren would all admit that he did it to their fection and to the satisfaction of the Craft. There now ined a duty which the Board ought to perform—to pass a vote ndolence with the widow of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and it was hich he was about to propose for the brethren's acceptance. s a great loss the Board had suffered by his death, and he l ask in proposing that vote that the Grand Secretary, with his kindness and great ability, would express in that vote the me regret the Board felt at their loss, together with the widow still greater loss.

G. P. Britten, in seconding the motion, said he did think anything could be added to the observations of Acting President. On Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior -President, putting the motion, Bro. James Stevens ght there should be another vote, expressing the feel- of the Craft generally, and of Grand Lodge on the et, but it was stated by Brother Brett, after some r brethren had spoken, that next meeting of the Board ld be the time at which notices of motion for Grand suggested could then be handed in. Bro. Brett's motion motion, was then carried unanimously, The new list was disposed of as follows:—Three cases were deferred, being incomplete; one case relieved with £100, and one with £75; four cases were relieved with £50 each; five with £40 each; seven with £30 each; five with £20 each; and five with £10 each. One case was relieved with £5. The total voted was £940.

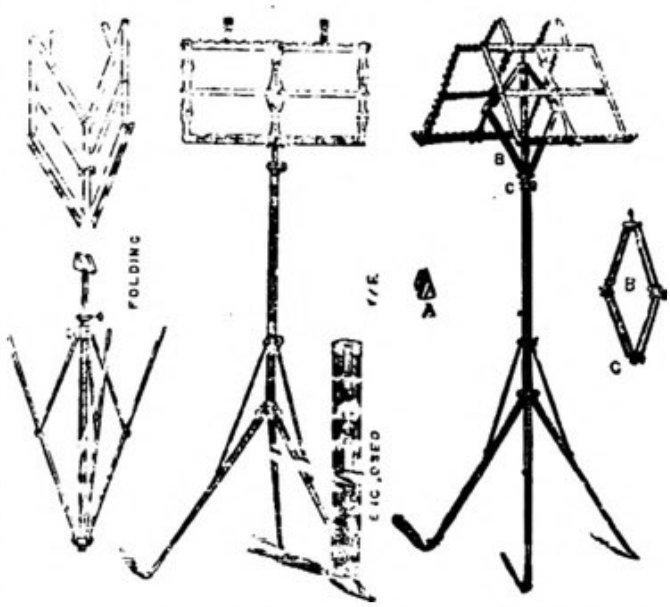
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AT the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held on Saturday, t 13th November 1886, at three o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Commer Road, Portsmouth,

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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Gra Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Londo on Wednesday, the 3rd day of November next, at o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSE

*To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England*

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they ha examined the accounts from the 21st July to the 19th Octol 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| Balance Grand Chapter - - | 109 | 8 | 11 |
| „ Unappropriated Account - | 191 | 3 | 4 |
| Subsequent Receipts - | 263 | 8 | 0 |
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| Disbursements during the quarter - | 231 | 1 |
| Balance - - | 138 | 10 |
| „ Unappropriated Account - | 194 | 8 |
| | £564 | 0 |

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received t following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Francis Alfred White as Z., Henry Mas as H., the Rev. Thomas Cochrane P. Grand Standard Bearer as and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Liberty of Have ing Lodge, No. 1437, Romford, to be called the "Liberty of Haveri Chapter," and to meet at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, in t County of Essex.

2nd. From Companions Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., Distr Grand Master of Victoria as Z., Thomas Henry Tuffle as H., Willi

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s as H., James Jenkin as J., and six others for a Chapter to be ed to the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, to be called Phœnix Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, County of York (Western Division).

From Companions the Right Honourable James Ludovic Crawford as Z., Maskell William Peace as H., Richard Atherington as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to ndsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan, to be called "The Lindsay r," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, King Street, Wigan, in unty of Lancashire (Western Division.)

foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee mend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

Committee have also received memorials, with copies of s, on removal of the undermentioned Chapters:—

Volubian Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, for permission to remove Masonic Hall, Falmouth.

Abbey Chapter, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, for permission ve to the Masonic Hall, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness.

Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, mend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
President.

sons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th October 1886.

—The Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1887, with the d months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, will be ready he end of November. To be had at the Office of the Grand E., price 2s.

Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges ncipals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Secretary, immediate notice of any change in the day or place ting of Lodges or Chapters—Vide Book of Constitutions, 169, 170.

**ropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—A meeting was Tuesday, 26th October, at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, -street. Companions Levey S.N., Smart Z., Beedell H., P.S., G. Jones J., F. Brown Preceptor; with many other ions. The Chapter was opened, and the ceremony of on was correctly rehearsed. Companion M. Brown, pter 141, was unanimously elected a member. It was ed that the forthcoming supper would take place at the hostelry, under the supervision of the host Companion on. The Companions will sit down punctually at half-past Tuesday next, the 2nd November, consequently the usual s will be suspended until Tuesday, 9th November, when work resumed.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### YORK LODGE (T.I.)

regular quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held in Freesons' Hall, Duncombe-street, York, on Tuesday, 19th inst., ere were present Bros. F. Smith W.M., A. T. B. Turner . B. Dyson M.O., W. Lackenby S.O., H. C. Pickersgill J.O., ytehead P.M. Secretary, George Lamb S.D., Maj. McGachen I.'s J. T. Seller, C. G. Padel; Bros. A. M. White, R. Ware, Purnell, S. J. Dalton, S. G. Cammack, W. Sharp, W. Brown, Watkinson. Visitors—Bros. D. Grant (Ark I.C), W. Fraser and W. H. Cowper P.M. 276. Bro. Geo. Chapman 1611 was on the ballot and advanced to the degree. Bro. G. Simpson sent through illness) was elected to the chair. Bro. T. B. nd P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, Bros. W. B. Dyson and W. ere elected Auditors. Two guineas was voted towards the n of a child of a deceased brother. One guinea was voted to kes Testimonial Fund. Lodge was then closed, and the entertained their visitors at supper, after which toasts and re the order of the evening.

### GOSPORT LODGE, No. 305.

nnual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, ia Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport, on 19th inst., when Bro. s installed as W.M.M.M for the ensuing year, by the I.P.M. owell P.G.M.O. The W.M. appointed the following brethren icers:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., P.P.G.C. as I.P.M., ller S.W., W. C. Webb P.P.G.S. of W. J.W., W. T. Dupree S. Senior S.O., A. M. Rae J.O., the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D. Chaplain, J. S. Senior Treasurer, W. Green P.P.G.D. of C. T. Pearson Registrar of M., F. W. C. Waters P.P.G.O. T. Stretton S.D., W. A. Rowe J.D., W. Cotton D. of C., I.G., W. Sims and W. T. Holdstock Stewards, L. Canvin The R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and several hed Provincial Grand Officers attended the meeting, which great success.

### YAL ARK MARINERS LODGE, No. 305.

nual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Bro. F. Powell. The W.C.N. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., I.P.C.N., W. T. Miller J., W. C. Webb S., F. Powell P.G.N. Treas., W. Green Scribe, A. M. Rae S.D., T. Pearson J.D., W. T. Dupree D. of C., R. G. King Guardian, F. W. C. Waters Organist, W. A. Rowe and W. Cotton Stewards, L. Canvin Warden. The meeting proved a great success, and amongst those present was the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason for Hants and Isle of Wight.

## Obituary.

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### BRO. GEORGE GWYN PARKER.

AMONGST the many deaths which have occurred in the ranks of Freemasonry during the month now terminating, and which have removed from amongst us well-known and distinguished members of the Order, there has been none marked with more awful suddenness than that of Bro. Geo Gwyn Parker, a greatly esteemed member of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and of the Prudent Brethren R.A. Chapter. Returning to his home, at Teddington, on Sunday, the 17th inst., having ridden from Staines, at his very gate he was thrown from his horse, and received such injuries as occasioned almost instant death. The full particulars of the accident are not ascertainable, as his groom, following his master at no great distance, on hastening to the spot, discovered him bleeding and unconscious. The night was dark, and some short time elapsed before assistance could be summoned; meanwhile our brother breathed his last, almost before he could be removed into his house. Bro. Parker was well-known in the City as an Australian and New Zealand merchant, carrying on business at Palmerston Buildings, Old Broad Street, and deep regret was evinced amongst a large circle of City and Colonial friends when the sad news reached them on Monday morning, our deceased brother having secured for himself the goodwill and esteem of all who knew him. A large number of his business acquaintances and private friends attended his funeral at Teddington Cemetery, on Friday, the 22nd inst., and if testimony had been needed to prove the high respect in which Bro. Parker had been held by local residents the large and sorrowful assemblage at his interment, and the profusion of floral offerings which hid his coffin from view supplied it. Amongst the mourners were Bro. Parker's four sons, and his cousin Bro. John K. Gwyn, also a member of The Great City Lodge. The Craft was represented by a large deputation from that Lodge and from Prudent Brethren Chapter conjointly. Bros. N. B. Headon, the originator; James Stevens, first W.M.; Bros. G. W. Blackie, T. Hamer, and W. Baber, Past Masters; Bros. T. Headon, J. R. Hartley, T. Lawes, J. E. Randell, and several other brethren represented The Great City Lodge, and with many other Craftsmen and Companions paid in Masonic manner the "last sad tribute of respect" at the close of the solemn rite of burial. Bro. Parker was but forty-two years of age at the time of his decease, and has left a widow and six children to mourn their irreparable loss.

It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of the wife of Brother J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, P.Z., &c., which sad event took place on the 20th instant. On more than one occasion we have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Berry; she was a lady who took an active interest in the Masonic Institutions—in fact in Masonic matters generally—in association with her husband, and we feel that her loss will be mourned in more than one Masonic home, while many who have experienced her kindness will miss her. We tender our sincere sympathy to Bro. Berry in his bereavement. .

Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. 1693, P.M. 1950 619, will take the chair at 8.30 on Monday, 1st November, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on which occasion he will rehearse the ceremonies of initiation and passing.

Bro. E. Farwig P.M. 180, P.Z. 180, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, in the Masonic Temple, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evening, the 18th of November next, commencing at 8 o'clock. Entrance to

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**St. James's.**—That successful writer of plays, Mr. Arthur W. Pinero, has once more managed to write a comedy, not only extremely funny but original. "The Hobby-Horse," in three acts was produced for the first time last Saturday, at the above theatre. The author has conceived his play in a spirit of considerable brightness, and except one or two situations it would class well with such pieces as "The Magistrate." However, several of the situations are amusing and the audience watches the progress of the play with eagerness. The characters are natural, while the clearness of the plot cannot be questioned. Each scene is well worked out, while the family complications in the last act cause considerable amusement. Still Mr. Pinero has—to our thinking—made a mistake in not providing a wife for the disappointed Rev. Noel Brice, who after proposing to a lady, whom he thinks single, proves to be married. The author, perhaps, lies under the impression that once the heart be lost it cannot be regained. An outline of the plot must suffice to enable our readers to form an opinion of "The Hobby-Horse." Mr. Spencer Jermyn, an elderly sporting gentleman, well known on the turf, has married a buxom young lady of quite a different disposition to himself. He is a jolly, racy squire, a man of the world; she a religious, philanthropic lady with a rooted aversion to the turf. Having a farm, for which he is unable to find a tenant, Jermyn's great desire is to turn this farm into a home for decayed jockeys. His wife, on the other hand, is anxious to utilize this same house for a child's home—her great aim being to pick up waifs and strays, care for them, bring them up, and give them a start in life. A governess named Moxon is visiting at Mr. Jermyn's, with whom Mr. Pinching, solicitor to Mr. Jermyn, has fallen in love. This Miss Moxon has obtained a situation in London, as companion to Bertha, a niece of the Rev. Noel Brice, who is curate in charge of one of the poorest districts in London, and whose life is spent in ministering to the spiritual and bodily wants of young and old. Miss Moxon is loth to leave the residence of Mr. Jermyn, because she would then be separated from her affianced lover. She therefore persuades Mrs. Jermyn to accept the situation in her stead, her persuasive powers being based upon the fact that a wide and exceptional opportunity would be offered for exercising the lady's long hoped for wish of rescuing poor children from the gutters and alleys. Mr. Jermyn happens to be going to London by the same train as his wife, and fortunately he has promised to escort a Mrs. Landon, a widow lady, to the station. Mrs. Jermyn takes the place of this widow, and to escape detection puts on the widows' weeds. Singularly enough her husband does not recognise her. She at length reaches the residence of the Rev. Noel Brice and in due course enters upon her philanthropic labours. However, the dirty alleys and decomposed cabbages soon disgust her, and she becomes tired of her self-imposed work. In the house with this clergymen is staying a Mr. Tom Clark. This youth happens to be the son of Mr. Jermyn; he, having quarrelled with his father, has left home, to go into the wide wide world. The curate falls in love with the so-called Miss Moxon, and is encouraged in his suit by Tom Clark, who has fallen in love with the curate's niece. Meanwhile, Mr Jermyn has advertised for a chaplain for his home for decayed jockeys. The Rev. Noel Brice sees this advertisement, and induces Miss Moxon to answer it for him. He is about to propose marriage to her, when Jermyn himself arrives, with Pinching, who is on the scent for Jermyn's son. Naturally Mrs. Jermyn makes good her escape, and the Rev. Noel Brice accepts the position of Warden of the Home. Tom Clark returns home, as also does Mrs. Jermyn, and now the general mix up respecting Miss Moxon and Mrs. Jermyn is considered. Eventually both Mr. and Mrs. Jermyn give up their hobbies, Mr. Pinching pairs off with Miss Moxon, Tom Clark with Bertha, while the clergyman, as we have before intimated, is left in the cold. Several parts received good interpretation from the artistes engaged, foremost is Mr. Hare, as Mr. Spencer Jermyn. A comedian, in every sense of the word is Mr. Hare, and in his present part he scores excellently. Always within the lines of reality, this gentleman gave a faithful representation of an English sport-man, more especially in the last act, where he finds his wife is the leading spirit in the tale he is about to hear recounted. Mr. Spencer Jermyn will rank with the best of Mr. Hare's previous efforts. Mrs. Kendal, as Mrs. Jermyn, was not so successful. This lady has read the author's meaning in a wrong light, instead of making the wife an easy going individual she has made her rather of a sober disposition. Nevertheless, she acted well, and will undoubtedly do better when she gets a grasp of the character. Mr. Herbert Waring gave a natural rendering of the part of the Rev. Noel Brice, while Mr. Mackintosh depicted to the life a whining broken down jockey. Mr. Fuller Mellish was capital as the happy and impetuous youth, Tom Clark, and Mr. C. W. Somerset did the best possible with the part of Pinching. Mrs. B. Tree, fresh from the Provinces with well-earned laurels in "Jim the Penman," made a capital Miss Moxon, while Mrs. Gaston Murray gave a life-like portrait of a pompous clergyman's wife. "The Hobby Horse" is capitally staged, and deserves to became as popular as Mr. Pinero's pieces have hitherto been.

**Strand.**—On Monday Sheridan's immortal comedy, "The School for Scandal," was produced by Mr. Edward Compton for the first time during his present stay at this theatre. The success secured by Mr. Compton's company was thoroughly deserved; the several characters—with one or two exceptions—were in the hands of artistes [illegible] screen scene. On the whole Miss Fenton's Lady Teazle was capi and we can congratulate this lady on her assumption of the p The Charles Surface of Mr. Edward Compton is another capital pi of acting; certainly the best character we have seen this gentler in this season. He is never boisterous, ever humorous and jo Mr. Lowe's Ball—an excellent representative of the old school—wa capital Sir Peter. Mr. Sydney Valentine, as Joseph Surface, best in the scene with Lady Teazle. Mr. Chas. Dodsworth, Sydney Paxton, Mr. Percy F. Marshall, and Mr. T. B. Appleby m effective their several parts. Miss Dora Vivian was the Lady Su well, Miss Elinor Aickin the Mrs. Candour, while Miss Marg Terry was a pleasing Maria. This young lady has consider improved since we last witnessed her performance, and we s doubtless be able to record further progress at a later date. A gether the present revival is satisfactory, and we think Mr. Co ton will add to his already well-recognized popularity.

**Mohawk Minstrels.**—The hold which for thirteen years Mohawk Minstrels have had upon the affections of the north me politan public is never shown with greater force than on the re ence of the annual benefits of the proprietors. On these occas the public muster in great numbers, and the music halls send their available talent to swell the always abundant list of specialities. Wednesday, when Mr. Harry Hunter, to whom the troupe owes n for hundreds of lyrics he has from time to time added to their ré toire, took his annual benefit, there was no exception to the r order of things; and although a cloud hung over the assembly, o to a sad event of which we shall speak presently, there wa closely packed an audience as we have ever seen in the spac annexe to the Agricultural Hall. To amuse these Mr. Hunter prepared a special programme, containing amongst other thing new songs, grave and humorous, from his own prolific pen. T were given in a new "first part," which, however, for the con ence of the variety artistes, was given at the latter end of evening, and we must say of them at once that in very few insta did they fall below the average of Mr. Hunter's compositions, l lively when humorous, and poetic when dealing with the sympathetic school of lyrics. Prominent amongst them ma mentioned a pretty ballad, "She thought she might as well music by Mr. Warwick Williams, the conductor, and effectively by Mr. Charles Garland, an agreeable tenor; and a well-p ditty, "Hearts are trumps," to music by Mr. W. Redmond, whic quaintly sung by Little Thomas. A very strong contingent of m hall performers contributed their specialities in the first part o evening. The Torikata Japanese Troupe went through their cu acrobatic performance; and some astonishing horizontal bar formers, Mezzetti, Onzella, and Mezzetti, accomplished some ne truly wonderful feats on three bars. Chirgwin, the quaint performer, gave his droll entertainment, and Messrs. Harry R and Arthur Corney sang funny songs, the latter being espe good in a typical ditty entitled "Tremendous." Lieutenant T a very clever ventriloquist, caused much mirth by anima number of automata, and Mr. G. Medley imitated the comiq the music halls with some fidelity. A hit was made by two chi called "The Infant Mashers," their singing being unobtrusiv intelligent. Mr. Celian Kortann, cornet soloist, Mr. J Danvers and Mr. Walter Howard each contributed to the amus of the audience, the last with a funny nonsense song, b beneficiare, called "When the sun shines bright on a nes night." In the course of the evening Mr. Hunter, who acts as locutor to the troupe, addressed the audience, and made an i allusion to a circumstance which had occurred, and which ap to have become generally known amongst the audience. Th the sudden death, on Wednesday morning, of the chief proprie popular "bones" of the troupe, Mr. James Francis. It appea on Tuesday Mr. Francis attended an evening party in celebra the birthday of his only son, and the following day ceeded to a Turkish bath, where, in the hot room, h observed to stagger and fall. He was picked up in an ins condition, and a medical man was immediately sent for, but arrival Mr. Francis was found to be dead, apparently from an of apoplexy. Deceased, in addition to his connection w Mohawk Minstrels, was senior partner in the firm of Francis B and Day, the well-known music publishers of Oxford-street a curious circumstance in connection with this fatality th months ago the death of Mr. Francis was widely rumoured at when he was in the apparent enjoyment of excellent health. only 46 years of age.—*Daily Chronicle.*

**Novelty.**—"Outwitted," a new three act drama, is an for 9th November, at this theatre. The piece is from the well-known literary lady, and will be produced under the tendence of Mr. Edwin Drew.

In consequence of the meeting of the Metro Council, T.I. (W. Bro. Henry Venn W.M.), sum for Friday, 29th inst., clashing somewhat with othe ings, at which the majority of the members were obl be present, the Worshipful Master obtained a dispe to postpone the Council till Monday, 8th November the Council will meet at 8 Red Lion Square, o'clock in the afternoon. This gathering will

## MASONIC CHARITY.

MASONIC bodies and Masons are somewhat like profane bodies and the profane in this respect, in that y vary in their views of certain important matters and heir actions based thereupon. Just as some individuals liberal in thought and action, instinctively being gener-, so some Masonic bodies will impoverish themselves ier than suffer a brother, or his widow, to go empty y. There is another point of likeness between our-es and the profane—the good things of life are not ally distributed among us. Some Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies are wealthy and unable to spend their me; others are reasonably well-to-do, and need never illiberally to the distressed; while still others are so itened in their finances that they often find it difficult meet their current expenses. The same course of duct cannot be expected from all of these bodies. sons are men, and Masonic bodies have to live and per in the good old way, by making their receipts at t equal their expenses, for if they do not, they subject nselves to the liability of becoming themselves a charge n the Fraternity, instead of being a source of aid to the ressed.

One basic principle, however, should be thoroughly erstood and admitted before action is taken or denied hose in distress: Masonic Charity is a Masonic duty. s a debt we owe to the distressed. It ranks with the er debts which the body has. The others are not to be sfied first and this last. If this principle be compre-ded and conceded, it will be found to solve many a culty arising in the minds of Craftsmen. The corner-e of the Fraternity is Charity; it is nothing if not itable. When a Masonic body is reduced to the point xisting only for itself, it had better consider whether ccupation be not gone. Some brethren fail, practic-, to apprehend this principle. They act as though thought that Masonic charity was a work of super-gation—an act very well in its way, but not to be ected of every Masonic body, and not to be expected of unless it has a plethoric purse. There could not be a er view. Charity is work of necessity. It is true onic work—as good work as "making a Mason," and it be better. What is the use of making a Mason if he o be made to starve? Distress is a possibility to of us. No matter how ample our means are now, one of us can assuredly say, I shall never be a ficiary of the Craft. The first Grand Master of Masons ngland, in 1717, was aided by it only a few years after went out of King Solomon's chair. The wings of es are proverbial, and always ready to unfold them-es, and hence we should endeavour to put ourselves in place of our unfortunate brother, remembering that his o-day perchance may be ours to-morrow.

ome Masons are so chary in dispensing charity, that might suppose it was the last thing to be thought of, ted upon. If sufficient time conveniently remains, then rity may be dispensed—provided there is plenty of ey in the treasury. It should be one of the first things thought of. It is the truest Masonry. It makes the Masons, since "it is more blessed to give than to ve." Again, some Masons harshly say, "We never Mason unless he is entirely helpless. He must come penniless and forlorn." If he does, sad is his fate, hose who exact abject penury as the qualification for rnal aid are sure to leave the distressed very nearly e condition in which they find him. Or if a brother's w seeks assistance from the Masonic body in which a penurious and illiberal brother has influence, she is l, why she does not scrub for a living? Shame on Masonry! Scrutinize the actions of such a body, en to one you will discover that it spends ten dollars its own refreshments to one for Masonic charity. It s others in order that it may feast itself. It never ns of denying itself. Especially should the so-called gh falsely so-called) higher Masonic bodies see to it they strike not charity out of their vocabulary. Ban-g bodies should be the most charitable, but experi- proves that they are the most penurious and nerous. Their members are all Masons, and they l take care that no worthy applicant is turned away that in certain cases they have been imposed upon, that they have aided the unworthy, or given perhaps an excess of aid. Nothing dulls one's charitable dispositionlike the realization of the fact that he has thrown away his money upon an impostor. But the remedy for that is not denial to all who call for aid, but a careful scrutiny of the surroundings of each applicant for charity. In our time, Masonic Boards of Relief do this work most thoroughly, and little or no aid is unwisely dispensed through their instrumentality. True, it were better if the charity could be directly dispensed by the Masonic bodies themselves, but as a rule it cannot. To give to all applicants indifferently, is to impair one's ability to give adequately to some of the most needy and worthy.

In this connection we may mention, that the establishment in recent years of Masonic Homes has had a most beneficial influence upon the Craft. In England they are one of the strongest bonds of union and Masonic enthusiasm. They enlarge our ideas of Masonic charity. They plant the corner-stone—Charity—in the foundation of a noble edifice, which doles out no mere pittance, but generously takes brethren, or their orphans, or widows, wholly under its protection, and cares for them FOR LIFE. Let such of the Masonic bodies as perform their deeds of charity with a niggard hand learn a lesson from the Masonic Homes. To do good and to distribute forget not, for with such sacrifices the Grand Architect of the Universe is well pleased.—*Keystone.*

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Mr. Herbert Gladstone has contributed an article on the all important subject of "National Physical Education," to the book which is to be published in December next, in connection with the opening of "Olympia," the new National Agricultural Hall at Kensington.

The annual meeting of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada will be held in the Masonic Temple, St. Louis, Missouri, on 17th November 1886.

Nearly 4,000,000 dols. (£800,000) has been paid to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons by the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana in seventeen years.

The Lodges in the United States are sending liberal contributions for the relief of their brethren in Charleston, South Carolina—the scene of the recent earthquakes. At a meeting of brethren in Baltimore, presided over by Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, the sum of 1,500 dollars (about £300) was subscribed in less than half-an-hour.

Messrs. Dean and Son have also just published the second half-yearly volume of their Chromo Magazine, "The Little One's Own Prize." This contains over 300 original tales in prose and verse, with over 400 pictures executed in chromo lithography by Emrik and Binger.


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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

## MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
977—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1326—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1425—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1654—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
192—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1946—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
582—Royal Union, Chalmers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
865—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
43 —St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
485—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrexham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
567—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
624—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
82 —Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Queensway Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1217—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1238—Westwood, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1267—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1300—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
138 —Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1447—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

## TUESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
[illegible]—International, Pastoral Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Constitutional, Ironsides Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
165—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—[illegible], Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Hesperian, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
[illegible]—Tottenham, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
755—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, City Road, Middle Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Lodge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Panmure, Gordon, Freemasons' Hall, Boswell-st., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sueerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strand, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Landgate, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Carnoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Station Street, Ely
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 687—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 908—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Spurstowe Road, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Sandwich Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
811—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
858—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Cross, Wardour-st., E. (Instruction)
982—Whittington, Red Lion Restaurant, Parliament-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 514 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
148 —Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
152 —Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd., S.W.
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
190 —Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1962—Heaverfield, Chalmers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—London borough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1687—The Palatine, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Canonbury, New Road, N., at 8. (Inst)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 833—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

71—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
486—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
424—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
818—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bristol
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lewes, Broughton
1040—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Wordsworth-st., Hull
1043—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Blackburn
1057—Portland, Portland Hotel, Stoke (Instruction)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Derby
1091—Erne, Erne Hotel, Inversage, Bootle





863—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
931—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
941—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
950—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
962—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent 8.30. (Instruction)
986—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street Halifax
992—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
998—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
1042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
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K.T.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
162—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
177—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
235—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
238—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
254—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
344—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction
448—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
534—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
723—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
749—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
958—Southern Star, Pheasant, Streatham, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
978—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
988—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
996—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1039—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1051—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1090—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1226—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1345—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1389—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1584—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1712—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1922—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1935—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1973—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
2072—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
2117—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
2124—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
2144—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
2165—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
2190—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
2250—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Artichoke Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Harcourt, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.
M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
2254—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
2311—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
2328—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
2341—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
2360—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
2373—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
2389—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2394—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
2426—Sapthall, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
2459—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
2469—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
2484—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
2495—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
2510—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
2529—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
2537—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
2560—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
2579—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
2585—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
2606—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
2623—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
2633—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
2649—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
2657—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
2672—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
2693—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
2696—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
2702—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
2714—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
2725—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
2748—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2751—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
2762—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
2764—Brent, GlobeHotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
2784—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
2787—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
2799—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
2814—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
2823—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
2835—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
2844—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
2855—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
2865—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
2884—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
2904—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nelson, at 8. (Instruction)
2914—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
2929—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
2937—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
2944—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2956—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2964—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
2992—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
3025—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
3096—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
3187—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
3284—Brailsworth, Freemasons' Hall, Ramsgate, Chesshire

## FRIDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
813—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Port and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Lancaster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1449—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1066—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Athelstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe [illegible]
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salt-street, Bradford
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Regent-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, Gosport-street, Newport, Isle of Wight

## SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London Str., Portman Point R.L., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Pineapple, Haverstock Hill, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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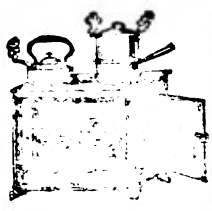
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## XTENSION OF GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

ERE are many brethren who feel that the Masonic ionours which fall to the share of the metropolis eatly out of proportion to those enjoyed by Provin- rethren, and no doubt the remainder—or a large tion of them—would endorse this opinion if they he matter full consideration. There can be no ques- iat London is far behind the Provinces in regard to ic honours, while it is also badly off in regard to rand offices it is possible for its representatives to , but the difficulty is to decide how this can bo ied. We venture to think that any proposal to e the inequality, which should appear practicable, ot entail too violent a departure from existing gements, would receive sufficient support to ensure on, and this is the view entertained by many who are st in advocating an alteration; they recognise the lty which has to be overcome, and for that reason to be content with things as they are. An oft- ed argument in favour of this view is that London rand Lodge alone to look to for its honours, whereas en outside the metropolitan area have their Provin- rand Lodge first, and then Grand Lodge, from to receive promotion, and it not infrequently as that a large proportion of the brethren annually d for Grand Lodge office have previously received ionour in their respective Provinces; it is indeed r an exemplification of the old principle that to who have shall be given.

ew years since a proposition was made to form a Grand Lodge, or series of District Grand Lodges for n, wherein Metropolitan brethren might receive tion in the same way as in the several Provinces and its under the Grand Lodge of England, but the tion did not have any result, and things have gone ch as they were before. Another proposition was, he office of Grand Treasurer should be made an e one, and that it should be filled year after year by lon Mason—chosen from the ranks—whose prefer- vould be recognised as some compensation for the e of honours similar to those of the Provincial s. Although the Grand Treasurership has become tive office, it has also been made a cosmopolitan one, erefore it can hardly be considered as any special ment to London.

case was very plainly put a few days since by r the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., who, in response toast of the Grand Officers, on the occasion of the ration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, expressed an hope that the honour conferred by the purple ere long be given to a larger number than can at possibly possess it. Bro. Simpson then pointed it a very large increase had been made within the w years in the number of Masonic Lodges—they ubled, he said, within the last forty years—but there en no corresponding increase in the number of tments. He felt there was a very large number of number of offices; and although we cannot believe that to be an insurmountable obstacle, we know it is a difficult one to overcome. Would it not be possible to make more than one set of appointments each year? that is, invest one set of Officers at, say, the September Communication, and another at the time of the present Grand Festival. If such an arrangement could be made it would at once throw open a number of appointments each year, it would afford the means of honouring a number of deserving Masons, and it would be accepted as a happy solution of a difficult problem. No doubt there are other methods of overcoming the obstacle which will suggest themselves to our readers. We shall be pleased to hear from any who may desire to make their views more generally known through the medium of our correspondence columns.

## ROYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

IT is an old story that there is nothing new under the sun, and Masons would hardly look for any new ideas in association with the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which, as we are being so frequently reminded just now, has been regularly proposed day after day for close on fifty years. Yet one does occasionally hear a word or two which sounds fresh to even a well-seasoned visitor, and such has been our experience on two occasions during the last few weeks. We do not desire to lay claim to anything like general knowledge of all that has been said in association with this time-honoured toast, but we feel we have a fair experience, acquired by continuous visits at various Lodges during the past twelve years—a period which many will doubtless consider short; still we are in a measure capable of recognising any departure from the beaten track followed in proposing The Queen.

The Queen, said the brother under consideration, has given unmistakable signs that her sympathies are with Freemasonry, and had the Order been thrown open so as to allow of the admission of ladies, she would have been among the first to seek a participation in its mysteries. Another brother lately argued that, bearing in mind the relationship of her sons toward the Order, we might reasonably feel that Her Majesty had some idea that Freemasonry had been of some use in raising her people to their present high position. We do not claim for these views that they are new—there is nothing absolutely new—but they possess a freshness which no doubt will be appreciated by many of our readers, especially when we have evidence day after day that the views thus enunciated are in accord with the every-day life of our Queen and the every-day actions of her family. We have seen her sons, or all but one—and his absence we can fully appreciate—taking the liveliest interest in Freemasonry, and as soon as her grandson comes of age he follows in the same course, and gives us repeated evidence that Freemasonry is something more than a mere name. Only this week we have had an instance of the interest which Prince Albert Victor takes in the good old Institution—Freemasonry,

present stationed with his regiment at Aldershot, was entertained by the Mark Lodge at the Imperial Hotel, of that town, and on that occasion was formally proposed proposed as a joining member of the Aldershot Military Mark Master Masons Lodge, No. 54. The brethren having assembled in Lodge, and the opening formalities having been observed, the Provincial Grand Master the Right Worshipful Brother George Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M. of England, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, and the Grand Officers were received by the brethren and saluted. The W.M. Brother Harrison then proceeded to advance the candidates, of whom there were eight, viz.—Bros. T. H. Gowers, G. Richardson, C. Standing, T. Godfrey, S. Frost, J. Frost, W. Phillips, and H. Sumner, Brother Stone P.M. Grand Steward completing the ceremony. Prince Albert Victor was then proposed as a joining member by Brother Stone, seconded by the W.M. The brethren subsequently retired to the banquetting hall, the chair being taken by Brother Portal, who was supported on his right and left by Prince Albert Victor and Brother W. Harrison W.M., the Hon. Captain Greville (Equerry), R M., A. M. Broadley P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, F. Binckes Grand Secretary, Augustus Harris, Richard Eve, &c., &c.

The Chairman, in proposing success to Mark Masonry and the health of Her Majesty the Queen, observed that he was sure there was no assembly in England that owed more to Her Majesty than the honoured Society of Freemasons, because she had done so much in the direction of one of their main objects—Charity. The toast was most loyally received. Next the Chairman proposed the health of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In doing so he felt he must be allowed to say, even in the presence of Prince Albert Victor, that there was no single person in England to whom Masonry owed so much as to the Prince of Wales. It would be remembered how the Prince came forward in a serious crisis to take the throne of their great Order, when, by the loss of Lord Ripon, the Craft found itself in a most unpleasant and awkward position, and if the Prince of Wales had not been equal to the occasion, and placed his services at the disposal of the Order, they would have doubtless suffered much, consequently they would see that the Prince of Wales deserved their hearty good will for the course he took during that most awkward time. They would remember that Prince Leopold was the first member of the Royal Family who ever became a Mark Mason, and for this and other reasons they had to thank the Royal family. They therefore welcomed most heartily the illustrious prince who sat on his right hand, and the best wish they could give him was that he would follow in the steps of his father. The toast was loyally received.

Prince Albert Victor, in responding, said he must thank them most sincerely, for his own part, for the very kind way in which his health had been drunk, and for the equally kind way in which the toast had been proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. It gave him great pleasure to be present that evening to witness such an exceedingly interesting ceremony, and see so many candidates advanced, and, as he was made a Mark Mason some time ago, he had still greater pleasure in being present that night, because it was the second Mark Lodge of which he had been made a member. He might also say that the Grand Master of England would be very grateful for the kind way in which the toast of his health had been received that night, and which, he believed, was always received in the same way throughout their august Order. He should certainly acquaint him of the fact, because he always took such an active interest in Masonry. One thing he (the speaker) had noticed was, that the more interest one took in Masonry the more interesting it became. He thanked them on behalf of his father for the mannner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Eve gave the next toast, the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers present and past. The Grand Master had so many duties to perform that it was necessary in the interests of Masonry he should be assisted by brethren of distinction and ability. His (Bro. Eve's) task was the pleasant one of proposing that the health of these brethren be honoured in a bumper. Their worthy Pro Grand Master was a great acquisition to the Craft, while Canon Portal had come down from the throne of Freemasonry to

was sure there was no one who displayed more ze interest, and more ability, and none who had do for their great Order than Canon Portal.

Bro. Broadley responded; he alluded to the e but flattering terms in which Bro. Eve had spoken self and other brethren. It gave him great pleasu there that night to see the ceremonies worked in pressive and excellent manner they had been. Fo ago he was engaged in Mark Masonry und different circumstances—that was in Egypt—a Eve was taking part in the same work. It was to him to think of the establishment of that int Mark Lodge under the shadow of the Pyramid to-day was in so flourishing a condition. He wo refer to the work of the Masonic Lodges of the rancan, but he would hasten to tell them how ple was with the conduct of their own Lodge—how ac was the manner in which the Deacons discharg duties. He could assure them when he saw them p ing those duties there was something in their styl told of military discipline, and there was a great of dramatic power also put into it which rendered impressive. It had an enormous effect upon them Mediterranean. He congratulated the W.M. upon in which the Lodge was ordered, and he was sure Prince Albert Victor was pleased with what he that night.

On Bro. Binckes, as senior P.M. of the Aldershot Mark Lodge, devolved a duty, which he underto a great amount of pleasure, at the same time with amount of diffidence, because he did not feel qua do justice to the toast. He thought he could h through it if it had not been for the crushing e Bro. Eve, who had mentioned his name in te exaggerated friendship, which were embarrassing came to speak of himself. However, he was well f inasmuch as the subject of the toast would be s to ensure from them hearty approval and enthusi sponse. It was the toast of their excellent, able and zealous brother, the Right Worshipful Pr Grand Master of the Province. He thought h safely say that it was the first time he had the opp of proposing the toast. He would ask Brother to call to mind the condition of Mark Masonr time ago when he worked in association with the He was asking him to bear in mind the position Masonry at that day, and he thought he would ancient as they were they little contemplated livin Mark Masonry reach the flourishing position which at the present moment. In all Masonic history the fail to find any Masonic organisation that in 30 y achieved the position which the Mark Grand Lo established for itself by the hard work of those borne the responsible offices. No one had done r them than the distinguished brother who now sat chair as their Provincial Grand Master. He was in an eminent degree united within himself those features of the Brotherhood — suaviter in mo fortiter in re; always kind when the opp offered; and when the necessity arose, not or but ready and willing to rule. In conclusion, Binckes hoped H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor wo regret his visit there that evening, where he opportunity of seeing the honour which was so legi due to their Prov. Grand Master Canon Portal.

Bro. Portal, in response said he could not su thank Bro. Binckes for the very kind way in w toast had been proposed. It was a great pleasure to be there that night in the capacity of Provincia Master; he was glad to see the excellent work the Lodge, because he thought it did them credit.

Amongst other toasts proposed were the Depu Grand Master and Officers, the Worshipful Ma Visitors, responded to by Bro. Augustus Harris, Mark Benevolent Fund.

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FREEMASONRY is an ancient and respect stitution, embracing among its members every rank and condition in life; of every na

reme Being, and has faith in the immortality of the . It stands pre-eminently among the Institutions blished for the improvement of mankind, as far above r secret societies for usefulness as it is beyond them ge. Its origin may be said to be lost in remote anti- y. Neither tradition nor history can point with any ee of certainty to the precise time, place or manner of ommencement. Freemasons themselves, many of them, who are well posted in all that pertains to the Institu- , do not agree on the subject of its origin. Many claim it had its beginning in connection with the building olomon's Temple at Jerusalem. Many others believe ad its origin in the "Eleusinian Mysteries," an Insti- on existing far back in Ancient Greece, in which the trine of the immortality of the soul and other truths atural religion were taught. In these ancient orders caste was abolished, all members being on a common l, and comforting assurances being given during the iation ceremonies of a happy future state for all who uld live worthy of it. Others again find the origin of emasonry among the warrior monks of the Crusade, a carried on by the Christians of the Middle Ages for recovery of Palestine from the Mohammedans. Others look for its origin among the Druids, the priests of ancient Celts, who flourished most in the century pre- ng the Christian era. These priests were supposed to sess the secrets of religion; were considered wise in extreme, and taught many things which have since n received as truth respecting the future life.

t is difficult, amid all this conflict of opinion, to ve at what may be regarded as correct history respect- the origin of Freemasonry. It is evident, however, t the term "Free and Accepted Masons," and the sent ceremonies of the Institution, are of modern origin, dating back of the seventeenth century. But, at the e time, the idea of the Craft was in existence then, and been from remote ages. English master-builders had a rishing secret order in York during the reign of elstan. His reign took place during the tenth tury A.D. In fact, Masonry may claim to have existed m remotest times, under different forms, and being own by different appellations, and to have had in view ays the best possible good of its members in every re- ct. Its progress and development have been that of lisation itself. In its early stages it had in view the tivation of the arts and sciences, especially architecture astronomy. The triumph of mind over matter was t achieved in architecture, as is evident from discoveries he works of man in the earliest stages of the race. The ynx, the pyramids, and many other objects of wonder, ing down to us from remote antiquity, attest the fact t man's first grand achievements were in the art of lding. Architectural monuments, preceding the records authentic history, are with us to-day, and it is not culative to suppose, as tradition teaches, that those aged in the pursuit of this art united together as tual protection societies, for the better progress of their rished calling. These societies were for self improve- nt, and none but those whose occupation was that of lding were admitted to their privileges. To protect mselves from the abuse of others, and the treachery of r brethren, they devised a method of organisation, uding secrecy of initiation and solemn obligation of ndship to each other. Doubtless such societies have sted from time immemorial. Indeed it cannot reasonably doubted that the study of the arts and sciences by the ients was carried on under secret organisation. The gin of civilisation may be traced to Egypt, and as back as the twentieth century B.C.; and legendary tory has quite well established the fact that the earliest lisation of Egypt found the arts and sciences cultivated secret moral societies. The priests of Osiris and Isis e celebrated for their knowledge of architecture and onomy, and none were received into their schools of ruction but by the mysteries of secret initiation. ece borrowed her civilisation from Egypt, and with it methods of moral and scientific instruction. And Greek ory would be incomplete did it not point to the secret steries of the Eleusinians, the Panathenæans, and the nysians, under which the arts and sciences were ght as far back as the fifteenth century, B.C. And we e information from some of the best modern Greek orians that these ancient mysteries bear a striking re- blance to modern Freemasonry. For information on Britannica," entitled "Eleusinia," also the article on "Freemasonry," in Johnson's Cyclopædia. It would be interesting to trace the history of these secret societies of Ancient Egypt and Greece down through subsequent history, but we have not the time now to devote to this. Let it suffice to say that some of the terms of architecture of the present come down from these mysteries. The terms "Doric" and "Ionic," and the systems of architecture these terms represent, originated with the Dionysians of Ancient Greece one thousand years before Christ. They had a school at Tios in Asia Minor, in which the science of architecture was highly cultivated. They had words and signs of recognition when they travelled abroad; were divided into bodies, or Lodges; held annual solemn feasts in which they sacrificed to the gods; taught lessons of morality and religion, and distributed to the wants of the poor and destitute among them. Their monuments in Turkish cemeteries continue to this day.

Now these secret Orders were in existence, and had been for at least four hundred years, when Solomon's Temple was built; and further, it is evident that all great artificers were connected with them. Is, then, the claim of Masonry that this grand structure, one of the grandest ever built, was designed and carried on by secret organisation, altogether unreasonable? Josephus informs us that the Grecian method of architecture was employed in building the Temple; and as the Dionysian artificers of Greece were the most celebrated architects of that age, we cannot doubt that their genius and methods were employed in building this edifice to the God of Israel. Nor is this all, as the Scriptures inform us that Hiram, King of Tyre, assisted Solomon in building the Temple, and that he sent to superintend the work a cunning workman in brass and iron—"Hiram the son of a widow of Tyre." The commerce with Tyre; the vicinity of Jerusalem to Egypt; the connection of Solomon with the royal family of Egypt; the progress of Egypt in architecture, under the secret mysteries of that country and age, and the strong attachment of the Hebrews as well as the Egyptians to symbolical teaching, all go to relieve Freemasonry of the charge of superstition and credulity in claiming that a secret Craft, out of which Freemasonry has grown, had to do with the erection of Solomon's Temple.

But there is not so much importance attached to the question of the origin of Freemasonry, as to that of the worthiness and benefit of the Fraternity. Is Freemasonry a benefit to the race? This question should determine our disposition toward this Institution, as it ought to toward all Institutions; for all organisations that attain to any considerable degree of numbers and influence, must certainly abide the test of public scrutiny and judgment. No body of men may band themselves together into a society or organisation without drawing public attention toward it and calling out the inquiry, "What does all this mean?" The public is very chary of its interests, and the objects of all great organisations in its midst are naturally inquired into.

And, be it known that Freemasonry invites, yea, courts all such investigation, if it be made by honourable persons, in an honourable way. In so far as our outward workings as an organisation are concerned, we challenge the world for comparison. Our works of benevolence and charity are subjects of just pride and admiration. Our honourable poor, our sick, and the widows and orphans of our dead, are as well cared for, if not better than those of any other organisation under the sun. In fact in this respect the mouths of our enemies are stopped. I need not enlarge farther on this point. In relation to the internal workings of the Institution—that which is done within the Lodges—we simply say that the way is open for all honourable men to make investigation, who will come of free will and honest motive. I think we are perfectly fair in our workings. Every candidate is notified, during the different stages of our proceedings, that there will be nothing in the further development of the ceremonies to interfere with his duties toward his God or his fellows. This is the import or substance of the matter, and every honest man must say: when he has completed the course: "Verily, these notifications were all true." Nothing in Freemasonry, so far as I have gone at least, can be found which pledges, asks, or advises any member to do a wrong or harmful thing to any creature on the earth.

I once heard of a trial of which I will relate. A certain church in one of the Eastern States had within its fold a

The expediency of admitting to membership those who were Freemasons was often debated within its councils. Finally this method of settling the question was adopted. An honourable brother, whose judgment was past questioning, was delegated to join the Fraternity and ascertain the facts relating to its worthiness. If it should be found in the judgment of this good brother to be a worthy Institution, then the church would feel free to admit to its fellowship members of the Masonic fraternity who showed evidences of piety and Christian character. A suitable length of time was given this Committee of one to carry out the plan. The good brother offered himself to the Lodge, and as the meeting which appointed him to this work was held in secret, so that the Lodge had no knowledge of its object, he was readily received. The good man was an admirer of the beautiful in sentiment and principle as well as in nature, and the lessons he learned during his initiation, passing, and raising, fairly captured his soul. He thought of a personal friend in the church, one Deacon Brower, whom he wished to share with him in his new found delights, but he held his peace, and awaited opportunity. At length the time came for the meeting of the church to listen to the report on this subject. When called upon for it the good man arose very deliberately and said: "Brethren, I have done as directed. I have joined the Freemasons, and made such investigation as was needful and proper, but am not disposed to make a report just yet, as I would prefer to have the further investigation of another Committee, that in the months of two witnesses at least, the facts may be established. I suggest that you appoint Deacon Brower as another Committee for this work." The suggestion was adopted, and the report was favourable to Freemasonry.

It will not be out of place here to allude to the objections raised against our Craft by its enemies, and by those who are prejudiced against it by them. And first and foremost among these objections is our secrecy. "Secretism," they hold, is terribly objectionable, when applied to secret societies; yet every well regulated family is a secret organisation, and nothing is more disgusting than discussing the private affairs of the family before the public. If secrecy is objectionable in moral associations, why not oppose it in all things, and compel not only families, but business and professional men to divulge their private matters? Merchant, take that private mark off your goods. What right have you to withhold from the public the secret it indicates? Doctor, what is the trouble in Mr. C.'s family? Don't keep any secrets in your profession. Sheriff, United States Marshal, Detective, what was your business at Chicago yesterday? Come, gentlemen, show up, as no secrecy is to be allowed.

"But," say our enemies, "your secrecy is oath-bound, and this is the objectionable feature of your Institution." I answer: Why apply this to Freemasonry only? Every well regulated army that was ever organised for battle was a secret oath-bound society. The councils of war are generally held in secret. Every officer and soldier if bound under oath to be loyal to the cause he has espoused, and every one of them understands that he is liable to be placed where he must keep secrets. Why allow this, is secrecy under oath is wrong? Sentinel, shout that countersign to the world, though a thousand foes are in hearing. And you, messenger, entrusted with those private instructions from the commander to his subordinate, give them up. You have no right to keep secrets, though you are sworn to do so. And you, ambassador to a foreign court, give to the world those sealed instructions, though a nation's welfare depends on your keeping them.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

## AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION.

TWO or three months of vacation time have quickly passed away. Masonic organizations for the most part have held no meetings since June. But little of Masonic work has been done in any locality of which we have knowledge. The members of the Craft, in common with the rest of the world, have been moving about, going on excursions, taking rest, trying to throw off—at least good for the individual sometimes to pause and re does no injury to the Lodge or other Masonic organ to intermit its meetings occasionally. But after the tion,—what?

Brethren are just now returning to their hom taking up again the routine work which claims thei tion. From seaside and mountain—from places fa and close at hand—they come home to apply the selves more diligently, and more successfully, quite to the work and business of ordinary life. In the of things this is what should be expected, as, rested and brightened in mind, there comes a fresh insp with which to engage in the activities of secular ca concern. And shall not some of the wholesome int thus derived, the beneficent effects of summer res themselves felt in Masonic channels? Brethren wh been separated for a little time, who have not visi Lodge for months, ought to be glad to meet again the tyled room and to take each other by the hand come together rested and refreshed; lassitude ha place to activity, and they take brighter and bette of life because they have paused a while, or gone s some vacation experience. Surely there may be e a better feeling, a more earnest purpose, greater int regards Masonic affairs, in consequence of the chan has been made—the relief that has been had—w disposition will be strong to do more and enjoy Masonic work and associations.

In summer quiet, as Brethren have gone away f heat and din of the city, they will not have ceased t of Freemasonry, and quite likely they may return, with renewed zest for the meetings and work Fraternity, but also with a higher appreciation of th of the Institution. Perhaps, as they have res thought, they have gained some new ideas as to wha be done to improve the condition of their Lodge, Ch Commandery; or they have at least resolved th vidually they will be more zealous in respect to interests, more regardful of the principles and pre the organization with which they are identified.

After vacation cometh work—work for the in the Lodge and every other Craft organizatio Brethren apply themselves to this work, not in perfunctory manner, but rather with earnestness as they appreciate the fact that life's highest zes from service in the appointed ways of related life a Masonic Brotherhood implies much of true fello hallowed communion and of hearty service in t each other's interest and the common welfare. C everywhere need to be reminded of their privil obligations in these respects, and thus be roused best endeavours. Then will the Fraternity be gl the words and deeds of its followers.—*Fr Repository.*

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Wor. Bro. Asher Barfield P.M., P.P.G.D. Ha of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990 Masters only), will open the Lodge at Freemas Commercial-road, Portsmouth, at 3 p.m. on Satu 13th inst., when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. w his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886." W.M.'s a of other Lodges are invited to attend, and it is that many Lodges, both in the immediate distr the Isle of Wight, will be represented on this The brethren will dine together after the Lecture

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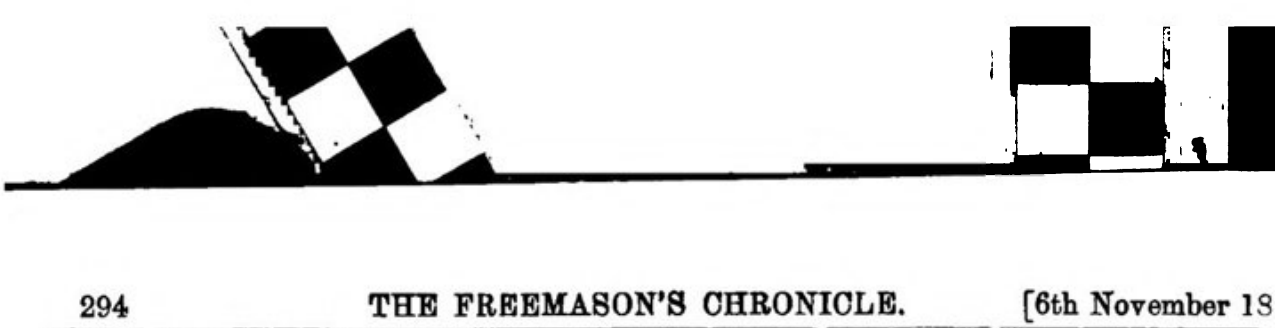
Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., will be Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, in pla Earl Percy resigned, at a special Provincial Gra to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tue 16th instant.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The great variations in ten fogs and the foul vapours which permeate the atmosphere, try th channels terribly; hence arise Hoarseness, Quinsies, Loss of Voi and the whole train and endless variety of Throat and Chest Affe now prevail. Neglect of these in their early ... almost crim

## CONSECRATION OF THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE founders of this latest addition to the Lodges of the metropolis are to be congratulated on the success which attended their opening meeting, and if we may form an opinion thus y of the future in store for this new Lodge, we predict for it a er of great prosperity. The first Worshipful Master, Bro. John by Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer of England, is a host in him-, and we are assured that anything with which he is associated not fail from any shortcomings on his part; but when, in addition, consider those who have associated themselves with him in the blishment of this Lodge, failure seems impossible. The Lodge consecrated on Tuesday, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, by . Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted Bros. Thomas Fenn President Board General Purposes as S.W., gar Bowyer P.G.S.B. as J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as plain, and Frank Richardson as P.G.D. Director of Cers., while ong those present were other Grand Officers and a large number listinguished members of the Order, viz.:—Founders—Bros. Jas. zgerald P.M. 1364, R. D. Cummings P.M. 1677, T. Eccleston b 34, J. Corbett W.M. 22, E. F. Storr P.M. 22; H. Halliday, Smith, J. Derby Allcroft, W. J. Wettenhall, and E. Y. Jolliffe. itors:—E. Letchworth P.G.D., Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope P.G.C., Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, Fred. Binckes P.G. Steward, H. Sadler Tyler, George Kenning P.M. 192, 1657 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Jas. mon P.G.R. Essex, W. Cook P.M. 22, John Paul J.D. 1287, A. nce I.G. 901, J. F. Haskins 1364, G. Lyell Walker 429, W. Maclin d. 1677, W. Brown 1599, J. C. Learn 1194, W. Harding W.M. 169, Kirkland 1949, Franklin Clive 1319, L. V. Walker S.W. 22, eph Edgar J.W. 1287, Henry Percy P.M. 22, J. W. Dixon J.W. 27, Johnson J.W. 95, E. R. Smith Assistant Director of Ceremonies 44, H. Palmer 1044, A. H. Cornforth 1044, S. Johnson 1319, J. Charles 22, Ernest Wrigley 1364, G. P. Britten P.M. 183, S. Ayres P.M. 95, Thomas Goode P.M. 1677, J. F. Davey, G. E. irchild P.M. 1196, W. E. Haycock P.M. 1196, J. B. Reid 1364, H. Squire 1633, F. J. Potter 1321, W. Kent 1321, A. Greatrex M. 22, F. Crockford P.M. 515, Albert Storr 2146 1657, D. J. Bridome I.G. 1364, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, George Glover 1677, G. Baker 704, G. J. Pope 1364, R. P. Stevens J.W. 901, J. Barber enn 3, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, S. R. Lamble P.M. 27, W. Jolliffe 9, Alfred Brookman P.M. 1657, Henry Lansdell, D.D., P.M. 4, G. C. rratt P.M. 1366, P. Saillard W.M. 2020, R. Homan 1602, C. W. ander J.D. 1563, J. Kift 1791, H. W. Schartau 1549, Arthur omas 1319, Henry Tinney W.M. 1319, and others. The Lodge ving been formerly consecrated, the following were appointed as e first Officers (Bro. J. D. Allcroft having first been installed as rshipful Master):—E. Y. Jolliffe I.P.M., Thos. Eccleston Gibb S.W., P. Fitzgerald J.W., Rev. R. Adams Chaplain, E. F. Storr Treas., D. Cummings Secretary, Harold Halliday S.W., Joseph Corbett D., Muir Smith I.G., Huntley D.C., David Steward, and Haskins ganist. The usual concluding business having been disposed of, dge was closed, and the company sat down to banquet under e presidency of the Master, who in due course submitted the cusnary toasts. The first on the list was that invariably honoured ongst Masons, as amongst all Englishmen, the Queen, and with is was coupled the Craft. In one part of the day's proceedings ey had had reference to the fact of next year being the Jubilee ar of Her Majesty's reign. They hoped that God might spare her, t only to celebrate the jubilee of a fifty years' reign, but also for ny years beyond it. Great benefits had occurred to the country ce Her Majesty's accession to the throne, while the example she d set to her subjects, and the constitutional way in which she had naged the affairs of her Empire, had won for her the esteem and gard of her people. Her silent influence on the country had been eat; as an instance of this the Worshipful Master called to mind e time when he first came to London, a short time after the accesn of Her Majesty. It was then the custom for the parks to be ed every Sunday with riders and sightseers, but this was stopped ortly after Her Majesty's reign began. The Queen, he said, had more loyal subjects than the Freemasons, and if he might consider e relation of her sons towards the Order, we might reasonably feel at her Majesty had some idea that Freemasonry had been of some e in raising her people to their present high position. The next ast was the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Members of e Masonic body felt how much they were indebted to the Grand aster for the honour he conferred on them by presiding over their airs. The W.M. could well remember that at the time the Prince Wales accepted the Grand Mastership the number of Lodges in gland was something like 1500, now they were celebrating the nsecration of No. 2168, which proved how great had been e spread of Freemasonry of late years. This prosperity must a great joy to the Grand Master, who, as they had recently ard, had more applications for new Lodges than he was able to ant warrants for. He felt that every Mason would join with him wishing long life and happiness for the Grand Master, and hope at when, in the providence of God, he might be called upon to rule er a larger number even than ranged under the banner of Freeasonry he might be able to do so with equal ability, so that we ight then be able to say we had a Sovereign well able to follow the footsteps of our present illustrious Queen. The Worshipful aster next proposed the health of the Grand Officers, feeling it as a great advantage to the Craft that it had so distinguished a dy of Officers at its head; the example they set was worthy of nitation, while their desire was at all times to be as useful as ossible to the body to which they belonged. From their high posion they could show forth more light, and possibly might be a most heartily for the toast he would be satisfied with simply mentioning one point which was suggested by the Worshipful Master's speech. He would put it in the form of an ardent hope that the honour conferred by the purple, of which the Worshipful Master had spoken, might be given to a larger number than could at present possibly possess it. The number of Lodges at the present time was, he believed, exactly double what it was forty years ago, but they had stood still in regard to the number of officers in Grand Lodge. (No, no, from Bro. Fenn). Well, Bro. Fenn said No, but at all events they had been for a long time standing still in regard to Grand Officers, and while Masonry had nearly doubled, the number of offices in Grand Lodge had not, by logical sequence, been doubled also, although they found a great number of noble and deserving men who would deem it an honour to be decorated with the purple. He hoped he might live to see the day when the number of Grand Officers would be much increased, and the honours of the Craft dispensed as widely as possible. The W.M. next proposed the Consecrating and Installing Officers. He felt all who had been present would carry away a very pleasing recollection of the manner in which the ceremony of the day had been performed. It was an impressive ceremony at all times, but had that day been particularly so. Although it had been conducted by officials of Grand Lodge, the manner in which they had carried it out had proved they regarded it as no mere official duty. The heartiness with which they had performed their work would be a stimulus to a great many who might feel that in years to come they might be the centre of such a ceremony, just as he (the W.M.) had been the centre of the one performed that day. Bro. Fenn replied. The Installing Master, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, having been obliged to leave, had commissioned him to acknowledge the compliment which he anticipated would be paid him, and to express the pleasure he had felt in consecrating a Lodge named after so distinguished a Mason as Derby Allcroft. He also commissioned him, as his Senior Warden, to perform another duty which would have devolved upon him, to offer the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Simpson had already expatiated on the many good qualities of the Worshipful Master, and it was unnecessary to again enumerate them. Bro. Allcroft was a member of a Lodge of which he (Bro. Fenn) was one of the oldest members—the Prince of Wales Lodge—and he could therefore testify to his ability as a Mason. Bro. Fenn hoped he might have health and strength to perform the duties of his office in a manner which would prove satisfactory to the members and beneficial to the Lodge. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He felt he came amongst them as a stranger—a stranger in presence, if he must qualify it—and he thanked them for all the kindness they had expressed towards him. If he did not properly fulfil his duties in the chair during his year of office he hoped the members would bear in mind that he was an old Mason, and that age was apt to rob one of memory. His hands and his head were full of a great deal of work, and notwithstanding his love for the Craft he should not like to neglect his many public duties. The hearty reception accorded to him that evening had convinced him that the members had made up their minds to accept him for better or worse. He had fully made up his mind to strive for the better. He fully appreciated the honour paid him in giving his name to the Lodge, and in doing so could but recal the last of the three graces referred to by their Chaplain, that of humility, which he thought was the hardest of all to bear. He hoped he might so conduct himself in their midst as to be an example to all who attended, and that the work might not suffer under his hands. He came not as a great master in the Craft, but as one who would do his best. He next proposed the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a very useful custom among Lodges to give invitations one to another, so that every Mason might have an opportunity of seeing the way in which Freemasonry was carried out in other Lodges. Bros. Rev. Spencer Stanhope, Haycock, Binckes, and Greatrex responded, after which the W.M. proposed the Officers, in doing which he referred to the influence which all Officers should exercise over their Lodges. He hoped any influence from him self would be of good, but in securing this he looked forward to receiving great help from his Officers. The Wardens having replied, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Speaking of the duties of the Treasurer, the Master hoped that at the regular meetings of the Lodge the charity box would be sent round, as that gave every brother an opportunity of expressing his feelings at a time when his heart was warm. The Master had a personal acquaintance, of many years standing, with their Treasurer, and felt that Bro. Storr was in no small way answerable for having secured the first Master of their Lodge. He hoped he might so manage the finances that at the end of his term the brethren would re-elect him. Much of what he had just said applied equally to their Secretary, to whom he also tendered his best wishes. Bro. Storr replied, heartily falling in with the views of the Worshipful Master in regard to the charity box. He felt it a great honour to be recognised as a part of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, the ceremony of consecration of which had been beautiful, the dinner all that could be desired, while their prospects were of the brightest. The intention was to make the Lodge a family party; they intended to be very careful who they admitted to the Lodge, and would not be misrepresented by having any one among them who was unworthy of the name of Mason—if they could prevent it. The Secretary followed. There were moments, he said, in a man's life when he sincerely wished he had the power of making a speech, but that power had never been in his possession. For the purposes of saying all he that night desired to say, he could but wish he had the ability of a Salisbury, a Gladstone, or even a Storr, so that he might put his feelings into words and so express all he felt. His desire was to assist in making the name of the Derby Allcroft Lodge honoured throughout the globe. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. The Lord Mayor of London was among those who sent apologies for non-attendance; he was prevented at the last





## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE, No. 2157.

WHAT promises to be a valuable addition to the roll of Metropolitan Lodges was ushered into existence on Friday, the 29th ult., when the St. Mark's College Lodge was consecrated at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary was the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. as S.W., Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.C. as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Dir. of Cers. The ceremony was of the usual character, and in due course the acting Chaplain was called upon for an Oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution. Bro. Brownrigg gave the following address:—

We are consecrating to-day a new Lodge, whose name stamps it as connected with a particular institution. That institution is a practical illustration of many virtues taught and insisted upon by our Craft. Certainly our old Masonic Guild, directly and indirectly teaches us: the duty of improving our mental and bodily faculties; ever asserts that knowledge is true so long, and so long only, as it springs from God; constantly exhorts us to teach others what we have learnt ourselves. Are not these the principles upon which, for nearly half-a-century, St. Mark's College has been building a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder? Let us consider these three points in detail. Man's mind and body—as designed by the G.A.O.T.U., are endowed by Him with the power of development, if they avail themselves of the means he places within their reach. To develop mind and body in accordance with His plan is to answer the end of our Creation; to check the divine life which is within us is to mar and hinder His purposes. Education, therefore, is the building up of a spiritual edifice upon the lines, and in accordance with the plans designed from all eternity by the Wisdom of God. But no building, however good, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. Our ancient Brethren knew this. Look at one of those old structures which are the beauty and glory of Architecture; the work of some operative Lodge of Freemasons. Compare it with the showy superficial work of some modern edifice. In both cases the future of the building is foreshadowed by the foundation. In the one case it is massive, solid, and in every detail carefully designed and honestly executed; in the other it is feeble and superficial, and the whole work is scamped. In the one case the building is meant to stand, and does stand, for ages; in the other it is meant only to obtain the Architect's certificate and the customer's money. Brethren, no education, either of the soul or body, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. There is only one foundation upon which it can rest if it is to be lasting—beautiful and good—and that foundation is God. Distinct, definite, and careful religious teaching is the first stone we must lay in a child's education. We may erect a building fair to the eye upon other foundations. The world is ever trying to do so, but when the practical test of Life's trials and temptations is applied, it is only the building which rests upon God which stands against those storms and tempests from which none can escape. But, further, the true Mason, be he operative or speculative, never forgets that he must do something more than develop his own faculties; something more than secure a good foundation for himself. He must be willing to teach others. A short time ago the Clerk of the Works who was restoring one of the noblest fabrics of the old operative Masons in this country taught me this lesson from the stones before us. He pointed out how each stone had two marks; the master's mark and the apprentice's mark. Both had laboured on the same stone, the one as teacher and the other as learner. Presently in the same fabric we noticed other stones; but now the apprentice had become a Craftsman, and his mark, the same old mark he had as an apprentice, occupies the place of the master, and it is followed by another mark—the mark of a new apprentice, to whom he is giving the same care and the same patience that his old master used to give to him. He had recognised the fact that he had learned not merely that he might do good and true work himself, but in order that he might teach others as he had been taught. And so the work never lacked able workers, because each worker recognised the duty of teaching his fellow. Brethren, we must recognise this great fact in our work, whatever it is. In some degree we must all be teachers. The man whose life is teaching nothing to others is failing in one of the great purposes of his existence; is neglecting to carry out the Divine commission. He who teaches most of what is good and true to his Brother is copying most truly the Divine example. So, Brethren, let us sum up the whole lesson. Let our work be done truly; let it rest on the one True Foundation, and let it be full of Brotherly Love for others. So shall it be worthy of the acceptance of the G.A.O.T.U.

The Lodge having been formally dedicated, and the Benediction given, Bro Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, was installed as the first Worshipful Master. He invested Bro. James Easterbrook J.W. 1920 as his Senior Warden, and Bro. J. O'Connell Organist 1851 as his Junior Warden. The other Officers were appointed, and several propositions for candidates having been handed in, the Lodge was closed, after some formal business had been transacted. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, and at the conclusion of the repast the usual toasts were honoured. In submitting that of the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master said that to each they owed loyalty. They reverenced the Queen for the way in which she had ruled over the destinies of her people, while to the Craft they owed their very existence as a Lodge. If the brethren were true to their colours and would do their best to carry out its teachings they would do well, for Freemasonry was capable of doing much for the public good. It had done much in the [illegible] and

the next toast, that of H.R.H. the Grand Master, the W.M. sa Freemasonry was much indebted to the Prince of Wales. Dur presidency the Order had greatly increased, about one new having been consecrated each week since the Prince accep Grand Mastership, eleven years since. As they had that da told by the Grand Secretary, the demand for new warrants no means likely to stop, indeed the Grand Master received mor tions for Lodges than he was able to issue warrants for. The of the Grand Officers was next proposed. The Worshipful Mast sidered the Grand Officers started with the determination of doi duty, and thus it was they carried out their work so ably, an so much satisfaction to the Craft. They had the honour of among their guests that night four Grand Officers, and he f members of his Lodge fully appreciated the compliment whi been paid them of being allowed to enrol these Grand Officers the members of their new Lodge. Bro. Brownrigg was the respond. The Grand Officers hailed with pleasure the establi of such Lodges as the one consecrated that day. Bro. Pr followed. He was glad to see the roll of Grand Lodge recrui such a Lodge as that of the College of St. Mark's. The which Freemasonry held now, as compared with the past, r that those who came to its ranks should bring something something which should be of service, and this he felt the m of the St. Mark's College Lodge would do. He felt that th ciples of true Freemasonry would be carried out in their Lod be warned them there was no success to be achieved withou work, and if there was, it would not be worth having. It w an entire devotion to the grand ritual or the ceremonies whi braced all that was best in Freemasonry, for the longer on the more he must feel that the daily practice of Masonic tea in the common round of every-day life led on to higher things ritual of the Order contained the germ of a living spirit, and who was the best and truest student of Masonry did this reveal itself. Bro. Shadwell Clerke proposed the health of th shipful Master. If ever the hackneyed expression as to the t the evening was permissible, it was when this toast came to b mitted on the consecration of a new Lodge. The brethren ha very fortunate in obtaining the services of so distinguished a to occupy the chair as their first chief, and there was no do would justify the confidence reposed in him. The Worshipful replied. He felt most intensely the compliment the founders St. Mark's College Lodge had paid him in selecting him as th Master. Only one brother could occupy that position in a Lo matter how long it existed. The brethren associated in the had started from one common mother—St. Mark's College— they had formed friendships during the days of their training, friendships he hoped would be cemented in the St. Mark's The health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer wa given, and to this Bro. Clerke replied. Bro. Easterbrook proposed the Visitors, and Bro. H. Wright W.M. of the A Lodge responded. He could hardly claim to be one of those guished visitors to whom the Senior Warden had referred in ing the toast. In his capacity as Master of the Alliance Lo which their Worshipful Master was a member, he had h pleasure of signing the petition to the Grand Master f St. Mark's College Lodge, and he was particularly gratified in the result of that petition in the consecration of their Lod day. The toast of the Officers was afterwards given, and th ceedings brought to a conclusion in the usual manner. Among who took part in the day's proceedings were the following bre Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who acted as crating Officer, F. A. Philbrick G.R. acting S.W., R. Turtle P.G.A.D.C. acting J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. acting D.C. Founders—J. Smith P.M. 279, James Easterbrook J.W. 1920, John O'C I.G. 1851, Thomas Cross P.M. 1194, W. B. Carter P.G.S. 40 Tidmarsh 1612 2163, W. Goulden 1566, A. G. Fleming J.I J. R. Phillips 1681, R. H. Catling 1580, A. P. Lye 309, W. B 127, G. W. Stevens S.W. 1815, G. H. Heathcote 1732. Visitors Trapp P.M. 787, W. H. Wingfield W.M. 1360, George May W. Tidmarsh Secretary 1031, J. Terry P.P.S.G.W. North Hunts, W. W. Lee 1897, H. W. Weston 1278, James Perkins 1672 S.W. 1827, J. L. Jennings 1920, Horace Graham 1604, J. 813, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, J. F. Dawson 404 Deputy Pro G.M. Herts, W. Dodd 1194, W. Woodward 1920, W. H. Baker 1446 I.P.M. 2030, T. Ball P.M. 145, H. Wright W.M. 1827 S.D T. R. W. Tyler 1093 1210, &c.

## COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE first meeting for the session of this Lodge was held Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 12th ult. There were presen Harry W. Ridgley W.M., T. A. Dickson S.W., B. Stevens E. Reynolds S.D., C. Ralph acting as J.D, S. Hewitt I.G. Potter Tyler, E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne Secreta Colman W.S., Frank Euligner D.C., John Jacobs P.M. and S Jacobs. Bros. Geo. Fraun, R. Potter, J. Potter, J. Pull Mordecai, J. Peart, P. A. Shannon, G. H. Reynolds, E. Mills, Abner, W. Bilsham, James Woodward, E. J. Carter, C. Tom F. Schilterns, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Mordy P.M. F. Lockett 1638, J. E. Palmers 1321, W. M. Roots 1273, S. J.D. 1623, Mordecai 1308, R. J. Peart 1580, R. A. Kirkaldy 1521. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; then opened to the second degree, when Bros. Pullen and Potter were examined as to their progress in the science; Lod opened in the third degree, and they were severally raised degree of M.M. Brother Citron was passed to the second d and two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next m The W. Master having received the hearty good wishes

perintendence of Bro. Bertini. The usual Loyal and Masonic ere given by the W.M. and duly honoured. Bro. Jacobs P.M. was pleased to be in possession of the gavel for a short time purpose of proposing the health of their W. Master, who l done his duty and had given satisfaction to them all. The ter in acknowledging the compliment, said he appreciated the manner in which his health had been given, and also the rds which had fallen from their worthy P.M. Jacobs. He ased to see him amongst them. He was a most amusing , who by ready wit kept the Lodge alive. He assured the n he had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and would do all ower to promote its welfare. He hoped he had given satis- to the brethren while in the chair. He had worked hard to the ritual, and had spent many happy hours in the Lodge. he time should arrive for him to take his place amongst the asters he should endeavour to do his best to promote the s welfare in the future as he had striven to do in the past. In g to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Covent Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome. They could not oo often; he trusted those present that evening had enjoyed lves; he would call on Bro. Kirkaldy W.M. 1521 to respond. rother, in reply, said he felt it a great honour to have to re- d for the Visitors, and to thank the Lodge for giving him the ion to be present; he had thoroughly enjoyed himself; as a f this he might say that if he was sent any number of invita- e would accept them. He was sure the Visitors would agree im that the working was good and the hospitality most boun- indeed, the Covent Garden Lodge had done all in its power e the visitors happy. The Worshipful Master next gave the s of the Lodge; he spoke in highly commendatory terms as to y in which the work of the Lodge was carried out. Bros. E. and Burne responded. The Tyler's toast brought a very nt meeting to a close, which had received additional enjoy- by the vocal and musical abilities of Bros. Jacobs, Kirkaldy Speaker's Eye), Wilkie, C. Ralph, F. Gulliford, and others.

## CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

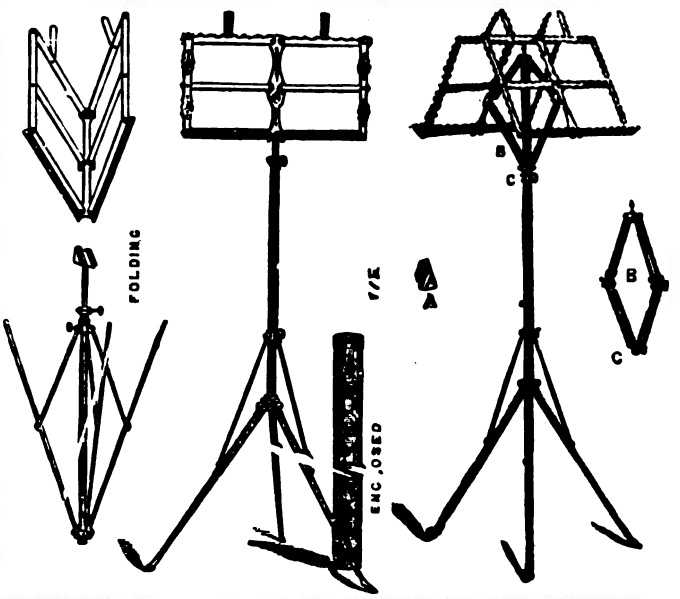
E installation meeting was held on Friday, 22nd October, in the new rooms at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, when Bro. Henry oberts S.W. was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the g year. The ceremony was performed in a most finished mpressive manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. H. Cooksey Std. Bear., who thus gave further proof of the Masonic ability has led to his recent appointment in the Prov. Grand Lodge ropshire. The Officers for the year were appointed and in- l, as follows:—Bros. W. Westcott S.W., H. J. Skelding J.W., Dr. Lucas Chaplain, Hubert Smith Treasurer, T. Pratt P.M. Steward Secretary, A. S. Trevor S.D., J. W. Chadwick P.M. 560 P.P.G.J.D. Worcestershire J.D., W. Lascelles Southwell P.G.J.W. Shropshire Director of Ceremonies, J. Sewell P.G.O. ist, T. Bromwich I.G., A. Bethell and G. Westcott Stewards, odall Tyler. The Installing Master next gave the address to ewly-installed Worshipful Master, and resumed his seat amid ngratulations of the brethren. The Secretary (Bro. T. Pratt P.G. Steward) concluded the ceremony by delivering the ases to the Wardens and Brethren, in his well-known able er. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Cooksey with Master's jewel, in recognition of the esteem in which he was y the brethren and of the very able manner in which he had arged his duties as Master of the Castle Lodge during the past Bro. Cooksey, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks for the r done him, and also his desire to serve the best interests of the in the future, as he had endeavoured to do in the past. Apo- for non-attendance were read from the R.W. Prov. Grand r (Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.), the W. Deputy Prov. Grand r, and other distinguished brethren, and the Lodge being , the brethren adjourned to banquet—which was well served host, Mr. C. Ensor. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic were duly honoured; special reference being made by the ipful Master to the Jubilee year of the reign of Her Most ous Majesty. In proposing the toast of the Deputy Prov. l Master (Bro. Rowland G. Venables) and the Officers of Prov. l Lodge present and past, the Worshipful Master alluded to ct that Castle Lodge had been honoured with a goodly number ointments at the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, t Bridgnorth, the following brethren having been invested with purple:" Bros. W. Lascelles Southwell P.G. Junior Warden, hitefoot jun. P.G. Director of Ceremonies, John Sewell P.G. ist, J. H. Cooksey P.G. Standard Bearer, T. Pratt P.G. Stewd. night, he thought, be taken as an augury that the working and al conduct of the Castle Lodge had met with the approval of rov. Grand Master. Bros. W. E. Southwell P.G.J.D. and E. J. y P.P.G.A.D.C. acknowledged the toast, the latter alluding to ride which, as a founder of the Lodge, he especially felt in its s. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the r Warden, who alluded to the ability which Bro. Roberts had yed as Secretary for two years, and in the Wardens' chairs. roficiency in the working which he had that day undertaken ell-known to the brethren; he concluded by wishing him a erous year of office. The Worshipful Master, in responding, ed the breteren for the very cordial way in which they had ed the toast, and assured them that although he felt deeply sponsibility of the office to which he had that day attained, e would do his utmost to prove himself a not unworthy suc- r of those excellent Masters who had preceded him, feeling sure e would have the willing assistance of his officers, and the gence of the brethren. The Installing Master and Past Masters g been duly honoured, the [illegible] of the Visitors was ably given thanking him for his kindness to the brethren of 1621 upon the occasion of their recent visit to that most interesting town. Bro. Garnett responded, as did also Bros. G. H. Stanger I.P.M. 419 (Wolverhampton) and E. W. Prevost W.M. 2131 (Ellesmere); all expressing their pleasure in witnessing the excellent working of the Lodge, and their thanks for the hospitality extended to them. The Masonic Charities came next, coupled with the name of Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell, who has already served the Lodge as Steward on two occasions, and who expressed his willingness to again go up on the occasion of the Girls' Festival next year, when Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., R.W. P.G.M. Shropshire, has undertaken to preside. The Officers of the Lodge was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Hubert Smith Treasurer, who has served the Lodge in that capacity since its formation ten years since, and by Bro. T. Pratt P.M. Secretary, who has now undertaken the latter office for a third period. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Stanger, Galley, Dyer, Bradbury, Westcott, Whitefoot, and E. W. Southwell (who contributed one of his witty *impromptus*). The P.G.O. Bro. Sewell (violin), with Bros. Whitefoot and W. Smith (piano) gave the overtures to "Masaniello" and the "Caliph of Bagdad," and added considerably to the evening's enjoyment. The Tyler's toast in due time brought to a close a very successful meeting. The following is a list of the Visitors present:—Bros. F. C. Bastick P.M. 419 P.P.G.D. Staffordshire, J. H. Stanger I.P.M. 419 (Wolverhampton), G. Lees W.M. 560 (Stourport), J. Galley W.M. 823 (Liverpool), F. S. H. Dyer (Cambridge) T. J. Barnett W.M. elect 1120 (Ironbridge), E. W. Prevost W.M. 2131 (Ellesmere), C. R. Garnett W.M. 2133 (Stratford-on-Avon), and J. Bradney S.D. 419.


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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTE

THE usual Quarterly Convocation of Grand Cl held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, presidency of Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Provincial Grand Superintendent of Essex, wh ported by Comp. T. W. Tew Prov. G. Supe West Yorkshire as H., and Comp. Thomas Fenn sident of the Committee of General Purposes as Grand Officers present were Col. Shadwell H. C Robert Grey President of the Committee of Ge poses, D. P. Cama Treas., Rev. J. Palmer Prin Rev. W. Mortimer Heath 1st Assist. Soj., Ralp 2nd Assist. Soj., Frank Richardson P. Assist. ( of Cers., John Emilius Le Feuvre Sword Beare Roebuck 3rd Standard Bearer, Edward Dean I Dir. of Cers., William Clarke Assist. Dir. of Ce M. Lott Org., and Henry Sadler Janitor. T having been confirmed, the report of the Co General Purposes (which we published last received, and ordered to be recorded. The the various petitions therein referred to were Grand Chapter, which was then closed with formalities.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTE WILTSHIRE.

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THE Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Provin Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Ma

S., A. J. Beaven 1st A.S., T. Ringer 2nd A.S., John andler P. Prov. G.H. D.C., and other Companions of the ovince, as well as by Comp. H. Wilson Prov.G.S.E. orcestershire. The usual routine of opening the apter, calling the roll and confirming the minutes, ving been finished, the report of the Charity Com-ttee, agreed to at a meeting held that morning, was read. om this it appeared that Comp. T. S. Futcher, of the ias de Derham Chapter, 586, Salisbury, having offered services as Steward for the Royal Arch Province of iltshire at the Boys' School Festival next year, the Com-ttee recommend that such offer be accepted, and that a ant of £21 be placed on his list. After some observa-ns by Comps. F. H. Goldney and Rev. J. A. Lloyd, as the desirability of keeping a reserve in hand, in view of y extraordinary calls being made on the Province next ar, with reference to Her Majesty's Jubilee, the Chapter the motion of Comp. Nott, seconded by Comp. Eyres, nanimously adopted the recommendations of the Com-ittee. Comp. H. C. Tombs P.G.S.E., on behalf of the uditors, read their report on the Treasurer's accounts, hich had been duly examined and found correct. Comp. Bevir P.G. Reg. read his report, recapitulating, as usual, e position as regards numbers and otherwise of the rovincial Grand Chapter and its five subordinate hapters. The number of members in the province was ated as 114. The report was considered satisfactory, and as approved. Comp. W. Nott proposed an addition to e Provincial Bye Laws of certain fees to be payable to e Provincial Chapter, on registering new Chapters or ye Laws. This was seconded by Comp. H. C. Tombs, nd carried unanimously, as was also a proposition made y Comp. T. S. Futcher, seconded by Comp. F. H. oldney, that a committee consisting of H., J., S.E., and reasurer, be appointed to consider the question of generally evising the Provincial Bye Laws, and to report thereon to e next meeting. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.E. G. Supt., ddressing the meeting, congratulated the Swindon Com-anions on the appearance of the Hall in which they had ssembled, which had been newly decorated. He alluded n feeling terms to the death of Comp. E. Turner Payne rov. Grand Treasurer of the neighbouring province, ho they had so often welcomed in Wiltshire. In referring o the Registrar's report, which was very gratifying, he said hat he hoped ere long to hear of steps being taken to inau-urate a new Chapter at Trowbridge. He thanked Comp. laclean, on behalf of the Province, for his two successful tewardships last year, and congratulated the Companions n the fresh Stewardship of Comp. Futcher, who he trusted ould obtain good support, so that the position of the rovince at the elections might be further improved, to the elight of the energetic Charity Secretary Companion W. ott. The Grand Supt. then declared all offices vacant, and roposed the re-election of Comp. Nott as Treasurer for he ensuing year; this being seconded by Comp. Chandler, vas carried unanimously. The Grand Supt. then ap-ointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as ollow :—

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| Comps. Thos. H. Futcher 586 | H. |
| Alfred Plummer 355 | J. |
| Henry C. Tombs 355 (re-appointed) | S.E. |
| Edwin Eyres 355 | S.N. |
| William Nott 632 | Treasurer |
| Rev. J. A. Lloyd 1533 | Registrar |
| John N. Toone 1478 | P. Sojourner |
| Rev. A. Law 355 | 1st Assist. Sojourner |
| Alfred Parry 632 | 2nd do. |
| John Chandler 355 (re-appointed) | D.C. |
| W. S. Bambridge 1533 | Organist |
| Jno. Savory 355 (re-elected) | Janitor |

The Alms Bag was sent round, the contents being levoted to the Swindon Cottage Hospital. The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Companions djourned to their Annual Banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel.

## ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE quarterly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York. Amongst those present were Comps. M. Rooke M.E.Z., J. Sykes Rymer H., J. Teald P.Z. seconded a vote expressive of the sorrow felt by the Chapter at their loss by the death of Dr. Bell, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, who had so long and wisely guided their footsteps. After the close of the Chapter the brethren met at supper, and the usual pleasant evening was spent.

## POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE first convocation of this Chapter for this session was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The Companions assembled at 6 p.m., under the presidency of Comps. Dr. Corrie Jackson Z., Dr. Jagielski H., and Bieling J. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, the Companions proceeded to ballot for Bro. Harry Beasly Harford, of the St. James Lodge, No. 97, Scotland, who had been proposed by Comp. Pass P.Z. S E., and seconded by Comp. Bieling. The result being unanimous in his favour, he was duly admitted and exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z., who with his Officers was *au fait* with the business, and went through it in the correct manner which characterises the Polish National Chapter. There were present as Visitors Comps. S. Webb, and Rosenthal 188.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. F. Brasted Z., J. Stragnell H., J. Funston J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., H. Jenkins S.N., Wm. Radcliffe P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a creditable manner, and there was a goodly attendance of R.A. Masons. Comp. T. C. Edmonds is Preceptor here, and he is ever ready to impart instruction.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### A QUERY?

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I enclose you two extracts from the minutes of my Mother Lodge, and respectfully ask if you or any of your numerous correspondents will throw any light upon them, to enable me to give an explanation of their meaning?

Yours fraternally,

JNSH.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES. LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 231.

August, 1799.

"A circular letter being received from the Grand Secretary, "Bro. Treas$^{r}$ moved that the R.W.M. or any two Officers of "the Lodge attend at Union Hall, to make the necessary affi-"davit and deposit the Register."

September, 1799.

"The Register and Certificate was taken up this day to the "Union Hall, and sworn to by Bro. J. C. Palmer, and Bro. Th$^{o}$. "B. Farmer, and afterwards was left with the Clerk of the "Peace for the County of Surrey."

[The extracts furnished as above by our esteemed correspondent refer to the duty cast upon Lodges by the Act passed 12th July 1798 against Secret Societies, from the penalties of which, however, all Masonic Lodges were exempted on conditions that duly certified registers of members were lodged with Clerks of the Peace within two months after the Act was passed, and also on or before the twenty-fifth day of March in every succeeding year. See Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," 1861 (Seventeenth) Edition, pp 263-5.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE].

### A HARD CASE.

*To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have read your article "A Hard Case," and hope with you that the dear child will not be left out in the cold. I had not the pleasure of knowing Bro. Steng, but shall nevertheless be very glad to assist his orphan daughter. If the rules cannot possibly be departed from to meet this most deserving

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, met, under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., at Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Ralph Clutton G.S.D., H. A. Hunt, E. Letchworth P.G.D., J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Moon, Major G. Lambert P.G.S.B., A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Joseph Clever, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, C. Belton, C. F. Matier, P. de Lande Long P.G.D., F. Adlard, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, &c., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, those of the House Committee were read for information. The two vacancies on the House Committee—created by the death of Bro. C. E. Mather Grand Steward, and the appointment of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters P.G.S.B. to be a Trustee of the Sustentation of Building Fund, vice Bro. Joshua Nunn deceased—were reported, and the following brethren nominated to succeed them, viz.:—Bros. Joseph Clever, G. Cooper, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of Purposes, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Alderman Savory. A conditional grant of £20 to an ex-pupil was made, and two petitions were received; the names of the children to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election; the consideration of one other petition was deferred. In the course of the proceedings, the Chairman of a special meeting of the House Committee, which had been held previous to the General Committee meeting, reported that Bro. Thomas S. Howell, who had been one of the medical officers of the Institution for thirty-four years, had tendered his resignation, and that the following resolution had been unanimously passed, namely:—

"That this Committee desire to express their sincere regret at receiving from Bro. Thomas S. Howell his resignation of the post of one of the medical officers of the Institution, an office he has held for a period of 34 years, during which he has in the most generous manner, without fee or reward, discharged the onerous duties appertaining to it.

"And that the Committee further desire to acknowledge the benefit the Institution has derived from the valuable advice and assistance they have received from him in connection with the sanitary arrangements of the establishment, to the admirable character of which may be attributed the general healthiness of the School and its freedom from diseases due to preventable causes.

"And that, while acceding to Bro. Howell's desire to be relieved from the further performance of duties he has so long discharged with such marked zeal, kindness, and ability, the Committee trust he will permit his name to be retained as an Honorary Consulting Medical Officer of the School, and thereby preserve his official connection with the Institution, to which he has rendered such great service, and where he is so highly regarded and respected.

"And that the Secretary be requested to forward to Bro. Howell a copy of this resolution."

Thereupon, on the motion of Brother A. E. Gladwell, seconded by Brother C. F. Matier, it was unanimously agreed—

"That this Committee, representing the general body of Governors and Subscribers to the School, having heard read the resolution passed by the House Committee in reference to the resignation of Bro. Thomas S. Howell of the office of one of the medical officers of the Institution, most heartily and cordially concur in the terms of it."

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening, the 3rd instant, under the presidency of Brother E. Walker W.M. There were also present Bros. J. Fanston I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., J. A. Jones P.M., A. A. Clement P.M., F. Matthews S.W., R. Drysdale J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. 1524 Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, H. J. Thrower S.D., L. A. Harrison J.D., W. Beasley I.G., G. C. Young P.M. 820 Organist, J. W. Griffiths Steward, J. Very Tyler. The following members also attended—Bros. J. Tidball, H. Waynforth, G. Colls, H. Josephs, W. H. Mills, W. E. Johnson, B. Nicholson, J. Tames, A. C. Critchfield, J. Austin, H. J. Scott, S. Batchelor, R. H. Drysdale, E. J. Rose, W. Jones. Among the visitors were Bros. L. V. Walker S.W. 22, S. Smither S.D. 193, E. Lazarus 185, H. Walden 49, H. E. Loader P.M. 487 P.G.S.D. Hants, H. J. Jones 193, A. J. Martin 111, A. Salaman 188, J. R. Bowen 65, J. Jenkins J.D. 487, J. Davis 185, L. Green 879. The business of the evening was of a somewhat important character. In consequence of the Senior Warden, Brother F. Matthews, being already in the chair of another Lodge, Brother R. Drysdale J.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother W. H. Brand was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother J. Very Tyler of the Lodge. It was also [illegible] brothers, Messrs. Edward Levy, Lewis Levy, and Henry Lev High Street, Shoreditch, and having been unanimously ele Messrs. Levy were initiated into the mysteries of Freemas Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refresh after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly celebr The toast of the Worshipful Master was warmly honoured, and Past Masters severally delivered themselves of brief and appro speeches, evincing great interest in the welfare of the Lodge. Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Initiates, s was a singular incident for three brothers to be made M together, and he was sure the Lodge would very heartily wel three gentlemen so well-known and highly respected in the pari the Messrs. Levy. The proceedings were further enlivened by excellent music under the direction of the Organist, and a very cessful meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

## ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 158

AT a meeting held at the Fox and Hounds, High Street, Pu on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., there were present: Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson Secretary, Wing S.D., Harding J.D., P.M. Stacey Org Oliver Steward, Sandalls I.G., Pardoe I P.M., Collings Dir. of Visitors: Bros. Keen and Swan of 865, and Bro. Sapsworth also seventeen other Past Masters and brethren. Lodge was op in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A was taken for Mr. Alfred Eden and Mr. Charles Moore, wh been proposed and seconded. The ballot being in their favour, were initiated in a most impressive manner by the Wors Master. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned t banquetting room, where an excellent repast was served b Host, Past Master Page. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts drunk with true "Commemoration" fire. The health of the ini was proposed, and suitably responded to. The following bre contributed to the harmony of the evening, viz.:—Bros. Windsor, Williams, Collick W.M.; Bro. Price gave a recita "Eugene Aram;" and Bro. Whitley, the Tyler, sang the "En Apprentice Song." With the Tyler's toast the meeting ende the brethren dispersed, after a most enjoyable evening.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—A well att meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, when the Fifteen Se were worked by brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instru The chair was taken a few minutes after 7 o'clock by Bro. T P.M. 1446, supported by Bros. Jenkins S.D. 860 as S.W., C P.M. 1298 as J.W., Gregory S.D., Wright J.D., Ament I.G., Fer Preceptor, Silvester Treasurer, Dimsdale Secretary, and some or forty other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Coll worke sections, assisted by the following:—First Lecture—Bros. Bleakley, Turner, Hunter, Wright, Fenner H. Airey. Second ture—Bros. Edgley, Dickinson, Jenkins, Lee, Fenner. Third Le —Bros. Cooper, Galer (two sections). Lodge was called off a between the first and second lectures, and at the conclusion s brethren were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form a most successful evening.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813** Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Sout road, N. Present:—G. H. Clark W.M., Hayes S.W., Stroud C. Weeden Treasurer, Cordell Secretary, Flack I.G., Past Cusworth Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was o and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and conf The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cordell act candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Goodge can Bro. Weeden resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when Bro. took his position as W.M. A vote of thanks was accorded hi entered on the minutes, it being the first time he had occupi chair in this Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in perfect har

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—A meeting held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Cock Tavern, bury Station, N., there were present: Bros. R. P. Forge Snook S.W., Casley J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock Turner J.D., White I.G., Fenner Preceptor; Cusworth, Weede several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, a minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The cer of initiation was rehearsed—Bro. Hatton candidate. Lodg called off and on. Bros. Hatton, Harper, and Ball answer questions leading to the second degree, but were not entr they are only Entered Apprentices, of the mother Lodge. Harper and Hatton were elected members. Bro. Snook S.W was elected W.M. for Monday next.

INSTALLATION
OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WAL
As the M.W.G.M. of England,
AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HAL
28th APRIL 1875.
COPIES of this BEAUTIFUL ENGRAVING by Brother E P.M., consisting of Artist's Proofs, Proofs before Letters, and

rand.—Notwithstanding the numerous counter attractions now ondon, comic opera has once more been the attraction at this tre. Played at Croydon on the 27th September last, "Rhoda" presented to a London audience for the first time on Monday. e its first production the plot has been considerably improved, and we have a most amusing and pretty opera. The libretto has written by Walter Parke, and the music composed by Antonio lora. The work is in three acts. Mr. Parke has done his share and has written a most pleasing book, never vulgar, and always rtaining. Mr. Mora has provided some pretty and ear-catching e, which doubtless will become popular. The serenade sung by phe is very pretty, as also is the vocal gavotte in the last act, the music to the interrogatory couplets in the second act is rably fitted to the words. The action of the opera is laid in the of Pavana, Spanish America, and begins with a contest for the ralty of Pavana, with the result that one Peter Bosco is ulti- ly elected. Bosco has a scapegrace nephew, Carlos Valdez, who s to marry Rhoda, daughter of Baron Poncho; by this means he to retrieve his fortunes. The Mayor consents to assist his ew, but Rhoda rejects Carlos, she being secretly betrothed to phe Martel. Her maid Teresa is also in love, with Ventro, a lling showman, who is in possession of a life-size mechanical of a lady. Carlos engages this man to help him deceive a, and it is by the aid of this figure, added to false representa- and forged letters, that Carlos contrives to arouse Rhoda's sy. The figure, placed on a seat under a tree, is mistaken by he for Rhoda, whom he has come to serenade, while she in turn es he is addressing some feminine rival. In her rage she fires lolphe, but the shot misses, but hits the figure, which falls, and mediately removed by the showman. Carlos gives the alarm, a murder has been committed; a hat and cane, found on the are taken possession of by the police as a clue for tracing the ity of the culprits. Adolphe and Rhoda escape, while the r and police start in pursuit of the presumed assassins. brings the first act to a conclusion. The remaining part shows Adolphe and Rhoda are captured; the former is accused of the ed murder, and remanded for further inquiries. In the Adolphe is released, and it is shown that only a mechanical has been shot. Instead of getting Rhoda for a wife Carlos is to go through a mock marriage with the figure, he all the time ing it is Rhoda. This lady and Adolphe are afterwards ed. The second act is certainly the most amusing, while the ould be better if it were strengthened. Mr. Henry Walsham, dolphe, carries off chief honours. His splendid tenor is heard to considerable advantage, while his acting is of no character. His rendering of the serenade was charming, his duets with Rhoda were very effective. The part of Rhoda undertaken by Miss Kate Chard, who shows to considerable tage. Her singing is both pretty and effective, an advantage the most of by the lady. Mr. C. H. Kenney carried off the for the comical business, his Mayor was an excellent perform- In the trial scene Mr. Kenney was at his best, he never lost portunity to cause the house to roar with laughter. Mr. Deane gave the necessary finish to the part of Carlos, while the ul dancing and pleasing singing of Miss Agnes Oliver, as , deserves a word of praise. The other characters want thening; if this be done an excellent all round caste would be sult. We understand that "Rhoda" will shortly be seen at our West End theatres, where, with better mounting and ger orchestra, a successful career should lie before it.

ngler's.—Nothing was lacking on Saturday last—the night by Mr. Charles Hengler for his re-opening—to show how r his circus preformances have become. Notwithstanding ntertainments of a similar character, at Battersea and in the of London, a crowded audience was present to welcome Mr. r back to the magnificent building in Argyll Street. Mr. r, in the hope of finding amusement for his patrons, has in the aid of one or two troupes of artistes that, perhaps, do perly belong to a circus company; however, by this means vides a varied and amusing programme. Foremost to be l is a troupe of six bicyclists, known as "The Selbinis," whose inment is a most extraordinary one; such feats as balancing catching rings on a spike affixed to the head, and throwing d knives, is achieved by the principal of the troupe whilst a bicycle. The children ride on tiny machines, and propel hine without either saddle or back-wheel. Altogether the s are an exceptionally clever troupe. The Jees, in their inter- "The Musical Smithy," produced melody from horse-shoes, teps, blacksmith's anvils, the stalks of flowers, and from a bellows. The comic business of this troupe is amusing, while sical portion is decidely novel. The Conradis and the Brothers go through some clever acrobatic feats; and Mr. F. C. Hengler e pony Robin and the American horse Washington through teresting performances. The latter ascends and descends a f stairs without the slightest sign of fear. The equestrian of the programme is carried out by well-known artistes; and es the graceful riding of Miss Alice Welby Cooke, Miss Agnes and Miss Elise Bradbury. The champion rider of England, dez, went through some daring feats of horsemanship, but the act was not so well performed by the Spanish rider, Felix so, as we have seen it. The always welcome clowns were presented by Friskey, Little Sandy, Whimsical Walker, and s. Rogers. Two of these gentlemen have a scene to them- here Little Sandy puts his "Porcine Pet" through a novel inment, while the other, Whimsical Walker, as he is dubbed, ightening all the attendants out of the ring, is himself driven his "Pugnacious Bantam." The evening's entertainment ught to a conclusion by the ever welcome race by ponies, d by monkey jockeys. If Mr. C. Hengler only keeps his

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

### SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hora Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

### MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cork Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 149—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1996—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Castle Library, Colchester. (Emergency)
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 109—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury





## TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Jerusalem, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City

235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
785—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Pentonville, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Canton-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1448—Prince, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1506—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

1793—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1804—Westbourne, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1636—Carnarvon, 22 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1617—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Pioneer, Tredegar, Bread-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1761—Cheshire, Cock Hall Tavern, Gresham-street
1941—Brixton, Prince Regent Pulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1409—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

32—Social, 28 St Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Mercantile, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford

406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkhenton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Stanhope Pilot, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
887—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1270—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Becking

1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1543—Rosslyn, Sarneen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, Richmond-street, Deptford

153—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
225—Unity Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Wellington, Red Lion, Poplar-street, Fenchurch-street, at 8 (Instruct.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruc

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (In
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1900—Montagne Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancash
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester

277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
303—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Symsathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.

755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading

1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercal Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Foxteth Park, Live
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Broughton, Grantham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandilloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaftwaite
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newca
R.A. 280—St. Wustans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 343—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop

## THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-street, E.C., at 7.30 (In
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruct
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruc
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (I
749—Belgrave, The Terrace, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction
754—High Cross, Church and Queen, Upper Edmonton, at 8 (Inst
809—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
870—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warwick St., Rotherhithe Ne
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (In

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Seaforth, Wavertree-street-car, at 8
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, at 8 (I
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruc
1459—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Cross, at 8. (Instruction
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Westbourne Street, Pimlico
1126—The Great City, Masons' Arms, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 8 (I
1171—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1524—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwe
1598—Ley Springe, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Roa
Tunnel to Strand, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Red Hart Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Surbiton Assembly Rooms, Cornwall Road, Clapham Road, (In
1624—Temperance, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Enfield, at 8





Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
2—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
Mersey, 56 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
Etrurian, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
Bingdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
Wellington, Public Rooms, Park Street, Deal
Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
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Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
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Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
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St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
Browning, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
De La Pre, Masonic Hall, Northampton
Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
615—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
1236—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

## FRIDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

Station Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
—Unique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
79—Tyssagorsen, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
800—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
169—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.
—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Standlake
—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
—Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1011—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bond Gate, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woolwich
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Gravesend
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1554—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccles on, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Audertón's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton


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## THE INFLUENCE OF ONE MAN.

WE do not need to search far through the pages of history to discover numberless instances of the power exercised by some men over their fellows. In every walk of life we meet with individuals to whom the right appears to belong to take the lead in their particular profession, and although they seem to exercise no effort to maintain or maintain their position, they are none the less recognised as leaders, or their doings are copied in such a manner as to leave no doubt that it is their example which is being followed. If we analyse the surroundings of these leaders among the people—as they may really be termed—we find the power they exercise, whether it be for good or for evil, is enormous; and if we further, we shall be surprised to find how many of our every-day actions are influenced in one way or another by those leaders, patterns which have come under our personal observation, or of whom we have gathered particulars in other ways. We may perhaps summarise the argument, and in other words express the gist of the subject under notice, if we repeat the well-known definition, that man is an imitative animal.

Admitting that much of what is done by the men of to-day is but a reflex of what others have done in the past, it follows that there must be patterns of excellence, men who may be referred to as worthy of imitation, or whose example it is desirable to follow. The question not unnaturally arises,—from whom do such men take their example? To answer this we have to shew the exception which proves the rule as to the imitative tendency of mankind in general, for it frequently happens that those who stand as leaders win their right to that distinction solely on account of their originality, hence we are able to trace the power of individual men among their fellows.

Freemasonry, with its peculiar system of symbolic teaching, is particularly rich in the number of the brilliant examples it offers for imitation—men whom no one need be ashamed to follow, or to whom no one need hesitate to look up. It is difficult to say how much we owe to these examples, for whenever we come across a particular case of success in a Lodge, it is not very difficult to discover the one man to whom much, if not the whole, of such success is due, and without whom the Lodge might have had no special name for itself. So it has been with our Provinces. Their progress has been rapid and generally regular, but there have been numerous occasions when a departure from the ordinary course has been made by some particularly energetic brother, with the result that others have subsequently taken a similar course, and permanent benefit has accrued. Here also we have no difficulty in tracing the power of the men who originally departed from the beaten track, and who have now become patterns worthy of imitation, to excel whom is a desire worthy of the most ambitious.

Within the last few days Freemasonry has lost a brother who during his lifetime won the highest distinction among his fellows. He has long been recognised as a pattern worthy of imitation, and no doubt he will be so considered for many years to come, when the power he has of the advantage which has accrued from his good example. No doubt Freemasonry has taught him many a good and useful lesson, but it will be acknowledged that Freemasonry has, if anything, been the gainer through his association with the time-honoured Institution. In him the three cardinal principles of Freemasonry were more than exemplified. His Brotherly Love did not cease in being on good terms with those around him, nor did his Charity stop when he had done all that lay in his power on behalf of the distressed. He had the power of leading others to follow his example, and right nobly did he work in the furtherance of this particular bent of his fancy. Indeed, we may truly say that Freemasonry has not only lost an honoured and respected member, and a zealous worker, but also one of the few whose example is of such a character as to be felt wherever they are known.

It was in the particular matter of Charity that our brother won for himself the highest of his honours, and the title by which he has long been known throughout the metropolis of the world gives evidence of the extent to which he practised that virtue. In a city so proverbial for the number and munificence of its charities and benevolent donors, it is hard to attach to any one individual the palm of excellence, but we think Londoners must have recognised him as being worthy of special consideration when they dubbed him "Charity"—for years past our worthy brother has been known as "Charity Storr," not only in Freemasonry, but outside it; indeed it was as "Charity Storr" that the leading paper of the world referred to him in its obituary column. Surely we need no further evidence of the power of this one man, who, by quiet, unostentatious labour, secured for himself general recognition of a title which the proudest of us might be proud to bear.

We have selected this one brother as a particular exemplification of our views on this subject, and it would be difficult to select one better qualified for the office, even had not his recent sudden death made him foremost in our thoughts. All who knew him will recognise his right to be considered as a leader in our midst, while those who had not the pleasure of his personal acquaintance will recognise the claims of a man who won so honourable a distinction as that he so long enjoyed. Doubtless there are many others yet among us equally deserving of our good opinion, but there are few who will not agree with us that they might do well to number "Charity Storr" among the number of their examples. Whatever may be said against the spirit of imitation which is so largely associated with the human race, there can be no discredit in following such an example as he has set, and which we venture to think will produce such results as will illustrate the power possessed by this one man.

## FREEMASONRY REQUIRES MASTER BUILDING.

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NOW we see where these objections lead to, when ap-

perfect right to bind ourselves under solemn obligation to keep the secrets of our Craft, so long as in doing so we jeopardise no interests of society and no rights of others. "But," say our foes, "this you do; you are bound under oath to defend each other in right or wrong." My answer to this is: It is a falsehood, and every man who has taken the obligations of Freemasonry knows it. And there I let this objection rest.

Again, we are charged with pledging charity and good deeds to Freemasons and their families only. This is not so. We are taught by the most solemn instruction to do right toward all mankind. We are taught to be charitable to all, and especially toward our brethren, and this accords with the teachings of the Gospel: "Do good unto all men, and especially to the household of faith." Is there any wrong about this?

Again, we are charged with magnifying Freemasonry about religion; in fact of making it take the place of religion. If we did, men of all shades of religious belief, who acknowledge the Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul, could not become members of the Fraternity. It is true that Freemasonry recognises religion and adopts and acts by many of its tenets and precepts. Our school books also recognise it, and publish its morals, but does that put them above it, or make them take its place? At a recent meeting of a medical society the following resolution was adopted: "We hold that in the Scriptures of the New Testament are to be found suitable instructions for the direction of man in relation to his duties toward his God and his fellows." Does this make this society take the place of religion? Freemasonry often quotes from the Bible in its ceremonies. It recognises the fact that the Gospel "brought life and immortality to light," but this no more magnifies Freemasonry above religion than the Scriptural quotations a lawyer might make in his plea would make the law profession take the place of religion. The man who says, "Freemasonry is all the religion I want," has not a proper understanding of Freemasonry or religion either; and the enemy of the Craft who says Freemasonry claims the place of religion, simply asserts what he has no authority for stating.

But another objection comes to us, namely, "The Masons killed Morgan." Well, I don't know whether they did or not, neither do our enemies; but, suppose a half dozen Masons, or even a whole Lodge of them, were guilty of his death, should that condemn Freemasonry for all time? Let us try this matter on general principles. At the close of the sixteenth century a horrible crime was committed by the English government, represented by Queen Elizabeth, urged on by the Church of England. I refer to the death of Mary Queen of Scots. No apology can be offered for that crime. The Episcopal Church claims that Elizabeth was not safe on the throne while Mary lived, but the world will not be satisfied with this excuse. The act will go down to the remotest history as one of cruelty and injustice; but would it be just to condemn the Episcopal Church of to-day because of that act? What would be thought of a society organised at present for the purpose of putting down the English Church, because of the death of Mary Queen of Scots? No one can reasonably doubt that Calvin, the staunch reformer, and one of the founders of Presbyterianism, caused the death of Servetus, because of his Unitarian views and publications. This, too, was a cruel criminal act, and justly meets the condemnation of the world, but who thinks of offering wholesale condemnation toward Presbyterianism of to-day, because of this cruelty of Calvin and the Presbyterians of Geneva, three hundred and fifty years ago? We all have to admit that the early Congregationalists of New England were guilty of the most cruel and unjust conduct toward the Quakers, yet who will think of condemning me as a Congregational minister, or Congregationalist in general, of this age, for the banishment of Quakers, or the hanging of witches, by the Puritans of New England? I trust the celebrated anti-Masonic lecturer, Mr. Blanchard, of Wheaton, Illinois, who claims to be a Congregational minister, might see this point, were his prejudices removed. Just as mean men as Morgan have gone from our Lodge, my brethren, to divulge the secrets of Freemasonry and to become the deadly enemies of the Craft, with no just cause for their

greater importance. Our enemies say we e
name of Christ from our Lodges. This was tol
expelled member of the Lodge, before I beca
mason, and another member, who has since be
and who now asserts the same thing, told me t
a notorious lie. Since I affiliated with the C
been convinced that the last mentioned gentlem
truth in his first assertion. Comment on his la
is, therefore, unnecessary. I am surprised tha
with due regard for the truth, could have take
degree of Freemasonry and then have affirme
name of Christ is excluded from the ritual. Su
ment is misleading, to say the least of it. But
this. Brethren, Freemasonry is a noble Instit
if we do not disgrace it, it will not disgrace us.

And now I wish to consider the object of F
as it now exists, and our relations to it. As I st
beginning, and as is shown in the working of t
of the Craft, Freemasonry had in view, pri
mutual protection of its members in the cultiva
arts and sciences, but it has entirely outgrown
It is now lifted into the higher realm of the cu
morals and the development of charity. Leavi
and sciences with the schools of learning, unc
well that since the general diffusion of knowle
valent in the world, there is abundant opportuni
cultivation without its efforts being made in tha
Freemasonry now aims at something higher,
enforcement of those maxims and rules among i
which shall, in a word, make men of them. A
all the world is to be desired more than real ma
be a man, in the moral sense of the word, is sc
be desired. It signifies right development in
mind and soul; and anything that debases eith
elements robs one of his real manhood to th
this debasing. These elements of being are in
relation one to another, that to injure one is to
The man who pollutes his body by excess in
food, dwarfs his intellect and corrupts his mor
masonry teaches its members to shun all such
any use of it which does not result in more ex
of life, and greater efforts toward correct livin
version of the fundamental principles of the C
man who defrauds his fellow; who cheats, lies, g
or gets others drunk, is no more a Freemason, i
sense of the term, than is the church membe
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Freemasonry than its grips, signs and passwor
are but the outward symbols of something hi
and more exalted. Rob the Institution of th
and it is then left like the pin without the di
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friend we loved has dropped out of them into
If no gain in right living comes to us from Fr
then have we used it in vain. It teaches t
lessons: charity, brotherly kindness, uprightne
duct, and reverence toward God, which ennobl
man, and which ought to stimulate every mem
Fraternity to continuance in a good life. Breth
too superficial in our understanding of the spir
masonry. We ought to avail ourselves of the c
tions of our Lodges to learn more thoroughly
impressed more distinctly upon our minds
taught in our ceremonies. Then ought these le
practised in our lives and built up in us, as th
truths of science are built up in the scient
Christian graces of the Gospel are built up in
of Christ, so that they become a part of our very

Brethren, we are builders—Master-builde
brick, wood and stone, but of character. The d
and thoughts of life are the material with whic
and the process of building is to continue throu
character may be blasted in an hour, but it cann
short of a lifetime. In this life-work we need
minders of duty; directors and guides. If w
Freemasons, the Holy Bible is the guide of
There is no way in which we may more dir
false to our obligations as Freemasons, as m
citizens, than by violating the precepts of the W
It is no trifling thing with me that this Book is

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onry is the curse of the Institution. Too many are in ho are not of it. Too many professed Freemasons are paratively ignorant of Freemasonry. Selfish motives brought them to the Craft. "The loaves and the s" are too much in view, just as many join a church policy or popularity. Freemasonry needs a revival. ay be said to be a noble Institution, terribly wounded ie house of its friends. What is said about Freemasons t half so important as what is done by them. To deal y with all mankind; to walk circumspectly before God the world; "to afford succour to the distressed; to le our bread, if need be, with the industrious poor, and ut the misguided traveller in the way, are duties of Craft suitable to its design, and expressive of its useful-" In this way are we to build a structure, noble in arance, glorious in character, and durable to the end.

conclusion, brethren, let me say, if we wish to profit Freemasonry, let us study well the tracing board. Rob Morris has, in his "Odes and Poems" on onry, well said of the jewels contained here:

> A bundle of maxims, quaint, ancient and true,
> A code of good morals for me, sirs, and you,
> To warn us, and guide us in what we should do."

ere are the Square of Morality, the Level of Equality, Plumb of Rectitude, the Hourglass of Time, the Gauge Equal Distribution, the Compass of Prudence, the vel of Peace, the Gavel of Divestment and Order, the f of Wages, the Cabletow of Covenant, and the Apron nnocence. These are among the jewels of the Craft h ought to be studied by us and practised in life, as shall Freemasonry have influence for good beyond is now realised by it.

## HE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

NE of the greatest intellectual pleasures which Freemasonry confers upon brethren whose ears are open ear all that the Craft authoritatively teaches, and se eyes are open to see all that it introduces to their , is the enjoyment that flows from a contemplation of magnificent edifices which Operative Masons have ed, in various ages of the world. Stupendous in size, challenge our wonder; exquisite in workmanship, they our admiration; original and perfect in architectural gn, they are comparable only with themselves. All of are in some sense mysteries, and their architects and ers were mystics. They were erected by skilled class cers, not by common builders. These artificers inbly possessed secrets, which were of two classes, and ted from each other. First, were the secrets of the which were strictly confined to those who were ad-ed entitled by character and ability to receive them; second, were the secret methods of recognition, which led these Masonic artists under all circumstances to each other. We have valid reason to believe that artists were our ancestors in the Craft, and that secret modes of recognition have in part at least been etuated to the present day.

earest to our own time, in the order of erection, were bbeys and cathedrals of Great Britain and the con-t of Europe. The fabric rolls of York Minster, of gne and Strasburg Cathedrals, and similar structures, mine of information concerning the labours of the . But prior to the Middle Ages, when the most of edifices were constructed, all the way back through enturies to the beginning of the historic era, we find nct traces of the handiwork of Operative Masons. rever there was signal skill exhibited in the rearing ately structures, there we see the evidences of the 's existence. Wherever the one secret art and cry of Geometry was employed in connection with the ing art, there were Freemasons.

at world-wonder, the Great Pyramid of Egypt, ugh so ancient, so mysterious, and in some respects comprehensible, has, especially for the last thirty , been the centre of attraction for the studies and ulations of Freemasons. It is such a masterpiece of tific construction, so vast in its proportions, so ntly symbolic in many of its features, that it is builders could have erected the Great Pyramid, and it is a question whether any builders could erect it to-day. Certainly there are now none who possess, in such rare combination, the ability to design, the power to execute, and the philosophic knowledge of which the pyramid-builders evidently were masters. The building of magnificent cathedrals and great pyramids is a lost art.

Many brethren of the Mystic Tie have made profound studies of the Great Pyramid, including such Masonic scholars as Past Grand Master Bro. Rob Morris, of Kentucky, and Bro. J. Ralston Skinner, of Ohio. The latest student of its mysteries is Bro. John Chapman, of Sheffield, England. During his sojourn in the "City of Brotherly Love," a few months since, he delivered, under the auspices of Melita Lodge, No. 295, of this city, a lecture on the "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry," which has since appeared in handsome form from the press of Bro. George Kenning, London, and we are under fraternal obligation to Bro. Chapman for a copy. Bro. Hughan furnishes the introduction to the work, which is dedicated to Piazzi Smyth, the astronomer-royal of Scotland, and the leading authority upon the mystic teachings of the Great Pyramid. We have read the pages of this pamphlet with great pleasure. It gathers up, in telling phrase, the results of the studies of Piazzi Smyth, Captain Tracy, John Taylor, Bro. Rowbottom, Mr. Casey and Robert Menzies. We cannot say that we accept all of the deductions of these savants, but then we wonder and admire when we cannot follow. The vulgar opinion that the Grand Pyramid was only intended for a royal tomb is so palpably false, when all of the scientific features of that great edifice are considered, that it must be dismissed as unworthy of credence by an intelligent student of history and science. All other pyramids are but feeble copies of this great original, and the admitted fact that *they* were only tombs, has no bearing upon the purpose of this master-piece of art and science. There were other magicians in Egypt besides those who worked wonders before the Pharoah of the Exodus. The Freemasons of that day were magicians. They builded, perhaps not wiser than they knew, but certainly wiser than we know, and wiser than their profane contemporaries knew. They were, in the truest and largest sense of the term, scientists—geometers, astronomers, mathematicians. They used, to the best purpose, the plumb, the level and the square, the twenty-four inch gauge and the common gavel. Their ability was as towering as the Great Pyramid they erected, and it may be that in it they have monumented the eternal truths of science and history. Who would not be a Freemason, with an ancestry of cathedral and pyramid builders? Who would not be a diligent student of science, when Freemasonry holds the key that will unlock its greater mysteries? Every brother who contributes, as Bro. Chapman has done, to the popularising of Masonic knowledge, to the spreading of Masonic Light, to the diffusion of information concerning a *chef d'œuvre* of Masonic art, is entitled to the thanks of the Craft. So few read carefully, so few think, so few break the shell of Freemasonry to find the kernel which is within, that every diligent student who gives the fruits of his researches to the Masonic world is a benefactor of the Fraternity. Our brotherhood needs, to-day, not more members, nor more Lodges, nor more machine manufacturers of Masons, but more initiates of culture and reflection, more brethren who read and think, more *students* of Masonry, and fewer *show* Masons. May the Grand Architect hasten the day when the supply shall equal the demand—for quality, not quantity.—*Keystone.*

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The Lodge of Israel Ball, in aid of its Benevolent Fund, will be held on Wednesday, 2nd February 1887.

A new Lodge is to be consecrated at East Cowes, on Monday, the 15th inst. The Osborne Lodge, No. 2169, will be started under favourable auspices, and there will be a large muster of brethren to meet the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), by whom the ceremony of consecration will be performed.

A rich memorial window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, has just been erected in the Mission

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## PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. PAIN, P.M. 1339.

A VERY important gathering took place on Saturday evening, 30th ult., at the Crystal Palace, for the purpose of celebrating a double event, the first and most important being a splendid banquet given by Brother James Pain P.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339 the well-known pyrotechnical artist of the Walworth Road, to about 180 of the employés at his works at Mitcham, with many private friends, on the occasion of his having arrived at the completion of the Jubilee year of his birth; in the second place to receive from those in his employment a testimonial, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of the uniform kindness and generosity he had always shown towards them, they believing that no fitter opportunity could be found than this auspicious day for making such a presentation. The testimonial took the form of a large portrait in oil of Bro. Pain, enclosed in a massive gold frame, by Mr. Solomon, and it had the further merit of being "a speaking likeness." Moreover, it carried with it an additional value, inasmuch as every individual in Bro. Pain's service, without a single exception, contributed to it. The banquet took place in the Garden Hall, at the south end of the Palace, and in addition to the fare being most bountiful, was served in Messrs. Bertram and Co.'s best style, which left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by Miss Catherine James and Messrs. Weston and Sarjeant. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, after which Bro. Pain, who occupied the chair, gave "Pyrotechny," which was responded to by Mr. George Myers, who spoke of the great feature that pyrotechny embraced in all the great festivals which took place, not only in this country but in America. There was scarcely a regetta, a fashionable wedding, a coming of age, or the opening of a public building, where the arrangements were not supplemented by a display of fireworks. On being called upon, Mr. J. P. Grain, the barrister, who was one of the numerous visitors, addressed a few words of congratulation to Bro. Pain on the occurrence of his 50th birthday, and expressed the gratification that he and all present must feel in seeing such a kindly relationship between master and servant; when these were cemented it formed a very different state of things to what existed some 25 years ago, and in thus bringing them about Bro. Pain was not only doing a service to those whom he employed, but to the country itself. In conclusion he said he should set down in the annals of his career that his visit on this occasion was one of the happiest days he ever spent in his life. Mr. Lowe said he expected in the address Mr. Grain had just given them he desired to get them into practice, that they might give gusto to the toast he was about to propose, this was the health of their worthy host. He felt it to be a distinguished honour to have the privilege of proposing such a toast. In a short time the Queen would celebrate the jubilee of her reign over a loyal and united people; they, however, were called upon to celebrate that night the 50th birthday of their worthy chairman, and to offer the congratulations of 180 people, employed by him, on this important occasion. On the other side of the Atlantic Bro. Pain's name was as well known as it was in England; they all knew he had had almost insurmountable difficulties to encounter, but he now lived in their minds as an honourable friend, best of fathers, and an honest man; that being so, he asked them what better tribute did they desire for the name of Pain. He asked them to join him cordially in celebrating this occasion, and doing honour to their host. The poet had said that one birthday was but the funeral of the past; but let them go forward, and at the same time be grateful for that which had gone by. Bro. Pain was surrounded by his sons; one had been in America, and one was about to go to Australia, which, as far as Bro. Pain was concerned, was an unknown country. Bro. Pain first went to America, he was followed by his son Henry, and, as he the speaker had said, in a few days another son would go to Australia; he had no doubt that he would there establish the name of Pain as it had already been done in America. There never had been an occasion, either by day or by night, that his workmen were not willing to do anything when success depended upon their exertions, and in conclusion he would with all cordiality wish their worthy host "many happy returns of the day." Bro. Pain on rising to respond said:—Mr. Vice-Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I am called upon to inflict upon you a little more of my tedious talk; I hope, however, that you will take it in all sincerity; I mean what I say. Mr. Lowe has spoken many things flattering to myself, and I know that he meant them. Of course every individual is permitted to live and work up to a certain time. Four things I have had the privilege to enjoy in my career. In the first place it had pleased Providence to give me good health; in the second place I had a good wife; in the third place I had the assistance of my sons; and in the fourth place I had good daughters to help me; and if a man cannot work and get on under these conditions there must be something wrong indeed. My presence here to-night speaks more than my tongue can express. I will say this, that no employer could have more faithful servants than those I possess, but of course it is not the lot of every one to have such strong support as I have always received from my sons. I have seen wealthy men in business, and their sons, instead of being a blessing to them, have, by their actions, proved quite the contrary. I trust that in the course of their career they may prove better men than their father, and that they may be blessed with sons like mine. I thank you all, and hope, with the blessing of God, that we shall meet again and again, as well and as happy as we are at the present time. (The worthy chairman was greeted again and again with loud and hearty cheers.) Mr. George Myers said it was pleasing to him to be the mouthpiece of those engaged on the Chairman's staff, and to thank him for the splendid dinner he had given them. A suggestion was made from the youngest to the oldest employed, they should have the power to give something, and with the portrait he handed him a book in which the name of every person who had subscribed to the picture was written. Mr. Pain, replying, said, Mr. Vice-Chairman and gentlemen—I am extremely obliged to you for your kindness in making me a present of the portrait of myself, the ontcome of your generosity, so that those who come after us may look upon the picture as a proof of the kindly feeling which exists between one and another. I cannot find words to express my feelings at the present moment, but I hope you will accept the will for the deed. In my simple language I say, I thank you. The Chairman next proposed the Press, for which Mr. Robins, Manager of the Press Association returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and songs sung, the whole of the proceedings being of unmixed pleasure from beginning to end.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

### JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

ON Monday, 1st November, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Queen Street:—Bros. Dewsnap W.M., Wall S.W., Botibol S.D., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Gardner J.D., L. L. Secretary; also Bros. Martin I.P.M., L. Alexander P.M., Dobson P.M., M. Alexander P.M., I. Abrahams P.M., P.M., L. Myers P.M., and a numerous attendance of the After the formal opening of the Lodge, Mr. John M initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge being opened to degree, Bros. H. Harward, J. Harward, and Green, ca raising, answered the usual questions, to the satisfaction they were entrusted, and in due course raised. Bro. S rose to propose that a testimonial be presented J. S. Lyon, the Treasurer, as an acknowledgment of services rendered by him to the Lodge during eight years; in course of his remarks Brother Spie office of Treasurer was not like any other in the Lodge. of appointments were made by the W.M., but that of a different. Here the brethren of the Lodge exercise th selection. The Treasurer is elected by ballot, and if du the brother chosen does not give satisfaction, the hardly re-elect him. The present Treasurer of the Jop re-elected annually for eight years in succession, a clearly show that the brethren had been satisfied. He would now formally propose the motion that stood Bro. Martin agreed in every respect with Bro. Spiegel the sum of five guineas insufficient; he would li an amendment, that the amount be raised to ten guineas. readily agreed to the larger sum, and withdrew his amendment was so far carried, but in order to comply laws, the proposal will finally come before the Lodge meeting. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. proposed that the volent Fund, which is the premier and largest of its ki tered according to the law as regards friendly societie carried. The W.M. was then requested to sanction a b under the auspices of the Lodge, for the benefit Benevolent Fund. The permission was granted. and Spiegel undertook to make the necessary arrangem was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Staley 1597, 1696, H. Heilbath 650, Huxley 650, Pardoe 1583.

### ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 21

THE November meeting was held on Wednesday, Aldersgate Street, when the Lodge was opened Bro. Henry Martin, who was well supported by his The agenda paper was exceptionally heavy, there being three candidates for initiation, one candidate for passi for the benefits of the third degree. The following w visitors:—M. Dakin 1982, C. E. Wilson J.W. 99, E. G. 1804, R. A. Baillie 1982, E. C. Greenwood 1982, P.M. 1671, E. Coste P.M. 9 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, 530 Australia, W. F. Bertram D.C. 1426, W. G. J G. W. Thompson 410, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, J. A. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been firmed, the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Harrison, proposed by Bro. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary Bro. Withers P.M.; for M. Orlton Cooper, proposed Back P.M., seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. Ge proposed by Bro. Lindfield I.G., seconded by Bro. Secretary. In each case the ballot was favourable to The following brethren were raised:—Bros. Edwin C wood, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of the Greenwood Lodge, No and Bros. William Radford Dakin, M.D., and Rob Baillie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C., both of the Greenwood Lodg Thompson, of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Surrey, wa and then the three candidates named above were rec

## EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

IE ordinary meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday last, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. J. Salmon W.M. R. Essex, Lewis I.P.M., T. Woodrow S.W., J. London J.W., er S.D., Acworth P.M. J.D., Sutton-Abbott I.G., Parkinson r, J. E. Acworth P.M. Treas., W. Dance Secretary, and a number of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and rmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Wadham, Simpson, s and Chew, and proved unanimous in their favour. Messrs. ham and Chew being in attendance were initiated by the W.M. s usual good style, he being ably assisted by the other Officers. . Moore, Boddy, and Sargant were passed to the 2nd degree, and . Tyler and Kastin were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. members then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer ctively, the choice of the brethren falling upon Bros. Woodrow V.M., and Bro. Acworth for Treasurer. Both were unanimously ted, this being the third time in the case of Bro. Acworth. Bros. drow and Acworth suitably acknowledged the honour conferred them. Upon the motion of Bro. Lewis I.P.M., seconded by the I. Elect, a Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation the retiring W.M. Bro. Salmon P.G.R. Essex thanked the hren, intimating that he should have more to say upon the sub- at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Parkinson was re-elected r for the ensuing year. The usual banquet followed.

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**idelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—On the 3rd inst., ro. Silvester's, Roman-road, Barnsbury, Bro. Ferguson Preceptor the chair; he was supported by Bros. Silvester (Treasurer), kley, Messer, Giddings, Coste, Bertolle, Putland, Dimsdale (Sec- ry), &c. Lodge having been opened and minutes of previous ting confirmed, Bro. Ferguson vacated the chair in favour of Bertolle. Bro. Ferguson worked the second section of the first ure, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. land acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the second ree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting candidate. Nothing further in Masonic business offering, Lodge closed in due form.

n Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. R. W. Fraser took the chair, sup- ted by Bros. Bertolle S.W., Messer J.W., Merrifield S.D., Boydon ., Scannell I.G., Dimsdale Secretary, and several other brethren. ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rooke candidate. ge resumed to the first, and the ceremony of initiation was re- rsed, with Bro. Bleakley as candidate. Bros. Rooke 1158, R. S. rrifield 282, and J. Scannell 1384 were elected members of the lge, and Bro. Bertolle appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. lge was closed in due form. The ceremony of installation will be earsed at this Lodge on Wednesday, the 24th inst., by Bro. E. rr P.M. 167, &c.

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**Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.**—On Friday ning, the 5th inst., at the Six Bells, Hammersmith, the Fifteen tions were worked, with the following brethren present:— lings (Preceptor) W.M., Davis S.W., Sims J.W., A. Williams S.D., ng J.D., W. W. Williams I.G., Corston Sec.; also Bros. Spiegel, nden, Bryant, E. H. Williams, W. Williams, Breitbart, Corston, elstone, Long, Craggs, H. F. Williams, Bates, Mitchell, Dharty, wse, Marsh, Cronin, Coat, Whittell, Chant, Stockwin, Stonnill, d, Moss, Cavers, Gilbert, Vowles. Lodge was opened, and the utes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was then ned in the second degree and resumed to the first. The first second Lectures were given, the sections being worked by following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Wing, H. F. Williams, nden, Coplestone, W. W. Williams, Collings, Sims. Lodge resumed, and second lecture given—Brothers Coat, Long, egel, Davis, Craggs. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and third lecture worked, as follows:—Bros. Williams, Breitbart, g. The working was uniformly good, and the whole of the ions were gone through in less than two and a half hours. Lodge resumed to the first degree. The following brethren were nimously elected members:—Bros. Bates, Cronin, Moss, Mitchell, ittell, Stonnill, Cavers. The newly-elected members having rned thanks, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the brethren had assisted. Bros. Davis and Sims, the S.W. and J.W. of the ning, were made honorary members. Hearty good wishes were dered, and Lodge was closed.

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**toyal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 35.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 1st inst., at the Railway el, Putney. Present:—Bros. Bugler W.M., Thompson S.W., rling J.W., Bond (Treas.) S.D., Grandy Sec., Sapsworth J.D., l. Taylor Preceptor, Cutbill I.G. Past Masters: Bros. ter, Willis, Collick, Gompertz, Goodern and Featherstone. After liminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willis didate. The charge was given by Bro. Gompertz. The 1st and sections of the lecture were worked by Preceptor Taylor, assisted the brethren. Bro. Harling was elected W.M. for ensuing week. vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to . Featherstone for his services as Treasurer for the past two rs. Bro. Featherstone having suitably responded, Lodge was ed in due form.

n Monday 8th inst. Bros. Preceptor Taylor W.M., Bugler S.W., comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Howell candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the Worshipful Master, answers by the brethren. Bro. Bagler was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. After hearty good wishes Lodge was closed in antient form. On Monday next the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed.

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**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Snook W.M., White S.W., Hancock J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Finck J.D., Whittatt I.G., R. P. Forge P.M. Preceptor, Weeden, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keogh candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Bull answered the questions leading to the third. Later on, Bro. White was elected W.M. for Monday next. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Snook for his able working, this being the first time he had occupied the chair.

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**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.**—On Thursday, 4th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Guldhawk Road. Present:—Bros. Williams W.M., Wood S.W., Leoniny J.W., Spiegel P.M. Sec., Cochrane P.M. S.D., Cross J.D., Whittle I.G., J. Davies Preceptor; Taylor P.M. 349 (Scotland), Cavers, Craggs, Lindfield, Head, Burbrook, Stonhill. After preliminaries, Bro. Craggs offered himself as candidate, and answered the questions. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, who formally invested the Officers.

On Thursday, 11th inst., Bros. William Williams W.M., Breitbart S.W., Spiegel P.M. J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Altman S.D., Whittle J.D., Craggs I.G., Davies Preceptor, P.M.'s Bros. Childs, Sims; Bros. Stonnill, Stroud, &c. Lodge opened to third degree, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stonnill answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Breitbart was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.** — On Saturday, 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., V. Wing S.W., H. Purdue P.M. J.W., G. Gardner Treas., A. Williams Sec., C. B. Corston P.M. S.D., D. S. Long J.D., Craggs Steward, Osborn I.G., also Bros. Stroud, Tilbury, Wood; W. G. Coat 1275, D. Long 1275, North 834. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Worth offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, and the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and called off. A meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held, and several brethren being in arrears, the amounts were transferred to the credit of the Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was called on, and the brethren worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, under guidance of the Preceptor. After routine work, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., Bros. V. Wing W.M., C. B. Corston P.M. S.W., D. S. Long J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, A. Williams Secretary, W. Dowling S.D., W. W. Williams J.D., W. G. Coat I.G., J. Sims P.M. acting Preceptor; Worth, Freen, Bower, Thomas, Gammell, Wimpey, Osborn, J. Brown, Stevens, De Greco, D. Stroud, J. Wood. Visitor—Bro. Isaacs. After due observance of formalities, Bro. Thomas offered himself as candidate, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Wing then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. A. Gammell offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge resumed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gammell candidate. After routine work, Lodge was closed according to antient custom.

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## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesdays, the 23rd and 30th of November 1886, at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins S.D. 860 W.M., R. Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., J. C. Cross J.W. 902 J.W. Tuesday, 23rd November—First Lecture: Bros. Briscoe, Beck, Salmon, Gregory, Galer, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 30th November—Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Sharpe, Berry. Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

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At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 26th November and 3rd December 1886, commencing at seven in the evening Bros. Gush P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Jenkins J.D. 860 J.W. Friday, 26th November—First Lecture: Bros. Long, Price, Sampson, Snelling, Stacey, Hurst, [illegible]

## UNITED BROTHERS LODGE, No. 1069.

THE installation of Bro. G. Whitehall as Worshipful Master took place on Monday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Highbury St., Southsea, and was followed by a banquet served by Bro. Brunton, of Palmerston-road, at which about 60 sat down. The W.M. elect appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Dupree I.P.M., A. G. German S.W., J. Jenkins J.W., R. J. Rastrick Treasurer, C. J. Lawrence Secretary, T. Smith Assistant Secretary, Dr. B. H. Mumby S.D., J. Moses J.D., E. Zachariah Director of Ceremonies, Dudley I.G., Milligan and Cooksley Senior and Junior Stewards respectively. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Whitehall, after a few appropriate remarks, presented Bro. Dupree with a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, and Bro. Jenkins, the late Secretary, also received a similar token of appreciation of his services. Both jewels were supplied by Messrs. Moses, of the Hard, Portsea. Among the guests were the Rev. Dr. Sall P.P.G.C., and several Provincial Officers.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. In expectation of numerous visitors from a distance, the supper room had been prepared, and light refreshments were in readiness for the guests. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, and the following Officers:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. as I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Hay Secretary, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Storry Steward, C. G. Padel P.M. Org.; and a large number of members and visitors. The first business was to ballot for a candidate, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. Turner, said that before vacating the chair he desired to make a presentation to the Lodge, in the shape of a carved oak front and spotted metal open diapason pipes for the organ, which is in course of construction for the Lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who appointed Bros. J. T. Seller P.M. as S.W., and G. Balmford P.M. as J.W. The outgoing Worshipful Master (Bro. Turner) presented Bro. Wm. Brown, the Worshipful Master elect, and the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and conducted to its conclusion; the following Officers being appointed:—Bros. Wm. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A., Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Director of Ceremonies, C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Storry Inner Guard, J. H. Skonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D. Irving Stewards. Bro. Whytehead then, on behelf of Bro. James Crichton and Bro. Dr. Dickson, of Edinburgh, presented to the Lodge library a beautiful emblematically-bound copy of Bro. M. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," and Bro. Turner I.P.M. presented a handsome clock, with emblematically-carved oak case, for the smoke room. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts, as well as to the I.P.M., for his splendid presentation in connection with the organ. Bro. Whytehead moved a vote of condolence be forwarded to Bro. Mennell on the loss of his son, also a member of the Lodge, who had died at the early age of twenty-one years, having only just been made a Master Mason in the Eboracum Lodge. The name of a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed, after which an adjournment was made to the De Grey Rooms, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Halliwell, and at which 70 brethren sat down. In addition to the names above mentioned, there were present the following brethren: Bros. the Dean of York P.G. Chap., T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. of West Yorks, Sir F. Milner P.M. 1611 P.P.G.S.W., F. Smith P.M. 837, J. Barker P.M. 1102 P.P.G.S. of W., W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., R. Craig P.M. 304 P.P.G.D., J. W Bailey P.M. 304, B. Polkinghorne P.M. 1991, C. Palliser P.M. 1337 P.P.G.S of W., A. H. H. McGachen P.M. 1991 Prov. G.A.D.C., G. Taylor P.M. 129 P.P.G.D.C., J. Marshall P.M. 660 P.P.G.R., J. D. Dodsworth P.M. 660, J. B. Nicholls W.M. 660, J. Starkey 1611, G. Shepherd 1611, J. D. Spetch 1611, W. H. A. Coates, 1611, T. Horsley 1611, J. E. Wilkinson 1611, B. Brown 1611, D. Grant 10 (I.C.), A. Haig 148, T. Hard 1991, J. T. Davies 521, C. Goldthorpe 242, H. Allison 1991, T. Archey 236, H. Scott 236, E. W. Purnell 236, W. Smith 236, A. M. White 1991, J. Brownfoot 304; and others. During the evening several telegrams and letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present, including Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M., Rev. Canon Tristram, R. Hudson Prov. G. Sec. Durham, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., G. P. Brockbank, J. Terry (Lord Mayor of York), M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec., C. Fendelow, and others. There was some excellent singing, which was contributed by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, W. B. Dyson, H. Allisin, and others, and the speaking was remarkably good, notably the response of the Dean of York to the toast of the Grand Lodge of England.

## DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE first meeting of this Lodge since its consecration was held on Thursday, at the Athenæum, Camden Road, when there were present Bros. J. D. Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, W.M., E. Y. Jolliffe I.P.M., Thos. Eccleston Gibb S.W., J. P. Fitzgerald J.W., R. D. Cummings Secretary, Harold Halliday S.W., Joseph Corbett J.D., Muir Smith I.G., Dr. Haskins Organist, and W. J. Wettenhall, together with three visitors. After the usual preliminaries had been disposed of, two gentlemen were initiated into the Order, Brother Fitzgerald J.W. performing the ceremony, with Brother Corbett J.D. in the chair of S.W., and Brother Jolliffe in that of J.W. A pleasing departure from the usual course of the ceremony was made on this we can but feel surprised that its omission has almost a recognised feature. With so many brethren to display their oratorical ability, with no possibility attaining the chair, we think greater attention might to the charges, which are not only interesting, bu in a few words a considerable amount of Masonic tion; they would certainly be appreciated if proper as they were on Thursday. The Worshipful Master then the chair and proceeded to close the Lodge. Before do desired to address a few words to the brethren on a subj was pressing heavily on all of them. Since their meeti previous week they had lost a dear friend, in their esteemed whose sudden death had cast a gloom over the whole of t coedings. In very feeling terms Bro. Allcroft proposed Secretary of the Lodge be instructed to write to the family deceased brother, expressing the sincere and unanimous the members at the sad death of their friend and E. F. Storr. Bro. Jolliffe seconded the proposition a few words of testimony to those of the Worshipfu and he was followed by Bro. Corbett, who most app adapted various portions of the ritual to the sad task he s to perform. A candidate was proposed for initiation at meeting, and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren sub dined together, but out of respect for Bro. Storr the toast the most formal character. Bro. Jolliffe submitted the hea W.M., who tendered his thanks. They were but a small asse night, but all things must have a beginning, and sometimes th they were, and the slower they grew, the stronger they u became. He felt they had no cause to desire rapid growth Lodge, but rather to desire solid progress. Bro. Eccles responding to the toast of the Officers, said the solemnity of coedings that day, so far from needing any excuse, was com under the circumstances, as it shewed some of the characte Freemasons. He felt the solemnity which had surroun meeting was evidence of that true brotherly spirit which found in the heart of every Mason. The Worshipful Master the health of the initiates. He hoped the ceremonies gone through had impressed them, and would justify them minds that they had taken the right step in joining the Freemasonry. Speaking of his vacation of the chair d initiation, Bro. Allcroft said he would much rather see a t properly by another than make a muddle of it himself. Bro. Fitzgerald could carry out the ceremony to perfec therefore he had deputed to him the task of conferring brethren admitted that day had no doubt appreciated the p which the Lodge was placed, and had perhaps not form opinion of Freemasonry. He might tell them that Freema usually bright, joyous, and happy; tending to good fello good feeling, and such he hoped it would in future prove He hoped the principles of Masonry might assist them in th day life, and that it might be useful to them in whatever s G.A.O.T.U. might place them. The proceedings were afterwards brought to a conclusion.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Vaudeville.**—A matinée was given at the this th Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of producing a ne comedy entitled "A Scotch Mist," in three acts, by Edwin The comedy is of a character that requires a vast amount c out, artistes as well as audience appearing at times to be i plete fog. Nevertheless, Mr. Shepherd has written an comedy, and if his work had been taken in quicker time would have been more favourable. The plot is of a jumble, but the following may be accepted as an ou newly married man, Mr. Ultra Marine Chromo, an artist, to Edinburgh on a visit to a friend; here he has been tak Asylum ball, where he partakes of too much Scotch whis makes love, and proposes, to two young ladies, by both of is accepted. These ladies turn out to be old schoolfello wife; they write to her, not knowing she is Mrs. Ultr Chromo. The husband returns to London, but on the recognises his lady friends, who are travelling in the next and who also are proceeding to London. Our hero takes a home, where the girls arrive soon afterwards. The ladies troubles to his wife, who promises to help and advise th however, is still ignorant that the "monster," as he is tern husband. When he arrives upon the scene, he is at once re his wife is very jealous, and determines to leave the h elderly gentleman then calls for a Mrs. Chromo, and a grea confusion is caused, the Mrs. Chromo sought for turning the maid servant, who has masqueraded as the mistr artist's wife leaves the house, but returns without her knowing it. She is now rather astonished to find an elder Mrs. Brown, waiting for a Mr. Chromo, a gentleman who to her, borrowed fifteen pounds, and then deserted her. naturally thinks it is her husband. In the end, howeve out to be the man servant who is the culprit. The ar determines to have an explanation, and for this purpose cal ing of all concerned. The meeting takes place in her studio, where she adopts a plan she has read about, viz., t faces out of some pictures and substitute the sweethea young ladies—Mr. Rupert de Granville and Mr. Arthur F in place thereof, as she thinks they will speak if they thin alone with her husband. However, the arrival of a te

Anthony Greenways, an uncle of Mrs. Chromo. The part of Chromo was well acted by Mr. Charles Glenny, but some of his ts were a trifle overdone. The uncle was seen to advantage at ands of Mr. T. P. Hayes, but Mr. J. C. Buckstone, Mr. Charles son, and Mr. Charles Steyne were somewhat weak. Miss Mabel es was good as Mrs. Chromo. The chief honour was secured by apital acting of Miss Emily Miller as Mrs. Brown. This lady in possession of the stage kept the house in roars of laughter; act the success of the piece in a great measure is due to her tal acting. Other parts were taken by Mr. Fred Desmond, Miss l Shirland, Miss Louisa Peach, and Miss Natalie Brande. On fall of the curtain the author received an enthusiastic call.

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**Olympic.**—As we predicted, "The Governess" has been with- wn after a short run, and on Saturday last "A Ring of Iron," by k Harvey, was presented at this theatre. This piece, which was luced at the Grand Theatre, Islington, in August 1885, is of a e cheering character; it contains a good deal of comic business; rtheless, we scarcely anticipate for it a very long run, as it is suitable for a West End audience. As the wife of Gentleman :—afterwards Sir John Grantham—Miss Grace Hawthorne has opportunities to display her ability than when first we saw she, however, would do better if she did not "pile the agony" e so much. Mr. George Temple gave a true and natural render- of Doctor Meredith. Mr. Cautley, as Sir John Graham, was at best in the first act, but later on failed to put sufficient power the character. Mr. Frank Wood has a part that suits him er than any we have seen him in for some time; his Sam Thorpe full of humour, and with the help of Miss Olga Brandon, as his , and Miss Lydia Cowell, as Selina, won golden opinions during evening. Miss Nard Almayne, as the heiress, was very poor. Alice Chandos was natural as Florence Meredith; while Miss ny Heath gave a powerful rendering of the part of Nurse Bland. on the first night of "The Governess," floral tributes were nerous.

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**Novelty.**—The new three act drama, "Outwitted," by D. M ory and Edwin Drew, has been re-named "A Woman Outwitted," he first title, had been previously taken. "A Woman Outwitted" be produced next at the Novelty Tuesday night.

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rom a statement made by one of the speakers at the recent eting of the British Dental Association, that London manufac- rs alone supply for the world's requirements 10,000,000 artificial th annually, it is evident the old-fashioned prejudice as regards angements of this kind is rapidly disappearing. For this change public opinion more than one explanation may be found. Thus it been suggested with considerable show of reason that civiliza- , with all its attendant deteriorating influences on physical ire, has adversely affected the character and appearance of the h of the present generation, and that the *force majeure* of essity has compelled the adoption of artificial substitutes for means provided by nature to a far larger extent than nerly. But while allowing all due weight to this considera- , there can be no question that the fuller explanation lies he marked and eminently satisfactory progress made by dental nce within the past few years. Indeed, to such perfection has production of artificial teeth been now brought that it requires an ert to detect the difference between the work of nature and of art. it is not as regards appearance only that this notable success been achieved, the comfort, ease, and efficiency of artificial tals being now-a-days so great that the wearer often enters into illusion that they are a restoration of nature's gifts. It is, there- , to the greater manipulative skill and the higher anatomical wledge displayed by the manufacturers of artificial teeth that greater popularity, if it may be so termed, of these aids to im- fect nature is chiefly due. Foremost in the van of those who e done so much to raise dentistry into a fine art are its American fessors, and, as an illustration of this fact, attention may drawn to the excellent work that has been, and is being, carried by Dr. George H. Jones, F.R.S.L., surgeon dentist, of 57 at Russell Street, Bloomsbury, who was a graduate of one he oldest and best schools of dental science in the United es. In a little pamphlet, entitled "Painless and Perfect tistry," prepared and issued by Dr. Jones, a copy of which y one would do well to obtain, the writer interestingly details extraordinary progress made of late years in dental science, and, he same time, explains many of the mysteries that have hitherto rounded—with the effect of retarding—the development of the Without enlarging hereon, sufficient will have been said to w how greatly the public at large are indebted to Dr. Jones, who, he words of his own pamphlet, has done so much to convert a uresome and unskilful practice into a "painless and perfect" ession. As there must scarcely be one among my readers who profess an indifference to this subject—either past, present, or spective—I would conclude by commending the suggestion already e to their best consideration; and, where conveniences of situa- will permit, in addition to applying for a pamphlet, I would se a visit to Dr. Jones's admirably-appointed establishment, ein the manufacture of artificial teeth is conducted on lines of ptional care, skill, and thoroughness.—*Colonies and India.*

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AT the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held on Sat 13th November 1886, at three o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Road, Portsmouth,

**Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.,**

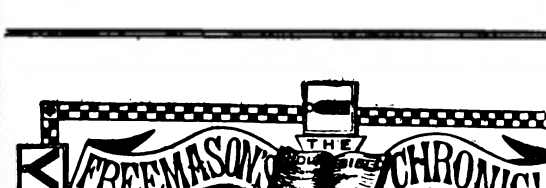
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## MARK MASONRY.

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THREE important gatherings of Mark Master have been held during the past few days, and case evidence has been forthcoming which point growing popularity of the Mark Degree. On T the 28th ult., the annual meeting of the Provinci Lodge of Somersetshire was held at the Mason Bath, under the presidency of the Provincia Master, Bro. R. C. Else. Sums of twenty guin were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent In and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, following brethren were appointed as the Officers year :—

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| Bro. Colonel Ford 177 (re-appointed) - | Deputy Master |
| B. H. Watts 177 - - - | Senior Warden |
| Fred W. Dingle, Royal Cumberland | Junior Warden |
| J. W. Stone 119 - - - | M.O. |
| T. C. Manning 128 - - - | S.O. |
| E. J. B. Mercer, Royal Cumberland | J.O. |
| Rev. C. F. Winter 348 - - | Chaplain |
| W. Long 191- - - - | Treasurer |
| E. Newton Fuller 177 - | Registrar of M |
| F. T. Elworthy 348 - - | Secretary |
| T. H. Holroyd 128 - - - | Senior Deacon |
| S. G. Mitchell 177 - - - | Junior Deacon |
| E. R. Down 191 - - - | Inspector of W |
| W. Adams 348 - - - | Director of Ce |
| T. Penny 348 - - - | Sword Bearer |
| A. Duckett 191 - - - | Standard Bear |
| W. E. Sparrow, Royal Cumberland | Organist |
| F. J. Stone 119 - - - | Inner Guard |
| A. J. Salter 177 - - - | Tyler |

The Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason propo solution expressing regret at the death of Bro. H Payne, the late Treasurer of the district, which was unanimously supported by those present, wh in marked manner their appreciation of the ser dered by their deceased companion.

On the same day the Mark Brethren of North Yorkshire held their annual assembly at Beverl the presidency of Bro. J. W. Woodall, Provinci Master. The sum of £5 was voted towards defra cost of educating one of the children of an old m the York Mark Lodge, and £5 15s set aside extinguishing a debt of fifteen guineas due by vincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand M that the present depressed state of trade no doubt

following is a list of the Officers appointed for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. T. N. Marwood W.M. 337 | Senior Warden |
| W. J. Watson W.M. 276 | Junior Warden |
| F. Smith W.M. York (T.I.) | M.O. |
| T. Dixon W.M. 281 | S.O. |
| J. Knaggs W.M. 95 | J.O. |
| Rev. E. J. Barry 281 | Chaplain |
| J. S. Wilson W.M. 291 | Registrar of Marks |
| J. M. Meek P.M. 276 | Treasurer |
| T. B. Whytehead P.M. York (T.I.) | Secretary |
| G. Simpson S.W. York (T.I.) | Senior Deacon |
| M. M. Westerby S.W. 281 | Junior Deacon |
| A. W. Walker S.W. 277 | Inspector of Works |
| W. H. Cowper P.M. 276 | Director of Ceremonies |
| J. Marshall P.M. 277 | Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies |
| R. Land S.W. 95 | Standard Bearer |
| M. F. W. Williamson 277 | Sword Bearer |
| W. H. Attlay 337 | Organist |
| T. Foley J.W. 281 | Inner Guard |
| J. Verity 95 | Tyler |

The Beverley brethren have been engaged for some time n erecting a Masonic Hall, and it is anticipated that this vill be dedicated next month, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the successor of the late Dr. Pearson Bell in the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having consented to perform the ceremony.

On Friday, the 5th inst., the brethren of Northumberland and Durham held their annual meeting at Gateshead, assembling at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, under their Provincial chief, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S. The report of the Committee of General Purposes of this district showed an increase of two new lodges, with an increased membership of 33. Two guineas was voted to the Binckes Testimonial Fund, and fifteen guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The following brethren were invested as the Officers of the Province for the year:—

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| Bro. John Wood | Senior Warden |
| W. E. Franklin (named for) | Junior Warden |
| W. J. Watson | M.O. |
| William Logan | S.O. |
| T. G. Mabane | J.O. |
| Rev. Joseph Lawson | Chaplain |
| J. S. B. Bell | Treasurer |
| J. Bailey (named for) | Registrar of Marks |
| J. S. Wilson (re-appointed) | Secretary |
| R. Kinmond | Senior Deacon |
| C. B. Ford W.M. | Junior Deacon |
| A. L. Miller | Inspector of Works |
| A. S. Fowler (re-appointed) | Director of Ceremonies |
| W. Mason | Standard Bearer |
| G. Lazenby | Sword Bearer |
| A. Carr | Organist |
| T. M. Barron | Inner Guard |
| — Atkinson | Tyler |

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

THE November Convocation of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 4th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The M.E.Z. Comp. W. Side presided, being supported by Comps. B. Fulwood H. and Minstrell J., while among those present were Comps. W. M. Stiles P.Z., W. J. Ferguson P.Z., C. W. Hudson P.Z., H. Stiles P.Z., T. C. Edmonds P.N., J. C. Smiles P. Soj., G. W. Knight 1st Assistant Soj., J. Dickey 2nd Assistant Soj., R. W. Fraser, F. W. Dimsdale, J. Mordey, C. J. Knightley, L. A. Richardson, F. Silvester, G. C. Dickey, J. F. Saunders, A. Proudfoot, and the following visitors: Comps. Michael, Briggs, J. R. Harnell, Humphreys, Stroud, Gregory, Watson P.Z., J. W. Smiles, E. J. Day, and R. J. Thomas. Comp. James Terry installed, in his usually impressive style, Comps. B. Fulwood as M.E.Z., Minstrell as H., J. C. Smith as J. Comp. W. M. Stiles was again invested as Scribe E., and T. C. Edmonds as Scribe N. Comp. G. W. Knight received the collar of P.S., Comp. J. Dickey that of First Assistant, and R. W. Fraser that of Second Assistant; Comps. Dimsdale being appointed D.C., Silvester Assistant D.C., Mordey W.S., and Little Assistant D.C. Bros. Joseph Bruton, of the Metropolitan Lodge, J. Hemmings and Thomas Ellis Bathard, of the Great Northern Lodge, were elected, and were duly exalted into companions. A valuable Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. I.P.Z. Comp. W. Side, for his services to the Chapter during the past year, the M.E.Z. expressing the hope that the recipient would wear or regard it as a pleasing memento of his year of office. Comp. Side rendered acknowledgment. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to Comp. James Terry, who has installed all the Prin-

## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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### HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when it was opened by the M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. G. Simpson, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter. The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed. The business of the Chapter being over, it was closed in due form. The brethren, as is usual at this Chapter, spent a most harmonious hour or two.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, V.P., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. P. Britten, A. Williams, S. Richardson, C. F. Hogard, T. Griffiths, G. H. Phillips, J. Rayner, W. Roebuce G.S.B., J. Glass, Joyce Murray, Jas. Moon, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., G. Cooper, H. Young, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., M.A., G. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, H. Hooper, W. Maple, Thomas Cull, J. S. Cumberland, A. E. Gladwell, G. P. Festa, H. Venn, and F. Binckes P.G. Steward Secretary. After preliminaries, nine petitions were submitted and considered, with the result that eight were accepted and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April Election. The other was deferred. Grants towards outfit to four ex-pupils were made, and after other business attended to, the proceedings concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Bear. presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., H. Maudslay, Samuel Brooks, J. Newton, Hugh Cotter, R. Turtle Pigott P.G.A.D.C., Alex. Forsyth, A. H. Tattershall, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, W. J. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Joseph Freeman, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., C. H. Driver, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Wm. Hilton, J. J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the Warden's report was read. The Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants. The petitions of six candidates—four male and two female—were considered; they were all accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the election in May 1887. The usual authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for paying the quarter's annuities; but, in order to provide the requisite funds, it was found necessary that the Committee should sanction the withdrawal from the bank of £2,500; this was ordered to be done. In answer to inquiries from various members of the Committee, the Secretary stated that at the present time there were nearly 90 female candidates for election in May next, and not one vacancy, whilst for the men there were over 40 candidates, and only one vacancy. He added that he should be very glad to receive the names of members of the Committee and other brethren as Stewards for the approaching Festival in February 1887, as the number at present enrolled for that occasion was below the average. The appeal, we are happy to say, was attended with favourable results.

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We have been given to understand that Bro. Frederick West P.M. 463, P.M. and Treasurer 1328, P.G. Steward, has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

We have been requested to announce that the future meetings of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumnal Remedies.—Towards the fall of the year countless causes are at work to lower the tone of the nervous system, which will be followed by ill-health unless proper means be employed to avert that evil. Holloway's Purifying preparations supply a faultless remedy for both external and internal complaints connected with changes of season. All affections of the skin, roughness, blotches, pimples, superficial inflammations, erysipelas, rheumatic pains, and gouty

# IS OUR MASONRY A DESCENDENT OF THE OLD PAGAN MYSTERIES?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE author of the Halliwell poem introduced his Euclid thus:—

Whose wol bothe red and loke,
He may fynd wryte yn old boke.

Of course, the name of the "olde boke" was not given. In like manner, a New York Memphis Rite luminary, who claims that his Egyptian Rite was four thousand years old, referred to ancient history as his authority, without naming the special history where that information could be found. Well, for some months past I tried to collect information from the best writers of Egyptian history. I found, indeed, that the Egyptian priests had mysteries, initiation, &c., but I could nowhere learn what the Egyptian mysteries were about, or that they had anything to do with Masonry or Masons. It is claimed, however, that the Egyptians had grouped some of the gods into threes, or as they are called "Triads;" hence it was inferred that the Egyptians believed in the doctrine of the Trinity, and as some of our virtues are divided in our ritual into threes, such as "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," "Virtue, Honour, and Mercy," &c., and as our ancient ceremonies consist of three degrees; all which, according to our theological luminaries, were undoubtedly designed to symbolize the Trinity; hence, it was claimed that the doctrine of the Trinity formed a connecting link between our Masonry and the Egyptian mysteries. But the orthodox G. Rawlinson, in his "Religions of the Ancient World," smashes that theory into atoms. He says:

"It has been maintained that the religion of the educated Egyptians comprised a recognition of the doctrine of the Trinity. The learned Cudworth, of the 17th century, undertook to prove that a doctrine closely resembling the Christian had been taught by the Egyptian priests many centuries before Christ, and some moderns have caught at the statement and laid it down that the doctrine of the Trinity may be traced to an Egpytian source. But there is really not the slightest ground for this assertion, Cudworth's arguments were long ago met and refuted by Mosheim, and modern investigation of the Egyptian remains has but confirmed Mosheim's conclusions. The Egyptians held the unity of God; but their unity had within it no Trinity; God with them was absolutely one in essence, and when divided up, was divided, not into three, but into a multitude of aspects. It is true that they had a fancy for triads, but a triad is not a Trinity. The triads are not groups of persons, but of attributes; the three are not co-equal, but distinctly the reverse, the third in the triad being always subordinate; nor is the division regarded in any case exhaustive of the divine nature, or exclusive of other divisions. Moreover, as already observed, the triad is frequently enlarged by the addition of a fourth person or character, who is associated as closely with the other three as they are with each other. Cudworth's view must therefore be set aside as altogether imaginary, and the encomiast of Egyptian religion must content himself with pointing out that a real monotheism underlies the superficial polytheism without requiring us to believe that even the wisest of the priests had any knowledge of the greatest of all Christian mysteries."

"But," says our Masonic luminary, "the monotheistic doctrine at least, which is part of our Masonry, was certainly taught by the Egyptian priests in their mysteries to the initiated only, hence there is a connection between our Masonry and the old mysteries. But Dr. C. P. Tiele in his 'History of the Egyptian Religion,' published by Trubner and Co., in 1882, shows clearly that the monotheistic doctrine was no mystery at all in Egypt, that the same people who worshipped and sacrificed to a multiplicity of gods were also taught the doctrine of only one God. He says:—

"The explanation of these phenomena has been sought in the supposition of a double theology among the Egyptians—an esoteric and exoteric—the one being confined to multitude to persevere in their superstitions, while themselves knew better, and attached not the slig value to all the sensuous representations and usages. is, however, an utterly baseless opinion, a mere fan modern times. In Egypt, as everywhere else, and i periods, there were cultured and uncultured, educated uneducated people. The latter never got beyon visible symbol, and were, as a rule, satisfied with th ternal form; the former penetrated deeper, and foll up the thoughts that were latent in the symbols. Yet too attached a certain value to the visible symbolism the forms of religion, to its ceremonies and customs. valued the forms because of the ideas to which they outward expression, but they were not in a conditi emancipate themselves from these forms. There trace of their having designedly kept their deeper inte tations hidden; the contrary is the case. The hierogl writing, though as plain as the Roman alphabet not a mode of secret writing. All the pictures with the walls of the public buildings were covered were a panied by texts explanatory of the subjects depicted books in which they published their religious specul could be obtained by any one, and it was even conside necessary condition of future blessedness, that one s know the sacred text by heart. In short, the only set to the spread of their teachings was the believer tellectual capacity."

I confess that I am not quite satisfied with the re ing of our Egyptologists, for I cannot understand man could believe in one unbegotten God, and at the time pray to each of his attributes, as if each attribut a distinct God. Renouf, in his Hibbert Lectures, sa

"The Egyptian deities were innumerable. There countless gods in heaven and below the earth. town and village had its local patron. Every month year, every day of the month, every hour of the da of the night, had its presiding divinity, and all these had to be propitiated by offerings. I several times the attempt to draw up an index of the divine occurring in the texts, but found it necessary to ab the enterprise. What can all these gods mean?"

It is true that an Egyptian god proclaimed himse says an inscription) as "I am what is, what shall b what has been," and a god was styled "the creator universe." But somehow, their gods not only had and children, but fathers and mothers too. And som a goddess was as much flattered as a god. Thus, Tiele's "Egyptian Religion," I learn that the g Neith was styled "Commandress of all gods," and is no second beside her." I confess, therefore, th Egyptian teachings of monotheistic religion is a But any how it is certain that whatever importan Egyptians attached to monotheism, that doctrine form part of their mysteries, and, therefore, mono does not connect our Masonry with the Eg mysteries.

But here is something very curious. In a work "Custom and Myth," by Andrew Lang, publish London in 1884, I find that an instrument called roarer," was used in various parts of the world for tions into sacred mysteries, and the same instru still used by the Australians. Mr. Lang says:

"The bull-roarer has been, and is, a sacred and instrument in many and widely separated lands. found always as a sacred instrument, employed in r mysteries, in New Mexico, in Australia, in New Z in ancient Greece, and in Africa; while in Englan a peasant boy's plaything.

In Australia it is called a "Turndum," wh strictly concealed from the sight of women. Inde woman is unfortunate to get a sight of a *turnd* suffers death at once. This wonderful instrument i of a thin piece of board, about a sixth of an inch in ness, about eight inches long, and three inches wide formed thus <>. To one end of it a strong st about thirty inches long is fastened, and by taking grasp of the other end of the string, and by twirling nd round a number of times, after many such turn sight begins to be heard, which gradually in ses a mighty rushing noise, as if some sup

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Blue Masonry, Red Masonry, Black Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, Rosicrucian Masonry, Robert Bruce Masonry, Constantine Masonry, nor in the Memphis Rite and Scotch Rite Masonries. The possessors of the last rites, moreover, claim to be the greatest archæologists, theologians, historians. In short, they call themselves the highest Masons in creation, and as they seem ignorant of the importance attached by the ancients to the sacred "bull-roarer," the inference, therefore, is that all *our* kinds of Masonries have never descended from the ancient mysteries.

BOSTON, U.S.A., 2nd November 1886.

## Obituary.

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Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. and Treas. 22, Treas. 2168, &c.

IT almost seems that our weekly duties are not completed until we have written a tribute to the memory of some dear departed friend. Week by week the same sad task devolves upon us, and we dread to think who will next require a reference in this most mournful of our columns. At one time it is a brother who has far exceeded the three score years and ten allotted to the human race, whose term in this world has, indeed, passed, and whose death, though regretted, was none the less expected; at another the dread angel comes suddenly upon us, and snatches away one in the apparent possession of robust, middle-aged health, without a moment's warning; while yet again it is from the youngest branches of the Masonic family we have to mourn an irreparable loss. This week is no exception to many which have recently preceded it; to-day we have to record the death of as dear a friend, and as true a Mason, as is to be found anywhere. He was indeed

> The dearest friend . . . , the kindest man,
> The best condition'd and unwearied spirit
> In doing courtesies; and one in whom
> The ancient Roman honour more appears,
> Than any that draws breath in Italy.

The awful suddenness of Bro. Storr's death has served to impress us the more strongly with the loss we, in common with a large number of Freemasons, have sustained by his demise. Last week we chronicled the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, of which Bro. Storr was, in a measure, the promoter, for the worthy brother who filled the chair of that Lodge after its consecration, and whose name has been given to the Lodge, said it was to Bro. Storr the brethren owed their first Master; and as a consequence the name of their Lodge. On that occasion Bro. Storr was apparently in good health, and the success which attended the opening of the new Lodge was a source of delight to him; he predicted for it a brilliant future, and marked out the course he should pursue in the management of its finances. Alas, how little he and those who listened to him knew what the next few days would bring forth; within a few hours of the meeting Bro. Storr had breathed his last, and one of Masonry's nobest sons had been called to the presence of the Most High. In our present issue we have other references to our late brother's career, and although we could easily say much more in his praise we feel at a loss to give proper expression to our feelings; neither is there need for a more extended notice—Brother Storr was too well known to require it. As an initiate of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, he rose speedily to the front; he was initiated in January 1871, and was elected Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge in 1877. In the discharge of the duties of that important post he displayed exceptional abilities, and at the close of his term of office he left the old Neptune in a far better position than he found it when he assumed its government. Since then he has taken an active interest in its welfare, and has done much towards securing for it the reputation it now enjoys, of being among the foremost supporters of the Charities. For the past three years he filled the office of Treasurer of the Lodge, and on the consecration of No. 2168 was elected to a similar office therein. He was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, in 1873, and in 1883 filled the office of Z. therein; he was also a member of the Mark degree. Last year he was selected to fill a seat on the Board of General Purposes of equally well respected as within the circle of Freemasonry, and this is amply evidenced by the compliment paid to his memory by the *Times*, in the columns of which the following line appeared on the 11th instant:—

> There was buried yesterday afternoon at Finchley Cemetery a City man who, while leading a quiet and unobtrusive life, was a great power in the world of benevolence. Mr. Edward Francis Storr, linen merchant, of 55 Gresham Street, who died on the 5th inst., has long been indentified with the great charities of the metropolis. So ardently did he work in the cause of benevolence that he obtained the title of "Charity Storr." As an old Freemason he had great opportunities of exercising that bent of his mind which led him to do good to his fellow creatures, and he lost no chance of giving it free scope. Belonging to the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, one of the old "Atholl" or "Ancient" Lodges, he passed the Master's chair, and was instrumental in bringing that Lodge to one of the first positions as a supporter of the Charities. Three years ago, on the resignation of the Treasurership by Mr. Isaac Wilcox, who had held the position a quarter of a century, Mr. Storr was unanimously elected to fill the post, and he held it to the day of his death.

## EDUCATION.

BRO. MARKHAM TWEDDELL favours us with the following estimate of a broad, true education: Every Freemason is taught to value education, which is to the speculative what the chisel is to operative Masonry. But to educate is not merely to pour into the mind any amount of information, however valuable; but to train that mind, not only to think, but to think aright; to receive nothing as truth that cannot be proved; to let loose the imagination to roam the universe, but always controlled by the reins of reason; and whilst we teach attention to the smallest as well as the greatest wants of the body, whether of food, raiment, shelter, rest, or whatever more may be necessary for its health and comfort, to ever equally remember the needs of our higher nature; to seek innocent amusement as a relaxation from mental or bodily labour; to refine our tastes by calm attention to the beauties of nature and the best works of human art in all ages; gain wisdom from the experience of the past as well as the present; to understand all the scientific discoveries in our power; and, most of all, to make a daily progress in knowledge and goodness all life long, until our mortal machinery is fairly worn out in the working, and our age-enfeebled frames require repose. Rest assured that nothing is lost; all the mental and moral development we have achieved in this life will travel with us through the Dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, illuming our journey, and living with us throughout all eternity. —*Freemasons' Repository.*

With a view to making a strong and useful Lodge of Instruction, it has been decided to combine the St. Marylebone and Queen's (Westminster) Lodges of Instruction. The future meetings will therefore be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on and after Monday, 29th instant. The Lodge will be opened at half-past six on the first evening, after which the brethren will meet from eight to ten. On Monday, the 29th instant, Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremony of consecration, and instal Worshipful Brother G. Lambert in the chair. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. F. Delevanté.. Lodge will be opened at half-past six.

## NEW MUSIC.

"Ready." Words by G. Clifton Bingham, music by Frederick N. Löhr.

"Chilkie." Words by G. Clifton Bingham, music by A. H. Behrend. London: W. Morley and Co., 127 Regent-street.

THE former of the above songs is of the patriotic kind; it has been set to lively music by Frederick N. Löhr. It will be found easy to sing, and should be added to the repertoire of every lover of spirited music. A. H. Behrend's latest work, "Chilkie," is of a different class; the sentimental. We hardly think the music is as tuneful as some of this composer's previous efforts, still we anticipate a large sale for this song. Both pieces are published in Messrs. Morley's well-known excellent style.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

**10**—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
**17**—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
**179**—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
**1275**—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
**1328**—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
**1364**—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
**1426**—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
**1446**—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
**1584**—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
**1607**—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
**1624**—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
**1686**—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
**1743**—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
**1839**—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
**1964**—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
**2012**—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
**2029**—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990—Hampshire Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Loughborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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65—Fitzherbert, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
175—Lebanon, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible] (Instruction)
[illegible] Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instructio
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instructi
1561—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1820—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1846—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1871—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1872—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1940—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction
1995—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1995—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30
949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instru
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Bunhill Row, at 8
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (In
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Albury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Notting Dale Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (I
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (In
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 106—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freem Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (In
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Stanley Crescent, Notting Hill, at 8. (I
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instructio
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at
548—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instr
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (In
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1158—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1295—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington, Rose and Crown, Rye Lane, Peckham, at 8. (Instr
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Coopers' Arms, Store Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (In
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Lonsdesborough, Berkeley Arms, Conn Street, May Fair, at 8. (In
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1932—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Junction of New Road, S.E., at 8
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instructio
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instru
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1509—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Panmure, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salem [illegible]-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
425—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
431—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley

633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
248—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
533—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hall, Didsbury
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

## THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1581—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1640—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1900—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 158—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
608—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Sale-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1152—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wyrley Arms, Cawerley
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nornton, at 8. (Instruction)
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 97—Street Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons Hall, Manchester
[illegible] Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Essex St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Rawleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Dobie Hotel, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1708—Unique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Fort and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 800—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Margate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 48—Kennys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

27—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Ripon
433—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
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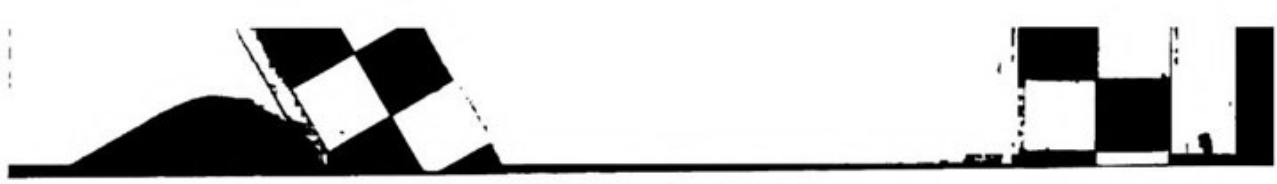
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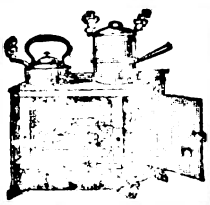
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## HAPPINESS IN FREEMASONRY.

is fortunate that all men's ideas of happiness do not lie in the same groove, or we should lose many of charms of life which arise from the varied means ed by different individuals in their efforts to attain ımmit of their ambition, that perfection, the realiza- f which results in corresponding happiness. If every n's idea of a happy and successful Lodge was alike asonry would lose one of its attractions, for although asis of Freemasonry is the same wherever we turn, it infinite variety which makes it ever attractive, fresh, nteresting. Happiness, we are told, is in the taste, the thing; and we are made happy by possessing we ourselves love, not what others think lovely. e it is that a Mason's idea of a happy Lodge is one his peculiar ideas of Freemasonry are the most exemplified, not, perhaps, one where the ritual is ost perfect, the ceremonies the most elaborate, or the undings the most sumptuous. One brother will be able in a small quiet assembly where another enjoys trongest feelings of satisfaction, and, in turn, that er will feel out of place in a large and somewhat gathering where the other is thoroughly at home.

should do well to remember all this when we are in- to lay down the law as to what should be done to happiness in our several Lodges. What would successful in one case would have the most disas- results in another, and the best general is he who can pt himself to circumstances as to secure the best from the means at his disposal. A Master should vour to discover what the members of his Lodge love, rive to secure for them what they desire, rather than or advice outside his Lodge, among brethren who are os unacquainted with the peculiarities of any of the ers. General advice is very good in its way, but we remember that happiness consists in the attainment ıt we ourselves love, not what others think lovely.

can call to mind a happy and contented Lodge suffered severely from the mistaken ideas of ex- e possessed by one of its Worshipful Masters, a id worker, and a most rigid disciplinarian. He was upon in due course to preside over his Lodge, which perhaps best be described as an assemblage of old- ıed brethren, who felt more pleasure in practising rit than being bound by the strict letter of Free- y. They were accustomed to meet and find enjoy- in each other's society, and may be said to have ed some of the forms and ceremonies enjoined by in favour of social converse and individual ıy. They recognised the time-honoured toasts, and ıone the less hearty in their enthusiasm although their custom to eschew speeches. The toasts of asonic rulers were as nobly responded to at their ngs, even though they were proposed without ny, as if a long speech had preceded each, and, as quence, they had ample time for the discussion of ny topics which arise among a party of true friends. Freemasonry was not neglected, but it was looked ıore as a means of enjoyment than as a hard lesson learned and rehearsed at each succeeding meeting. severe regard to the letter of the ritual; no very serious matter if not carried too far, but in this case it was carried to such an extreme as to deprive many of the members of that happiness they had previously enjoyed at the periodical meetings of their Lodge. No doubt the Master was happy in the possession of what he himself loved, but the happiness of his members did not consist in what he thought lovely.

The remembrance of this instance brings us to the consideration of another point, and one to which we have previously referred; that a Worshipful Master should at times sacrifice his personal desires for the benefit of the brethren over whom he is for the time called on to preside. "He who truly wishes the happiness of any one, cannot be long without discovering some mode of contributing to it," are words which apply with considerable force here. It may be difficult for a ruler to discover in what way he can ensure the happiness of his Lodge, but if he has the desire to do so--if he really loves his work--he will soon discover some mode of contributing to the happiness of those around him, with the most gratifying results. In a Masonic Lodge of any importance are often to be found men of widely different views, and it is really to consolidate these differences that should be one of the principal duties of a Master. He should know just how much pressure can be brought to bear in different parts, and should be able to blend the more extreme views in such a way as to make a harmonious and happy whole. It is not for him to lay down any severe rules, however, as to what constitutes happiness, or he will find himself in the unhappy position of the brother to whom we have just referred, who practised his own particular ideas at the expense of his fellows.

Much more might be said in regard to the various methods of securing happiness in Freemasonry, but we have written enough to show that the best course is to adapt oneself to the brethren by whom we are surrounded, and to strive to give to each the full enjoyment of the peculiarities they possess, as far as may be possible without upsetting others. In this, as in many other walks of life, those highest in authority will find it more conducive to happiness if they sometimes bow to the opinions of their juniors, rather than strive to force their individual views on those who may not entirely agree with them.

## THE ANCIENT YORK WORK.

FOR a number of centuries the old city of York has enjoyed the repute of being the Mecca of the Craft in England. Both tradition and history have contributed to the support of its claim. The tradition has been long and uniform, and while the tradition has found no exact support in history, the city of York itself, at a later period, had the earliest historic Lodge in England, which afterwards developed into a Grand Lodge, and warranted subordinate Lodges in Cheshire, Middlesex and elsewhere. York itself was as a city in its earliest years arranged Masonically—while it was the Roman city of Eboracum it having been laid out as an oblong square. During the Roman dominion it was the capital of the kingdom, the

one of the finest cathedrals in Great Britain or on the continent; in the crypt of this cathedral the Freemasons have repeatedly held their meetings; and its fabric rolls contain many data of interest to our Fraternity. On all accounts the city of York is deservedly held in veneration and respect by Freemasons.

The Masonic tradition which asserts the antiquity of Freemasonry in York is thoroughly imbedded in Masonic history. This is evidenced in the old MS. Constitutions of the Craft, and in the Warrants of Constitution of many subordinate Lodges. The "Dowland MS.," of A.D 1550, reads as follows:

> King Athelstan was a worthy king of England * * and loved well Masons. And he had a son Edwin, and he loved Masons much more than his father did. And he was a great practicer in Geometry; and he drew him much to talk and to commune with Masons, and to learn of them science; and afterwards for love that he had to Masons, and to the science, he was made a Mason, and he got of the king his father a Charter and Commission to hold every year once an Assembly. * * And he held himself an Assembly at York, and there he made Masons, and gave them Charges.

The warrants of the old Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania bear similar testimony, as instance the following, taken from the Warrant of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, of Philadelphia:

> To all Whom it May Concern: The Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions, revived by His Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, in the kingdom of England, in the year of the Christian era Nine Hundred and Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six), in Ample Form assembled at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, Send Greeting.

The trouble with this tradition, as thus embodied in formal Masonic documents, is that profane history asserts that King Athelstan had *no son*, while he had, however, a *brother*, Edwin, "a young prince of great energy and high promise," whom the historian, Henry of Huntingdon, says, "was unhappily drowned at sea." A slip might readily have been made in the statement of relationship, and Edwin of York still might have been the patron of the Freemasons. Another explanation, offered by Bro. Francis Drake, a century and a half ago, was that the Edwin intended was the Anglo-Saxon King Edwin, who began to reign in A.D. 617. We think the former explanation is the more probable of the two, and *we accept* the Masonic tradition, which is of such long standing, and so often iterated and reiterated in Masonic documents, that Freemasonry in York is of great antiquity, and may boast of royal patronage as far back as in the tenth century. So much for Ancient York Masonry.

We wish we could trace the connection of Early Freemasonry in York with the first historic Lodge, that of 1705, in that city, but we cannot. Bro. Gould says, on this subject: "There is absolutely nothing to connect the York Lodge of the eighteenth and most probably the seventeenth century, with Lodges of earlier date, though of course the possibility of the former being a lineal descendant of the latter must be conceded." The York Lodge was certainly at work "for years prior to the creation of the London Grand Lodge" in 1717. Its records are preserved back to 1712, while in the last century they existed back to 1705. Its antiquity is unquestioned, and it was located on the oldest Masonic ground in England, according to well-established tradition.

Now as to the Ancient York Work. What is it? The expression in general terms in truth signifies *the oldest Work of the Craft*, and since Masonry may justly assume to have been older in York than in any other locality of England, the Masonic tradition with regard to York is connected with, and made to give name to, what is currently regarded as the oldest Work.

But there is also a special historic significance in the term "Ancient York Work." Dermott's Grand Lodge—of 1752-3—that of the so-called "Ancients"—assumed the proprietorship of this phraseology, and gave currency to it. The "Ancients" pretended (without authority) to have had the favour and support of the Grand Lodge at York, and in consequence they styled themselves "Ancient York Masons." These "Ancients" warranted a Provincial Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania in 1764, with

subordinate Lodges in Pennsylvania styled "Ancient York Masons," and even now some cling to this title. In point of fact, however, t designation is that of "Free and Accepted while in the Work of the Craft in this jurisdicti properly retained and cumulatively used. Bu "Ancient York Work" may be misleading. absolutely nothing, at present known, which with the old city of York, or the old Maso authority there. The name was derived solely Dermott, and he *appropriated* it for his own p give character to the Grand Body of which h Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Sec champion and the life-blood. If by "Ancient Yo we mean the oldest Work, then it is a true d and by almost universal consent the Work of Lodge of Pennsylvania is acknowledged to be th *purest on this Continent*, more nearly approx that of the Grand Lodges of England of 1717 and also to that of the present Grand Lodge o than that of any other of our sister jurisdi Pennsylvania Masons we are proud of this fact a proper understanding of the meaning of the should all be champions of the "Ancient York

## LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATI

*An Oration by Rev. R. W. Hill, Grand Orator Grand Lodge of Oregon. 18th June* 1886.

### Living Near the True Ideal.

WE speak often, one to another, of the Masonry and meditate thereon; witho all appreciate the privileges which we enjoy t connection with the sublime mysteries. And t for it is in this way that we can reach the truth contained in Masonry. All Masonry conta exhausted when we have "taken the degr awaits the diligent and earnest one who is willi thought and energy to it. Like the precious n deep mine, toil and careful attention is esse would possess himself of all the treasures i Perhaps it was for this reason that the office o created by the Grand Lodges. It may be reas posed that when one has given time and thou branch of human knowledge, he will be ena something to the fund of information possess who have not been privileged to spend as m time in the study of special subjects. The Ma then should have no narrow sweep to his surveys the system of Masonry, but should se principles which govern and control all of order that what he may say may not only hav tage of truth, but that also in its presentation i arranged as to fit into all sides of life and benefits. No aim should be higher or purp than his, for it is possible that his thoughts an give power to actions reaching far into futurit should be to make ours

> "The ample views that, unconfined,
> Stretch to the utmost walks of human kin
> Ours the spirit that, with wisest plan,
> Brother to brother binds, and man to man.

Perhaps this may seem too high an ideal, b it is well that the error is on the nobler side, do not lean to any view which would tend to standards of Masonic life, which have been b us by the fathers gone before. We should hav with those who look only to the selfish side make use of Masonry as one of the steps to fu selfish interests. And yet we are all aware th so gain admission, and abuse the privileges o nity. To such as these Masonry is nothing of rituals, and all the sublime teachings are bu ing brass and tinkling cymbals." There is nc the mere ceremony for them, and with the

ere of life a man may be thrown, it is impossible for
n to shake off the obligations of duty. They follow him
rywhere. It matters not whether his position be high
low, whether he be called to rule, or his lot be to
y, it is not within his power to relieve himself of
sonal responsibility. Happy is that man who has
conception of this fact, and whose resolve is,
refore, to live according to this governing prin-
le, making everything in life turn upon the faithful
charge of obligations. Duty, then, is supreme in its
ation to life, and no man can free himself of it, no
tter what his worldly wealth or station. As without
Lodge, so within, this is the governing principle which
ds Masons to each other. As each step is taken, the
ndidate is assured that his duties increase and become
re binding, and that with advancement and elevation
re is an accompaniment of solemn obligation. Perhaps,
this connection, we do not always realize the full scope
Masonic vows when they are first taken, but in time we
feel their force and understand their sweep. How far
ching, and how effective, if honestly lived up to, they
! Reaching into every position and binding all with
same strong chain; the king bound as strongly as the
mblest workman in the quarry. And how honourable,
o, and ennobling. The true Mason, clothed in the
blem of innocence, is the peer of any king, prince or
tentate; can meet with him upon the level, and, within
e compass of his obligation, can command the service of
brethren, and feel it a right to be served. But there is
other aspect of these things, to which I especially ask
ur attention at this time. You have heard so often of
e power of the Masonic obligation and the elevating in-
ence of the Order, that you need no words of
ne to cause you to regard Masonry as well worthy of
ur life-long devotion. It is for this reason that I invite
ur attention to the *limitations* of Masonic obligations.
e know full well how sweeping and how complete the
ligations are which every Mason takes who has part or
with the "Sons of Light." We have had numberless ex-
nples of the power and readiness of the true Mason to res-
nd to their call, but we know there are certain limitations
all social obligations, and Masonry has strongly defined
unds to all obligations which are required of initiates.
nd these fundamental limitations are as wise as they are
tisfactory, and give to each Mason a rule for the govern-
ent of his actions, which enables him to make no mistake.
has been well said that there can never be a conflict of
ties, for one is always paramount, and if one have but
e wisdom to discover which one of those in seeming con-
ct be the higher, all will fall into proper place and har-
ony. Masonry leaves no man in ignorance in this regard,
t, with a wise foresight, makes due provision for cases
here there might be a chance for it to come into conflict
th other and important social claims. And here is
here we are brought face to face with the fundamental
nitations of Masonic obligation. We are assured that
rtain duties are above all others here on earth, and that
ch as Masonry may appeal to our feelings and regard,
t in the face of these Masonry withdraws all claim. And
re is where, through recognition of these limitations, the
stinction is drawn between a true Mason and one who,
iming to be such, presents only his constant attention to
asonic meetings in support of his claim. Undoubtedly
ere are many who are never missing when the Lodge is
lled from refreshment to labour, who are found at every
thering and participate in every ceremony, and yet,
thal, disobey the law of Masonry. Such may have for-
tten the fundamental limitation of Masonic service
d go beyond the true requirements, to the injury of far
eater and more important trusts. Profession is not real
vice, and the one who apparently does the most, may
reality do much less than others whose service appears
s showy. Doubtless each brother present could readily
strate this fact within the circle of his personal acquaint-
ce. We are, then, to endeavour to distinguish between
e true gold and the tinsel which glitters more brightly.
ne is of value, the other is worthless. What, then, are
e limitations of Masonic obligation and service? These
e defined at the very threshold of the Temple. He who
uld receive the degrees of Masonry is solemnly assured
at his obligations will be great and important, but that
ey are in no wise to conflict with the duty he owes to his
d, his country, his neighbour, his family, or to himself,
first in importance, we have the Mason's duty to God.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President that of Senior, and Bro. W. H. Perryman that of Junior Vice-President. There were present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Mercer, Spaull, Garrod, Stewart P.G.D., Britten, Dairy, Matthews, Cull, Hogard, Taylor, Bowyer, Habord, Gillard, Lucking, Grey, Brown, Halliwell, Birkin, Dakins, Tijou, Cumberland, Pendlebury, Dodd, Lee, and others. The Board of Masters submitted the agenda paper for the next Communication of Grand Lodge. The brethren at the Board of Benevolence first confirmed grants, recommended at their last meeting, to the amount of £410. Those on the new list comprised the names of forty-five petitioners, from London, Keswick, Warwick, Sunderland, Jersey, Llandudno, Old Brompton, Walsall, South Shields, Calcutta, Gravesend, Wood Green, St. Helena, Sherborne, Worcester, Newbury, Liverpool, Hartlepool, Blackburn, Pontypridd, Holyhead, Nova Scotia, Twickenham, North Shields, Yarra Yarra, Leytonstone, Torquay, Yarrow-on-Tyne, Supreme Council of France, Upton, Louth, and Tavistock. Four of these cases were deferred for further particulars. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,060, composed of one recommendation of £100, four of £50, five of £40, eight of £30, ten grants of £20, eleven of £10, and two of £5 each.

The Committee (members of the Craft) of the Surrey Masonic Hall Quadrille Parties are now making arrangements for commencing their eleventh season, and as they have hitherto met with very great success, there is no doubt the present season will be equally so. Subscribers are not restricted to members of the Craft. We understand there are still vacancies for a few. Full information can be obtained of Bro. H. A. Stunt P.M., Secretary, 12 Akerman-road, Brixton.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesdays, the 23rd and 30th of November 1886, at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins S.D. 860 W.M., R. Larchin P.M. 1501 S.W., J. C. Cross J.W. 902 J.W. Tuesday, 23rd November—First Lecture: Bros. Briscoe, Beck, Salmon, Gregory, Galer, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 30th November—Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Sharpe, Berry. Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

By members of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, on Saturday, 27th November 1886, at 7 p.m. Bros. Farwig P.M. 180 W.M., C. A. Woods P.M. 145 S.W., Westley J.W. 1986 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Hampton, Eidmans, Esling, Spon, Stacey, Jenkins, C. A. Woods. Second Lecture—Bros. Hooper, Stevens, Kearney, Westley, Johnson. Third Lecture—Bros Martin, Luckhurst, Rupple. Bro. H. Stunt P.M. Secretary; Bro. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor.

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, E., on Thursday, the 25th instant, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., D. Moss P.M. 1275 J.W., B. Stewart 1276 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Cary, Allan, Brittain, Isaacs, McDonald, Maloney, Watkinson. Second Lecture—Bros. Fox, Moss, Myers, Musto, Seigenberg. Third Lecture—Bros. Stewart, Lorne, Richardson. Bro. B. Stewart W.M. 1278 Preceptor; Bro. C. N. Fox 1340 Secretary. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 933, P.Z. 933 will preside.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Fridays, 26th November and 3rd December 1886, commencing at seven in the evening. Bros. Gush P.M. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Jenkins I.G. 860 J.W. Friday 26th November—First Lecture: Bros. Long, Price, Sammons, Snelling, Stacey, Hurdell, Larchin. Friday, 3rd December—Second Lecture: Bros. Bond, Kearney, Skelton, Jenkins, Giddings. Third Lecture: Bros. Hancock, Storr, Beck. Bro. W. W. Snelling J.W. 1541 Secretary.

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## THE LATE ELECTIONS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Elections of both Girls and Boys to our Schools for this year being over, I can now give the results, and offer some comments upon the manner in which London and the Provinces have supported the Scholastic Institutions, both this year and on a seven years' average, as taken from the Festival Reports; or rather, I will make no comment, but leave the figures to speak for themselves. Having acted as Chairman of the Scrutineers, I would offer a few remarks upon the manner in which some of the votes are sent in; for instance, a vast number are sent in in single papers, and each has to be opened separately; some are sent as they come from the office, others are tied or clipped together, while others again are unsigned, but filled in; or signed, and not filled in; often again signed, and all but the party for whom the vote is intended are crossed out, but no number put against the favoured one; or if this be done the number left is so carelessly put that the Scrutineers have to decide for whom the vote is meant, very probably giving it to the wrong party. I would particularly mention the case of Andrews, amongst the Boys; others make alterations and neglect to have them initialled by the Chairman of the Quarterly Court, and so the votes are lost. If those working the cases would only follow the simple rules laid down for them on every voting paper, they would save the Scrutineers much time and trouble, and often prevent disappointment to themselves. Holders of papers are asked to place the number intended to be given to the candidate or candidates in the space prepared for them before the several names, not initials, or name but simply the number of votes. I would also suggest that the voting papers be made up in bundles, without mark or name thereon (these can be kept on a separate paper by the workers), for no bundles being so marked are placed before the tellers before the arrangements of the papers have been altered.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

P.S. The polling was as follows:—

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|---|---|
| **GIRLS.** | |
| Votes brought forward | 1,186 |
| Votes issued | 39,737 |
| Total | 40,923 |
| Votes polled | 34,747 |
| Votes to carry forward | 5,510 |
| Votes unpolled | 4,990 |
| Votes for last cases lost | 1,332 |
| **BOYS.** | |
| Votes brought forward | 7,935 |
| Votes issued | 56,153 |
| Total | 64,088 |
| Polled | 50,802 |
| Unpolled | 5,351 |
| To carry forward | 8,772 |
| Votes for last cases lost | 253 |

Table of number of Girls who will be in the Institution on the 1st February 1887, with the cost and contributions, as taken from the Festival Paper:—

| Province. | | Cost. | | | Contributions for 1886. | | | Average 7 years from 1880-1886 inclusive. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| London | 75½ | 2667 | 6 | 8 | 5383 | 6 | 0 | 5920 | 6 | 4 |
| Bedford | — | — | | | 184 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 2 | 9 |
| Berks and Bucks | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | 228 | 0 | 0 | 226 | 19 | 3 |
| Bristol | — | — | | | 145 | 19 | 0 | 51 | 15 | 0 |
| Cambridge | — | — | | | 273 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 6 | 0 |
| Cheshire | 5½ | 194 | 6 | 8 | 78 | 15 | 0 | 127 | 12 | 2 |
| Cornwall | 1½ | 53 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 10 | 0 | 51 | 7 | 7 |
| Cumberland and Westmoreland | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | — | | | 57 | 10 | 3 |
| Derbyshire | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | 87 | 10 | 0 | 141 | 19 | 8 |
| Devonshire | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 136 | 19 | 0 | 155 | 3 | 10 |
| Dorsetshire | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | 147 | 10 | 0 | 89 | 13 | 10 |
| Durham | 3 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 5 | 0 | 91 | 1 | 10 |
| Essex | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 245 | 14 | 0 | 288 | 14 | 3 |
| Gloucestershire | 4 | 141 | 6 | 8 | 222 | 12 | 0 | 310 | 6 | 0 |
| Hants & Isle of Wight | 13½ | 476 | 10 | 0 | 177 | 5 | 0 | 382 | 13 | 1 |
| Herefordshire | — | — | | | 74 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 0 |
| Herts | 3 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 1 | 0 | 132 | 2 | 0 |
| Kent | 14 | 494 | 13 | 4 | 547 | 6 | 0 | 410 | 6 | 3 |
| [illegible] (West) | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 16 | 1 |
| Lincolnshire | 4 | 141 | 6 | 8 | — | | | | | |
| Middlesex | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 174 | 8 | 6 | | | |
| Monmouthshire | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | 192 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Norfolk | 3 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Norths and Hunts | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | — | | | | | |
| Northumberland | 4 | 141 | 6 | 8 | 906 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| Nottingham | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | — | | | | | |
| Oxfordshire | — | — | | | 106 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Shropshire | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | — | | | | | |
| Somersetshire | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 133 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Staffordshire | 2½ | 88 | 6 | 8 | 204 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Suffolk | 5½ | 194 | 6 | 8 | 126 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Surrey | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | 1345 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Sussex | 7 | 247 | 6 | 8 | — | | | | | |
| Warwick | 4 | 141 | 6 | 8 | 102 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| Wiltshire | 3 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| Worcestershire | 3½ | 123 | 13 | 4 | 63 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Yorkshire (N. and E.) | 5 | 176 | 13 | 4 | 82 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Yorkshire (West) | 20½ | 777 | 6 | 8 | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| N. Wales | 1 | 35 | 6 | 8 | 102 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| S. Wales (East) | 5½ | 194 | 6 | 8 | 140 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| S. Wales (West) | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | — | | | | | |
| Channel Islands | 2 | 70 | 13 | 4 | 63 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Colonies | 9½ | 335 | 13 | 4 | 105 | 0 | 0 | | | |

The above Table is calculated to include those elected in Oc who will enter the School at the end of January 1887. T approximate only, as it fluctuates with each year, and column of contributions are taken from the Festival I 1886, and the second column from the same source from inclusive. These remarks apply to the Boys as well.

| Province. | | Cost from January 1887. | | | Subscription this Year. | | |
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| | | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| London | 69 | 3105 | 0 | 0 | 5452 | 10 | 6 |
| Bedford | — | — | | | — | | |
| Berks and Bucks | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 199 | 10 | 0 |
| Bristol | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| Cambridge | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 5 | 0 |
| Cheshire | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 5 | 0 |
| Cornwall | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 254 | 2 | 0 |
| Cumberland and Westmoreland | 3 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Derbyshire | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 4 | 0 |
| Devonshire | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Dorsetshire | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Durham | 6 | 270 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| Essex | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 6 | 6 |
| Gloucestershire | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 1 | 6 |
| Hants | 7 | 225 | 0 | 0 | 507 | 5 | 6 |
| Herefordshire | — | — | | | — | | |
| Herts | 3 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 10 | 0 |
| Kent | 8 | 360 | 0 | 0 | 294 | 0 | 0 |
| Lancashire (East) | 10 | 450 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 5 | 0 |
| Lancashire (West) | 10 | 450 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| Leicestershire and Rutland | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 5 | 0 |
| Lincolnshire | 5 | 225 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Middlesex | 6 | 270 | 0 | 0 | 313 | 6 | 0 |
| Monmouth | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| Norfolk | 6 | 270 | 0 | 0 | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| Norths and Hunts | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Northumberland | 3 | 135 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Nottinghamshire | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 2 | 0 |
| Oxfordshire | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 14 | 6 |
| Shropshire | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | — | | |
| Somersetshire | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 303 | 0 | 0 |
| Staffordshire | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 0 | 0 |
| Suffolk | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 0 | 0 |
| Surrey | 3 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 334 | 18 | 0 |
| Sussex | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| Warwickshire | 5 | 225 | 0 | 0 | 283 | 10 | 0 |
| Wiltshire | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 18 | 0 |
| Worcestershire | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| Yorkshire (N. and E.) | 3 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 14 | 6 |
| Yorkshire (West) | 11 | 495 | 0 | 0 | 760 | 19 | 9 |
| N. Wales | 4 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 3 | 0 |
| S. Wales (East) | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Wales (West) | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 210 | 0 | 0 |
| Channel Islands | 2 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 5 | 0 |
| Colonies | 9 | 405 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 |

## SUNDAY AT OUR POST OFFICE!

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICI

SIR,—On the occasion of the election of Mayors for th towns of the United Kingdom yesterday, many grace were made to the fact that, during this year's Ma sovereign would complete the fiftieth or jubilee year c Such an event is rare in the history of any country, ar year 827—1060 years ago—it has happened in this coun three occasions. Henry III. completed the 50th year of 1266, Edward III. in 1377, George III. in 1810.

How Her Majesty's subjects may best celebrate the jul

ome object which shall fitly commemorate the event, and substantially benefit the community.

In connection with this remarkable occurrence, I should like to appeal to every person in the kingdom on behalf of the vast army of post-office employés throughout the province, whose onerous duties deprive them of the day of rest. I feel sure that all thoughtful and considerate people will agree with me that the time has arrived when the performance of unnecessary Sunday duty at the Post Offices may be altogether dispensed with.

Just fifty years will have expired next year since Dr. Wheatstone invented the Electric Telegraph system, which now spreads itself like a network over all the land, reaching every town and almost every village, and which enables us to have instant communication with each other in any part of the British Isles for the small fee of sixpence.

Three years after Her Majesty's accession, and two years after her coronation, viz. in 1840, Mr. Rowland Hill succeeded in obtaining Parliamentary sanction to the introduction of his penny postage system, which has conferred inestimable advantages and blessings upon the country at large. In 1855, the repeal of what has been called the "Taxes on Knowledge," viz.: the Newspaper Stamp, the Advertisement Duty, and the Excise duty on paper, was brought about through the exertions of Mr. Thomas Milner Gibson, at that time the colleague of Mr. John Bright in the representation of this city.

Since 1870 we have been enabled to send postcards, circulars, and newspapers, at the cost of a halfpenny.

The Money Order and Postal Order systems, the Annuity system, the post office Savings Bank, the Registered Letter Department, and the Parcels Post have all been established during the reign of Queen Victoria.

It is remarkable that in the face of all the Post Office reforms which have been instituted within the last fifty years, there still exists a custom unworthy of the present age of progress—viz.: the practice of employing in the provincial Post Offices large numbers of men and women in the performance of Sunday duties, which are regarded as unnecessary, and never have been performed in the Metropolis.

Although London is the most populous, and the greatest commercial city in the world, there has never been a Sunday delivery of letters there.

If the 4,000,000 residents in the metropolis, and the thousands of visitors and strangers, who are always to be found there, can without inconvenience dispense with the receipt and despatch of letters on Sundays, can there be any legitimate reason why the provinces should not be placed upon the same footing?

The question was argued in the House of Commons 36 years ago, and by a large majority it was resolved to abolish Sunday labour at all provincial Post Offices. An agitation was afterwards got up against this reform, and Lord John Russell, then at the head of the Government, yielded to the pressure thus brought to bear.

But whatever arguments might be used then as to the inconvenience of the public in cases of emergency, they have no force to-day. We have, as I have said, facilities for communicating by telegraph, which did not then exist.

Again, commercial travellers who, in consequence of the deerness and slowness of railway travelling 36 years ago, were obliged to remain "on circuit" over the week end, are able to reach home on Saturday, at small cost, and in a very short time. Since, therefore, they now spend their Sundays at home with their families they have no longer any need for the Sunday post.

At the time I speak of, many merchants lived in the towns, on or near their business premises. Now they live in the suburbs, or in country places, and do not care to have letters delivered on Sundays. In many instances the Post Office authorities are requested *not* to deliver on that day. In other cases, where letters are taken out by the letter carriers on Sunday, they cannot be delivered for the reason that many people are absent from their houses, and also that places of business are closed.

The number of people employed at the Post Offices of the United Kingdom is close upon 100,000, a very large proportion of whom are employed during the Sunday in doing work which I am sure can be dispensed with.

A little consideration for these useful and industrious public servants, and a small personal sacrifice on the part of the public would lead to the total abolition of Sunday labour at the Post Office, excepting in the Telegraph Department, and even this would be reduced, as the inclination to send telegrams is very frequently occasioned by the receipt of business letters.

If the jubilee year of the reign of the Queen should be signalized by the legislative prohibition of Sunday deliveries and despatches of letters it will ever be memorable as being associated with a most beneficent and much needed reform.

Should any excuse be needed for this public appeal from one not immediately interested in the Post Office, it will be found in the fact that by the regulations of the Department, letter carriers and others are forbidden to agitate for any cessation or reduction of Sunday labour.

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS LEVER, F.S.S.

Manchester, 10th Nov., 1886.

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On Monday, at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction,

## THE LATE BRO. DAVID SMITH, M.P.

THE remains of the Member for Brighton, Alderman David Smith, J.P., were on Monday afternoon, the 8th inst., laid to rest in the Brighton Parochial Cemetery amidst tokens of grief that were really impressive, and with many affecting marks of the deep and heartfelt sympathy that is felt throughout the town for his widow, so sadly and so suddenly bereaved. The *cortège*, consisting of a car and six coaches, followed by thirty-three private carriages, left the deceased's late residence in Arundel-terrace at half-past twelve, making its way by the Marine-parade, the Old Steine, Grand-parade, to St. Peter's Church, where the representatives of the Corporation and other public bodies, the Freemasons, Druids, Odd Fellows, and Foresters, with a large contingent of the members of the local Conservative Associations and Primrose League, had already assembled. At the entrance the body was met by the officiating clergy, the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah (Vicar of Brighton), and the Rev. W. Clifford Aston (Incumbent of St. George's, Brighton), at which church the deceased was a regular attendant, with whom were two of the Curates of St. Peter's (the Rev. W. W. Kelly and the Rev. W. G. Deighton), and the churchwardens (Messrs. Bennett and Baker), bearing the wands of office. Preceded by the churchwardens and the clergy, the coffin was borne slowly up the nave, the whole assembly standing, and many heads being bowed while the Archdeacon read, in firm tones, the beautiful sentences of the Burial Service. After the words "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord, had been reached, there came pealing plaintively from the organ (at which Mr. Alfred King, Mus. Bac., presided) the beautiful air from Handel's "Messiah," "I know that my Redeemer liveth," the solemn strains of which continued until the coffin had been placed on a temporary bier which stood just in front of the entrance to the chancel. The coffin was completely covered with floral devices and wreaths of the most ornate description, the cards appended containing in many instances expressions of sympathy for the deceased Alderman's surviving relatives. When the mourners were seated the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah gave out the hymn, most appropriate at this point of the ceremonial, "For ever with the Lord." At the request of the family, the service was not fully choral, the Psalm being read. This part of the service was taken by the Rev. J. J. Hannah, Vicar of St. Nicholas, alternate verses being read by the congregation. The Ven. Archdeacon read the lesson, and the well-known hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was sung. The service was supplemented by a few prayers taken from that portion of the service usually said at the grave, commencing with the Lord's Prayer. As the coffin was being borne down the nave, Mr. Alfred King played the beautiful air from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," "O, rest in the Lord," both the selections which he performed being given at the express desire of the deceased's family. The bells also rang out a muffled peal. There was an immense concourse of people outside the church, but perfect order prevailed as the long procession was marshalled, as follows:—Druids, Foresters, Odd Fellows, Conservative Association, Freemasons, Borough Magistrates, Mayor and Corporation, funeral car, mourning carriages, private carriages. The six mourning carriages were thus occupied:—

First Carriage.—Mrs. David Smith (widow), Mr. David Thomson Smith (nephew), Mrs. Henry Moor (cousin), and Mr. Richardson (cousin).

Second Carriage.—Miss Richardson (cousin), Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Pocock (medical man), Mr. Taylor, and Rev. H. A. Barclay.

Third Carriage.—Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., M.P., Admiral Field, M.P., Mr. M. D. Scott, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter King-at-Arms, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and P.M. of Lodge No. 46).

Fourth Carriage.—Dr. Tindal Robertson, Mr. W. Percival Boxall, Mr. J. H. Lermitte, and Colonel Verrall.

Fifth Carriage.—Rev. W. E. A. Young, Captain Kirby, Major Boxall, and Mr. Cundy.

Sixth Carriage.—Mr. Wollaston, Mr. Patman, Mr. T. Billing, and Mr. Beard.

The private carriages included those of the following ladies and gentlemen:—The Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Mr. G. W. Willett, of West House, Portland-place, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lermitte, Sir Albert Sassoon, Mr. W. L. Winans, Mr. T. H. Nevill, Mr. R. Simpson, Major Addison, Dr. Scateliff, Mr. Kempson, Colonel Stedall, Mr. Munster (Mr. Munster being represented by Mr. M. R. Brandreth), Alderman Hallett, D.L., Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. J. Martin (Beechwood), Mr. Bowering, Mr. Lawrence Peel, the Baron G. de Worms, Mrs. Burrell, Mr. F. T. Fisher, Dr. Fisher, Alderman Cox, Dr. Tindal Robertson, Colonel Hansard, Mrs. Wootton, the Mayor (Alderman E. J. Reeves), Mr. M. D. Scott, Mr. J. P. Patman, Mr. Wells-Dymoke, Mrs. Hudson (Queen's-road), Mr. Chandler, General Gaspoyne, and Mr. Elger. In the procession were, amongst others, the following Freemasons:—Bros. V. P. Freeman, B. Burfield, G. S. Godfree, B. Limas, E. S. Whittle, C. Nye, H. S. Gates, H. Nye, T. Rose, J. Webster, J. S. R. Bays, O. Emblin, T. Chandler, H. Cneal, J. J. Abel, T. Nye, C. Vaughan, S. Solomons, F. H. Willmer, J. Martin, G. de Paris, G. Cole, F. Hayller, W. Marchant, J. F. Eyles, S. T. Foat, C. J. Carter, M. Lelen, C. J. Reed, Rev. W. A. Tooth, F. Hollands, W. Mitchell, S. Denman, J. Flinn, T. Hughes, J. Harrison, W. R. Wood, W. T. Nell, R. J. Rogers. Others present included the Mayor of Lewes (Alderman J. Farncombe), the Revs. T. Peacey (Vicar of Hove), E. L. Roxby, R. I. Salmon, W. A. Tooth, and Dan Winham, Bro. C. Gervaise Boxall Past Grand Steward and W.M. of Lodge No. 46 (representing, with Sir Albert Woods, the Grand Lodge of England and the mother Lodge of the deceased), Mr. Dennant

plate, was taken off and borne through the archway. The inscription on the coffin plate was as follows:—

Alderman DAVID SMITH, M.P., J.P.,
Mayor of Brighton, 1880-81.
D.L. County of Sussex.
D.L. City of London.
Died on November 3rd 1886,
Aged 60 years.

The interment took place in a vault at the rear of the chapels, the Rev. Clifford Astor officiating.—*Southern Weekly News.*

## THE RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY, 1813-1886.

THE above comprehensive title is that chosen by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. for his new lecture, which was delivered by him on Saturday last in the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, at Portsmouth. Having twice previously given his lecture on the Ceremonial of the First Degree under the auspices of the same Lodge, considerable interest was manifested in the continuation of his exposition of ritual in connection with the subsequent degrees, and a goodly muster of "rulers in the Craft," the Lodge being composed entirely of Installed Masters, resulted. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Asher Barfield P.M., and P. Prov. Grand Deacon Hants. Amongst those present were Worshipful Brothers R. J. Rastrick Prov. G. Treasurer S.W., Frederick Newman P.P.G.W. J.W., Thomas Francis P.P.G.S.D. Sussex S.D., John Brickwood Prov. G.J.D. J.D., G. L. Stobbs P.P.G. Steward acting I.G., G. F. Lancaster Prov. Grand Registrar I.P.M., C. S. Main P.P.G.D.C., S. R. Ellis P.P.G.A.D.C., the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain P.P.G.S.W., R. W. Mitchell P.P.G.D.C., E. Nayler P.P.G.S., James Gieve P.P.G.D.C., John W. Gieve Sec I.P.M. 903, R. Boughton Smith P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, A. Dashwood P.P.G.S., Albert Wendover P.M. 1069, Louis Bryett P.P.G. Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks, F. Sanders Prov. G. Std., Geo. W. Dixon P.P.G.S.D. Berks and Bucks, J. J. Brascombe W.M. 804, Francis Powell P.G.A.D.C. and others. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and several other distinguished present and past Provincial Grand Officers. The lecturer, on introduction by the W.M. presiding, was very cordially received, and the closest attention was paid to his remarks throughout the whole of a lengthy and interesting address. Briefly recapitulating the most important points in his former lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in order to take up the thread of a narrative relating to Ritual and Ceremonial from the date of the Union of the Grand Lodges prior to 1813, to the present time, Bro. Stevens led his hearers to a consideration of some of the beautiful conceptions of those talented brethren who were entrusted with the revision of the rituals in use at the former date, and the preparation of a perfect ceremonial for observance by all Lodges under the rule of the United Grand Lodge of England. He pointed out in the most direct manner the many innovations which had been made of late years in the ceremonies and verbiage of the F.C. and M.M. degrees, and in numerous instances produced convincing testimony as to the correctness of his assertion that all pretence that the "same usages and customs" which had been decreed as constitutional was at an end. In our pages we cannot, of course, directly specify the many points he touched upon; it will be sufficient for us to say that they are of an important character, and that our worthy Brother's address should be heard to be appreciated. After speaking without cessation for two hours, Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst Masonic applause. Bro. S. C. Main P.P.G.D.C. proposed in very eulogistic terms "That a vote of thanks for his excellent and interesting lecture be given by the Lodge to Bro. James Stevens, and that the same be recorded on the minutes." This was seconded by the W.M. Bro. Barfield P.P.G.D., who expressed his opinion that the information which had been afforded was of a most instructive character, beneficial alike to the newly-made M.M. and to those who had arrived at the highest honour which a Lodge could confer. He felt sure that every member and visitor present had been highly delighted with the exposition, which it must have taken Bro. Stevens much time and considerable consideration to prepare, and which he had so excellently delivered. It was impossible that such information as they had received could be given to the Craft except in open Lodge, or Lodges of Instruction, and he had no hesitation in saying that what they had heard that evening ought to be repeated for the good of the Order in every Lodge throughout the country. He cordially endorsed Bro. Main's expression of gratification, and believed the brethren would as cordially respond. The vote was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Stevens gracefully acknowledged the formal announcement by the W.M., adding that in reference to the W.M.'s observation that every Lodge throughout the country should hear the lecture, he was quite ready to do his part towards that end by arrangement with any Lodge desirous of receiving him. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together, separating at an early hour, in view of a re-union at the Consecration of a new Lodge, the Osborne, No. 2163, at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, on the Monday following.

We anticipate there will be a large gathering of Craftsmen at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, 29th inst., at the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction. A very

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Covent Garden.**—The following extract from the I of 6th November, will be read with interest:—"Through of Mr. S. A. De Parravicini, several artists new to t will appear at Covent Garden Circus during the forthcon Indeed, Mr. William Foster, who will undertake the m and Mr. A. Henry, the equestrian director, are to be co on an array of talent that may already be pronounced b it is to be hoped that Mr. Douglas Cox, who will agai manager, will find full employment in providing place sight-seers. The list of artists will comprise the celeb Family (five in number), including the bareback some Mdlle. Louise; Signor Alessandro Ciniselli, with his splen and liberty horses; Mr. G. Palmer, who is called the gres on a bareback horse in the world; Mr. George Gilbert jockey act rider; Mr. Archer O'Brien, the renowned leap somersault rider; Miss Jennie O'Brien, the success of Madame Cinquevalli, haute école; Mdlle. Jenny, haute éc Aguzzi, bareback rider; Miss Dolinda Cattrelli, trick act Rosita de la Plata, the celebrated female jockey act rider the various gymnasts and acrobats and specialités we m Mdlle. Bianca, L'Etoile des Equilibristes; Mdlle. Alcide the O'Meer's troupe, the Johnson troupe, the Lavater-Walton, with his great troupe of performing dogs and m Lockhart, with his performing midget elephants. More t clowns are engaged, amongst them being Herr Emil N the celebrated Continental droll, 'Gou-Gou.' The musi will be Mr. W. C. Levey."

**Gaiety.**—A farcical comedy by Messrs. W. H. Thomas Burnside, entitled "Coercion," was produced at at the above theatre on Wednesday afternoon. The a managed to introduce in "Coercion" a fair amount of f fortunately, the piece contains but one really good chara fault, coupled with the weak construction, will a drawback that unless the authors can considerably their work it cannot prove a success. However, the heartily enjoyed by the kindly audience, and this may, duce Messrs. Denny and Burnside to reproduce their co early date. The second scene in the second act was stron to; indeed a large majority of the audience exhibited The following may be taken as an outline of the piece: Harborne, of New York (where the action takes place), travelling in England, a gentleman, Hon. Gerald Sydenha with whom he is greatly impressed; he invites him to house for a short time. He informs his daughters and the visit, and tells them that one of them will be expect his guest. The daughters, already engaged without th knowledge, are naturally rather frightened, but resolv help of the niece, to make their father's guest leave t soon as possible. The father is speedily disposed of, by supposed to come from his partner in business, but in re one of the lovers. The ladies proceed to play all sorts the Hon. Gerald Sydenham, the principal of these bein him to fight a dual with Arthur Woodroffe, one of the revolvers, however, are loaded with blank cartridges, and done; still Gerald thinks he has killed his opponent, and by the young ladies to leave the country. He refuses, a servant, disguised as a policeman, enters; he tries to es chimney, but descends in the aunt's (Miss Tabitha room. Now follows the objectionable scene we have alre to. Mr. John Harborne returns, and finds he has been quently there is a disturbance; the girls and his nie soothe his troubled feelings, and all ends happily. The Gerald Sydenham was briskly portrayed by Mr. W. H. John Harborne of Mr. Sidney Valentine also displayed while Mr. Wilfred Draycott as Arthur Woodroffe, and Cantley as Herbert Dalrymple, the lovers, acted with H. Leigh, as Miss Tabitha Maple, was excellent in Fanny Brough, and Miss Edith Chester, were seen to advantage as the daughters Edith and Grace; Winifre the niece, was capitally played by Miss Lucy Bucksto these young ladies seemed to enjoy the fun heartily. Leigh, as Mary; Mr. B. Soane-Roby, as Dennis; an Haynes, as Prodgers; gave the necessary colouring to th At the conclusion the authors received an enthusiastic c

**Criterion.**—Mr. Charles Wyndham, doubtless under sion that a good comedy will always draw, produce Robertson's "David Garrick" last Saturday, with success that he may be congratulated upon. Mr. Rober of the career of the famous Drury Lane actor, is the on Sothern made so popular. The move adopted by M of jumping from farcical comedy, which has been the at the Criterion of late years, to the more serious line has been watched with considerable interest. Indeed h has not appeared in such a serious character as David long time. In his interview with the city merchant I Mr. Wyndham at his best, easy and polished; he app but yet puzzled at the offer made to him, if he will qui sion he is so fond of. Then, when he finds out what imposed upon himself, he never falters, but goes through style. His drunken scene, after Ingot's dinner, is play heretofore; this we think an improvement, as the

ish, at all times fresh, and ever amusing. Mr. David James as got has a character that hardly suits him; nevertheless he gave a ial rendering of the part. He lends Mr. Wyndham invaluable , especially in the first act, where his contempt for such a career Garrick's is sketched with capital point. Mr. George Giddins ve an amusing rendering of Squire Chivey. His scene after arrick's departure for Ingot's house was delightfully bright and tural. Miss Mary Moore as Ada was gentle and winning; while r. William Blakeley and Miss F. Paget were very amusing, as Mr. d Mrs. Smith. The characters of Brown, Jones, and Miss aminta Brown, were satisfactorily acted by Mr. A. Bernard, Mr. J. Sberman, and Miss Emily Miller respectively. The two stage ctures are as lavishly furnished as the style of piece will allow. r. Wyndham should add to his reputation by this his latest venture.

**Novelty.**—On Tuesday evening Mr. Edwin Drew provided an ateur entertainment at this theatre, consisting of a short concert, lowed by a new three act drama entitled "A Woman Outwitted." ie comedy has been written by Messrs. D. M. Henry and E. Drew, d proved to be of a very weak and trivial description. Whether e ladies and gentlemen engaged were responsible for the absurd rases they sometimes used, or whether the authors intended them be uttered, we cannot pretend to decide, but we must say they re so ridiculous that when serious business was supposed to be ing on the house was often convulsed with laughter, not that the dience could be considered an ill-intentioned one; far from it, it t the first and part of the second act out very good-naturedly, but ring the interview that takes place between Mark Fenton and arcia Castelli, alias Miss Brown, and Vittoria Garcia, the unruly ment fairly broke out, and no wonder. To describe the piece uld be a waste of time; it is not likely to be seen outside the ateur world, and not often therein. To obtain revenge, a woman, iss Brown, first forges a cheque, then goes as companion to a iss Fenton, the lady she desires to have revenge on; she throws is young lady's lover, Mark, over some cliffs, because he threatens tell his uncle something the revengful lady desires kept secret for time; she afterwards accuses Miss Fenton of the forgery, and in e end stabs herself with a small penknife, when she finds Mark is t dead. All this is shown in the course of three dreary acts, and ere is but little humour to help to keep the piece alive. The ladies nd gentlemen engaged, with but one exception, were even weaker an the drama. Mr. Drew himself failed to throw any life or imation into the piece. In the scene where Miss Brown quarrels ith Mark, prior to his being pushed over the cliffs, line after line as given in the same heavy monotonous tone. In short, it will be act of kindness if we omit the names of those engaged, if we ake the exception we have already referred to, viz., Mr. Harry roctor, who though having but little to do, acquitted himself in dmirable style. This gentleman's abilities shone brilliantly amid ich a weak company. The earlier part of the programme was more teresting, Mr. Ravenscroft, Madame Harrop, Master Dot, Miss milie Lewis, Miss Eveleen Wogan, Mr. Bruce Wildbrook, and Mr. dwin Drew, each contributed interesting items.

**Strand.**—A matinée was given here on Wednesday, when a new ay, in a prologue and four acts, by Messrs. Walter Browne and rank Roberts, was produced. "Clarice; or, only a Woman" will quire a great deal of "cutting" before it will be fancied by play- ers. The authors have good ideas, but they have been badly ex- ecuted, the result being a weak play. The leading character is a icked and designing woman, who stops at nothing to obtain her ds. Having entrapped a certain Captain Herbert Blake, who by arriage has rescued her from a life of shame, she commits bigamy nd leaves her only child to the care of the O'Hara's, who have ccoured her in her friendless condition. The prologue takes place Paris, but the scene is subsequently transferred to Ireland, where see and hear of evictions and midnight outrages which have but tle to do with the play. To show what kind of character Clarice ally is, we may mention, that having reason to believe Eveleen Hara has taken her place in the affections of Herbert Blake, who es not recognise her after ten years' separation, she attempts to row vitriol over Eveleen. This is the more unkind, for it is clearly own this was the young lady who befriended Clarice in her trouble. the end Clarice is shot by moonlighters, leaving Herbert Blake and eleen to enjoy themselves. The part of Clarice is one that contains me good points, but some of these were not accepted by Miss orence West. Her manner is gentle and pleasing, and she exercises e or two good stage tricks that add considerably to the acting. r. Lewis Waller made a natural Captain Blake, while the sincerity Miss Eva Sothern as Eveleen O'Hara was well displayed. Messrs. mpton Coutts, Sydney Paxton, C. Blakiston, Charles Dodsworth, anscombe, John Gilbert, and Miss Maudie Clitherow all rendered od service to the piece, which was fairly well received. If the thors add a good comical character while they are revising Clarice," the play may be made something of.

**Alhambra.**—Another of the magnificent ballets that have come so deservedly popular at this house was produced on Monday. Dresdina" has been placed on the stage in the perfect style charac- istic of the Alhambra, and will certainly hold its own with most its predecessors. As the word "Dresdina" suggests, it is sup- ed to illustrate the different kinds of potteries. An interesting n of the evening was the introduction of Signorina Sozo (from Petersburg and Berlin) and Mdlle. Cormani (also from Berlin). ese ladies made a most successful *entrée*, their movements being tinguished by agility as well as grace. As is the case with this s of entertainment, the audience is left to make the most of the ry, which, perhaps, in the present instance is not as clear as usual. s can hardly be said to be a drawback, for when graceful dancing combined with magnificent scenery no one should object. The let has been invented and arranged by Mons. J. Hanson, while ns. G. Jacobi has composed the music, which throughout is bright tuneful. The work is in three tableaux. In the first of these ing the dance; they are afterwards joined by the principals, who engage in a grand valse, which is followed by a Hungarian divertissement, admirably led by Mdlle. Marie. After this we are transported to the interior of an old ruined castle, where a "Scene of Fascination" is gone through by Signorina Sozo, Mdlle. Cormani, and statues. This scene is long; it would be much better if shortened. Tableaux 3 is the "Enchanted Palace of Dresden China and Crystal." Here a procession takes place, of the most famous art potteries, followed by some tasteful groupings. The most brilliant of dresses are shown in this tableau, which Mons. Hansen has taken care to arrange in perfect order, strenuously avoiding all violent contrasts. After a most magnificent set has been perfected, a dual dance, by Signorina Sozo and Mdlle. Cormani, is followed by a Ceramic slow valse for the *corps de ballet*; after which Signorina Sozo has another opportunity to show her skill, and then we have the grand finale, which brings the curtain down on a charming scene. The principals were encored in several of their dances. "Dresdina" is in every way up to the standard of Alhambra ballets, and the result must be gratifying to all concerned in its production. "Cupid" is still retained in the programme.

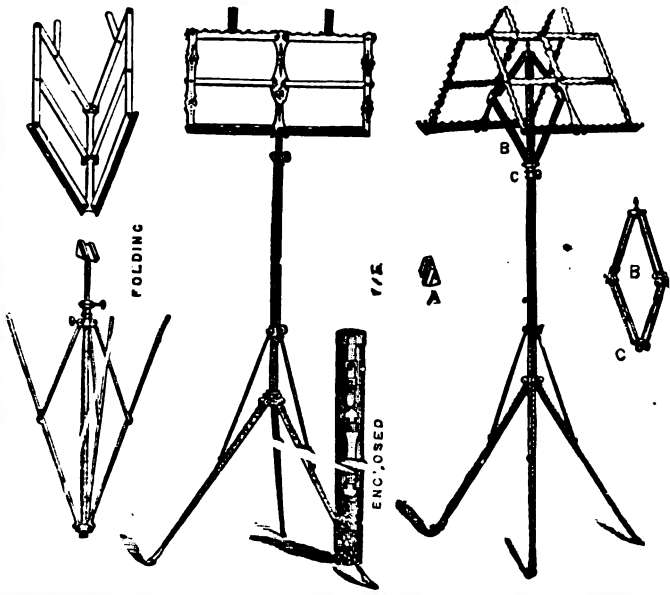
**Comedy.**—As a few weeks since we intimated, the comic opera "Rhoda" has been taken to the West-end. It was produced at the Comedy last Saturday. Since we saw it at the Grand "Rhoda" has been liberally cut. Nevertheless, Mr. C. H. Kenney is still enabled to evoke considerable amusement in his really funny scene. Miss Kate Chard and Mr. Henry Walsham are still in the cast, and we are glad to announce that Mr. Deane Brand has materially improved. Still the reception of the piece at its new quarters must be pronounced equivocal.


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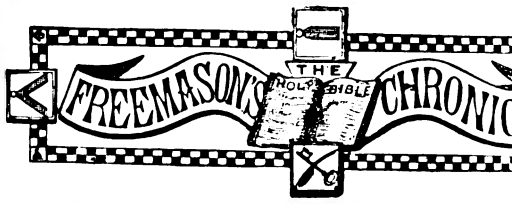
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## GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101

AT the regular Lodge meeting, on Wednesday, 10t were present Bros. Ravenscroft S.W. and W.M. J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Hickie P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Brown and Sparrow Ste ming Tyler; P.M.'s Margrett, Dowsett, Ferguson, Blackwell, Flanagan, Hawkes. Visitors.—Webb P.M. 723, Honey 1101, Lewis 945, Martin 591, Robson 340 Livings 414, Millard 2043, Brock 68, Higgs 414, Stanif 190, Whasol 309, Bance 1714, Crane 1399, Coleman 24 2043, Sydenham S.W. 2043, Turner 340, Lindars Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks P.M. 414, Blackwe Gadd 1247, Stubington Sec. 2043, Smith 1566, Galt 4 Binckes P.G. Steward Sec. R.M.I.B., Dixon P.P.G.S. Sec. Prov. Charity Committee, Wells 140, Martin 414, Sellar 414, Trench W.M. 2043. The installation of t Master of this spirited Lodge (now in its 21st yea on Wednesday, 10th inst., when there was a large a gathering of the Craft to witness the interesting the installation of Bro. Ravenscroft, who was duly elect chair of K.S. at the regular Lodge in October. Th absent through indisposition, but his place was well Hawkes P.M., who proceeded to open the Lodge soon There was but little business on the agenda paper;— joining member, also for an initiate, both of whom w Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last re were read and confirmed. The acting W.M. resigned the hands of Bro. E. Margrett, to whom the candidate was presented, and who responded to the customary charges in a satisfactory manner. The Board of In being formed, the beautiful ceremony of installation formed by Bro. Margrett, with the assistance of Bros. Dowsett, who proclaimed the W.M. from the W. a Lodge being resumed, the W.M., after thanking the their kindness in electing and installing him, proce and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hawkes Creed S.W., Hickie J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greena Slaughter S.D., Hukins J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., She Sparrow I.G., Brown and Ridley Stewards, Hemming conclusion of the business the Lodge was closed acco form, when the brethren retired from labour to refr Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provid Flanagan, in his usual excellent style, and to wh seventy members of the Craft sat down. Bro. K filled the chair, and as there was a limited time the different toasts, with of course a speech to each, h

Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Worshipful Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Grand Officers Past and Present, were done ample Masonic justice to. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M., and was eloquently responded to. The toast of the Visitors was proposed in a highly amusing speech by Brother Welch, whose talent for raising the risibility of his audience is proverbial in Reading and its neighbourhood. Bro. Murdock, M.P., proposed the Masonic Institutions, in an eloquent manner, urging the brethren to make some sacrifice so as to support the three excellent Institutions which have been invariably held up as models of those excellent virtues "Charity and Benevolence." Bro. Binckes responded, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bro. Mason for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Dixon for the Provincial Charity Committee. The friendly rivalry between Bros. Binckes and Dixon excited much amusement, and it is difficult to say which did best. The remaining toasts of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the other Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge were duly proposed and responded to, also the Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, Union 414, and her youngest son, the Kendrick 2043, the Treasurer and other Officers of the Grey Friars Lodge, the Initiate, concluding with the Tyler's Toast. It certainly was a most successful meeting, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some admirable singing, under the conductorship of Bro. H. C. Sherwin. The brethren dispersed at an early hour.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE second meeting of the season, as regards the above Lodge, was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel Bro. T. W. Potter W.M. presiding. The members appeared in deep mourning, in token of respect to the late Bro. George Gwyn Parker, whose lamentable and untimely death, which occurred a few days since, was reported in these columns. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read by Bro. Baber P.M., the newly-appointed Secretary, they were unanimously confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Grebe, a professor of music at the Brighton Aquarium, a candidate for admission into this Lodge, which resulted unanimously in his favour; he was in attendance, and was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the important rite being rendered by the Worshipful Master in a most careful, correct, and impressive manner, clearly proving that the brethren had made a good choice in placing him in the chair. The next business was to vote a sum of five guineas from the Benevolent Fund to a distressed member of the Lodge; this being the second time the said brother had been assisted. The next business on the agenda was to consider a notice of motion given by Bro. F. T. C. Keeble P.M., viz., that the initiation fee be reduced from fifteen to ten guineas, and the joining fee from twenty to ten guineas." An attempt was made to get the hitherto prohibitory fee against joining members reduced to seven guineas, there having been but one joining member since the consecration of the Lodge, but both motions, as originally proposed, were agreed to. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of Bro. George Gwyn Parker was proposed and accepted, and after some other matters in reference to the practice of the Lodge had been discussed, the meeting was brought to a close and the Lodge adjourned until the second Saturday in December.

## PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Saturday last, in the presence of one of the most brilliant and largest assemblies of Masons that have ever honoured a private Lodge with their presence on such an occasion. Additional interest was lent to the occasion from the fact that the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. C. L. Mason) has twice served the office of Master in his mother Lodge (304), and that he is one of the best-known and most respected Freemasons in the Province—having, in addition to other honours, had the peculiar satisfaction of serving as Grand Treasurer of West Yorks. Nearly every Lodge in the Province was represented by either its Worshipful Master or a Past Master, and there was a good attendance of members from the neighbouring Province. Wor. Bro. Dr. Smyth assumed the gavel for the last time, and all the Officers were in their places to receive Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Provincial Grand Master, entered, and was saluted in due and antient form, as also were the other past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who included Bro. H. Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There were also present:—Members of Prudence Lodge: Bros. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., D.P.G.M. East. Arch., W.M., C. L. Mason P.M. S.W., Tudor Trevor P.M. J.W., Rev. Hercules S. Butler Chap., W. Watson P.M. Secretary, Robt. Abbott Treasurer, M. W. Jameson as S.D., S. Scott Young J.D., Charles Middleton Dir. of Cere., J. J. Fretwell I.G., Tom Atkinson Steward, S. Barrand Tyler, Robt. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Alf. Cooke, Arthur Butterworth, B. Sykes Bailey, T. P. Robinson, Edw. Holt, Wilton Jones, Guy Hayler, R. A. Smithson, Lewis Howarth, Rev. Jas. Rosser, and Horace Milling. Visitors: The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master, Wor. Bros. Henry Smith 302 Deputy Grand Master, Thos. W. Embleton 1513 P.G.S.W., Joseph Binney 139 P.G. Reg., Herbert G. E. Green 1019 P.G. Sec., W. H. 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Believe me it affords us the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to have been able to avail ourselves of the invitation to be present at this most interest ing ceremony this afternoon. We have come here for three reasons (1) to testify our esteem and regard towards the present occupant o the chair of this Lodge, (2) from respect and esteem to the incoming Master, and (3) to show our appreciation of the progress which th Prudence Lodge has made since I had the honour of consecrating i in 1884. With regard to the present occupant of the chair of King Solomon, I have had the honour of his acquaintance for some time I have had the pleasure of perusing that charming little book giving an epitome of his labours in various parts of the world (by Bro. Wm Watson P.M.), and the more I know of Dr. Smyth the more I learn to appreciate his piety and his great love for the Craft. With regard to our friend Bro. Mason, who is about to take his place, according to the Book of Constitutions, I not only know him, but have honoured him as one of the most earnest students and able brethren in the Province of West Yorks, and it is to me and to the other Provincia Officers, past and present, a great pleasure to be present upon this most auspicious occasion. Let me, Worshipful Master, congratulate you and every member of this Lodge on the progress which the Prudence has made during the two years of its existence. I began with a new principle as an experiment, and I believe that experiment and that new principle has answered upon the basis upon which you have carried it out; therefore I hope we shall see an enlargement of that principle, and an augmentation of the numbers of such very excellently worked Lodges as years go by. I must commend this Lodge for the admirable manner in which it has adhered to the ancient landmarks of the Order, especially in its adherence to the grand principle of our Order—I mean Charity. I notice on the list which has closed during the past year that this generous Lodge, which only numbers about thirty members, has given £52 10s to the Boys, £52 10s to the Girls, and £31 to the Old Men; in fact, the Lodge has supported our Charity Committee with the handsome sum of £136. Provincial Grand Lodge thanks you for this very munificent support to our Charities; for, as I said to the Provincial Grand Lodge, it needs all our generosity and all our spare votes to help our Charity Committee in the forthcoming Annuitants' election, in May, because where there are 130 candidates and not a single vacancy, so to speak, the Committee have before them difficulties that are almost insuperable. I hope I may be pardoned for mentioning the generosity of this Lodge, small though it is in numbers, to the Charities. It is my most earnest wish that the Craft in Leeds should prosper. I am in a position to say that during the past year the eight Lodges in Leeds have shown a kindness of feeling towards each other which is most gratifying. That is the true spirit of Masonry, and one which it is my object, and the object of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to cultivate to the greatest possible extent throughout this great Province. A paragraph at the back of the programme shows how the spirit of Masonry has been carried out. It says:—"It need scarcely be intimated how largely the efficiency of the 'working,' the maintenance of which is so essential to the due appreciation of our beautiful ceremonial, and advancement in the general prosperity of the Lodge, has been due to the guidance of those skilful and experienced brethren (Wor. Bros. Woodhouse and Smyth)." I feel sure that under the administration of the new Worshipful Master the Prudence Lodge will go on and prosper, and set a new example of charity—which it had so brilliantly done in the past. In conclusion, the Right Wor. Brother said: I think the members of this Lodge have shewn themselves in every way ready to receive wisdom and instruction, and "to appreciate wisdom better than silver, and knowledge rather than fine gold." I can only say, may this Lodge go on and prosper; may Masonry in my Province go on and prosper, and increase in usefulness and influence till time shall be no more. The installation ceremony was beautifully worked by the out-going Master, and the brethren below the

duly proclaimed and saluted as Worshipful Master of the Prudence Lodge for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain I.P.M., Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., Watson P.M. J.W., Rosser Chap., Abbott Treas., Middleton Sec., B. S. S. Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., L. Howarth Org., T. Atkinson and G. Storey D. of C., Butterworth and Milling Stewards, S. Barraud Tyler. Bro. Watson presented a very satisfactory Charity report, which was acknowledged by W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D. Chairman of Charity Committee of the Province, after which Bro. Watson was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The Senior and Junior Wardens were selected to act on the Local Charity Committee. The Worshipful Master then rose, and was received with hearty applause. He said: We have to acknowledge and appreciate the services rendered to this Lodge during the past year by the Past Master. I think Lodge Prudence has every reason to be thankful that it has had a Master of such vast and varied experience to preside over it as Dr. Smyth. He is not a Mason of to-day, but he has been a Free and Accepted Mason for 43 years. He has served the Craft not only in the Isle of Man, the Northern Counties of England—having been P.G. Chaplain of Northumberland—but, when duty called him to India, some years ago, he was appointed P.G. Chaplain and afterwards Deputy District Master Eastern Archipelago. Those who have had the pleasure of reading the account of his life—written by Bro. Wm. Watson—will see what his labours were thought of there, not only in the Craft, but also during his performance of duties which I trust none of us will ever be called upon to undergo, during that fearful mutiny which took place in 1857. Bro. Smyth was in the Square at Meerut when people knew not what an hour would bring forth, when the white population of that place were in deadly peril. At this time our worthy brother administered consolation to those who so sorely needed it; he at that time thoroughly exemplified the great law, not only of the Church, to which he is attached as a clergyman, but also the law of every Freemason, to do good to those around us. I can no better express the feelings of the Prudence Lodge in parting with him than to use the language of the garrison and residents of Meerut when he left them, namely, that they had lost a right-hand friend and a sincere worker from amongst them. I trust that although we have lost Dr. Smyth as Worshipful Master, we shall have him amongst us for many years to come, aiding and assisting in the prosperity of the Lodge in which I know he takes so much interest. I call upon R.W. Bro. Tew to present this jewel on behalf of the Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by Lodge Prudence, No. 2069,
To its second Master,
Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.M.,
Past Deputy District Grand Master Eastern Archipelago,
Provincial Grand Chaplain West Yorks.
13th November 1886.

The Provincial Grand Master said: It affords me the greatest possible satisfaction to have been invited here to-day by the Lodge to pin this jewel upon your breast as a sincere mark and token of the appreciation of every brother in this Lodge and, I may add, of every brother in the Province of West Yorks. We feel it to be a fortunate circumstance for Freemasonry in this Province that it has the honour of looking up to you as the Grand Chaplain of the Province. A very gallant friend of mine has told me how, when returning with his troops from India, you were on board the vessel, and how you won the hearts of men by the manner in which you nursed and tended them when they were sick. I have, therefore, peculiar pleasure in pinning this jewel upon your breast. The Rev. Dr. Smyth, who was evidently much affected by the warmth of his reception, replied, as follows:—It would be to me anything but a source of satisfaction to receive this jewel had I thought it was a stereotyped thing in Lodge Prudence, as in some Lodges, to present a jewel to the outgoing Master, whether he had discharged his duties in their opinion conscientiously or not. It would be no pleasure to have this jewel upon my breast if I could not put my hand upon my heart and say, that however imperfectly I had performed the high office of Master, I had performed it in accordance with the dictates of my conscience and with the sincere wish to benefit Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular. Any imperfections of mine have, I feel, been covered by the affectionate kindness which you now are showing me, and which has ever existed between us. While I remember the words of the wise man, that the threefold cord is not easily broken, yet I fear that one of the strands of Freemasonry's threefold cord, which binds you and me together has been broken to-day, for I am no longer Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and as constitutional ruler you are no longer called upon to obey me in that capacity. Brethren, there are other two strands still remaining unbroken, and I trust will so continue until the G.A.O.T.U. shall summon me from this sublunary abode. The two strands are the friendship and affection which exists between us, and an earnest, deep and reverent attachment to the sublime principles of the ancient Order which we love so much. I have often, in the capacity of Master, had to call your attention to the three lights of Masonry. I now discard two of the lights for a moment for my thoughts, and ask you to concentrate your thoughts upon one Master who rules over all. Into His realms we, as faithful Masons, shall be found if we do our duty. And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever. I thank you, Worshipful Master and Brethren, from the bottom of my heart for this and every other proof of your affection and esteem. of the Leeds and other Lodges, my extreme pleasure at seeing on this occasion. I esteem it a very great honour to see such a company gathered on the present occasion, and I thoroughly ciate the kindly feelings that have caused it. It has been my serve as W.M. of my mother Lodge two years, therefore upon a ing this chair my feelings are not exactly the same as those newly installed Master, yet I do feel it a great hono occupy the chair of Lodge Prudence. The Lodge was f under somewhat peculiar circumstances. It was felt, i first place, that it was desirable to have a Lodge m on the Saturday afternoon, and, secondly, it was thought de to have a Lodge on what we may call temperance lines. often heard it said by the uninitiated that Freemasonry was n better than an eating and drinking society. If in estab Lodge Prudence in Leeds we do nothing more than prove that masonry can exist and flourish without that—and I do not w say a word against any other Lodge—we shall have establish principle that Freemasonry is founded upon something great nobler, that it is founded upon principles that will stand ever and survive "the wreck of mighty empires." We are not a totallers—I am not one myself, but I have joined this Lo prove to those who sneer and cast stones at us th have a principle far above what they give us credit f that principle will stand every test that is brought against i other business offering for the good of Freemasonry the Lodg closed amid a perfect volley of hearty good wishes. The grea of visitors and members dined together, and later in the eve concert, attended by ladies, was given. This latter part proceedings was especially enjoyed by the ladies, who are re invited to the entertainments of this Lodge. The company sep about 11 o'clock, after having spent one of the most happy and ful days in the history of Lodge Prudence.

## FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452

THIS old Surrey Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, 16th i the Masonic Hall, Croydon, and the perfect success evening is a testimony how well it sustains its name as a L Unity. The principle contained in the motto adopted by the L "Initium Sapientiæ amor Domini" has a natural correlative fraternal affection that exists among its members, and was a Worshipful Master placed in the chair of K.S more sincere plaudits than Brother C. G. Scott, who last meeting of the Lodge was unanimously elected to that im post. The last W.M., Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., from his th command of the ritual, was able to perform the ceremony satisfaction of all. A Board of Installed Masters, consis Bros. Magnus Ohren P.G.D.C., C. M. Ohren, F. A. M P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Sugg P.P.G.D., A. T. Jeffery P.P.G.I Ackland had of course the privilege of the first greeting, Br acting as D.C. throughout the ceremony, and ably giving one addresses. The Officers appointed and invested were: Magnus Ohren P.M. Treasurer, W. G. Hunter S.W., D. I J.W., H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, J. Steele P.M. P.P S.D., W. Ackland P.M. J.D., J. Waterman I.G. At the concl the ceremony Bro. Frances was presented with a P.M.'s jew a few kindly words of commendation from the W.M. A ver some gift was then made to the Lodge by Bro. Scott, the being a banner displaying the arms, with the armorial bearing Prov. Grand Master and Bro. Scott, whose appropriate Masoni —"usque ad fidelis"—was much appreciated. Before the the Lodge the Secretary said he had the painful duty to inf Lodge officially of the lamented death of their D.G.M C. Greenwood, and the symbols of mourning about the silent acknowledgments of the sympathy they all felt for h he moved that an expression of sympathy and condolence family be placed upon the minutes. Bro. Frances also testifie strong personal regard he had for their late brother, and th years he had been associated with him in the Province. Bro. Ohren also spoke upon the subject in feeling terms, and the was carried. After Lodge was closed the brethren sat down quet. The usual toasts were given, Bro. Magnus Ohren repl the Grand Officers and also for the Treasurer. In giving the of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Frances testified to his grea cations as a Mason, and his worthiness as a friend. Br his pupil as a Masonic student, had made steady ar progress, was perfect master of the ritual, and possessed fidence and esteem of every member of the Lodge. The pro were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the bret parted to their respective homes with the knowledge they h a happy evening together, although tempered with the re the Province had lost one of its most valued Officers.

## UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, N

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, 10th inst., w were present Bros. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.J.W. N. and W.M., Smithson P.M. P.S. P.G.D. S.W., Masters P.M. J.W Secretary, Potts I.G., Carr P.M., Bolas, Davis, &c. Amo Visitors were Bros. Lake P.M. 130 (who acted as I.P.M.), W.M. 602, Myall 1287, &c. The chief business of the eve the raising of Bro. Davis, which was gone through most imp and could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds

and had been represented at the three great Masonic Festivals of the year, the Stewards' lists amounting together to about £85. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Carr P.M., and received most enthusiastically by the brethren. Each of the Visitors said a few graceful words in reply to their toast, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and profitable evening to a close.

## LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge at Chelmsford, on Thursday, 11th Nov., Bro. A. G. Maskell S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At this same meeting W. Bro. Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Sarel Tyler. At the close of the business, the annual Oyster Supper was held, at the White Hart Hotel.

## ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, 9th November, at Walton-on-the-Naze, the coincidence of its being held upon the anniversary of the birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was commemorated by a banquet, at which the health of the Grand Master was drank with special honours. During the evening a congratulatory telegram was sent from the Lodge to His Royal Highness at Sandringham, and at 8·30 a reply was received, as follows:—

"From Sandringham to Arnold Masonic Lodge.

"I am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for your congratulations. FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

The banquet was provided by the host (Mr. Walter Partridge) in his usual excellent manner, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Bertolle in the chair. Bro. Bertolle subsequently resigned the gavel to Bro. Putland, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Three new members were enrolled, and the Lodge was adjourned until Wednesday next, when Brother Edwin Storr P.M. 167 will rehearse the ceremony of installation. A large gathering of brethren is expected on that occasion.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.**—At the meeting held on Monday, the 15th instant, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Bugler W.M., Langley S.W., Cutbill J.W., Bond Treasurer, Grundy Secretary, Gomperts S.D., Sapsworth J.D., Taylor D.C., Harling I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Carter, Webb, and Williams, Bros. Slinn, Dene, Martin, Featherstone, Plant. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Featherstone candidate; charge given by Brother Gompertz. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to the first, when the first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor, answers by the brethren. Brother Langley was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and named Officers in rotation. After hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Monday, the 22nd instant, at the hour of 8 p.m.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday, at Bro. Bakers', the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. White W.M., Caseley S.W., Flack J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Fenner P.M. Preceptor, Clark J.D. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ball as candidate. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked. Bro. Ball answered the questions leading to the second and third degrees. Bro. Caseley was elected W.M. for Monday next. Lodge closed in due form, and was adjourned.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.** — On Saturday, 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. D. S. Long W.M., W. W. Williams S.W., W. G. Coat J.W., G. Gardner Treas., A. Williams Sec., G. Gardner S.D., A. Gammell J.D., Craggs Steward, Hazlitt I.G., Ayling Preceptor, P.M. J. Sims; also Bros. Wood, Hopkins, Stroud, Osborne Dodson, Harvey W.M. elect 2012, V. Wing. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wood offered himself as a candidate for passing; he was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony rehearsed in a perfect manner by the W.M. Bro. Stroud, as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a manner that gained the commendation of the brethren. The W.M. then gave the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the first degree; the first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. After a hearty vote of thanks had been given to the W.M. for the excellence of his working (the first time in this Lodge of Instruction), the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

## BIRTH.

JORGAN.—At 17 Medina Road, Holloway, N., on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the wife of Bro. Thomas Jorgan, of a son.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE annual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 11th November, in the Library at Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. John J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. Z., Richard Clowes H., George Harrison H. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. James Terry P.Z. P.G.D.C. Herts and Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and at its conclusion the following Officers were invested:—Comps. Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. P.G.S.E. S.E., J. T. Bailey S.N., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, T. G. Mills P.S., A. S. P. Sparling 1st A.S., R. D. Poppleton 2nd A.S., C. Ormond P.G.O. Organist, John Manson Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Companion Terry for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day; and the sum of five guineas was voted towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The report of the Auditors was read, and showed the funds of the Chapter to be in a satisfactory condition. Nearly thirty Companions afterwards dined together in the new coffee room of the Three Cups Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the manager, Mr. Edwards. During the evening the sum of £6 5s was collected to supplement the grant voted in Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Among the Companions present, besides those already mentioned, were:—Comps. A. H. Moyes P.Z. 88, C. O. G. Becker P.Z. 51, N. Tracy P.Z. P.G.S.E. Suffolk, S. R. Anness P.Z., H. J. Wright P.Z., all of 376; F. B. Haler 507, Alfred Welch P.Z. P.G.J., J. E. Wiseman P.Z. Past Grand Sword Bearer, E. Hennemeyer P.Z., Thomas Rix P.Z., J. Street P.Z., R. Little, W. Jelley, P. Horsman, R. Haward Ives, and F. Quilter.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. W. H. Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Jenkins J., Sheffield S.E., Brasted S.N., Barnet P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. Altogether there was a large assembly of Royal Arch Masons, many of these preparing for the various offices they have been elected to fill.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor, on Saturday, the 27th instant, at seven p.m. The chair will be taken by Bro. Farwig P.M. 180, Bro. C. A. Woods P.M. 145 being S.W., and Bro. Westley J.W. 1986 J.W, Bro. H. A. Stunt P.M. 1320 Secretary, 12 Akerman-road, Brixton. The meeting will take place at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road.

## GLEANINGS.

TWO KINDS OF MASONS.—There is not a Lodge of Masons in the world that does not have two kinds of Masons, and not only in Lodge, but in all organizations, are those same classes to be found, and the following, from the *Keystone*, is very true:—"There are two kinds of good Masons—those that *are* Masons indeed, and those that *know* Masonry. There are some brethren who know Masonry, and yet are not Masons—it is so much easier to know a thing than to be what it implies. It is a capital thing to be a good ritualist, provided you mean what you say, and practise what you teach. It is often said that a brother who can confer all the degrees with honour is a good Mason. So he is, *skin deep*, but he ought to be a Mason all through, and especially in his *heart*. There is nothing like heart-Masonry. It tells in the life as well as on the lips. Indeed, some men are Masons at heart who never were initiated. They are fit to be made Masons, but never happened to petition for initiation. It is a lucky thing for the world that it has these heart-Masons in it, all unlabelled, but as surely Masons in action as though they had received the imprimatur of the Craft.

AMERICAN TEMPLAR STATISTICS.—There are at present in the United States thirty-three Grand Commanderies, having an aggregate membership of 67,300, and thirty-five subordinate Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, having a membership of 2,186; total, 69,486.

MASTER BUILDERS.—In the earliest days of operative Masonry, the great object of the master builders was to erect beautiful and substantial edifices with foundations so deeply laid, and superstructure so skilfully cemented together, that the ravages of time might be defied, and their magnificent specimens of skill, surviving for ages, should be monuments to future generations of their genius and greatness. When speculative succeeded operative Masonry, the great and good, who were its founders, had a nobler end in view. Their ambition was of a loftier and more exalted type—to elevate their race, to render man a wiser and happier being, and to inculcate those sublime doctrines of Eternal Truth, a knowledge and practice of which would fit them as living stones in that Spiritual Temple

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

## MONDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1663—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
782—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
993—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

## TUESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Tollcuse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1767—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 18?—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 859—Burnsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1276—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1069—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 160—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruc
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street,
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, a
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Ins
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pennin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Ins
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (In
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruct
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Ins
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Brid
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancash
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
RA. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Coughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo Universary, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswi
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street,
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## THURSDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (I
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instru
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruc
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instructio
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (I
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Inst
786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe N
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (In
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Waterminster-bridge, at 8
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at (I
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruc
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instructi
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 4.30
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1554—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberw
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street,
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (I
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instru
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Ins
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bu
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instru
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 857—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Woo
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road
at 8. (Instruction)
Board of Works Office, Oxford

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Barnsley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

## FRIDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
956—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1889—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
C.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

653—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
903—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
985—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
991—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
993—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1021—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1921—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M,C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magnalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
C.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
524—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
879—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
1012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Final Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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## FREEMASONRY AND THE PROPOSED JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

THE Freemasons of England will, next Wednesday, be called upon to express an opinion on a subject which requires, as it will no doubt receive, the fullest attention at their hands. At the meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. will move, "That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, having invited the co-operation of Her Majesty's subjects in the formation of an Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India, as the Memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee, it be resolved that this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes as its contribution towards the proposed Institute," and it will be for the brethren then assembled to decide what steps shall be taken in regard to the proposal. Whatever may be the result, so far as next Wednesday is concerned, we have no doubt but that the Masons of England will eventually contribute something towards the proposed Institute, but we think the motion submitted by Brother Stewart is premature, and we hope the decision of the matter will be postponed until a more suitable occasion.

The general feeling in regard to the proposed Institute is that it may be productive of much benefit if properly established and conducted; while, on the other hand, there is hardly any limit to the evils it may create, if hastily started or wrongly worked. Freemasons are proverbial for their caution, and, considering their earliest lessons, this is hardly to be wondered at. They may therefore well pause ere they commit themselves to the support of a scheme about which so little is at present settled, much less vote a large sum from their funds in aid of it. No doubt there are many brethren who will be inclined to accept the invitation of their beloved Grand Master without question, and give His Royal Highness all the support that lies in their power in furtherance of the scheme he has set his heart upon, and we feel no hesitation in urging individual brethren to adopt such a course, as by that means we believe the desired objects of the Grand Master are the most likely to be achieved, but the same advice cannot be given when it becomes a question of voting away public money. Before Grand Lodge is asked to devote any part of its funds to the Institute all preliminary details should be settled, and before that can be done the scheme must secure such support as will leave no doubt in the minds of those who care to inquire as to the lines on which it is to be conducted.

There are some of its advocates who urge that the Institute should be worked on the basis of a huge trading concern. Under such circumstances it should be self-supporting, or its operations would have a disastrous effect on the trading classes, who can hardly be expected to compete with an institute supported by public funds. This view of the matter is alone sufficient to induce the brethren to postpone their decision on the proposal now submitted to them, for in view of the prevailing distress in the country, and the consequent heavy demands which are continually being made on the charitable instincts of Freemasons, it would be most unwise to support any proposal which, even in the most remote way, England should not spend any part of their public funds in support of the proposal. As we have said, they are quite justified in devoting any money of their own to any object they choose, but the funds of Grand Lodge are not equally applicable; they were subscribed for a given purpose, and any departure from the ordinary course should only be sanctioned after the most mature consideration.

As Freemasons we are bound to recognise the actions of the majority of those who attend Grand Lodge, but it does not follow that every decision there arrived at represents the opinion of the Craft, or that every vote meets the approval of the majority of the brethren; indeed, the occasional non-confirmation of portions of the minutes supplies ample evidence to the contrary. It must be remembered that the right to attend Grand Lodge is restricted to a very small proportion of the brethren, and, further, that a large majority of those eligible to take part in its deliberations are unable to attend the stated Communications. Hence is it desirable the greatest care should be exercised in submitting any proposal which may not be in accord with the views of every section of the Order, more especially when the proposal is in connection with a subject manifestly outside the limits of Freemasonry, as this proposed Colonial and Indian Institute undoubtedly is.

It must also be borne in mind that whatever is proposed in Grand Lodge in connection with such a subject as that under notice is more than likely to be copied by Private Lodges, and wherever such a proposal as that to be submitted on Wednesday is made, we think a discussion is probable. In view of such a contingency we can but feel that the line which divides the subject from those which are justly forbidden in Masonry is a very narrow one, indeed, it is more than probable that some brethren will find it difficult to recognise the question as a truly national one, while, on the contrary, many will regard it as being somewhat of a party character. If it can be demonstrated that the Institute is to be established and maintained for the public good, irrespective of any cliqueism or benefit to a particular section, then Freemasons may justly be asked to contribute to its funds, and there is little doubt but that the result will be of the character which the promoters of the scheme desire, as Freemasons are not slow in exercising their sympathy with all proposals made with a view of benefitting their fellow creatures, but as we have already said, nothing definite has yet been settled, and accordingly Freemasons may this year vote money for an object which next they may deem to be neither desirable nor worthy of support.

We regret that a brother usually so alive to the interests of the Craft at large, and so mindful of detail, as Brother Raynham W. Stewart, should have been carried away by his enthusiasm for the Grand Master, as he apparently has been on this occasion. Although we have the greatest faith in our Grand Master's power to accomplish what he undertakes, and fully believe his aim in connection with the proposed Institute is to benefit the people over whom he will in all probability some day be called upon to rule, we question his ability to successfully combat the opposition which is sure to be shown in certain quarters if the Institute is established on lines which are likely to affect the trading classes of the community, and so far it appears to be widely recognised that some such contingency must arise

be worked is that adopted in connection with the various exhibitions held in the Metropolis during the last few years, but this method would supply equal, even if not stronger, reasons against official support by Grand Lodge, for although those exhibitions may have proved of advantage to the Metropolis and, comparatively, a few visitors from the country, they certainly have not had any marked benefit on the Empire at large.

We hope it will not be thought that in thus expressing our views against the suggestion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, we are disloyal to our Grand Master, or that we desire to throw cold water on his proposal. On the contrary, we should be among the first to co-operate, as far as our ability permits, in any work likely to benefit our fellow creatures, and would advise our brethren to help also if we saw our way clear, but we cannot overlook the fact mentioned in the earlier part of this article, that there is a fearful amount of distress prevailing in the country, in view of which exceptionally heavy calls may be expected from brethren in misfortune on our various Charity funds. Add to this the uncertainty which exists as to the scope and future of the suggested Institute, and we think the Freemasons of England will agree with us that a postponement of the proposal to be submitted by Bro. Stewart on Wednesday next is the course to be adopted.

## LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATIONS.

*An oration by the Rev. R. W. Hill, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Oregon, June* 1886.

(Continued from p 325.)

### THE MASON'S DUTY TO GOD.

THE close and vital connection between Masonry and religion is manifest, when all that one can do in the Masonic system is made to give place to the performance of the duty which one owes to his Maker. If anything were necessary to disprove the assertion that Masonry and true religion are not in harmony, this fundamental limitation, imposed by Masonry itself as the interpretation of all its vows, should be sufficient answer, and in the face of this recognition of the duty which every soul owes to God—as a duty paramount to all others which may appeal to man—it is folly to say that Masonry is not the willing handmaid of religion. There is no doubt that some forget this recognition of the place of religion, and instead of duty to God elevate selfish interest to the dominant position in life.

It has even happened that a so-called Masonic body has decided that recognition of God and the Bible is not essential to Masonry, but this decision met with such a storm of indignation, and such an immediate withdrawal of fellowship, that it will not be repeated by any body of men desiring to retain standing with us.

That Mason is the best and the truest whose private life is spent in consonance with this fundamental principle, and whether one be the Entered Apprentice who stands in the north-east corner, or the Masonic veteran, who has been crowned with all the honours which Masonry has power to bestow, if there be any departure from this chief duty, then Masonry puts the seal of condemnation upon him. It is a doctrine of Masonry which is thus early impressed upon all who receive the sublime mysteries, that man's chiefest joys are those of heaven, rather than of earth, and that, therefore, duty to God is above duty to man. Heaven is the home, and here we are to prepare for the Lodge above. And it is also one of the teachings of Masonry that—

> "Heaven is not far from those who see
> With the pure spirit's sight;
> But near, and in the very hearts
> Of those who see aright."

Hence, no man who would worthily walk as a Master Mason can refuse to acknowledge the supreme duty of life, and pay to God the devotion which is His due. The irreligious and the atheistic cannot be true Masons, and though worship. These, while good in their proper plac constitute the supreme duty to which Masonry yi is into the spirit and life itself that religion must e must be a permeating element in all the relations the affections of life. It must be the chief moul fluence in the character. In a word, it must be the rule in all the affairs of life, to warrant its place in limitations. Masonry, like man, bows in reverenc Great I Am, "who was, who is, and who shall b without end," and makes His law the great light all should walk, if they would see life in truth.

This recognition and adoration of God is as ol manity itself. From the border line of light, wher can no more guide us, we feel our way along back the ruins of temples, and the fragments of religio tion, and this we learn, that whatever has befal throughout the ages, the disposition to worship ha existed, and is implanted in the human soul as the of being. Beliefs as to the nature of God and H butes may be changed through the ages; liturgies vices may be shattered and left far behind, as ma forward, but always and everywhere the conceptio must hold a chief place in human thought, and m duty will ever be acknowledged as due to "Him teth upon the circle of the heavens." And thus, duty to God, the highest and most important know, is a fundamental limitation to Masonry.

Another limitation is the broad one of the Masc to his family.

### THE MASON'S DUTY TO HIS FAMIL

Whatever claims society may have upon any m is a closer bond between himself and those of household, which cannot be passed over. The fo of all society is, after all, in the family, and upon th of the family the state must depend. Anythin strikes at the peace or prosperity of the home is de of all social interests. No man can be true to himse not true to his family, and to forget the claims of t are placed within the sacred inner circle of life, for of anything which i not to their advantage or in to be false to the first principles of Masonry. W accustomed to regard the family as part of oursel this saying may appear to some a truism, and y sure that some of those who listen to these words are to forget the duty which is thus owing to the times. I have known of a zealous Mason who lef wife to attend at a meeting of his Lodge, and th the long hours of his nightly absence she waited i his return, that he might minister to her needs. be Masonry in the estimation of those who are s wrapt up in the ritual of the Lodge, but to some i doubtedly appear as a violation of both the letter spirit of Masonic instruction, and unworthy of an professes belief in the principles of our Order. this character cannot be ignored with safety by for if the family be neglected, whether for the sake or personal pleasure, it will result in such unbal the home as must bring calamity to all concerne to the family does not consist altogether in maki sion for the wants of the body, and any one who with this *alone*, fails to understand the larger important duty which has devolved upon hi father, the husband, the son and the brother ali enhance the happiness of those who are related t the family bond in every possible way. Much as shelter have to do with the happiness and well be family life, mutual endeavour to satisfy the crav heart for love and sympathy will go further to and more fully discharge the duty. And, again, not be forgotten that in the *little things* of life happiness or misery is contained. Masonry is in rather than in ceremony or ritual; performance obligations is true obedience to Masonic law, there is seeming conflict, the family has the pref the Lodge by the law of Masonry itself. In all relations of life, Masonry enters not to distu destroy, but to strengthen and establish by the influence and the force of its teachings. There

the faith." The family, the home, Masonry recognizes as the centre of every true life, and the place where all sweet affections are brought forth and matured. Says the old proverb, wisely: "He who is far from home is near to harm." No one can doubt that the home is the very bulwark of personal happiness and thrift, and that the worst evil which could befal Masonry would be the consummation of the plans of socialists and communists, who would destroy the home and erect great barracoons in which all should dwell together without privacy and without special rights. Blessed be Masonry, in that it has put the seal of condemnation on all things which have tendency to destroy the influences of the home; that it throws its guards around what is dearest and sweetest in life, and that it lifts up rather than tears down the barriers which God and nature have erected to defend the affections and the duties pertaining to life. It is a bulwark and strong defence of the home. No wonder, then, that we find here a Masonic limitation; no wonder that here we meet with a duty which is, before any, distinctly Masonic. The home before the Lodge. We say with the poet:

> Where'er I roam, whatever realm to see,
> My heart untravelled fondly turns to thee;
> Still to my home it turns with ceaseless pain,
> And drags at each remove a lengthening chain."

Another limitation is the Mason's duty to his country.

## THE MASON'S DUTY TO HIS COUNTRY.

It will not be denied that the demands which our country is entitled to make are of such a character as to place them above anything purely personal. It has been for this reason that patriotism has ranked as one of the greatest and purest elements of character in all ages. Poets have sung the praise of the love of country, and orators have eloquently pictured its effects. Next to love of family, and closely allied thereto, and at times rising superior to it, comes the spirit of devotion to native land. Said Scott:

> "Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
> That never to himself has said:
> 'This is my own, my native land'?
> If such there breathes go mark him well;
> For him no minstrel raptures swell;
> Proud though his title, high his name,
> Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,
> Despite his titles, power and pelf—
> The wretch concentred all in self—
> Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
> And doubly dying, shall go down
> To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
> Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung."

At the call of public duty everything private must be laid aside, and all the obligations of the Lodge are made with this qualification, and this reservation. In the stirring times when country calls, men must heed the cry, for all interests are bound up with those of the land we love, and a recreant at such a time dishonours the name of Masonry as well as manhood.

It is a privilege that we are capable of feeling an intense and persistent love of country. Somewhere I have heard it stated that "self-love is the freezing point in the temperature of humanity," and as we are warmed and thrilled by nobler feelings we are lifted nearer to the ideal of perfect manhood. Thus, then, as the heart is ennobled and expanded, it pours out its affections upon an ever-widening circle, first upon family and kindred, then upon country, and then upon humanity. The Home, the Flag of Country, and the symbol of religious feeling—the Cross; these are the representatives of the most durable and sacred feelings which humanity can know. And here it is that we find an illustration of the workings of one of nature's laws: The man who has the most of the sentiment of charity will be found to have the most intense special affections. It cannot be said that one loves the whole world who loves no special individual. However wide and far reaching the good-will towards mankind which one feels, he must look, with a thrill which nothing else can awaken, into the face of his mother, and feel a special throb of love when the kindly face of his father looks into his own. We cannot cast off the ties and responsibilities of kindred if we would, and Providence has decreed that out of a common ancestry and the influences of the same general surround-

This is the feeling which nerves the warrior as he meets the foe; this is the feeling that causes the statesman to scan the political horizon to discern the signs of hope, and this is the feeling which animates every breast when the songs of native land are heard floating on the air. And so long as this feeling burns within the heart, selfishness cannot reign. At the altar of patriotism will be laid in sacrifice all that is fairest and sweetest in life; yea, life itself will be gladly given, that the institutions of the dear native land shall live. Masonry is a foe to war; its principles inculcate peace and good-will; but when country calls, Masonry lifts up its voice and honours quick response, for then this duty is supreme. As the poet has said:

> "The sword!—a name of dread!—yet when
> Upon the freeman's thigh 'tis bound—
> While for his altar and his hearth,
> While for the land that gave him birth,
> The war-drums roll, the trumpets sound—
> How sacred it is then!
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> "Whenever for the truth and right,
> It flashes in the van of fight—
> Whether in some mountain pass,
> As that where fell Leonidas;
> Or on some sterile plain and stern—
> A Marston, or a Bannockburn;
> Or mid fierce crags and bursting rills;
> The Switzer's Alps, gay Tyrol's hills;
> Or as when sank the Armada's pride,
> It gleams above the stormy tide;
> Still, still, where'er the battle sword is liberty,—
> When men do stand for Justice, and
> Their Native Land, then
> Heaven shall bless the sword!"

The duty we owe to country is, therefore, paramount to the duty we owe to Masonry, and much though we may desire to avoid all which may bring these two things in opposition, should ever such a time come, by the fundamental limitations of Masonry, country is first, and if duty to it is well discharged, Masonry will enter into its rightful place. And yet Masonry cannot league itself to anything which aims at harm to the institutions of the land. Treason against the state is a crime against Masonic principles, and sedition, whatever form it may assume, or however specious its plea, is dishonour to Masonry. Always on the side of law and order, engaged in building up the sweet charities of life, Masonry expressly forbids whatever assails the properly constituted authorities, and lends its voice to the maintenance of honest government and the enforcement of every just law. But here it may be well to make a distinction: Masonry, upholding good and honest rule, also maintains human rights, and is thus a foe to oppression and wrong. All of the teachings are in the direction of equality, liberty, fraternity, and for this reason tyranny can have no countenance. Fortunately, we live in a country where there is this recognition of personal rights and individual privilege, and here there can be no question as to the proper relation of Masonry towards all public questions. Duty to country is paramount to duty to Masonry; or, perhaps a better way to put it is, duty to Masonry means duty to country, support in every time of trial, and obedience to every law.

The final limitation is that of duty to our neighbour as well as to one's self.

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At the unanimous request of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, Bro, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c. first W.M. of the mother Lodge, has consented to accept the position of Preceptor. The session just commenced will be marked by Masonic working of considerable interest to members of the Craft desiring to attain proficiency in the science. Dates have been fixed for the delivery of lectures, installation ceremony, and for the working of the Fifteen Sections, of which we shall give further notice in subsequent issues. The Lodge meets at seven o'clock, for rehearsal of the ceremonies, &c. every Thursday evening, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons Avenue, E.C.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With dark rainy days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind depressed, unless the influence of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such an alterative as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil,

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

## YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Bros. Henry Foster W.M., T. G. Hodgson S.W., William Smith J.W., A. Purey-Cust P.G. Chaplain Eng. Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, E. W. Purnell Secretary, S. Border S.D., Charles M. Forbes J.D., Arthur Sample P.G. Org. Organist, H. S. Hopton Dir. of Cers., T. Watkinson I.G., S. Crummack Steward, W. Calvert Tyler; also Bros. A. H. H. McGachen P.G.A.D.C., George C. Kirby P.G.A.D.C., A. Buckle P.P.G.D., George C. Lee, George Balmford P.P.G.O., Wm. Draper, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., J. Marshall P.P.G.S.D., G. Garbutt, J. Sykes Rymer Prov. G. Reg., Mark Rooke P.P.G.S.D., E. S. Robinson, Henry Churchill, Charles Wardett, John Toes, Lambert Hick, Mungo Bryson, F. Sidney Gramshaw, E. Carter, W. G. Thomas, John Biscomb, Arthur Jones, W. Powell, Tom Archey, Jos. Clarke. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. W. T. Orde-Powlett 123 D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, W. Tesseyman 57 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, C. Palliser 1337 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, B. Polkinghorne P.M., E. Harding W.M., John Martin S.W., F. Woolnough Secretary, and T. Harding of 1991, Walter Reynolds 250 P.G.T., M. C. Peck 250, 1040, 1511, &c. Prov. G. Sec., A. Farmer 111, 602, 1848 P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Cooper 602, 1848 P.M. P.P.G.R., W. F. Goarlie 1563, Walter Potter 418 (S.C.), S. G. Dalton J.W., Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.M. P.P.G.S.W., George Simpson P.M. P.P.G.Pursvt., J. Blenkin P.M., Wm. Brown P.M., George Lamb J.D., and W. Lackenby S.D. of 1611, R. S. Robinson 123, Rev. Henry Greeves P.P.G.C., W. N. Cheesman S.W., Thomas P. Barlow J.W., George W. Hudson Treas., and Robert Hodgson of 566. The brethren having assembled, the Lodge was opened in due form. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous Lodge, which were duly approved and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced and received in due form, the brethren, under the able guidance of the Dir. of Cers., Bro. H. S. Hopton, saluting the D.P.G.M. with the usual honours. The business before the Lodge was confined to a passing, and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Foster, assisted by his Officers, performed the ceremony in an able and efficient manner. The Worshipful Master, in a few well chosen remarks of welcome to the D.P.G.M., said that he could assure the W.D.P.G.M. that the brethren of the York Lodge were very much pleased when they received the notification of his visit, and with one accord resolved to do their utmost to ensure him a hearty welcome, and he was quite sure that into whatever Lodge in that Province his duties might and would lead him, whatever the external evidences of welcome might be, and however other Lodges might excel in this respect, none would be more heartfelt, none more sincere, than that of the York Lodge. The W.D.G.P.M. thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren of the York Lodge, not only for their cordial welcome, but also for the many kind congratulations they had accorded him on his appointment to the office he held. On this, his first visit to the York Lodge, he thought it his duty to congratulate the brethren upon that judicious government which had gradually caused its progress and increase in wealth and influence. Each year saw the Lodge more firmly established. Possessed of a very valuable and beautiful freehold hall, well appointed and enriched with the possession of most valuable archives and Masonic antiquities of world-wide reputation, with a large number of members and a strong and influential Board of Past Masters (the very rock on which a Lodge is sustained), such a Lodge may indeed be congratulated. As might have been expected with all its great privileges, the York Lodge has not been unmindful of its responsibilities, and had steadily contributed to the funds of the Masonic Charities, in all of which it possesses a large number of votes. With a history extending considerably over a century, and a reputation for maintaining the honour and dignity of the Craft in the ancient city of York, it would doubtless be the constant endeavour of the brethren who from time to time occupied the Master's chair to maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and he trusted this ever would be the case. By a wise discretion in the selection of candidates, a judicious election of Worshipful Masters, and, above all, by constantly remembering that the end and aim of Masonry was the communication of happiness to each other, and that this would be best attained by carrying out in their fullest sense the great mottoes of the Craft—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the various visiting brethren, and Lodge being closed, the assembly adjourned to the banqueting hall of the Lodge, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. Calvert, the Tyler, in his usual style. The Worshipful Master presided, and commenced the toast list with the Queen and the Craft, this was followed by the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master said this toast needed no recommendation to the York brethren, for they knew the deep interest His Royal Highness took in Masonry and that he had the cause at heart, he was glad to see a member of Grand Lodge present, viz., the Dean of York, who was also Chaplain of the York Lodge, and he had pleasure in coupling his name with the toast. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean P.G.C. returned thanks for the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and referred to the past, the present, and the future of Masonry. Around the walls of the Lodge he saw numerous portraits of those brethren of the past, whose interest in, and services to, Masonry yet lived, and amongst them was that of the late Earl of Zetland, a brother who in his lifetime was an earnest worker for Masonry, and who as such was respected as much in the south as in the north. With regard to the present, Masons from all parts of the world looked up to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, not in the spirit of toadyism, knowing that he was a true brother, taking a great interest in Freemasonry, and ever ready to aid its undertakings and doing always the right thing in the right place. Grand Lodge to-day pointed to the continued prosperity of
The Dean concluded by thanking the brethren for the cordi
tion they had given the toast. The next toast was that of t
Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Zetl
the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In proposing this t
Worshipful Master spoke of the great interest the P.G.M
Masonry, and the desire he had for the success of the Lodg
his rule. With regard to the D.P.G.M. the Worshipful M
pressed the great pleasure that the York Lodge had experi
receiving him that day, and mentioned that his appointm
given the greatest satisfaction throughout the Province;
he would long be spared to carry out the duties of the offi
toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in reply, the
thanked the brethren of the York Lodge and Visitors present
hearty reception of the toast; he congratulated the W.M.
efficient working he had observed, and hoped the York Lod
continue to prosper and maintain the reputation it n
throughout the land. The next toast was that of the Pro
Officers Past and Present, proposed by the Worshipful Mas
responded to by Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., wh
should carry away with him many pleasant thoughts of
happy evening he had spent. The Deputy Prov. Grand Mas
proposed the health of Worshipful Master of the York Lod
Worshipful Master, in responding, said he felt the great hon
him in the proposal coming from the D.P.G.M.; he was a
sometimes fell short of the standard he looked up to, but h
not forget the kindness and assistance he had received du
year from the Officers and brethren of his Lodge. The toa
Visitors was proposed by Bro. Todd P.M. Treasurer P.P.G
responded to by Bros. Brown W.M. 1611, and Harding W.
The toasts were interspersed by songs from Bro. Sample
P.G.O., and Bros. Kirby, Lee, Godby, Robinson, and McGach

## POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE first meeting for the present session of this well-est
Lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at th
masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The brethren assem
5.30 p.m., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Br
Bryant. Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. S.W., J. Apsey J.W.
S.D., J. Nowakowski J.D., Dr. Runtz I.G., Banks Tyler;
following P.M.'s:—Bros. Bieling I.P.M., Dr. Rath, Dr. Jagie
Corrie Jackson, J. Nowakowski Treasurer, Lancaster S
Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last
read and confirmed, the Bye-laws were read. Bro. Joyce,
in attendance, was duly examined and entrusted. Lodge
advanced to the second degree, and he was passed to the
F.C., the ceremony being carefully and distinctly given by
Several communications were read by the Secretary, and
following gentlemen were proposed for acceptance at the m
December, viz., Rev. Arnold Whitaker Oxford, M.A., Mr.
Abrahams, Solicitor, both proposed by Dr. Corrie Jackson,
by Dr. Victor Jagielski; for Mr. C. H. Whitcomb, proposed
Draper, and seconded by Bro. Lancaster Secretary. Other
being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adj
the banquet-room. After the good things provided had be
discussed and the cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Maso
received attention. The gavel was now placed in the han
I.P.M., who proposed the health of the W.M., and allude
able manner in which the business of the evening had
ducted, and how pleased the brethren were with the result.
responded to by the Worshipful Master, who promised to us
endeavours to keep up the established reputation of the L
hoped the brethren would have no fault to find when he va
chair on the completion of his year of office. Bro. Bryant
by proposing the health of the Past Masters; saying how
they were valued for the services they had rendered to the
times past; they invariably endeavoured to make things
comfortable in the Lodge. He concluded by calling on Dr
to respond. Bro. Jackson having suitably replied, the W
Master proposed the health of the Officers, hoping they wou
be punctual in their attendance and make themselves perfec
duties, that they might please the brethren, initiates and
Bro. Brushfield here obliged with the "Vicar of Bray." Bro
in responding for the Officers, assured the Worshipful Ma
were all perfect in their work, and would assist him
manner that was possible to uphold the credit of the
he regretted his inability on this occasion to be present in
part of the evening, but hoped that at future meetings he
enabled to be present. Bro. Dr. Jackson here sang "Father
and then the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the
viz., Bros. Saegert P.M. Wellington, Hampstead 180, E.
J.W. 1702, G. H. Finch W.M. 2005, calling on Bros. Sa
Kilsby to respond. Whilst these brethren were collect
thoughts, Bro. Gordon sang "Sally in our alley," his cap
voice being well appreciated. Bro. Saegert, in returning th
highly gratified at the cordiality by which the names of th
had been received. His visit was doubly interesting, from
that it was the first occasion in which the Lodge had been
over by its present W.M., to whom he wished a happy year
he felt sure that Bro. Bryant would have no difficulty in ca
the duties appertaining to the chair. Bro. Kilsby also r
He was followed by the Tyler, who gave the parting toas
brethren separated early, after having spent a very
evening.

## ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1(

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on F

[. H. Jarvis J.W., Charles E. Soppet P.M. and Sec. P.G. Steward, [. B. Stevens P.M. and Treasurer, A. A. Rumsey S.W., Charles Toope J.D., Wm. Bellamy acting as I.G., J. Potter Tyler, and other members. Visitors:—Bros. J. L. Mather W.M. 1910, E. Mills 1614, . Prossen 382, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. and Treasurer 890, G. Reynolds S.D. 1614, G. H. Reynolds 1614, W. G. Rand 1100, A. Laurence P.M. and Secy. 1638, G. Chivers 901, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. 1929, C. F. Hogard P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, James Farr 55, Col. F. Peters P.M. 263 P.G.S.B., G. Pigache P.M. 12, [. Prior 765, E. Routledge 1635, W. H. Platt 1635, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., and Robert Greening J.W. 1426. Lodge was opened n due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation of the Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Hudson S.W. was performed by Bro. Hay, in a masterly style. The harges to the Officers and Brethren having been delivered by Bro. . B. Stevens, in a clear and impressive manner, the Worshipful Master invested and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Langridge I.P.M., Charles E. Soppet P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary, . B. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jarvis S.W., A. A. Rumsey J.W., harles Toope S.D., William Bellamy J.D., E. E. Poupard I.G., M. G. [. Bohrer D.C., and J. Potter Tyler. An elegant Past Master's owel was presented to Bro. Henry Langridge I.P.M. The Worshipful Master having received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, odge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, here a banquet of a récherché character was served, under the ersonal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, whose kind attention was much appreciated by the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic oasts having been honoured—the Worshipful Master alluding to the neen in most gracious and eloquent terms,—the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy rand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. le felt it was a great pleasure to have amongst them that evening hree Grand Officers, all familiar friends; it was kind of them honour the Lodge with their presence. All would regret uch the accident to their worthy and esteemed Brother the arl of Lathom. He would ask Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke rand Secretary to respond. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in respondng, said it was a great pleasure for him to do so; it was an undoubted honour to return thanks for the M.W. Grand Master and the est of the Grand Officers. He had an opportunity of knowing how ell the Grand Officers did their work; it was not only ornamental ut sincere. The M.W. the Grand Master took the greatest interest the Craft, and could give a reliable opinion upon almost everything onnected therewith; he also knew well what should be done, and cted upon it. The other Grand Officers all did their work well. Long ay the Grand Lodge of England be presided over by such men—ey were the great lights of Freemasonry. He was very grateful r all the good wishes that were expressed towards the Grand fficers wherever they were toasted, and they were, over and over gain, always received with heartiness. To-night they had good orkers in their midst; this had been shown by the way in which e ceremony of installation had been worked. He again thanked em for the hearty manner in which the health of the Grand Officers d been received. The Immediate Past Master, in taking the gavel to his hand, to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, said: me take a different view of the position of a Worshipful Master. was a temporary one. Sons succeeded their fathers, and fathers ed to see their children around them. It was just his feeling with spect to their worthy Worshipful Master and the brethren. A orshipful Master's time was not always a pleasant or easy one; ere were certain excrescences which had to be knocked off. He ished Bro. A. Hudson a comfortable year of office. He was a good ason, and would endeavour to make life comfortable, and take off l the rough edges. In years to come all would hope to drink his alth as a Past Master. He now asked them to unite with him drinking his health in a bumper, and wish him well, and a good ar of office. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked e Immediate Past Master for the kind manner in which his health d been proposed, and the hearty way in which it had been received. would endeavour to do his duty. He felt it was a high honour to in the position of Worshipful Master, and nothing should be want- on his part to give them satisfaction; he thanked them all most ncerely for the honour. The Worshipful Master next gave the ast of the Installing Officer, to whom the brethren were very grate- for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. s working was good, and he set an example to Masons. He did work well. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of st Master Hay; he would also ask them at the same to drink the alth of Bro. J. B. Stevens, their worthy Treasurer, who had livered the charges in such an impressive manner. Bro. H. P. Hay, replying, said he thanked them all, especially the Worshipful ster for his kind remarks. It gave him much pleasure to instal ir Worshipful Master, who he was sure would go through the ir well, and give the brethren every satisfaction. He wished him ood year of office, and hoped that at the end he would be able to form the work better than he (Bro. Hay) had done. Bro. J. B. evens had delivered the charges in a very clear manner; this he s sure all the brethren had much admired. Bro. J. B. Stevens d it was always a pleasure to him to serve the Royal Kensington dge in any way possible. He had to thank the brethren present the kind attention they had given him when delivering the rges; and wished the Worshipful Master a happy year of office, h plenty of work to do. The Worshipful Master next proposed health of the Visitors, and, in doing so, said it was a great asure to him to do it. They did not lack in quantity or quality. re had always been a numerous attendance on past occasions, and He could say without contradiction, nothing could have been more acceptable than the hospitality of the brethren, and the visitors had all spent a most pleasant evening. He concluded by wishing, on behalf of the visitors, that a happy and prosperous year of office might be enjoyed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. J. L. Mather endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. Colonel Peters; he thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. For many years he had done service to the Lodge, and acted as Director of Ceremonies at installations. It was a great pleasure to him to be called upon to perform the duties of that office, which he trusted he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren. He hoped to be with the Royal Kensington Lodge for many years. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters. There was no occasion to say much in their favour; all were good, and did all in their power for the success of the Lodge. The Immediate Past Master, in replying, made a most amusing speech. He could assure the Worshipful Master that he might always rely upon the Past Masters and himself rendering every assistance possible, and to give him whatever advice he might need. In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary the Worshipful Master said: Both Officers carried out their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and did all in their power for the benefit of the same. They had the confidence of every brother connected with the Lodge. Bro. J. B. Stevens P.M., in replying as Treasurer, assured the brethren that the affairs of the Lodge were in a very healthy state. He would do all he could for the benefit of the Lodge, and thanked them for the confidence reposed in him. Bro. C. E. Soppet P.M., as Secretary, said: He thanked them all for the manner in which his health had been received. He could say this was the 70th time he had replied to the toast. He was glad, as he had said on previous occasions, that the Lodge was flourishing and prosperous He hoped to live long, and see such prosperity continue. He received from the hands of the brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge every kindness as their Secretary, and would endeavour to give satisfaction to all. The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was the Officers; he, in doing so, felt sure that during his year of office he would be well supported by them. Bro. Senior Warden, in replying on behalf of the Officers, said he thanked the brethren for the kind reception accorded them. They were proud of their positions, and would endeavour to do their work well and to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master and brethren. The prestige of the working of the Royal Kensington Lodge was well known, and it would be the endeavour of all the Officers to increase this reputation by every means in their power. Bro. Junior Warden said that the words that had been spoken by the Senior Warden were heartily endorsed by the other Officers, and were sufficient response for all. The Tyler's toast closed a most pleasant evening, and the brethren expressed themselves, on parting, as having thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. During the evening an excellent selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, assisted by Miss Clarice Riley (whose singing the brethren were much delighted with), Bro. J. Large, and Bro. E. J. Bell.

## SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE installation meeting took place on the 22nd inst. Bro. W. Williams W.M. and his Officers were in attendance, and Lodge opened punctually at five o'clock, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Marsh, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Marsh was duly raised. The Auditors read their report, which was highly gratifying to the brethren and creditable to the W.M., who leaves the chair with a surplus in hand. Lodge then resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Breitbart W.M. elect was presented for installation. In due course, Bro. Breitbart invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Fisher S.W., Wyett J.W., Bryett P.M. Treasurer, Josey P.M. Secretary, Crowe S.D., Manders J.D., Gilbert I.G., Van Dyck D. of Cers., Weinell Steward. The various addresses were delivered by Bros. P.M.'s Baker, Pierpoint and Bryett. Lodge closed with perfect harmony, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was served in a most enjoyable manner. The newly-elected W.M. presided most efficiently, and the various toasts were proposed in a style not generally expected from one presiding for the first time. The toast of the Visitors—Bros. Read P.M. 511, J. Davies 169, Spiegel P.M. 188, Mason 1328, Helden S.W. 1460, Williams W.M. 865, Chalfont P.M. 1428, Leare P.M. 1477, Whittell 1693, Klingenstein P.M. 73, Baker 511—was responded to by Bros. Read, Davies, Spiegel, Williams, and Chalfont. Bro. Read congratulated the brethren on the progress of the Lodge, and complimented them on their working; also on the ability displayed by their Worshipful Master, whom he had the pleasure to initiate, at the Zetland Lodge. Bro. Davies, as the Preceptor of that Lodge, expressed the same opinion, and Bro. Spiegel said he considered the abilities of the Officers was beyond question. Several brethren volunteered with songs and recitations, and all separated highly pleased with the day's proceedings.

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**Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.**—On Monday, the 22nd instant, at the Railway Hotel,





## HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE one hundred and forty-ninth anniversary festival of this, the oldest of the Sussex Lodges, took place on Thursday, 18th instant. The members assembled at the Town Hall, Arundel, where the Lodge was opened, and after the formal business had been got through, the retiring W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. E. Street P.M., who at once proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Burnell (*West Sussex Gazette*), who appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—F. V. Paxton, M.D., S.W., T. U. Price P.M. P.P.S.G.D. J.W., Longman S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., H. T. Holmes I.G., J. Robertson Tyler, G. T. Evershed P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. Herne Treasurer (re-elected). The ceremony of installation was ably and faithfully rendered by Bro. Street, whose active service to the Lodge for some years past has gained for him the general respect of its members. Business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel for banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured and responded to. In addition to the above the following brethren were present:—E. Collings I.P.M., T. Francis P.M. P.P.S.G.D., G. Nunn, C. Chamberlain P.M., George Light P.M., V. P. Freeman P.P.S.G.W. Prov. Grand Secretary Sussex, Price W.M. 1466, C. Bamfield Warr W.M. 1465, Henderson W.M. 1148, C. Paine W.M. 851, Every W.M. 311, Rev. — Tooth P.P.G. Chaplain, Knight 851, Hawes J.W. 38.

## WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, when Bro. Alfred Bishop, the Worshipful Master, presided, and performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a most gratifying manner. He was supported by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.Std.Br. I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Bassett J.W., W. Pile P.G.S.B. P.M., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. P.M., E. Dickman P.M., William Russell Crowe P.M. Treasurer, Leon A. Mesquita P.M. Secretary, W. G. Filmer S.D., H. Aslett J.D., W. Harwood Steward, John Rewcastle Organist, J. A. Taylor Inner Guard, and several other members of the Lodge, while among the visitors were Bros. Beards 1641, Cumberland 2128, Potts 2128, Potter 1347, Martinne 1687, Desvignes 2060, Outram 2060, Cooper 1441, Oesterby 619, Cuthbert 1815, Linney 1815, Crutchloe 1385, Essex 511, Grimpe 859, Vickers 1632, Barnard 1815, Forster 534, Williams 162, Frost 1347, Church 1347. The minutes having been confirmed Bro. I.P.M. J. W. Baldwin proposed that the sum of five guineas be added to W.M. Bro. Bishop's list as Steward to the Girls' School, from the Charity Fund of the Wallington Lodge, which vote was agreed to by the members. Bro. Thomas Lockwood Howard was passed to the second degree, and the Rev. Lord Victor Alexander Seymour, M.A., Rector of Carshalton, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the two ceremonies being performed, as we have said, in a most efficient manner by the Worshipful Master. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the customary toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the initiate, the W.M. spoke of the pleasure the brethren felt in receiving into their midst a gentleman so universally respected as was Lord Seymour, and he hoped that his lordship might enjoy his association with Freemasonry. A pleasant evening was spent by those present.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—A very agreeable meeting was held at 202 Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday last. The brethren assembled at 7 p.m., when there were present Bros. West W.M., Sinclair S.W., Richardson J.W., Myers Preceptor, McDonald Deputy Preceptor, Robson Secretary, Twinn S.D., Bryant I.G., Robson, Morgan, Mills, Read, Watkins, Daneyger, Loney, Cotter, Harris. After preliminaries had been duly observed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotter candidate, the W.M. carefully performing the work. Brother W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction, then delivered a short, but very interesting lecture on the "Schism in English Freemasonry." On its conclusion he was cordially thanked for the information he had conveyed, and this expression of satisfaction was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Brother Sinclair will preside here on Monday next.

**New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday. Present—Bros. Jenkins W.M., Gush Preceptor, Larchin S.W., Cross J.W., Berry Secretary, Hildreth S.D., Briscoe J.D., Salmon I.G., and many other members and visitors. After preliminaries, the first section was worked by the Worshipful Master, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Briscoe, Beck, Sabson, Hodges, Snelling, Gush, and Larchin. New members were elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the brethren assisting in the working. The Lodge was then adjourned to Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, when the second and third lectures will be worked.

The annual meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, was held on Thursday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., when Bro. A. C. Rees was installed as Worshipful Master by the outgoing Master, Bro. Alfred Le Grand. Five gentlemen were initiated into the Order, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We shall give a

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesday November 1886, at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. H. Jenkins W.M., R. Larchin P.M. 1501 S.W., J. C. Cross J.W. Second Lecture: Bros. Frampton, Cross, Snelling, Shar Third Lecture: Bros. Oldis, Hill, Hodges. Bros. H. G. ceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

By members of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, on 27th November 1886, at 7 p.m. Bros. Farwig P.M. 180 W Woods P.M. 145 S.W., Westley J.W. 1986 J.W. First Lect Hampton, Eidmans, Esling, Spon, Stacey, Jenkins, C. Second Lecture—Bros. Hooper, Stevens, Kearney, Westle Third Lecture—Bros Martin, Luckhurst, Rapple. Bro. P.M. Secretary; Bro. Stacey P.M. 180 Preceptor.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, b Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 3rd 1886, commencing at seven in the evening. Bros. 1541 W.M., Larchin P.M. 1541 S.W., Jenkins I.G. 860 J.W Lecture: Bros. Bond, Kearney, Skelton, Jenkins, Giddi Lecture: Bros. Hancock, Storr, Beck. Bro. W. W. Snellin Secretary.

## NEW MUSIC.

*The Crusader.* Words by Samuel K. Cowan, M.A.; Mu Bonheur. London: J. and J. Hopkinson, 95 New Bon

THIS song is one that depicts the adventures of a crusade. The story is told in good style. Of Mr. The music we cannot speak too highly. Indeed, we may Crusader" that it is one of the best songs we hav season.

*English Hearts and England's Queen.* A national song composed by G. Hunt Jackson.

*Wedded.* Words by the same author; music by Marc London: Metzler and Co., 42 Great Marlborough Stre

THE former of these songs, as the title implies, is o celebration of Her Majesty's jubilee year. The appropriately set his words to bright, if not altoge music. However, the song is equal to the average of we anticipate it will be frequently heard during the second song has been suggested by Sir F. Leighton's the words are very appropriate. Mr. G. Hunt Jackson has done his work well, but in this instance has called Mr. Marcellus Hiegs, who has composed some music pretty and easy to sing.

*On the rolling wave.* Words and music by Godfrey Ma

*Never Despair.* Words by William Bossey; music by London: Bossey and Co., 295 Regent Street, W.

"On the rolling wave," as its title imports, is a lay o has a fine swinging air which is very effective. rollicking tunes should not fail to add it to their report Despair" is a fine martial song. It tells us in brilliar young soldier lad led a forlorn hope, and took by storm fair lady. The music has been supplied by that well kn J. L. Molloy, and is in his best style. It is published and is well within the compass of most vocalists.

## DEATH OF BRO. LEONARD D. WE

THE announcement of the death of Bro. Leonard old and ardent Freemason, will be generally regret. He was P.M. and Treasurer of Lodge St. Jo a P.G. Supt. of Works of the Province. He held pro in the Mark and Arch degrees, and was P.E.C. of Hol tory of Knights Templar. Bro. Westcott was a mem cational and General Purposes Committee, and at death was Treasurer of the Devon Masonic Educatio deceased was well versed in the various rituals, an manner, kindliness of spirit, charitable and philanthr zeal and assiduity in Freemasonry, won for himself esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He w outside the "circle," and had been the manager Knowledge Depot in Plymouth for twenty-two years. a severe seizure some weeks since, and was remo where he expired on Thursday, the 18th inst., after a ful illness.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT.—A Restaurant, devot vegetarian dishes, has been opened by Messrs. S opposite the Royal Courts of Justice. There pure soups, and entrées, savouries, grilled vegetables, sal sweets, and so forth, have to be obtained at prices wh people who have been accustomed to pay for butche meals. All sorts of beverages are to be had on the Restaurant is fully licensed (the only vegetarian e wine, beer, bitter, stout, and cl

## EXTENSION OF GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

WHEN, at the beginning of the present month, we urged the desirability of an addition to the annual roll of Grand Lodge Officers, we little thought that at the next Quarterly Communication H.R.H. the Grand Master of England would submit a resolution for the consideration of Grand Lodge, having for its object the permanent addition of a Grand Lodge collar to the number already available; but such is happily the case, the proposed addition being in favour of the President of the Board of Benevolence, who shall henceforth, the Grand Master suggests, be a Grand Officer, entitled to rank as a Past Grand Officer on retirement, same as with the other Officers. On the principle that we should be thankful for small mercies we accept the suggestion of the Grand Master most cheerfully, but we cannot help thinking that had the proposition of the Prince of Wales been carried further it would have been far more acceptable, and would have opened the road to a number of honours which are sadly wanted at the present time.

If the President of the Board is entitled to rank as a Grand Lodge Officer, why should not the same distinction be conferred on the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, who, in their way, are as worthy of recognition as their chief? We are aware that some distinction would be necessary in regard to the matter of precedence, but that is a minor detail. Even if the Vice-Presidents had to take rank almost at the end of the list of Grand Officers the honour attached to the appointments would be coveted and prized by some of the best Masons of the day, while if the three offices were conferred on different brethren each year, and all carried the right to Past Grand Officers rank a series of appointments would be created which might be conferred as rewards for services rendered in the cause of Masonic Charity, which would be of inestimable advantage to the Craft in years to come, as they would offer a further inducement to brethren to practice the great Masonic virtue of Charity.

It has been the custom to recognise the Officers of the Board of Benevolence as permanent, or virtually so, but there is no reason why such a course should be continued, as there are numbers of Masons who are fully qualified for the offices. Those who once served would no doubt lend their support to the occupants of the chairs for the time being, much as the Past Masters of a Lodge now support the presiding Worshipful Master, so that the Board could not suffer through a lack of experience on the part of its chiefs.

We trust it is not too late for the advisers of our Grand Master to suggest an extension of his resolution in the manner we have proposed, as by that means we should have three additional Grand offices to fill each year, and a number of most deserving brethren could receive that recognition to which they are entitled, and which, at present, it is not possible to confer on them.

**North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.**—This favourite Chapter of Improvement held its Annual Convocation at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 25th inst. At 8 punctually the Chapter was represented by a goodly muster of the Companions. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed in a very able and perfect manner by Companion W. H. Dean P.P.G. Registrar Dorset as M.E.Z., Comps. Wm. Radcliffe, H., Lewis (Z. of the Enfield Chapter) J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., S. Barnet S.N., W. A. Sproat P.S. The Audit committee read the financial report for the year ending 18th November, and expressed satisfaction in the prosperous state of the funds of the Chapter. The election of the S.E. and Treasurer was then proceeded with, when Comp. J. E. Sheffield was re-elected S.E., the Companions complimenting him on his prosperous and successful year of office, and trusting he might be spared many years to occupy his responsible position. Comp. R. H. Halford was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the Companions expressing their best wishes that he might continue to husband their funds as carefully as he had done in the past. It was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the S.E. and Treasurer for the careful and successful manner they had kept the accounts for the past year. Comp. T. C. Edmonds was spoken of as an able, kind, and courteous Preceptor, all expressing their thanks for the pains he bestowed upon them in perfecting them in the R.A. Ritual. The number of Companions on the Books is 168, and the number of Chapters represented 67.

No Mason will urge a profane man to become a member. No man can trust a God that he has no faith in. We want true Masons.

## GLEANINGS.

There are 11 Lodges and 448 Masons in Prince Edward Island.

COMMITTEE ON ANTIQUITIES.—A standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York is in session once every week for the purpose of receiving communications, relics, and gifts or loans of antiquities, &c.

ROYAL ARCH STATISTICS FOR 1886.—The total membership is 142,194, against 140,960 in 1885; the exaltations are 7,839, against 9,469 in 1885; the admissions and restorations are 1,822, against 2,029 in 1885; the dimissions are 3,014, against 2,985 in 1885; the expulsions are 74, against 92 in 1885; the suspensions (including suspensions from membership and names dropped from the roll) are 2,925, against 2,771 in 1885; and the deaths are 1,854, against 1,516 in 1885.—*New York Freemason's Journal.*

The end and moral purport of Masonry is to subdue our passions not to do our own will, to make daily progress in a laudable art, to promote morality, charity, good fellowship, good nature, and humanity. —*Anderson*, 1721.

FRANCE.—Our readers will recollect that for some years past the French Grand Orient has been refused correspondence by the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world on account of its official refusal to longer make belief in the Great Architect of the Universe a condition precedent to initiation. We learn that there is considerable excitement among the French Lodges, looking to an abrogation of the foolish regulation which removed their organisation beyond the pale of regular Masonry, arguing that without God there can be no Freemasonry.—*Utica Herald.*

## STATUARY FOR FLOOD'S BUILDING.

BRO. MORTON A. EDWARDS, a sculptor, who recently came to San Francisco from London, is making two groups of statuary for Flood's building on Market street. The group that Bro. Edwards is now engaged upon is for the Fourth-street side. It will rest on the pediment, which will be eighty-five feet from the ground. The group consists of three figures. In the centre is the goddess of Fortune, which will be fifteen feet high. This is a fine figure. The form of the Goddess is strong and graceful. The face is of Grecian type and the drapery is an antique tunic. She has a wheel of fortune in one hand, which hangs at her side, and an olive branch in the other. A cornucopia overflowing with fruits lies at her side. On the right sits Ceres, with a sheaf of grain in her lap and a sickle in her right hand. The pose of Ceres is remarkably beautiful. On the left is Bacchus seated on two wine skins. This figure is full of life. The group will be cast in white bronze.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren, the principal business of the meeting being the election of two members of the House Committee, one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and the other to supply the place of Bro. Col. Peters, who is now one of the Trustees of the Institution. There were three candidates: Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, Vice-Patron; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron; and Bro. Alderman Savory, Life Governor. Most elaborate, and, as it proved, efficient arrangements had been made for the election, which was conducted without a hitch. Upwards of four hundred votes were recorded on behalf of the several candidates, Bros Fenn and Philbrick being ultimately declared elected. The other business of the day comprised the consideration of five petitions—all of which were approved—and some general matters. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The following names have been added to the Committee of the Frederick Binckes Presentation Fund, viz.:—

Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., S.G.D.
Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Deputy P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, J.G.D.
Bro. James Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C.

and the following additional subscriptions from Lodges have been received, viz.:—

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| Constitutional, No. 55 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Old Kent Mark, T.I. | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| P.G.L. Northumberland and Durham | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Lodge of Israel | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Members of Lodge of Israel in small sums | 8 | 14 | 6 |
| Cheltenham and Keystone Mark, No. 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| P.G.L. West Yorkshire, M.M.M. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Fearnley Lodge of [illegible], 50 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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*Grand Superintendent.*

A PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, on Saturday, the 2 November 1886, at 3 in the afternoon precisely.

By command of the Grand Superintendent,

CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Past and Acting Provi

82 Blackfriars-road, 1st November 1886.

### MORNING DRESS.

**Train from Waterloo, 2·5.**

In consequence of the lamented death of the E. Comp. Charles P.Z. P.G.D. of C. P.P.G.H. P.G.S.E., it has been ordered that th Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chap ers be placed in Masonic the Space of three months from the 11th of October 1886.

The mourning to be worn by Companions individually to be as f

Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Princip Principals of Private Chapters—three rosettes of black badges, and one at the point of the chain or collar, ju jewel. Other Companions—three black rosettes on Badge




# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIO UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacte Lodge on Wednesday, 1st December 188 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of tember 1886 for confirmation.

2. To consider the following communication from the Master :—

> "The Most Worshipful Grand Master having h notice the present duties and position of the Pre Board of Benevolence, His Royal Highness deems it submit the following resolution for the considerati Lodge:
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> "'That the President of the Board of Benevol virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank Grand Secretaries, and that on retiring from office as a Past Grand Officer, in the same manner as the of Grand Lodge, and that the Book of Constitutio accordingly.'"

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing ye

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing

5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Bene

6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the la which is the following report and resolution :—

> Before the business of the evening was comm James Brett, the S.V.P., in the chair, reported to death, on the 29th ult., of their President, Bro. P.G. Sword Bearer, and spoke in feeling terms of which the Board of Benevolence and the Craft sustained by the melancholy event.
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> It was thereupon unanimously resolved :—Th placed on the Proceedings, and in their Report to of the extreme regret felt by all the members of the loss of their esteemed President, who, afte eleven years the office of Vice-President, had fo years presided over the Board, with the utmos partiality and ability,

and recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a Brother of the Royal St. Edmund' Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds

A Brother of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull

The Widow of a Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87

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| A Brother of the St. Mark's Lodge, No 857, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the St. Tudno Lodge, No. 755, Llandudno | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth | 100 | 0 | 0 |

**9.** REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

*To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

The attention of the Board having been called to the wording of Articles 304, 307, and 308 of the Book of Constitutions, the Board think it advisable, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that the Articles in question should be altered to read, as follows:—

304. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad.

307. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

308. The Collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th November 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £2,511 0s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £9 12s 3d.

**10.** NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Brother William Nicholl P.M., Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.

That Article 288 of the Book of Constitutions read as follows:—

The following clothing and insignia may be worn by the Craft, but no brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge without the proper clothing pertaining to his rank, or into any subordinate Lodge without proper Masonic clothing.

That the following addition be made to Article 307, or embodied otherwise:—

Past Masters being subscribing members of any Lodge under the English Constitution may wear a collar of light blue ribbon four inches broad, with a silver cord in the centre.

That in Article 308 the following alteration be made, viz.:—

In line 1, after the word "officers" insert the words "below the rank of Wardens," and omit the last three lines beginning "or when representing their Lodges," &c.

2. By Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D.

That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, having invited the co-operation of Her Majesty's subjects in the formation of an Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India, as the Memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee,

It be resolved:—"That this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Fund of General Purposes towards the proposed Institute."

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Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P. as Senior Vice-President.

Brother CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P. as Junior Vice-President.

And none others were nominated.

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Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board

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| CUNDY, GEORGE A. | 901 |
| DAIRY, CHARLES | 141 |
| HASLIP, LEWIS CHRISTOPHER | 813 |
| HOGARD, CHARLES F. | 205 |
| MERCER, DAVID D. | 1641 |
| READ, GEORGE | 511 |
| SPAULL, FRANCIS R. | 1768 |
| TAYLOR, ROBERT J. | 144 |
| WOODWARD, ALFRED COOPER | 1538 |

And no more than twelve were nominated.

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List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2174.—The Ionic Lodge, Tungamah, Victoria.
2175.—The Austral Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
2176.—The Lord Carrington Lodge, North Fitzroy, Victoria.
2177.—The North Suburban Lodge, North Carlton, Victoria.
2178.—The Rnahine Lodge, Woodville, Hawkes Bay, Wellington N.Z.
2179.—The Paddington Ionic Lodge, Woollahra, New South Wales.
2180.—The Lodge of Harmony, Otahuhu, Auckland, N.Z.
2181.—The Unity Lodge, Knysna, South Africa (E.D.)
2182.—The Sterndale Bennett Lodge, Camberwell.

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The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887 with additional information, is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London price 2s, bound in roan, or post free 2s 1d.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, edition 1884, can be obtained at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

THE increasing number of members of the Ancient Medina Lodge at West Cowes, and the difficulty and inconvenience often experienced by members residing on the opposite side of the river in attending and returning from its meetings, have led to the expression of a strong desire for the formation of a Lodge at East Cowes. The accomplishment of the object in view was assured when the project was actively taken up by Bros. R. L. Roberton, G. A. Mursell, T. W. Faulkner, Halliday, J. C. Airs, L. T. Wilkins, and other energetic and influential members of the Craft; and on the 15th inst. the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers visited East Cowes to perform the ceremony of consecrating the new Osborne Lodge, and to instal the first W.M., Bro. R. L. Roberton. The Lodge was close tyled at 1.30 p.m., when the P.G.M., the Right Wor. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., took the Master's chair, and appointed Bros. Francis Newman P.P.S.G.W. and T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W. to the Wardens' chairs and other Provincial Officers to their respective posts. Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood was the Provincial Grand Chaplain officiating. About 100 brethren attended. Amongst those present were the Right Worr. Bros. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. G.J.D. England, Edgar Goble P.G. Sec., H. E. Loader P.G.S.D., G. F. Lancaster P.G. Reg., James Lowe P.J.G.D., W. Farrance P.G.St.B., John Baile P.G.A.D.C., H. Lashmore P.G.S.D., J. Jackson P.G.P., the Rev. J. S. Wood, M.A., P.G. Chap., Henry Pigeon jun. P.G. Org., G. Clark P.G.S., H. Kimber P.G.S.B., Francis Powell P.G.D.C., J. Exell P.G. Tyler, R. Eames, G. A. Mursell P.P.G.S.D., T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W., George Pack P.P.J.G.D., the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering P.P.G.C., A. Barfield P.P.J.G.D., James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Wheeler P.P.J.G.D., R. L. Roberton I.P.M. 35 W.M. designate, George Brown 328, S. S. Wheeler and Edwin Poland 35, and Joseph Reed 487, F. Osborne, H. F. W. Stallard, and R. James 35, Col. P. Cramer 234, H. Barlow 35, R. W. Roberts late 35, J. H. Wave S.D., G. R. King S.W., J. G. Garnham W.M., A. Millidge J.D., Knell Treasurer, G. A. Brannon I.G. 151, C. Gregory, W. Pryer, C. Airs P.M. D.C., R. Cullingford I.G., H. H. Wheeler P.M. and Rec. E. Matthews, J. Leftwich S.D., H. Halliday, W. Jones, C. Long, and T. M. Taylor 35; P. H. Emmanuel J.W. 2068, Alfred Greenhalgh W.M. 1884, G. J. Clarke and H. W. Dyett 35, Alfred Dashwood W.M. 698, W. Trew 35, W. Hammond Riddett Sec. 698, Henry Durant W.M. 175, John McQueen P.M. 11, Francis Cooper P.P.G. 1884, Charles Carter S.W. 175, R. Sullivan and C. Stocks 35, Pearce 175, James Connor P.M. and Sec. 1869 P.P.G. Sec. Lanark D. Warn 1780, W. J. Mew 1884, F. Topham Jones W.M. 551, Groves 151, F. P. Patch 35, F. Rayner J.W., G. Boehme 188 N. Armstrong 441 and 151, L. T. Wilkins 1780, A. Perry 3 E. Young 35. Letters apologising for inability to attend were received from Bros. the Rev. J. N. Palmer G. Chap. Eng., Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe P.G.W. Eng., T. Gills, Hodges, H. St. Clair I.P.M. St. Clair Lodge, C. Hudson, the Rev. R. Burnaby, C. Mills, Lord John Taylour P.G.S.W., the Rev. A. Headley P.P.G.C., G. W. Hunter, Capt. Topper. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and prayers having been read by the Prov. Chaplain, the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach said they had met for a purpose that was always of great interest and importance to Masons. In constituting a new Lodge it afforded brethren [illegible] and gaining Masonic knowledge. It was





near one another. It had afforded him therefore very great pleasure to recommend the petition to the M.W.G.M. There entailed a great responsibility upon the government of the Lodge, but with such good Officers as he knew those to be whom they had chosen, he had no fear but that the Osborne Lodge would be an unqualified success. From what he could hear, the population on that side of the water was increasing, and he hoped those who were anxious to join the Craft would be enabled to do so now that Masonry had been brought so close home; but, at the same time, he would impress upon the brethren not to be too anxious to initiate any who would not reflect honour on their choice. He expressed a sincere wish that the Lodge would flourish and prosper in the future, and he assured the brethren he would watch its development with great interest. The petition for the formation of the Lodge was signed by the following founders, all of the Medina Lodge:—Bros. R. L. Roberton I.P.M., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D., James Halliday, J. C. Airs P.M., F. R. Harris, Henry Halliday, H. T. Deacon, Wm. Pryer, Chas. Gregory, Edward Matthews, R. James, A. Perry, C. Stock, H. Hayes. The petition having been read, the Provincial Grand Master signified that it had been the pleasure of the M.W. the Grand Master to grant a warrant of incorporation. He then called on the Prov. Chaplain to deliver an oration. The oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Rev. R. S. Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and Chaplain of the Albany Lodge, 151.

They were met together, he remarked, on a very solemn and important occasion, to dedicate a new Lodge to the glory of God and to the good of mankind. He said "to the glory of God," because he was convinced that the science of Freemasonry did tend in a very marked degree to promote the greater revealed glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, since it referred us continually to Him as the Ruler and Sovereign of all; and he said also "to the good of mankind," for surely a society that was based upon such great principles as brotherly love, relief, and truth, must conduce to man's greater happiness, since it was brotherly love that sweetened life, relief that mitigated its sorrows, and truth that raised mankind in the scale of created beings. Remarking that he had chosen the subject of God's existence and power as the theme of his oration that day, he said that in order to attune their hearts to the proper note of praise to their Creator and God, let them consider the heavens, the work of His fingers, the moon and the stars which He had ordained; let them look at Nature in all her exquisite beauty, in all her wonderful order, breathe in her perfumes arising from thousands of flowers, drink in with their ears the delicious sounds that fell upon them on a summer's evening, or feast their eyes on some lovely scene, where the varied tints of earth blended in exquisite perfection with the deep blue of a cloudless sky, producing a picture on which one felt he would never tire to gaze. Or, again, not content with a mere superficial contemplation of Nature, let them, with the aid of the telescope, view the myriads of celestial bodies that spangled the starry heights; or let them go down into caves and caverns and note the various strata that upheavals of the earth displayed to their wondering gaze, and see the fossilled glories of a bygone age; or, not to weary them with multiplied examples, let them note the changes of the seasons, the climate, the ebb and flow of the tide, the movements of the planets, and surely as they reflected upon all these leaves in the great book which Nature opened before them, they must be impressed with the lesson of how overpowering is the majesty of Him who created all that was so wonderful and marvellous. There was a tendency in the present day to deny the existence of God, and this tendency had even, to their great regret, crept into the Freemasonry of a country not far removed from our shores. Man, the crowning work of the Creator's hand, was doubtless great, was sometimes dignified, but when it came to defying man and making a god of humanity, it was surely time to consider how little man was after all, and that, in spite of his much-vaunted science, his inventions, his art, his literature, his highly-artificial civilization in comparing him with his Creator, the question arose in our minds, as it did in that of the Psalmist, "What is man that God should even regard him, or the son of man that He should deign to visit him?" Man, it was true, had done great works, had compassed magnificent architectural achievements; but could he lay the beams of his chambers in the waters or produce a mountain range the tops of which should ever whiten with perennial snows? He might apply the power of steam, and travel sixty miles in as many minutes, but could he make the clouds his chariot, and walk upon the wings of the wind? Yet though the existence and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe were seen so clearly in all the beauties of Nature, there were those who denied that existence, and refused to recognise any being whose reality was not clearly demonstrated by scientific knowledge. It seemed to him that the idea of a Deity must commend itself to the unbiassed conscience of every man as a very real conception; and yet the modern unbeliever would arrogate to himself the only claim to intelligence and learning, and profess a pitying contempt for those who still believed in God. However, we found that belief in God and worship of Him commended itself to the stupendous genius of a Newton, to the gigantic intelligence of a Faraday. Was Sir Isaac Newton a fool? Was Faraday a mere dreamer and fanatic? And yet these great men, with brains so vastly superior to the comparatively pigmy intellect of the modern sceptic, thought it not inconsistent with their genius to be humble believers in and devout worshippers of One who they recognised as their Creator and their God. In concluding an eloquent and powerful address—here but briefly summarised—the Rev. Speaker said he regarded Freemasons, who did claim to believe in God, let them not be led away by every wind of doctrine, but rather let them press the volume of the Sacred Law closer to their breasts, and declare that they were not ashamed to confess the ancient faith of their fath ancient belief of Freemasonry, and that they, as English Ma believe in and would worship the grand Geometrician of the U whose existence they first learned on mothers' knees, wh baby lips lisped out their infant prayer to that God whom t since found in boyhood's time, and in manhood's prime, in sc joy and in times of sorrow, to be indeed a loving Father disobedient though they had often been to Him. Yes, the take their stand on the ancient principle of Masonic sci with truthful lips declare: "I believe in the Great Architec Universe, the Maker of heaven and earth, who in the begin the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the worl hands," and, further, that though all things changed here or though, as their Laureate said,

> "Our little systems have their day,
> They have their day and cease to be,"

—yea, though the heavens and the earth passed away, ye Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Thou art the same and T shall not fail. Thou remainest one God for ever and ever, the ages of ages." It was with this faith in the Great A shown in carrying out this great law of love for man, that th best perform their allotted task here on earth, and so finall to the Grand Lodge above, there to enjoy Light, Joy, and evermore. So more it be!

A portion of the 133rd Psalm was sung by all present, an from the Old Testament were read by the chaplain. The tion ceremony then proceeded, and was brought to a conc the singing of the anthem "Glory to God on high." The in of Bro. Roberton P.M. 35 was then performed by the P.G the new Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro Mursell P.M. 35 P.P.S.G.D. S.W., J. Halliday J.W., A D.C. 35 I.P.M., E Matthews Treasurer, R. James Registr Wilkins Secretary, H. Halliday Director of Ceremonies, C S.D., H. T. Deacon J.D., W. Pryer I.G., Hayes Organist, and C. Stock Stewards, Young Tyler. Notice was given of of propositions for joining and initiation, and it was una decided to make honorary members the P.G.M. Bro. B D P.G.M. Bro. Le Feuvre, the P.G. Chaplain Bro. the R Wood, M.A., and the P.G. Secretary Bro. Goble. On beha Manners W.M. of 35 a banner, which was a splendid sp design and workmanship, having in the centre a well exec of Osborne Palace, was presented to the W.M. for the use o Lodge. After the transaction of formal business, the L closed in ancient form. At the close of the ceremonie quet was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, East Cowes. The the Osborne Lodge, Bro. Roberton, presided, and he was by the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. E. Le Feuvre), the and Past Provincial Officers who had been present in I Worshipful Masters of the Southampton, Albany, Eas Yarborough, Ryde, and Chine Lodges, Officers and brethr Medina and other Lodges, to the number of about 70 in dinner was supplied by Bro. Perry of the Prince of Wales h toasts of Queen and Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master were appropriately introduced by the W remarked how greatly the personal attachment and devoti Royal Family were increased in that neighbourhood by ledge they had of the many generous and kindly acts of its Bro. Faulkner P.P.J.G.D. proposed the Pro G.M. and G Grand Lodge, and expressed his admiration at the exampl which the Officers of Grand Lodge carried out their duties very gratifying to them, and was a great honour to the Pro three of its members had been selected as Officers of the Gr of England. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre G.J.D. Eng. briefly ack the compliment. The W.M. introduced the toast of W.P.G.M of Hants and the I.W., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, reading from the toast list, which was embellished with a appropriately chosen poetical extracts, the quotation attach subject in hand:

> In faith he is a worthy gentleman,
> Exceeding well read, and profited
> In strange concealments . . . .
> And wondrous affable.

He said no one who had the opportunity of being brought with their Provincial Grand Master, could fail to be impr his high sense of justice, his devotion to and accurate perfo his duty, and charmed with his affability. Bro. Beach ga sion to the pleasure he had felt at coming amongst them charge of the important duty he had that day undert progress that Masonry was making was a great s congratulation. In their desire to keep the new L prosperous and flourishing state, let them not be too anxiou new members without full knowledge of their character, section that they would be a credit to the Lodge and to entrance to which they would understand was no light m would impress on its hearers the necessity of maintai connection with the Lodge, and not relinquishing active its welfare after the lapse of a few years. From the knowle of Bro. Roberton he could assure them that the choice the of him as their Worshipful Master promised well for well-being and prosperity of the new Lodge. He had gre in committing to them the toast of the Worshipful Master ess to the Osborne Lodge.

. . . . . What thanks we owe
To work like thine! What praise shall we bestow

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Bro. Airs, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of Bro. Lancaster P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Goble Secretary. Each of these Officers responded to the toast. In the course of his reply Bro. Goble passed a high eulogium on the promoters of the Masonic Exhibition lately held at Shanklin, and gave it as his opinion that it had been productive of much benefit to Masonry. He also said it had been his duty to attend the consecration of many new Lodges, but he had never witnessed a ceremony so ably conducted throughout as that had been that day. He paid a warm tribute to the impressive manner in which their Provincial Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood had performed his part of the Service, and said that though they should rejoice at his preferment, his approaching departure for India would be a distinct loss to the Province. Bro. Mursell submitted the toast of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past, and in the course of an able introduction spoke in high terms of the services rendered by many of the Provincial Grand Officers, specially complimenting the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. the Rev. R. S. Wood said he only wished he deserved the kind and flattering expressions of their regard which had been made use of. He very much appreciated the great compliment they had paid him that day in making him an honorary member of the Osborne Lodge. It was one more link in the chain that bound him to the Isle of Wight. Bro. F. Newman P.G.S.W. responded; he expressed perfect agreement with the opinions of the P.G.M., and said the popularity into which Masonry had grown was in some respects a misfortune, as it was now more than ever necessary to exercise discretion in the admission of new members. The Visitors received a warm welcome at the hands of Bro. J. Halliday, who said it was very gratifying to the members of the Osborne Lodge to have had the opportunity of entertaining so many distinguished brethren. In response to the toast, Bro. Faulkner said as a member of the oldest Lodge in the Province he warmly thanked the members of the youngest for their hospitality. He hoped the time was not far distant when they should be members of each others' Lodges, only situated about 200 yards or 300 yards distant "across the water." Bro. J. G. Garnham W.M. responded for the Albany Lodge, expressing good wishes for the prosperity of the new Lodge, and Bro. H. Durrant W.M. replied for East Medina Lodge. Bro. Col. Terry, as in some sort a representative Mason, was glad to acknowledge the hospitality he had experienced. He had been initiated into Masonry in British Burmah some 25 years ago, when a Parsee was Master of his Lodge. He had visited many Lodges, in different parts of the world, and in reference to the excellent oration they had had from their Chaplain that day, he said nowhere, except in France, was it possible to obtain admission to Masonry except on an expression of belief in God. Bro. A. Dashwood W.M., also spoke in acknowledgment, and expressed the hope that the members of the Ryde Lodge might have an opportunity to reciprocate the hospitality that day dispensed. Bro. the Rev. P. G. U. Pickering proposed the Officers of the Osborne Lodge. He said it had been a great pleasure to him to come down from London to assist that day in the carrying out of a project that had been long talked of on the "other side of the water." It was an essential condition to the success of a Lodge that its Officers should be well chosen, and from the knowledge he had of the brethren in office in the Osborne Lodge he felt its prosperity was assured. Bro. Mursell P.M. and S.W. responded. He said it was when he was attending the consecration of a new Lodge at Bournemouth, that the Provincial Grand Master had given him the welcome information that he felt justified in recommending the grant of a warrant for the constitution of the Osborne Lodge. Bros. J. Halliday J.W., L. T. Wilkins Secretary, and E. Matthews Treasurer, also responded in suitable terms. In the toast of the Charities, Bro. Faulkner bore witness to the excellence of the education imparted in the Masonic schools, both girls' and boys', and to the great benefits conferred by the other Masonic Charity. The proposer warmly eulogised the great services in the cause of the Charities rendered by Bro. Mursell, whose name he coupled with the toast. Bro. G. Mursell said his dearest interests were involved in the cause of the Masonic Charities. He was once more about to take up the duties of Steward, and as an inducement to the brethren around him to follow the example set them he had the pleasure to say he had just been promised by Bro. Collingwood the handsome contribution of £5. The usual collection made at the table realised £5 11s 6d, but most of the visitors had left at this time. Bro. Garnham ably introduced the toast of the Founders, and said the splendid gathering of Masons they had had from all parts of the province that day was an augury of the future prosperity and success of the new Lodge, which he sincerely wished they might attain to. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Airs, Deacon, H. Halliday, W. Fryer, C. Stock, R. James A. Perry, and E. Poland. Bro. G. A. Brannon submitted the toast of the W.M. and Officers of the Medina Lodge. He said the members of the neighbouring Albany Lodge were well able to testify to the good feeling which animated the brethren of Medina Lodge, and to the devotion of the officers to their duties. He was glad to have an opportunity of acknowledging many acts of courtesy extended to him by their W.M., whose well deserved promotion they were all delighted to hear of. He was sure that Bro. Manners regretted as much as did they all that he was unable to be with them that day. The toast was responded to by Bros. Faulkner, Rutland and Cullingford. The Tyler's toast followed. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. G. Jones, L. T. Wilkins, Rev. G. Pickering, J. G. Garnham, F. Rutland, H. H. Wheeler, C. Stock, J. C. Airs, J. Halliday, &c. Altogether the inauguration proceedings were marked by a success which must have been in the highest degree gratifying to the members of the new Lodge. We cordially join in the wish that the Osborne Lodge may enjoy a long and prosperous career.—*Isle of Wight County Press.*

**£20.**—Tobacco Habits Commencing.—An illustrated guide, read. (136 pp), "How to Cease, certainly from £20 to £50," 3 Stamps. H. Myers,

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Grand.**—At a matinée given here on Thursday, the 18th instan a new drama, in four acts, entitled "The Secrets of a Life," Arthur Williams and George Roberts, was produced. This is drama containing some excellent work, and after judicious cutting which, by the way it wants badly—may be made a success. T authors have run into the mistake of having two plots; the weake part of the play is in the development of the second plot. Neverth less, we have one character which will make playgoers forgive great deal in the other parts of the dialogue. The character refer to was impersonated by Mr. Arthur Williams, who w extremely funny. In some parts of the play we are reminded other works, but we can overlook this when interesting situation are brought about. The play may be briefly epitomised. Do Belmont discovers her husband, Lawrence, no longer loves her, but h transferred his affections to Valentine Darncombe. This lady is assi ted in her designs by Baron Barcas, who resolves Laurence Belmont wife shall die, so that his sister can take her place. A conversatio between these two is overheard by Dora, who resolves to leave he husband's house and return to her father, whose forgiveness for h disobedience in regard to her marriage she entreats. The fathe refuses, and tells Dora her leaving home killed her mother. Do leaves him, and dies on the road, after handing over her child to t care of a travelling showman (Marc Antony Mumford) and his wi Twenty years are supposed to elapse between acts 1 and 2. We no find Maurice, the son of Dora Belmont, living in ignorance as to wh were his parents. He has saved the life of Lucy (Lord Belmont ward) and has discovered she loves him. He has accepted a situatio as secretary to Laurence, now Lord Belmont. Maurice tells Lucy the must part, but their interview in the garden is interrupted by h guardian and his son Albert. We now learn that Lady Belmont h decided Albert shall marry Lucy, but she refuses. Maurice is forbidde the house, and he returns to the showman, at whose residence he visited by Lucy. Here Albert Belmont, also comes to see Julie, the sho man's daughter; he is recognised by her parents, and sent away. Lat on he induces Julie to leave her home, but the fugitives are follow by Maurice and the girl's parents. Lady Belmont is denounced b the showman as a bigamist; her former husband being still aliv A struggle takes place at the house where Albert has decoy Julie, between him and Maurice; Albert is thrown over a brid just as the friends of Julie arrive. All now ends well; the showm producing proof of Maurice being the son of Lord Belmont. A fair strong caste represented the several parts, foremost bei Mr. Arthur Williams as the showman. This gentleman literal caused the house to be convulsed with laughter. From first to la the comical element was to the fore, and certainly Mr. Williar must be highly complimented. Miss M. A. Victor lent valuat aid as the showman's wife, while Miss Harriet Clifton was seen advantage as Dora Belmont. Miss Marion May, a promising you actress, displayed good form, and Mr. John Le Hay was amusing Timothy Timmins. Other parts were taken by Messrs. Fra Collings, A. C. Lilly, George Yates, Walter Steadman, Edmu Gurney, Miss Beatrice Robv, and Mrs. Bennett. At the conclusi the authors were summoned, and bowed their acknowledgments.

**Vaudeville.**—Miss Helen Barry gave a matinée here on We nesday afternoon, when she sustained her original character Rachel Trevor in the "Esmonds of Virginia," a drama by A. Cazauran. This piece has met with great success in the provinc but its reception at the Vaudeville was unsatisfactory. The acti was fairly good, but the piece did not secure so firm a hold on t audience as might have been anticipated. Perhaps this may accounted for,—the work being what is termed a one part pla Nevertheless the character of Rachel Trevor appeals to the audien and in Miss Barry it has obtained a perfect representative. Th lady's acting was most impressive throughout; she exhibited gre emotion, which drew forth the sympathy of her audience. In sho Miss Barry gave us a good piece of character acting, and as a rew received several floral tributes and the well earned applause of audience. Mr. Arthur Lyle's Richard Trevor was very well portray while Mr. Richard Brennand as Dr. Bell was excellent. Little Ha Trevor, as taken by Master Grattan, was good, and the little fell gained deserved applause. Miss Maria Davis as Mrs. Esmond played a tenderness that evoked considerable sympathy, while Captain Henry Esmond of Mr. John Nesbitt was good, especially the last act. Miss Gertrude Tempest, Mr. Robert Peyton, Mr. C Melton, and Miss Ethel Sargient, in the remaining characters, w sustained their parts.

It is currently reported that Mr. Edward Compton has been pleased with a new farce, in three acts, read to him by an unkno author, that he has secured the acting rights of the piece, and inte to give it a trial shortly at a matinée at the Strand Theatre, wit good caste.

Miss Florence West will produce, at a matinée, a new and origi comedy, entitled "Gladis," by Arthur Law, at the Strand Thea on Wednesday 1st December.

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The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will hold Annual Meeting at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Tham this day (Saturday). The Companions will assemble 3 o'clock.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

## MONDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

## TUESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

## WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, [illegible] Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (In
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouth
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolt
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruct
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furn
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

## THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (I
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basingh
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instr
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instr
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruc
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (I
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Ins
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Waladon St., Rotherhithe N
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (I
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (I
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruc
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instructi
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberw
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (I
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instr
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Inst
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bu
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruc
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Woo
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newc
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
380—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
[illegible]—Harmony, [illegible], Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
[illegible]—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby

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1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1287—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—County, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Moreton, at 8. (Instruction)
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 334—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
831—Rabelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1286—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1816—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Fort and Steel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Albert ed, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
985—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1069—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Port, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1661—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Fareham
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 358—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Alnion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2042—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Stuart's Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1455—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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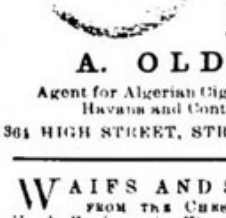
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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE December Communication of Grand Lodge, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, was, as we had anticipated would be the case, very numerously attended, and on the whole the proceedings may be characterized as having been most satisfactory. To mark the interest taken by the heads of the Order in the affairs of the Craft, whenever anything of a special character is to be considered, the throne was occupied by the Pro Grand Master, the highest Masonic dignitary who, under all the circumstances of the meeting, could be present, as it might hardly be considered in good taste for the Grand Master himself to attend on the occasion of the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Carnarvon was supported in Grand Lodge by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Herschell S W.. Col. Sackville West P.G.W. as S.W., Revs. J. N. Palmer and Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Chaplains, D. P. Cama Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt Sec. Ger. Cor., Samuel Pope S.D., Ralph Clutton and J. E. Le Feuvre J.D.'s; Sir Albert Woods Dir. of Cers., R. G. Glover Dep. Dir. of Cers., H. T. Wood Asst. Dir. of Cers., W. Roebuck Swd. Bearer, E. D. Davis and H. Greene Stand. Bearers, W. Parratt Organist, A. Lucking Pursuivant, W. H. Perryman Assist. Pursuivant. Altogether about 500 brethren were present.

The minutes of the last Communication, in so far as they referred to the Treasurership of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, were challenged by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who revived the question discussed at the last Grand Lodge, as to the legality of the alteration recently made by the Benevolent Institution, removing the duties of Treasurer of the Institution from the Grand Treasurer for the time being to a brother elected by the subscribers to the Charity. Bro. Cumberland argued the last election was irregular, inasmuch as the alteration in the rules had not been approved by Grand Lodge. The Pro Grand Master thought the occasion was not the proper one at which to discuss the question; it did not interfere with the minutes; but subsequently he explained that he had been mistaken in regard to this point; at the same time he did not consider that the best occasion for discussing the subject, and felt that perhaps Bro. Cumberland would be content with having mentioned the matter. The minutes were then put and confirmed.

The Pro Grand Master then submitted the communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master in regard to the future position of the President of the Board of Benevolence. He hardly doubted, from what he had heard, but that this communication would be acceptable to Grand Lodge. By desire of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales he submitted the following resolution:—

"That the President of the Board of Benevolence shall, by virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank next to Past Grand Secre-

ness of the Board of Benevolence had increased during th last few years. At every Quarterly Meeting they wer called upon to approve grants, varying no doubt in amount but often running to very considerable sums, on behalf c the less fortunate members of the Craft. Those grants which were generally passed without much delay, entaile a large amount of serious previous consideration. Furthe than this, the Board of Benevolence had, of recent years much enlarged the scope of its duties, and had had mor business thrown upon it; it was, therefore, very importan that its President should hold a fitting position in Gran Lodge. For this reason the office was in the appointmen of the Grand Master, and was made annually, though, as matter of fact, the same brother was generally selected t fill it. They had, unfortunately, that night to lament th loss of one who had fulfilled the duties for a long period and who was, he thought, universally respected in th Craft for his courtesy, his kindness, his Masonic charity and his devotion to duty. This place it was the duty o the Grand Master to fill, and he had been pleased to selec Bro. Robert Grey for the appointment. The Pro G. Maste felt sure that the selection would be agreeable to thos present, and with those few words—partly of sincere an genuine regret for him whose loss they deplored, an partly to announce the change the Grand Master ha thought it expedient to make—he left the resolution i the hands of Grand Lodge. Bro. Sir John Monckto seconded the proposal, which was approved.

The next business on the agenda was the nomination o a Grand Master for the ensuing year. Sir P. Cunliff Owen nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It ha fallen to his good fortune, he said, to make the proposi tion, and in doing so he felt he might perhaps be allowe to refer to the many claims which His Royal Highness ha upon the Freemasons of the kingdom. He trusted h might also be allowed to allude to the fact that they wer assembled on an auspicious day, the birthday of H.R.H. th Princess of Wales.

The nomination of a Grand Treasurer was then pro ceeded with, Bro. Robert Berridge submitting the name o Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., for th office, and Bro. G. A. Vennell nominating Bro. Richar Eve I.P.M. 165.

The Grand Secretary announced that the Globe Lodge had nominated Bro. Edward Nixey to fill the vacancy o the Board of Grand Stewards caused by the death o Bro. E. C. Mather, and that the Grand Master ha approved of the nomination.

The officials of the Board of Benevolence were then formally announced, Bro. Grey being declared President Bro. James Brett Senior Vice President, and Bro. C. A Cottebrune Junior Vice President, the former on the appointment of the Grand Master, and the two latter as the choice of the Craft. The following twelve Past Masters were declared elected (no others having been nominated) to serve on the Board:—Bros. Britten 183, Brown 90 Cull 1446, Cundy 901, Dairy 141, Haslip 813, Hogard 205 Mercer 1641, Read 511, Spaull 1768, Taylor 144, and Woodward 1538.

readers will remember, embraced some resolutions defining the status of Past Masters outside their own Lodges. As the subject is one worthy of considerable discussion, and as the decision ultimately arrived at was carried by the narrow majority of one vote, in an assembly of 421 voters, we shall refer further to the matter in a future issue. The decision arrived at on Wednesday makes it illegal for the Past Masters to wear their collars outside their own Lodge, except when attending Grand, Provincial, or District Grand Lodge.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart very wisely acted in accordance with our suggestion of last week, and postponed his motion in reference to a grant towards the proposed Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India until the next Quarterly Communication, in March, by which time we hope sufficient will be known in regard to the proposed Institute to enable the brethren to give a decided opinion as to the part they will take in connection with it. This completing the business, Grand Lodge was closed.

## LIMITATIONS OF OBLIGATIONS.

*An Oration by the Rev. R. W. Hill, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Oregon, June* 1886.

(Continued from p 341.)

### DUTY TO ONE'S NEIGHBOUR AS WELL AS TO ONE'S SELF.

THE last two limitations are very closely bound together; so closely, in fact, that they may well be spoken of as one. A man who is true to others will be true to himself, and the very highest proof of Masonic manhood is the discharge of the obligations connected with the social relations of life. Hence social duty includes all that relates to one's self, even as the circle contains the point within. The obligations which are connected with our duty to our neighbours cannot be laid aside—or repudiated by any one who professes to live and act as a Mason should. Hence we find that the virtues of friendship and charity are both included in this portion of human duty, and that the Masonic obligation emphasizes this by making their practice an essential part of the life to which the Mason has bound himself, and by precept and illustration in lectures and ceremonials setting forth the beauty and desirability of their exercise. If anything were required to prove the power of Masonry in brightening human life, the prominence which is given to the practice of acts of neighbourly duty might reasonably be cited. And here no "pent-up Utica" contracts the Mason's sphere, for, in its widest sense, this duty reaches out to and embraces all mankind. Stress may be given to special obligation to those of "the household of faith," but the Great Master's definition of "neighbour" is regarded in Masonry as the only true one, and wherever the cry of suffering humanity is lifted up to heaven there must the true Mason be ready to go in answer to the appeal, as far as lies within his power. Wherever human woe and toil and sorrow may be relieved by the kindly touch of human sympathy and the generous exercise of a broad charity, there must the ennobling influence and teachings of Masonry be manifested in generous emulation as to who can do the most and work the hardest in the relief of the distress and the lightening of the burdens of life—

> "Since heart from heart may borrow
> Healing for deep heart sorrow."

Thus Masonry teaches us to make firm and lasting friendships based upon the practice of the virtues which most adorn and bless life. It is not so much *precept* as *practice* which we desire, and to this end all instruction tends. And yet we are to draw the distinction in these things between the charity and friendships bestowed upon the worthy, and the refusals given to those who are vicious, idle or depraved. The latter have no solid claim on the sympathy or countenance of Masonry, and when by accident they become invested with the mysteries, it is not a part of Masonic obligation to stand to and sustain them so long as they refuse to forsake their evil ways. It is the teaching of Masonry that virtue can alone prepare the

suffering. Masonic obligation, then, teaches us charge the duties we owe to God and to man, and these duties it draws a circle which cannot be pa any pledge taken in support of itself. Masonry reason of its very limitations, becomes a prop, and corner-stone to all that is good and noble and ele human life. The very mainspring of all its princ all its work is the great commandment, "Thou s the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as Here is the heart of Masonry; here is its fundame tation; here is its hope and assurance of permane usefulness. Masonry is thus, by virtue of its ve tions, strong and vigorous. Appealing to all tha and noblest in our nature, and lending its mighty to the faithful performance of each human duty, itself when it strengthens men to the discharge o gations of life, and in retiring when other duties discharged, it gathers power and wins confidence. twines in sacred chain all the obligations which s home and the state, and with them its blessing i the bonds of friendship and the charities of life.

Let us recognize, then, the strength and the b of Masonry and with voice and hand foster wha founded on true humanity and the broadest phila

May this Grand Lodge of Oregon stand fores that will extend the true principles of the Order. time shall come when its mission of charity an accomplished and universal brotherhood rules Then let us

> "Do good, not dream it all day long;
> So then shall life, death, and that vast for eve
> Be one grand, sweet song."

*Voice of*

## THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT DE GRAND MASTER.

THERE was a period, long continued, in the most Masonic jurisdictions when the s Lodges were under the immediate and sole sup the Grand Master of Masons. This custom b the Lodges were few in number, and the Gran supervision could be adequately maintained ove but it was continued after the circumstanc greatly altered, when the Lodges had largely and when it was impossible for any one brothe intend the work of such a host of subordina bodies. The result was, these bodies became with the inattention to which they were sub sought for some change of system which mig their condition. This was the case in the jur the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as it wa jurisdictions. Grand Masters themselves were with the then status of affairs, for they wer that it was physically impossible for them to even a tithe of, the Lodges under their respe dictions, so that both Lodges and Grand Lodge raneously sought for some method of relief. I in the system of appointment of District De Masters, who, in their several Districts, shou the Grand Master. With a roll of Lodges of fifteen in number under the Deputy's care, it duty to visit each one of them *at least* once in to receive all communications from them, to direct them, reporting and accounting annu Grand Master for the performance of his receiving such authority and aid from him f time as the circumstances required. This proved an admirable one—so admirable th impossible to improve upon it. It brings Master home to each Lodge. It gives the Di so circumscribed a territory, having so few L it, that it is possible for him to know each intimately and well, to be familiar with their active members, and to supervise, direct an work in such a manner as to insure its proper

It follows from what has been stated, that and prosperity of every subordinate Lodge

in geometrical proportion with the flight of years, so that we can fancy a neglected Lodge might reach such a condition as scarcely to be recognisable as a Masonic Lodge. It is always easy to go astray—any Lodge having a ghost of a chance will do it. Even the most careful officers are sometimes forgetful. Hence the importance of *constant* supervision and direction.

What, then, are the primary, imperative duties of a District Deputy Grand Master?

(1) To visit each Lodge in his jurisdiction at least once in every Masonic year. Nothing but sickness should excuse one from the performance of this duty. The private business of the Deputy is no sufficient excuse. He should not have accepted the office if he could not find the leisure to perform its duties. To neglect this most important of all duties is to discredit himself with his brethren, and to directly injure the portion of the Craft committed to his immediate care. Nothing injures in this matter like neglect.

(2) At each visit the District Deputy has a number of duties to perform. His fraternal greeting of his brethren has a most happy effect. It places him *en rapport* with them. They are made ready to obey his behests. He goes among them as their friend and brother, seeking to advance their highest interests. He is, in consequence, always gladly welcomed. Early in each Masonic year he should make these visits. Let him make them when "the empire is peace," rather than wait until, possibly, some difficulty has arisen, and he has to officiate in the sometimes difficult *rôle* of a peace-maker. Once present, his first care should be to examine the minute book of the Lodge, and see that both in matter of substance and form it is correct. This done, and the necessary corrections indicated, his next duty is to examine the work of the Lodge, as performed by the Officers, correct it, and, if time permits, afterwards exemplify it himself. This is all important. The opening and closing should be made to conform to established usage, as should every other part of the ritual. Uniformity is important, because without it there soon comes to be an infinite variety. The standard work should be insisted on and carefully taught—not the possible Masonry of some other jurisdiction, but the actual Masonry of our own. To accomplish this, repeated visits may be necessary; whatever time is required should be unselfishly devoted to the duty. The Craft demands it, and the Craft should have it.

Supplemental to his own diligent performance of official obligations, the District Deputy should, from time to time, seek to obtain a Grand Visitation from the Grand Master, accompanied by his Grand Officers. This always is attended with the happiest results. It largely draws out the membership, it leads the officers to perfect themselves in the work, and it healthily stimulates the Lodges in all of their higher activities.

Happy are the Grand Lodges which have an able, conscientious, active and self-sacrificing body of District Deputy Grand Masters. They are ornaments to Masonry. They maintain its integrity, honour its Landmarks, insure fidelity to its usages and customs, and so supervise all of the Labour of the Craftsmen that it redounds to their own credit, and promotes the best welfare of the Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

## EXPANSIVENESS OF FREEMASONRY.

THE Masonic system has a marvellous breadth of teaching and application. It includes ideas and principles that relate to the whole conduct of life. Its ceremonies and symbolism signify manifold private duties and public obligations. There is a wideness to Masonic inculcations which no other system of merely human origin may claim to possess. It is the glory of our Institution, founded upon a system which covers such broad ranges of thought and duty, that it cannot be held within the lines of a narrow, technical expression. The genius of Freemasonry demands diffusiveness; its natural tendencies require not only that there shall be a due expansion of its organic life, but that there shall be a broad, free application both of its principles and spirit, that so the world at large may be helped to better things.

At the recent consecration of De Satton Lodge, No. "In the Arabian Nights we read of a fairy tent which young prince brought hidden in a walnut shell to hi father. Placed in the council chamber, it encanopied th king and his ministers. Taken into the courtyard, all th household stood beneath its shade. Brought into th midst of the great plain outside the city, it spread it mighty awning all around until it gave shelter to a host It had infinite flexibility, infinite expansiveness, and infi nite power of development. So it was with Masonry. I had covered Europe with its shadow; it had found accept ance with east and west, with African and America tribes, and it was still spreading in the world, and i operated unspent by its own divine and earnest vitality.' The reference and its application are alike appropriate No other institution has such fitness for universal recep tion, or addresses itself with so much of force and blessin to that one common human nature in which all nation and peoples have share. Its ministries are not limited t some one age or locality, to a special class of minds, or t some one phase of life and character. It is not bound b social customs or national prejudices and peculiarities. I knows no sect or party as such, and it rises above every thing that is narrow and technical in its enforcement o grand truths which meet the wants of humanity every where, and the fulfilment of its mission to respect genuin manhood wherever found.

The Masonic Institution drives some stakes deepl down, and draws firmly certain lines that fix its characte and work; but all this does not interfere with that catho licity and large-heartedness which belong to its expression Whatever rules may be laid down and precise formula adopted, whatever limits may be appointed for the specifi exercise of Masonic virtues and obligations, it should ye be remembered that the great, underlying principles of th Fraternity have a bearing upon the world at large, and i their natural diffusiveness must contribute an influence o help and blessing to mankind. It is a matter of just prid to all true Craftsmen that the Masonic system can b interpreted and applied in this broad way, and that its beneficent fruits may be gathered from so many branches The spirit and sentiment of Freemasonry are finding expression in many organisations, permeating many of th enterprises and movements of these later days, and thu there is being accomplished a mightier and more blesse work than is shown by any numerical or financial exhibit —*Freemasons' Repository.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

*To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An announcement was made in one o the City Journals last week that it was proposed that I should b put in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuin year. In consequence of the solicitation of many friends in th Craft I had to some extent given my consent thereto, and a larg measure of support was promised in that event. But for the sake o avoiding as far as possible a contest which at the present momen might be objectionable I have asked my friends to defer their kin interest until the next period of election when, I shall do myself th honour to offer myself in the manner they propose.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALBERT J. ALTMAN.

City Steam Works, Barbican, 1st December 1886.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE GIRLS' SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I sincerely trust that at the nex election, for this or any other sort, that the House Committee of th Girls' School will feel themselves competent to manage their ow affairs, without calling in the aid of the myrmidons of the law. have every respect and esteem for those necessary evils the police to whom we are so largely indebted for the peace and security i which we live, but I consider it nothing less than an insult to th brethren generally to markedly show them they are so unrul and misbehaved that it is necessary to call in the assistance of th men in blue to keep them in order. Robert's place is outside t house, to keep cowans out; not inside, to dictate to the members Masonic or other bodies. If there must be distinctive aid why n

# MASONIC AND ANTI-MASONIC PROCESSIONS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I MAILED last week to the Freemason's Chronicle a photograph of the first page of the "Westminster Journal, or Weekly Miscellany," of 8th May 1742, containing a picture of a "Scald Miserable" procession on the previous 27th of April. There is also another caricature of the same turn-out of the mock Masons. I own a copy on a reduced scale, but the original broadside is thus described in Nichols' and Stevens' edition of Hogarth, Vol. II., p 159 et seq.

"The print, representing a view of the Somerset House in the Strand, is 3 feet 11½ inches in length and ten inches in width, and is intituled 'A Geometrical view of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, designed as they were drawn up over against the Somerset House in the Strand on the twenty-seventh of April Anno. 1742. Invented and engraved by A. Benoist,'" &c.

The procession of the Grand Lodge of 27th April 1742, together with the rival procession of the Scald Miserables, must have created a demand for the caricatures, for I find that "the great demand there has been made for the *Westminster Journal* of the 8th instant occasioned reprinting the following piece." The said piece is simply a sarcasm on Masonic processions, repeating the description of the Scald Miserables. In short, it seems that a second edition of the *Westminster Journal* was issued; thus the Masonic procession of 1742 brought out two distinct caricatures exhibiting the procession in different parts of London. Now I confess that I hitherto supposed that the "Scald Miserables" (as they styled themselves) made their first appearance in 1742. Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, however, assured me that he bought at Spencer's sale some years ago a broadside of a procession of Miserables of 1741, and referred me to Hone's Every Day Book for a copy of that picture, and I subsequently found that there was a procession of Scald Miserables in 1711. I must now, however, say something about the origin and evolution of our modern Masonic processions.

From Anderson I learn that on 24th June 1722 Grand Master Wharton came to Merchant Taylor's Hall, attended by some eminent brothers in their coaches. On the next 24th June the eminent brothers came in their coaches "duly clothed." After which they processioned around the table in the Hall. The next Masonic procession took place 27th December 1728. In 1730 the Masonic show was made more attractive, for on that occasion brothers without distinction rode in carriages, while the brothers of distinction rode in chariots. In 1734 the science of Masonic processioning was further improved by the addition of a band of music, which played grandly on trumpets, hautboys, kettledrums, and French horns I must here, however, add that in America the science of Masonic processioning has been further advanced by the turn-out of hundreds, or even thousands, of great Masonic philosophers, wearing cocked hats and swords, and what not, who collectively look the picture of sublimity, and are generally admired by American gazers as nearly equal to a Barnum circus procession. In England, however, there was an opposition to Masonic processions from its very start; for no sooner had the "distinguished brothers, duly clothed," made their public appearance, than the Chinese Order of the "Gormagons" came also out in public procession, and these Gormagon processions may have been the cause of discontinuing Masonic processions between 1724 and 1728. Any-how, the Gormagons turned out in 1728 and 1730, and Harry Carey, in his poems, printed in 1729, gave us the following doggrel:—

"The Masons and the Gormagons
Are laughing at each other,
While all mankind are laughing at them,
Then why do they make such a pother?

"They bait their hooks for simple gulls,
And truth with bum they smother,
But when they've taken their culls,
Why then 'tis—'Welcome Brother.'"

The said Carey was the author of "Sally in our Alley,"

masons. But it was not in his nature so to do. We said Carey, a Mr. Whitehead, and some other jolly managed to scrape sufficient money together, and org a mock Masonic procession, on 19th March 1741. next day the following notice thereof appeared *London Daily Post*:—

"Yesterday some mock Free-Masons marched th Pall Mall and the Strand as far as Temple Bar in sion; first went fellows on jack-asses, with cowh their hands; then, a kettle drummer on a jack-ass, two butter-firkins for kettle-drums; then followe carts, drawn by jack-asses, having in them the St with several badges of their Order; then came a mo coach, drawn by six horses, each of a different colo size, in which were the Grand Master and Warde whole attended by a vast mob. They stayed Temple Bar till the Masons came by, and paid thei pliments to them, who returned the same with an ag humour that possibly disappointed the witty contr this mock scene, whose misfortune is, that though some wit, his subjects are generally so ill chosen loses by it as many friends as other people of mor ment gain."

The Prince of Wales was so disgusted with Dr. doings that he dismissed him from his service, but not stop the jolly boys from repeating the fun on th turn-out of the Grand Lodge, for besides causing a side to be published, a copy of which, as already me was obtained by Bro. Carson (but unfortunately b the conflagration of the Cincinnati Temple), the paper of 28th April 1742 announced as follows:—

"Yesterday being the annual feast of the anti honourable society of Free and Accepted Mason made a grand procession from Brook-street to Haber Hall, where an elegant entertainment was provi them, and the evening was concluded with that h and decency peculiar to that Society.

"Some time before the Society began their cava number of shoe-cleaners, chimney-sweeps, &c., on in carts, with ridiculous pageants carried before the in procession to Temple-Bar, by the way of a jest masons, at the expense, as we hear, of one hundred sterling."

As the 1742 procession, was ridiculed in two caricatures, it seems to have damped the ardour Craft for public processioning, for in 1743 there Masonic procession. But as Carey died in brethren probably imagined that the "Scald Mis died with him; hence, on 2nd May 1744, the Gran again paraded. But on the next day, the followi ment appeared in the papers:—

"Yesterday several of the mock-masons were by the constable empowered to impress men Majesty's service, and confined till they can be e by justices."

This rather high-handed action of the constabl less encouraged those brethren who like to make show of themselves to try the experiment on Accordingly, the Grand Lodge again paraded in books in my possession fail to quote any newspape of 1745. But in Hone's "Every Day Book," April 18th, there is a picture of a mock processio the bottom of the picture is the following inscript

"The Solemn and Stately Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons,

*As it was martiall'd on Thursday, the 18th of thi April.*"

Thereon Mr. Hone remarks, "The year wh procession took place is not ascertainable from t side; but from the mode of printing and other ap it seems to have been some years before that represented in a large two-sheet 'Geometri . . . as drawn up over against the Somerset the Strand on the 27th of April 1742."

Now, I have carefully examined the dates meetings of the Grand Lodge from 1717, and fo never held a meeting on the 18th of April be when the Grand Lodge marched in procession is more, the 18th of April in 1745 was on a Thur

the 1745 procession. I have already stated that Bro. Carson referred me to Hone's picture as resembling the one of 1741, and the description of the *Daily Post* (above quoted) of the mock-masons' procession of 1741 coincides nearly with Hone's picture. But nevertheless the broadside from which Hone copied furnishes evidence of a Scald Miserable procession in 1745, and what is more, that very 1745 procession of the Miserables gave the final blow to Masonic processions in London, for in 1746 there was no procession, and in 1747 the Grand Lodge prohibited public Masonic processions. In country towns the good looking brethren, who like to show themselves for the admiration of the ladies, dressed up in their finery, do now and then obtain permission to turn-out, and thus gratify their vanity; but not so in London. Once, and once only, Preston and some members of the Lodge of Antiquity ventured to cross the street from their place of meeting to a church with their aprons on, for which they were suspended by the Grand Lodge from the Craft.

In Hogarth's works, above referred to, there is a caricature, with the following inscription, viz.:—

"The Mystery of Masonry brought to light by the Gormagons."

On which is depicted the Emperor of China, Confucius, with a long beard—"Done from ye original, painted at Pekin." Strange to say, I never saw a Chinaman with a beard. As China is called the "Celestial Empire," two dignitaries on the picture respectively carry the sun and moon, as emblems of celestiality. There are other ludicrous figures in the picture. The writer says:

"I should suspect that this plate was published about 1742, when the procession of the Scald Miserables had been produced to parody the cavalcade of Freemasons, who ever afterwards discontinued their annual processions."

But, in the first place, I have already shown that Masonic and Scald Miserable processions took place after 1742; and, second, I have always suspected that the caricature in Hogarth was originally not intended to ridicule Masons at all, but only the Gormagon processions—the plate must, therefore, have been engraved before 1730, as the Gormagons ceased to turn-out after that year—for, with the exception of the sun and moon (for which a reason has already been given) there is not a solitary emblem on the picture that Masons then used in their Lodges. The Masonizing of that caricature seems to have been what is called a second thought. The plate, in a measure, lost its value after the dissolution of the Gormagons, and the demand created by the turn-out of the Scald Miserables in 1741, and afterwards, probably suggested to the owner of the plate to alter the inscription, and thus make it again marketable. Indeed, Nichols says that, "To the earliest impression of this plate the name of Sayer—for whom it was re-touched—is wanting." Here then is an admission that the inscription was re-touched, and, if so, it is not improbable that it was altogether materially changed. I have shown that a second edition of the Scald Miserable broadside of 1741 had its inscription changed, in order to adapt it for a procession in 1745, and we all know that changing of inscriptions at the bottom of engravings is one of the tricks of the trade. The editor of Hogarth (Nichols) further informs us that Messrs. Laurie and Whittle possess the original plate, and that "it was republished in 1798 by Mr. T. Phillips, and, on a smaller scale, in Mr. John Ireland's Illustrations, Vol. III. p 243, where see further account of it." Well, as I was anxious to learn all I could about that Hogarth picture, after considerable trouble I found a set of Ireland's Hogarth; the third Volume thereof was printed in 1804, but I could neither find therein the picture, nor any allusion thereto.

I have thus far examined every edition of Hogarth I could find in Boston, and but in one very recent edition I found the Gormagon picture inserted, without, however, any comment in the text. Still I hope that some inquisitive brother will pursue the inquiry, and will find out whether my conclusion about the Gormagon caricature is correct or not.

Boston, U.S.A., 19th November 1886.

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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## MEDINA LODGE, No. 140.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday the 25th ult. The brethren assembled at the Lodge room High Street, West Cowes; Bro. T. W. Faulkner presided, supported by the Officers and Brethren. Bro. Stock, Lodge 35, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., after which the Wor. Master Elect, Bro. L. Robertson P.G.J.O., was installed for the second time as W. shipful Master, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Faulkner P.M. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Rutland P.P.G. Org. S.W., A. B. field J.W., T. W. Faulkner Treas., R. Cullingford Sec., A. Le. M. J. Halliday S.O., J. Leftwich J.O., T. M. Tirbu S.D., A. Pe. J.D. E. Poland Reg. of M., C. Stock I.G., E. Young Tyler. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room where an excellent banquet was served under the supervision of Bro. J. Liftwich.

## LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

AN unusually interesting and important meeting of this old Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Canonbury-street House when, in addition to the election of Officers for the ensuing year there was a formidable array of work on the agenda paper, a notable item of which being the introduction into the Craft of Mr. Frederick Wootton Isaacson, M.P. for the Stepney Division of the Tower Hamlets. A numerous and distinguished company of members and visitors assembled, under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Henochsberg W.M., who was supported by Bros. Solomon Jacobs S.W., R. Paton J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex Secretary, J. De Mosquita S.D., Rev. M. H. Isaacs Chaplain, J. Da Silva P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. Lichtenfeld Steward E. H. Norden I.P.M., A. Bassington P.M., M. I. Emanuel P.M., J. Gartley P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., S. M. Harris P.M., H. J. Phillips P.M., W. Littaur P.M., and H. M. Harris P.M., together with about 40 other brethren, and Bro. J. Rawles Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Klingenstein P.M. 73, J. Lee Dale 948, J. Seigenberg 1668, J. Loftus 1306, H. J. Amphlett, and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, including a vote of five guineas to St. George's and twenty guineas as a testimonial to Bro. C. F. Hogard, the esteemed and indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, the ballot was opened for the following candidates:—Messrs. Frederick Wootton Isaacson, M.P., D.L., F. R. Jones, I. Dancygier and Isaac White. All were unanimously accepted, and the ceremony of initiation was performed in a masterly and impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bros. S. Schuman and J. Solomons were then raised to the sublime degree, this ceremony being also perfectly carried out. The brethren next proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the choice falling unanimously on Bro. Solomon Jacobs, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months. Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services. On the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M., it was resolved that the sum of two guineas be voted to the Frederick Binckes Testimonial Fund; and on the motion of the Worshipful Master elect—"That the members of the Lodge do form themselves into a Committee to carry out the arrangements for the annual Ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge." It was subsequently resolved to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. J. Henochsberg on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the ability and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of his office, and that ten guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following brethren were elected to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. President, H. M. Harris P.M. Vice-President, E. Gompus, E. Loewe, M. Abrahams, and R. Paton. Committee business having been concluded with the customary interchange of amenities, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, 25th January when the installation meeting will take place. Later in the evening a supper was provided by Bro. H. P. Kilby, the manager of the Hotel, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kite. At the conclusion, the usual toasts were submitted, the Worshipful Master observing that, as the work in Lodge had driven them rather late, lengthy set speeches would be undesirable, and he would briefly give them Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. Bro. E. H. Norden I.P.M., proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of his office, an excellent specimen of his work having been witnessed in the Lodge-room that day. Were it not that his successor was a good working Mason they would be sorry to lose their present Master. The Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast, said, in respect of the work done during the year, he only hoped he had borne out the expectations they had formed of him when, twelve months ago, they elected him to fill the high and honourable position he now occupied. He trusted that his work had satisfied them; he could only say he had done his best to please them in every way. He thankfully acknowledged the support

his services by proposing a testimonial to him in the Lodge that evening. He then proposed, in felicitous terms, the Initiates, congratulating the Lodge upon the acquisition of four excellent members, one of whom had already made his mark in Parliamentary life. Bro. Isaacson, M.P., responded, in a lengthy and humorous speech, in the course of which he regretted he had lost many of the pleasures of this life, inasmuch as he should have joined the Craft twenty-five years ago. He was much impressed and gratified with the ceremony he had gone through, and the solemn and impressive rites he had witnessed would be remembered by him to his latest hour. The other initiates also acknowledged the toast in a few happily chosen sentences. Bro. C. F. Hogard said the Worshipful Master had desired him to thank them for the liberal manner in which they had supported him as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his list had reached within a few shillings of £50; he warmly advocated the claims of that important Charity. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, congratulated the brethren upon the wise selection they had made by choosing Bro. Solomon Jacobs as his successor in the chair. In him they had a thorough good Masonic worker, a young man of great energy in everything he undertook, and a brother who had proved himself well worthy of the position to which they had elected him. Bro. Jacobs having suitably responded, Bro. Hogard gave the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, which, at the present time, amounted to just over £1000. They had had heavy calls upon them during the year, between £70 and £80 having been disbursed amongst necessitous brethren. The fund was essentially for the benefit of distressed brethren—members of the Lodge—who might need assistance; and it was done in such a way that no brother except the Committee knew who it was that had been relieved. The toast was acknowledged at some length by Bro. A. M. Cohen, the President of the Fund, who warmly exhorted the younger members of the Lodge especially to support the Fund. The Visitors were cordially welcomed, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Klingenstein, Dale, Seigenberg, Loftus, and Amphlett. The other toasts were the Past Masters, and the Officers of the Lodge. The proceedings, which throughout were of the most harmonious and enjoyable character, were varied by some excellent singing by the brethren.

## WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their installation on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C. Among those present were Bros. Alfred Le Grand W.M., A. C. Rees P.M. S.W., C. Pay J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, W. J. Collens P.M., W. F. Smart P.M., E. Kidman P.M., W. J. Heath S.D., G. F. Edwards J.D., L. W. Hutchinson I.G., D. M. Forbes D.C., W. Johnston Assistant Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The Lodge having been opened the minutes were confirmed. The ballot was taken for five gentlemen, candidates for initiation and being in their favour Messrs. Edmund John Beadle, Robert C. Wilson, Montagu Woolf, Charles Sansom Taylor, and Tom Lester were duly admitted to a participation of the benefits of Masonic light. Lodge was then advanced, and Brother A. C. Rees P.M. was regularly installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was saluted in the three degrees, and then appointed the officers for the year. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. Saxby 1297, Henry Gny W.M. 1706, James Burn Organist 1539, Henry Garrod P.G.P., G. Noyes 666, Cooper I.P.M. 1298, Medwin W.M. 192, Bilby W.M. 615, James Johnston jun. P.M. 55, H. Von Joel 957, Ries 144, Alabone 151, Lowe 1962, Hawkins P.M. and P.Z. 65, Allen S.W. 1065, W. W. Morgan jun. At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. The first, that of the Queen, he said was one which was always sure of an enthusiastic reception at a Masonic gathering. They had especial pleasure in honouring this toast at the present time, in view of the fact that Her Majesty was about to celebrate the jubilee of her accession to the throne. The next toast was that of the Grand Master. Wherever Masonry was known the name of His Royal Highness was also known. He was very active in performing the duties attached to his high office, and whatever he did in connection with Masonry was known throughout the world. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, followed, and was enthusiastically received. Bro. Le Grand then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Rees had been before the brethren of the William Preston Lodge for years past, and had steadily advanced, step by step, towards the high position he had that night attained in their midst. In each of the offices he had filled he had won the esteem and regard of his brethren and would no doubt win fresh honours in his new position. He was not entirely a stranger to the office of Worshipful Master, as he had passed the chair many years back in another Lodge. He (Bro. Le Grand) felt their Master would fill his office with distinction to himself and with credit to every member of the Lodge. He knew he need hardly ask the brethren to support the Worshipful Master, as they were all so anxious to do honour to the present occupant of the chair, who would have the entire support of the Lodge during his year of office. The Worshipful Master rose with some amount of difficulty to reply to the very flattering way in which his health had been received. His business pursuits had kept him away from the Lodge very often in the past, but he hoped, now that the brethren had placed him at the head of affairs, to amend in this par-

Ballarat in a tent as a gold digger. In course of time a dis was granted from the Grand Lodge at Melbourne for a Lodge to be formed at the diggings, and he was one of initiates of that Lodge, which was named the United Tr Lodge. As a member of that body he soon discovered the go which was displayed by brethren towards each other, and very much impressed with his earliest experiences, at the way in which strange Masons were and welcomed by their brethren. As might be it was very wild and rough in those days at Ballarat, and an unusual thing for strangers from all parts of the world the diggings. The reception accorded to such of them as to be Freemasons was of such a nature as to make him f proud of being a Mason, but it was only of the same chara found existing in other parts of the world among Freemas next experiences were in New Zealand, where he became first Officers of a Lodge at Dunedin, being elected some tw years later as its Master. There again he experienced the go existing among Masons, which he might say was not, perhap shown in England as it was abroad. He felt one had to fully appreciate it. When a travelling brother arrived in place he at once asked if there was a Lodge and if ther was sure of receiving such a welcome as made him at on was among friends. Later on a dispensation was granted Grand Lodge of England for a Provincial Grand Lodge— then termed—of New Zealand, and he had the honour of pointed first Sword Bearer of that Lodge. Subsequently the office of Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, and was also of the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Ben the Colony. He next found himself in Peroambuco, in th and great was his surprise at there finding an English Lo reception by the members of that Lodge was most heartw be imagined when he told them that carriages were pla disposal, homes were thrown open to him, and everything pointed to that good feeling which follows Freemasons all world. In conclusion, he might say that wherever he had right-hand of fellowship had been outstretched to him as Mason. His remarks had been somewhat foreign to the toas had perhaps interested his listeners as much as anyth could have said; at the same time he fully recognised which had been conferred on him by the members of t Preston Lodge and would do his best to promote its w had next to propose a very important toast—that of the He did not think that since the Lodge had been constitute ever had five initiates on one evening before, they had ha as far as he could learn, never five. He felt sure the t that evening he drank with enthusiasm. He hoped th would give Freemasonry their earnest attention, that t work in it zealously, and that they would put their love tho it. The newly-admitted brethren severally responded, their determination to make themselves worthy memb Craft, and feeling from what they had heard that a great been conferred on them in admitting them as members of Brother Woolf felt he could take a crumb of comfort—on t that a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind—from the fac were four other initiates in a similar position to himself th he could take another crumb of comfort in remembering all of those around him had, at one time or another, been position similar to that the Initiates then occupied it was a great honour to be admitted as a member of the to have the privilege of calling himself a Free and Acce The present was the first opportunity he had had of many distinguished brethren as were around him by t brothers, and of breaking with them the bread of frie felt he should have their heartiest support in his en become a good Mason, and he assured them he shou utmost to deserve that designation. He should live in th at some time or another he might rise to the dignified occupied by the Worshipful Master. The next toast, the was another important one—the health of the Imm Master, Bro. Le Grand. He was so well-known, and his heart and good feeling to the brethren generally was so existed, that it was not necessary to say much in su toast. Never a chance had arisen but he had come fulfilled his duties as a Mason, while in regard to charity there had never been a call during his years he had not responded to, and that most ably sense of the word he was a true Mason, and in saying th all that a good man could be. Bro. Rees felt he had a task in following so distinguished a Master as Bro. L been. That brother tendered his thanks for the toa throughout the length and breadth but throughout the ceremonies of Freemasonry there pervaded the same k So kind were all the usages and customs that it was the retiring Master should, immediately he left the c year at the left of the W.M., where he might bask in th the reigning Master, instead of at once being shot to the line of Past Masters. During the two years he had chair the Lodge had lost a great many members fro other causes, but they had had but one initiate until th est of his term of office—when they had had the pleas ing into their midst no less than five gentlemen. Loo felt there was much for which he had to thank the Pas Officers of the Lodge, while he had also to acknowled and kind manner in which he had been treated by eve

ther the brethren learnt to appreciate each other. They were t night honoured with the presence of three Worshipful Masters, , as he should have mentioned when proposing the toast of the nd Officers, by a Past Grand Officer of England, in the person of . Garrod. That brother was extremely gratified at the manner which Bro. Le Grand had initiated the five gentlemen ived into the Lodge that day, and was much pleased by the in which Bro. Miller had installed the new Master in the chair of Lodge. Bro. Guy having endorsed the remarks of Bro. Garrod, followed by Bro. Medwin, who referred to a gathering which took e some ten or fifteen years back, when the members of Lion and Lamb Lodge and of the William Preston Lodge dined ether, he thought under the presidency of Brother George wman, who was a member of the two Lodges, and at the e Worshipful Master of the Lion and Lamb. The Worshipful ster had that evening called to his mind times he had spent in the tralian colonies, where as they had been told one truly expe- nced the value of Freemasonry, and felt the true hand of fellow- . Other replies were given, in many cases the speakers referring the custom prevalent in this Lodge of displaying the banners of h of the Past Masters at the meetings. The toast of the Past sters followed. They were passing along year by year, but ny of them clung to the Lodge, foremost among them being Bros. ler and Worrell, the Treasurer and Secretary, who were always e found at each of the meetings of the Lodge. It was often that t Masters became careless after leaving the chair, but with William Preston Lodge it was different—some of the Past Masters re invariably present. Bro. Miller had that day rendered the emony of installation in a most gratifying manner, while as re- ded Bro. Worrell, he might truly be described as one of their et indefatigable members. He had discharged the duties of Secre- y for the past twelve years, and the Worshipful Master felt it was but time the members shewed, in some tangible manner, their preciation of what he had done for them during that long iod. Bro. Miller was the first to respond. It was all times a pride and a pleasure to him to do anything the Lodge. Bro. Worrell tendered his thanks. He was reminded his banner that it was in 1873-4 that he filled the chair of Master the Lodge. From that office he had gone direct to that of Secre- y, and had just entered on his thirteenth year in that capacity. had always endeavoured to fulfil the duties of the office to the st of his ability, and hoped that he might be spared for many ars more to discharge the duties of Secretary of the Lodge. If e newly-admitted brethren were anxious for work they uld find a fair field in their Lodge, while if they ularly attended the meeting of Lodges of Instruction they uld discover the gems and diamonds of Freemasonry. Bro. Kidman ded his thanks. He always endeavoured to study the comfort of e brethren and always strove to do his best in the discharge of his ties as Steward of the Lodge. Bro. Smart referred to the plea- re he felt in having seen two of his friends admitted that day and sured the brethren he should always strive to promote the interests the Lodge. Bro. Collens felt especially grateful to the Worshipful aster, inasmuch as it was on his introduction that he (Bro. Collens) d been admitted as a member of the Lodge. Nothing could have ven him greater pleasure than to have acted, as he had that day ne, as Director of Ceremonies and present him—his father in Free- sonry—for the benefits of Installation. The health of the Officers as next submitted, the Worshipful Master terming this the "work- g" toast. If the Officers only gave attention to their duties e success of a Lodge was assured. The Senior Warden assured e brethren it was the earnest desire of the Officers to give the orshipful Master the heartiest support, while the Junior Warden id that deeds rather than words should prove the sincerity their desires. Each of the other Officers replied in turn. rother Forbes, the Inner Guard, referring to the loss they had perienced by the death of Brother Past Master Newton, for hom, and for two other members, the Lodge was draped in mourn- g. Bro. Miller then referred to the part Bro. Newton had taken in e past career of the Lodge. It was, indeed, through him the dge was what it was. About the year 1868 he and some fourteen hers had joined the William Preston Lodge, which was at that ne on its last legs, having but four or five members. It then met Putney, but was immediately removed to Upper Norwood, from hence it had been removed to its present quarters at the Cannon reet Hotel. All who knew the part Bro. Newton had taken in that vival especially mourned his loss, which too was regretted by all ho were acquainted with him. The Tyler's toast was then given, d the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

## COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 9th ult., when ere were present:—Henry W. Kedgley W.M., T. A. Dickson S.W., Reynolds acting as J.W., W. Bourne P.M. Secretary, W. F. Thorpe ting as S.D., S. Hewitt acting as J.D., George Stacey P.M. Org., arles Ralph acting as I.G., John Potter Tyler; G. Coleman P.M., . S. Simeon Jacobs P.M., Charles Kedgley P.M., Charles Lane, bert Potter, Turner Wilson, Charles Tomlinson, W. R. Faulkner, . R. Green, W. A. Dowling, Henry Willis, J. Citron, H. Schefterns, mes Woodward, G. H. Reynolds, W. Unwin, and George H. Food. sitors:—Bros. W. Root 1273, George Gitten 2146, T. R. Beaufort W. 217 Sec. 2148, W. A. Binoy A.W.S. 879, S. Renaut S.D. 1626, Lefeler Treas. 1950. The Lodge was opened in due form, and e minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge ened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. A llot was taken for Mr. William Robert Faulks—proposed by Bro. the usual questions leading to the third, the Lodge was resumed to that degree, and he was then raised to the dignity of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. On the third time of rising letters were read from Bros. B. Soloman J.W. and J. May saying they were unable to attend that evening, on account of domestic affliction, at which the brethren expressed their regret and sympathy. The W.M. having received the "hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. On proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. made special allusion to the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and said that since the formation of the Lodge they had met twice on that day, viz, in 1880 and that night. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. G. Coleman P.M. in taking the gavel into his hand to propose the health of the W.M. said it gave him great pleasure to do so. There was no need to sing his praises, he was held in high esteem by all, and had been since his entrance into the Covent Garden Lodge. Since occupying the chair his work had in no way deteriorated, it was a credit to him, and during his year of office had given satisfaction to all. He would ask them to drink his health in a bumper and wish him well. The W.M. in reply said he thanked them all for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk and also for the kind words which had fallen from the lips of Bro. G. Coleman. At every meeting he had had one or two initiates, and it was a pleasure to him to feel and know he had given the brethren every satisfaction. He trusted that the Lodge would still go on and be prosperous, and that his successor would have plenty to do. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Initiate, said new blood in the Lodge always cheered a W.M. on. Every Initiate gave greater strength to the Lodge. He trusted that their newly-made brother would in time become a good working Mason, and prove to the world that he never repented joining the Covent Garden Lodge. The Initiate, Bro. W. R. Faulks, in reply, said he was much impressed with the ceremony of initiation, and would endeavour to remember the words of their W.M., and become a good Mason and a credit to the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and said it was always a welcome toast. They were always pleased to see them. Their number was small, but that was no doubt on account of being Lord Mayor's Day. He hoped they had all spent a pleasant evening, and would call on Bros. Lefeler and Beaufort to reply. Bro. Lefeler Treasurer 1950 replying said he thanked them all for a very pleasant evening. He could well remember the consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, and would give any brother a welcome to the Southgate Lodge should they wish to come. He was delighted at the excellent way in which the work had been done, also the wish of the brethren to make visitors happy. He had never visited any Lodge in London where all business was carried on so well. Bro. T. R. Beaufort S.W. 217 said he thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which the visitors had been received and entertained. Social feelings reigned with all. No visitor had cause to complain. The musical part as well as the working part in the Lodge was exceptional. He had not the least idea on receiving the invitation to the Lodge he would be so much satisfied, and thanked them all for the hearty manner in which the visitors toast had been received. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the P.M.'s, coupled with it that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Their Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs P.M. and Bro. John Jacobs I.P.M. had that evening gone to dine with the Lord Mayor. But all know how well the P.M.'s worked for the welfare of the Lodge, and he would ask Bro W. Bourne P.M. Secretary to respond for them. Bro. Bourne, in replying, said it was not the first time he had had to return thanks for the P.M.'s and himself. It was a pleasant duty, and he could assure them all felt the kindness they received at the hands of the Lodge. Brevity was the soul of wit, and he would not say much. As to himself the kind remarks which had fallen from the W.M. he could fully appreciate. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Officers, and in doing so, spoke well of them all. Bro. T. A. Dickson Senior Wardon was working well and would be their Worshipful Master next year. He wished him a good year of office, and felt sure he would give satisfaction. Their Junior Warden, Brother B. Solomons, was away on account of domestic affliction. The office had been filled that evening by Bro. G. Reynolds, who was much esteemed and well-known to the brethren as Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Mother Lodge. Bros. Thorpe as S.D., and Hewitt as J.D., had done their work well, and in Bros. G. Coleman P.M., and C. Ralph, he had two most excellent Stewards, who attended well to the comfort of everyone. Bro. T. A. Dickson, thanked the brethren for all their good wishes, saying he hoped to give great satisfaction to them all, and follow the good example set by their W.M. Bro. G. Reynolds also thanked them for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also for the way in which the W.M. had spoken of his Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, at the future meetings of which he hoped to see many of their faces. The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. C. Ralph, Wm. Bowen P.M., C. Tomlinson, T. A. Dickson, James Woodward, T. R. Beaufort, Simeon Jacobs P.M., and the beautiful violin playing of Mr. W. Fuller, accompanied by Bro. S. Lorne on the piano (selections from Faust).

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At Bro. Bakers', the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 22nd ult., Bros. Casely W.M., Fluck S.W., Lawrence J.W., Galer S.D., Hutchinson J.D., Hall I.G., Cooper (acting Preceptor) Treasurer. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro.

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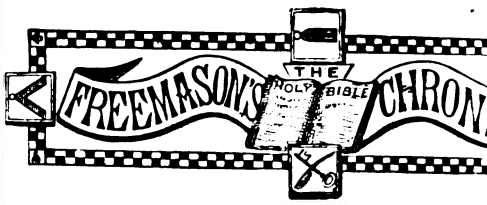
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPT SURREY.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter o held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-o Saturday, the 27th ult., under the banner Chapter, No. 889. Amongst the Companion Most Excellent General J. Studholme Bro H. C. Leigh Bennett P.Z. 370, F. West P Scribe N., Charles Greenwood M.E.Z. 410 P.G. Scribe E., J. Hamer Owens 463 P.G. Pr Wakley jun. 1395 P.G. 1st Assist. Soj., Tho 2nd Assist. Soj., Arthur H. Bowles 1395 P John Rhodes P.G. Organist, and Comps. Arthur E. Taylor, E. D. Frost, Charles C Dundas, H. M. Hobbs, C. H. Woodward, H. S. Vickers, H. J. Strong, G. D. Liste others. The Chapter having been opened in the minutes of the last Provincial Grand read and confirmed; the roll of the Chapters in was called over, and the Provincial Gran accounts were duly presented, read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. E. Price was unanimously re-elected Provincial M.E. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownri appointed and invested the following Officers

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| Comp. | Fred. West P.Z. | H. |
| | R. T. Elsam P.Z. | J. |
| | Chas. Greenwood M.E.Z. | Scribe E |
| | H. E. Francis P.Z. | Asst. do. |
| | C. E. Oldridge M.E.Z. | Scribe N |
| | Joseph Steele M.E.Z. | Prin. So |
| | S. W. Lambert P.Z. | 1st Asst |
| | A. W. Wells | 2nd do. |
| | H. Saxelby | Registra |
| | Geo. Yaxley P.Z. | Sword B |
| | A. E. Taylor P.Z. | Standar |
| | W. Ackland | Directo |
| | H. M. Hobbs | Asst. dc |
| | H. E. Vickers | Organis |
| | R. Potter | Janitor |
| | T. Bowler | Asst. dc |

The Grand Superintendent then referr terms, to the great loss sustained by the recent death of Companion Charles Greenw Dir. of Cers. Eng., P.P.G.H. and Provir which he said was felt most keenly by their late Companion, and especially by Surrey. The Grand Superintendent fur that several suggestions had been made by the Province to the effect that some tribu the memory of their late Companion shoul was, however, a difficult matter to know tribute should take, so as to be not only a Companions at large, but to the members o Companion's family, and also a permanent high esteem and affection in which he Grand Superintendent concluded by sug Charity Committee of the Province should into a special Committee for the purpose of steps to be taken, with a view to carrying and expressed a hope that the Principals cipals of the Province would attend at G Thursday next for that purpose. Comp. F the remarks made by the Grand Superin ferred to his personal acquaintance with panion, which had extended over a perioc he concluded by moving a vote of co family of Companion Greenwood. At th followed Companion Frederick West P. permission to propose the health of the Principal of the entertaining Chapter, as

the entertainment. Companion West commended highly the care and attention evinced by the M.E.Z. and Companions of the Dobie Chapter in their reception of the P.G. Chapter. Referring to his recent appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he said he would endeavour to be present at the meetings of Lodges and Chapters in the Province as often as possible, and that he would take a deep interest in all affairs connected with the welfare of Masonry in Surrey. He intimated his desire that he should receive notice of the meetings of all Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and in conclusion asked the Companions to drink with enthusiasm the health of the M.E.Z. and the other members of the entertaining Chapter. After the M.E.Z. had fittingly responded to the toast proposed by Companion West, who as before mentioned was obliged to leave, and therefore had proposed the first toast out of the usual order, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Several songs were contributed by the Companions present; the musical arrangements being carried out under the supervision of Comp. H. E. Vickers P.G. Org., who accompanied at the piano. The banquet was of an excellent character, and having commenced at 4 o'clock the Companions were enabled to leave Kingston by an early train, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter was holden in the Mechanics' Institute, Wood-street, Wakefield, on Wednesday, 24th ult., by the invitation of Chapters Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019, when there were present the following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers :—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G. Prin. Soj. Superintendent, Rev. Wm. Collings Lukis, M.A., H., Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., J., C. L. Mason Past H., John Booth Past J., John Dunning Kay Past J., Benjamin Broughton Past J., Henry Smith S.E., Henry W. Pawson S.N., James Bedford Past S.N., John Wm. Fourness Treasurer, George Marshall Past Treasurer, John Heaton Cadman Registrar; Jonas Craven, William Brewin Alderson, John C. Malcolm, J. Kitson Ibberson Past Registrars; Charles Crabtree Prin. Soj., C. T. Rhodes 1st Asst. Soj., W. T. Beanland 2nd Asst. Soj.; Samuel H. Stocks, Samuel Slack, Henry Wm. Malcham, J. W. Monckman, Robert Craig, George Althorp, William Frederick Tomlinson Past Sojourners; John William Turner Sword Bearer; Thos. Denby, Reuben Williamson Past Sword Bearers; Arthur A. Scott Standard Bearer, William Delaney Director of Ceremonies, Edmund Lord Asst. Director of Ceremonies; Henry France, John Wordsworth, W. F. Smithson, John Read Dore, John Barker, Edward Poppleton Past Directors of Ceremonies; Christopher Wm. Fincken Organist, William Ash Asst. Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Asst. G.S.E., Joseph Dobson as Steward; Dr. W. R. Thomas, Thomas Richard Vaux, William Watson Stewards; Joshua Lee Janitor; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the following Chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 827, 837, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1462, 1513.

Apologies for absence from Companions Jackson and Gaukroger 61, Britton 139, Naylor 154, Newsome, Dr. Senior, Critchley, and Fox, 208; Lee 265; Wilford Kaye, Starkey, and Ruddock 275; Gibson 289; Harrop and Sykes 290; Arnison and Drury 296; Hill, Evans, and Lupton 302; Austin 306; Cooke and Gaukroger 307; Hirst and Blackburn 337; Steele and Stewart 380; Normanton and Roberts 448; Lowrance and Hartley 495; Beanland 600; Shaw 827; Bateman and Dr. Crow 837; Schofield 1214; Marshall 1283; Embleton and Gration 1513, and others. Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent and Officers entered at 4 p.m., and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the Grand Superintendent, after the usual salutation, delivered the following address :

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—At this period of the year we assemble to take note of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry during the past six months, and to transact such business as may lie before us. It is most gratifying to observe that the work undertaken by its responsible officers has been faithfully and efficiently accomplished, with credit to themselves and honour to this exalted degree. The enthusiasm displayed is strongly evinced by the increase in the number of members and Chapters, and should the recovery in trade continue I doubt not in time there will scarcely be one Master of the 910 in this Province who is not also a Royal Arch Mason; towards this achievement I am sure your officers will not fail to use every legitimate influence. I feel very proud to meet you this afternoon, to acknowledge your salutation, and to express my high sense of your

what exceptional circumstances; not having received an applic for this autumn gathering, we have had to cast about for a su place, and our friends in the three Wakefield Chapters most will undertook to receive us, viz.:—Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495 Sincerity 1019. You see, Companions, since our numbers ha largely increased it is not everywhere sufficient and suitable accom dation can be obtained, and then there is the increased cost, whi a serious consideration where Chapter funds are often limite May 1883 we experienced a similar difficulty, and this Hall being available the Wakefield Chapters, by my request, conv their furniture and paraphernalia to the Town Hall, Pontef where we had a very successful meeting, and on the present occ the Wakefield Chapters have determined to bear the entire cost. the most graceful language it is in our power to command, we c to convey to these Chapters our appreciation of their most oppo liberality and kindly welcome. In order not to trespass too lo on private Chapters, and to encourage the continued growth o meetings, which I much desire, and to give the smaller Chapte opportunity of sometimes receiving us, it is proposed in our re By-Laws to pay the expenses properly incident to these meet and I recommend as an understood practice, in future, all Companions attending pay for refreshments. The annual subscrip to Chapters are so limited in amount that few can indulge in luxury of entertaining Grand Chapter, the cost of which is se less than £20. I am told that Companions have strong opinio this question, which I commend for consideration to your good and wisdom, but in my humble opinion some such understan might, in future, remove any obstacle such as I have mentioned which has tended to delay an earlier meeting this November. W we met at Barnsley, on 10th May, we had for the first time bef the newly revised Royal Arch Regulations, confirmed in Londo days previously, copy of which had been furnished by Grand Ch to every Chapter under English Constitution; and it became n sary that we should revise our own By-Laws, which had be force since 30th November 1858; accordingly you appointed a learned, competent, and representative Committee to carry out important work. This Committee held its first meeting in Lee 29th October, and after many subsequent conferences, and p submitted to every acting Principal and Chapter, our Registr enabled to present to us, what I fully believe to be, a perfect By-Laws, which are in complete harmony with the new Royal Regulations. The hearty and zealous, and rapid manner in the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Henry Smith, and all other members o Committee have laboured in this matter, is another illustration aptitude to get this business over shown by members of the in this province. Should you adopt this revised edition this noon we shall be able to confirm it in May 1887, and fort obtain the certificate of M.E. the First Grand Principal. O August Supreme Grand Chapter granted a Charter for a Chap be attached to Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, and o instant a Charter for Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, and I requested E. Comp C. L. Mason to perform the ceremony of secrating the former, and E. Comp. Ensor Drury the latter; we come these additions to our Roll, making 38 Chapters. I may tion that in May our Brethren and Companions of Wakefield g Concert, which produced the noble balance of fifty guineas fo Masonic Charities. It now becomes my melancholy duty to to the loss by death of many valued and distinguished Compa amongst the number I may mention T. G. Andrews, F. W. W. J. Buckley Sharp, and W. Beanland, all of Bradford; and this has sustained a severe loss by the death of a venerable Freem viz., Martin Edward Naylor, who had been a member of Unan Lodge considerably over half a century; these Companions, by conduct, so far as we can judge, practised the grand moral inculcated by this beautiful degree. Lastly, may I ask sugge for the most desirable method of commemorating the Jubilee most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in 1887. You are acquainte the letter of our Royal Grand Master, dated 30th October 18 the Mayor of Windsor, wherein he states his conviction th anxiety to commemorate, in some special manner, Her Maj Jubilee is felt as warmly in Provincial towns as in any part Queen's dominions. Should a similar communication be addres supreme Grand Chapter, this Provincial Grand Chapter will practical steps to honour adequately this auspicious event; suggest that we adopt a resolution similar to that passed by P cial Grand Lodge, on 20th October, "That the consideration b in the hands of the Charity Committee." Finally, Companio peace, love and unity I commend this Chapter, of which the t drim of the Jews of old is a type, to your care and keeping, bel that by the great attributes of the mysterious words, To the al all powerful, and all present Being, around whose throne we n hereafter permitted to stand, you will steadily pursue the acqu of true wisdom, by searching out Jehovah's great and glorious for promoting his honour and glory, for the benefit of mankin your own individual welfare.

The Roll of Royal Arch Chapters and the R Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called. minutes of the meeting held at Barnsley, on 10th 1886, were presented, taken as read, and confi It was moved by Comp. J. Heaton Cadman P.Z. Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by Comp. C. L. Mason 304, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That the Provincial C Lodge By-Laws, as revised by the Advice Committee submitted for consideration and approval to every in G. Chapter, be adopted, in the place of the By-La force since 1858." It was moved by Comp. J. R. P.Z. 275, P.P.G.D. of C., seconded by Comp. Rev Smyth, Z. 1042, Prov. G.J., and resolved, "That the





for their arduous and successful labours in the revision of the Provincial By-Laws." The grand Superintendent said he was prepared to receive suggestions as to the best method of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by this Province in 1887, and it was moved by Comp. Tew. Grand Superintendent, seconded by Comp. Dore, P P.G.D.C., and resolved, "That it be left in the hands of the Charity Committee to prepare a scheme to be laid before next Prov. Grand Chapter in May 1887" E. Comp. C. L. Mason proposed, and Comp. John Wordsworth seconded, "That it be a recommendation from this Provincial Grand Chapter that, in future, Chapters entertaining Prov. Grand Chapter allow members attending to pay for refreshments." Comp. Joseph Dobson, Z. 289, on behalf of the Leeds Chapters, invited the Grand Superintendent to hold the Annual Meeting, May 1887, in Leeds, after which Provincial Grand Chapter was closed according to ancient custom. 108 Companions afterwards sat down to tea, the Grand Superintendent presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and with the assistance of the Musical Companions a very harmonious evening was spent.

## CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 896.

THE following Officers were invested and installed at the meeting of the Chapter of Concord, at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 25th ult. Comps. Horton Z., J. Robertson H., T. Dartnall J., J. Cole Treasurer, Weston S.E., R. W. Lees S.N., S. Clarke P.S., Osborne and Fewings A.S., and Vare Janitor. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. E. C. J. Coles. Thanks were accorded to the Z., Comp. Arthur.

## EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

AT an emergency meeting of this Chapter, held on Monday, evening, the 15th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., F. R. Stubbs, and W. Sharpe were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. Comps. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. presided as Z., G. Balmford P.Z. as H., J. Blenkin J., Jas. Kay S.E., G. Chapman S.N., W. Brown P.S.; G. Simpson P.Z. and many other Companions were present. At the conclusion of the ceremony many of the Companions adjourned to the York Lodge, where a meeting was being held to receive the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. The rest dined together and spent a pleasant evening.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on Wednesday, 24th ult., in the Baths Assembly Rooms, Lower Bridgeman-street, Bolton. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor. Bro. W. O. Walker Prov. S.G.W. and Bro. James Beard Prov. J.G.W. were also present, and there was a large attendance of provincial Officers Present and Past. Of the 95 Lodges in the Province only four were not represented. An important subject for consideration was as to the most desirable method of commemorating by the Province Masonically the jubilee of Her Majesty's reign next year. The Provincial Grand Master said that several suggestions had been made as to the form such commemoration should take. One was that the Masons of the Province should carry out a portion of the work of restoration at the Manchester Cathedral. He had been personally to see what was the nature of the work, and he learned that there was a portion which they might undertake at a cost of £1,200, and as an alternative there was the required muniment room which would entail an outlay of £3,000. Another proposition had been made that as there was a great want felt in the metropolis of the Province of a temple for the Masonic Order, an effort should be made to raise the money wherewith to build a more dignified and more commodious place of assembly than they now had in Manchester, where they might hold their Lodges, their Encampments, and their various high degrees more conveniently than they could in the existing Masonic hall. Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of a committee meeting, held in October last, with regard to the jubilee commemoration. From that meeting a circular was sent to the Lodges of the Province asking for their opinions. At an adjourned meeting of the committee on Monday, replies from 24 Lodges were read. Of these, 11 were in favour of the establishment of a university scholarship for the sons of Masons in the Province, five were in favour of the erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester, five Lodges expressed no definite view beyond their desire to act upon the feeling of the Province, one of the replies suggested the erection of almshouses, another that an effort be made to increase the benevolent fund to £10,000, and a third that a wing be added to one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After considering the replies the committee decided to recommend that whatever amount could be raised in the Province should be ont the arrangements for such Festival. The Provincial Master said that, recognising the fact that they did not all b the Church of England, he thought the subject of Cathedral tion was not one for them. There were difficulties in the wa erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester as a Provincia They belonged, however, to a charitable Order, and in the m charity there would be no difficulty. Bro. Jas. Heelis, P. Pr formally proposed that the jubilee be celebrated by the e ment of a scholarship in the Victoria University, and t seconded by Bro. Jas. Beard Prov. J.G.W. Bro. J. L. Hine, J.G.W., moved as an amendment that the recommendation s purchase of presentations and votes for the Institution f Freemasons and Widows be adopted. This was seconded J. A. Birch P. Prov. J.G.W., and on being put was voted large majority. A second amendment in favour of the ac by purchase of St Mary's Church, Manchester, with the c turning it into a Masonic Temple, was brought forward, but seconder, and Bro. Hine's amendment was carried as a sub resolution. It was afterwards decided that the Charity Co of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also the Charity Representativ Lodges of the Province connected with the East Lancashire Sy Masonic Benevolent Institution, should form a general comm arrange for next year's jubilee festival in Manchester. T Grand Master announced that the annual meeting of the P Grand Lodge would be held in Manchester, on the 11th or 1 1887. Four brethren were nominated for the office of Pro Treasurer, viz.:—Bros. W. Nicholl P.M. 317, W. W. Warbur 163, Evan Williams P.M. 327, and Samuel Warburton P The appointment will be made in May next. The latter p proceedings was presided over by the Deputy Provinci Master, Colonel Starkie being compelled to leave early. F Irving P.M. S.W. 1170 presented to the Provincial Grand set of consecrating vessels. The gift was acknowledged Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Irving, and was recorded upon the minute separating the brethren voted 200 guineas from the funds o vincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in the pro 100 guineas to each fund.—*Manchester Courier.*

## ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

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### EBOR COUNCIL (T.I.)

A MEETING of this Council was held on Thursday, the at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Amo present were Bros. B. Langley Mills, M D., W.M., T. B. W P.M. Treasurer, G. Simpson P.M., H. C. Pickersgill S.W Brown J.D., Major McGachen I.G., J. T. Seller and M. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. E. Cousans Donald Grant, and those brethren were admitted to t degrees for which they were qualified, the chair work bei Bro. T. B. Whytehead. At the proper interval a banquet w and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the members enjoyed a few social hours together.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will give a dis the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Third Degree masonry at the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 154 Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, on W next, the 8th instant. The Lodge will be 6:30 p.m. precisely, and the W.M., Bro. Walt trusts that all members of the Lodge and sister the locality will avail themselves of this oppor acquiring Masonic knowledge.

In our report of the meeting, last week, of 56, it was unintentionally referred to as the 14 of the 150th anniversary. The Lodge was cons December 1736.

The efficiency of Masonry does not consist in its num quality, not quantity, that determines power. The ch will sever the thickest bar of iron, and a Lodge of thor —brethren who have a hearty, deep, and abiding love of will exceed in power, influence, and ultimately in n Lodge of half-hearted and feeble Masons, no matter wh profess, or in what capacity, or under what auspices, the

A society of Jesuits in Italy is said to bear a close re Freemasonry, at least as regards forms, practices, symb *Italie*—a French paper published in Rome—designates as "Black Masons," and intimates that it includes a Fraternity who have little love of liberty or progress.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Grand.**—That promising actress Miss Marie de Grey made her re-appearance here on Monday, on which occasion she produced a new piece. This, an original high class comedy drama, by Mr. Frank Harvey, entitled, "Lord Marple's Daughter," proved to be of a weak and uninteresting character; indeed, not till the end of the last act was there anything to interest the audience. Nothing to laugh at, nothing to cry at, or, hardly, any one to sympathise with. This, indeed, is not a very interesting state of affairs. The author has fallen into an error that always makes a play tedious—repetition. This was most palpable in the second act, where Margery tells the tale of her lover visiting her two or three times over. The same error was committed in the last act, when the husband's troubles had to be related. Again, Mr. Harvey has written soliloquy speeches which are tedious, and certainly could be almost dispensed with. In fact, the whole play courts the "pruning knife," but even then "Lord Marple's Daughter," could hardly be made agreeable or entertaining enough to warrant its being seen on the stage. The play opens at the house of Lord Marple, who, consequent on a son's extravagance abroad, is almost ruined. Lord Marple has two daughters, and it is soon evident he intends one of them shall be the means for his retrieving his fortune. One Ralph Garth is staying at the house, and he has fallen in love with Margery. This young lady, however, has secretly bestowed her affections on a penniless man, Wayne Darrell. Garth proposes to Margery, but she refuses him; however, as she is led to believe that Darrell is false, she accepts Garth's offer. This brings the first act to a close. When the curtain again rises we see Garth's home in the country. Here Darrell secretly visits Margery, who now learns the trick that has been played upon her. She appeals to Darrell to take her from her husband, whom she declares she cannot love. This he declines to do. Their conversation has, however, been overheard by Amos Roach, the partner of Garth. On the return of Garth, and Isabel his sister—who by her misrepresentations has brought about the mischief—from a country ball, Margery confronts this sister and tells her husband how he has been duped in order to save her father from ruin. Garth's business has in the meanwhile gone to the bad; he now requires £10,000 to save his credit. He appeals to his friends, but they are either unable, or will not lend him the amount. He is at a loss what to do, when Margery brings him the money. She has discovered that Roach has been robbing his partner, but he has given her £10,000 to leave Garth's house with him. Margery tells her husband she has discovered how he has been deceived. Garth, with others, have overheard this conversation; the partnership is dissolved, and Margery declares she has at last learned to love her husband. This brings to a termination a play that may be described as of the weakest. Miss De Grey has secured the services of several well-known actors, but, unfortunately, has cast them wrongly. Miss de Grey represents Margery. She has considerably improved since we last saw her; her emotional powers are more developed, while her style is both pleasing and effective. The part of Ralph Garth was in the hands of Mr. J D Beveridge, but he seemed ill at ease. The character was altogether unsuited to him; still he was earnest, if not telling. Miss Maude Digby, as Isabel, had certainly one of the best characters in the piece. Mr. Matthew Brodie, a fop; and Miss Agnes Hewitt, as his lover, were good. Messrs. Eille Norwood (Wayne Darrell), and George Warde (Amos Roach), were weak. Mr. H. Pagden was passable as Lord Marple, while Mrs. Ernest Clifton gave a capital rendering of Garth's mother. The piece met a kindly reception from a section of the audience, but on the whole the result was not satisfactory.

**Strand.**—On Wednesday afternoon Miss Florence West gave us another opportunity of judging of her abilities. This time she produced a new and original comedy, in three acts, entitled "Gladys." This has been written by Mr. Arthur Law, who can be congratulated on his latest work, for he has invented a piece that is interesting throughout. The author has travelled on lines somewhat familiar to the majority of playgoers, but he has made up for this by framing his piece with considerable skill. The piece starts at the studio of an artist, where we are introduced to Gerald Lockhart, Frank Meredith, General Sir Peter Peploe, Colonel Faulkner, and Mr. and Miss Gladys Fairlie. Gladys Fairlie has been giving sittings to Gerald Lockhart unknown to her father, and on the afternoon the play opens intends to give the final one. Gerald has, however, invited several friends to come and inspect some pictures, but when they arrive he gets rid of them at once by telling them the pictures are not finished. Colonel Faulkner, however, has his suspicions aroused, and communicates with Mr. Fairlie; that gentleman visits the artist while Gladys is in his room. Gerald, however, manages to hide Gladys, who makes her escape unperceived. When Colonel Faulkner finds the bird flown, he tries to convince Fairlie that what he has told him is true; he shows him Gladys' portrait, but Gerald has in the meanwhile managed to daub the picture over, so that it is unrecognisable, thus defeating the enemy. The second and third acts takes place in Junglepore, and here we see Gladys has married Colonel Faulkner, who is living on what he can swindle his friends out of. The play proceeds to show he is detected while cheating at cards by Frank Meredith. In the end Faulkner is killed by a man named Dubois, whose sister he had married some six years previous. This leaves all clear for Gerald Lockhart to marry Gladys. Here Miss Florence West has unquestionably a more pleasing part to perform than the one she last undertook. Gladys has some difficult work to get through, but Miss West came off with flying colours, and achieved a decided success. Her acting was full of feeling and emotion, while Messrs. C. Blakiston, Compton Coutts, Sidney Paxton, Charles Dorworth, and Sydney Valentine, with the help of Miss Annie Rose, completed a good all-round caste. At the conclusion the principals were called, after which Mr. Law bowed his acknowledgements in answer to loud calls for the author.

**Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.**—This exhibition like most others in these times, gives evidence of much talent and capability devoted to trivial and inartistic ends. Capable artists, instead of applying themselves seriously to the business of learning to paint, endeavour to catch the public eye by some silly joke or in story. Every now and again there is a run on a particular kind of subject. One year it is "Scriptural" subjects that are the rage, another "Lovers," the next "Poverty," the next "Babies;" at present it is "Babies and dogs," or "Babies and cats," or "Babies and cats and dogs." One is amazed at the stupendous inanity, the untiring iteration, at the plentiful lack of wit of the "enfantillages." A foreigner may well wonder whether English art is entirely devoted to obtaining the appreciation of girls fresh from the boarding-school, of prattling babes and curates' tea parties. Is there no power, no dignity, no virility? Instead of imagination we have sentiment, instead of beauty prettiness, instead of finish elaboration, instead of grace elegance. But luckily the thing is curing itself. Grown men and women are getting sick of the maudlin sentimentality and galvanic humour of the popular style. In the illustrated catalogue of this gallery alone there are no less than six perpetrations depending for their interest merely on some pun connected with animals. Now the British public has an extraordinary notion that repetition is wit, but we imagine that it has found out that a thing may be repeated once too often, and will dismiss not only this particular branch of illustration, but everything that is not an outcome of the artist's own thought, labour, and talent. Indeed there is no occasion for despair. We see in various unobtrusive canvases the evidence of a new life and a new departure, which is sure at first to be virulently attacked, but which may yet greatly influence English art. There are a few pictures which stand out from the mediocrity of the whole by their qualities. No. 75, "An Egyptian Study," by Cecil M. Round, is an atrociously clever work, finished in the true sense of the word, that is, every detail stands in its proper place, and does not, as it were, jump out of the picture. We say atrociously, because the effect of the whole is very ugly and merely impels us to admit its unmistakable cleverness. Side by Starr's "Idle," No. 86, is charming; a young girl leaning back in a chair on a sofa. It is a pretty subject, rightly seen and excellently painted. J. J. Shannon's "Study" is most artistic, as indeed all his work is, but it is not his best effort this winter. Melton Fisher is a well-trained artist; "In Mask, old Venetian," is a powerful study, and anybody who wishes to know what flesh-painting means should not miss it, but somehow we see in this what is more obvious in other picture here,—No 196, "Flirtation," a kind of continental vulgarity, which reminds us of a box of wax vestas. No. 228, "News from Abroad," by A. Chevalier Tayler, is a delicate arrangement of cool greys and pinks, rather in the style of Fred Brown's work. E. J. Gregory shows his great powers in "Kept In," No 63, a gorgeous portrait of a sulky young beauty. Among landscapes noticeable No. 150, "A Slumbering Village," by Joyston Hetherington, with a pale citron sky. "Harvest Moon," No. 503, by Edward Stott, seems to have been inspired by Millet, and has much of the poetic charm and imagination; but also his faults, the thick paint and the spotty colouring. Why, for instance, should a white duck be dotted over with pink and blue and green dabs? White is white. Arthur Hacker's "Cockle Gatherers," No. 687, is a broadly painted work, but as with many others in this Exhibition we see that the artist is accustomed to water-colour, and does not quite utilize all the advantages of oil as a medium. There are probably several other works which would reward a careful search, but private view is not being really public reception day, neglect of such is unavoidable.

The three-act farce which we announced last week has having been submitted to Mr. Edward Compton, is entitled "Bachelors' Wives;" it will be produced at a special matinée at the Strand, 15th. Dec. Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. Yorke Stephens will be in the caste.

Mr. Henry Irving has accepted the dedication of Mr. Edward Drew's new volume, *Reciting and Reading*.

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**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
[illegible]179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1276—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1984—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
[illegible]—Prudence, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
[illegible]—Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 875—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
[illegible]—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rochdill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

[illegible]12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
[illegible]—Lord Leconfield, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
[illegible]25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]—Stanley Main, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
[illegible]69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
[illegible]72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
[illegible]87—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
[illegible]80—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
[illegible]188—Jopra, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
[illegible]212—Fun'ates, Butler Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
1256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]348—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1405—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1885—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1908—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
[illegible]37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
[illegible]58—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
[illegible]81—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
[illegible]139—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
[illegible]154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
[illegible]158—Harmony, Physhe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
[illegible]199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
[illegible]236—York, Masonic Hall, York
[illegible]261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
[illegible]261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
[illegible]338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
[illegible]861—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
[illegible]882—Royal Union, Checquers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
[illegible]895—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
[illegible]902—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
[illegible]921—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
[illegible]937—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brighllingsea
1441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
[illegible]467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
1478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
1489—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
1529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
1597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
1613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
[illegible]—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
250—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
[illegible]928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1229—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Veteran, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Carnduc, Masonic Hall, Caerau-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 807—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
[illegible]—Constitution, Red Lion Hotel, Spitalfields, Halbo
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
[illegible]01—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W.,
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instr
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instru
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Mai
(Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
800—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruc
860—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (I
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (I
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (In
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercia
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1288—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instructio
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (I
1491—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1583—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1597—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1646—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8
1671—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction
1672—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Inst
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park
1707—Eleanor, Pewterers, Gresham-street, Lauderdale-tower, Lo
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dalwich-road, near Brixton, at 8
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Str
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., a
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instru
[illegible]70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sne
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newc
702—Sheriborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
735—Loudesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton-in-Ashfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lonsdale, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1474—Hoodle, 146 Berry Street, Hoodle, at 8. (Instruction)
1484—St. Elethi, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Carnaloc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, I
1740—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1983—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Stree
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviorgate, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Broughton, Chester
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirk Lane, Liv

## WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBE

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemason
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Rogers Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruc
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
[illegible]—United Mariners, The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Inst
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C.,
78—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
163—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
[illegible]—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's
[illegible]58—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E.
[illegible]—Whittington, Red Lion, Upper Holloway, at
902—Georgeyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard,
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]—Crescent, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruc
1304—Lodge of St. John, Three Kings Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 310 Peckham-road, at
1524—Prince of Connaught, Royal Edward, Manor-street, Clap
1578—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Marshall Faroon, Gresham Stre





1900—Montagne Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Commercial New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
265—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
285—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
*380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Cromford
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
687—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
750—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
780—Lincoln's, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Swayne Hotel, Worthing
862—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
894—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Assembly Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Lorraine, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ballasalla
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1240—Delamon, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)

1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1388—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Horncas, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1647—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1682—Llanelieu, Trewythen Arms, Llanelieu
1693—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heaburn-on-Tyne.
1696—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1702—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1782—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 360—Meritah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

## THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tower Cressing, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1108—Southern Star, Thomas's, Stanley, New Cross-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1.5—Barnet Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bond-street, W. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1338—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.45 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1450—The Great City, [illegible]
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1.5—D. Connaught, Painters' Arms, Rosebery Park, [illegible] (In.)
1604—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8 (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1656—Trafalgar, Welling on Arms, Wellington Road, Stockwell, at 8. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1804—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1472—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Mount, 55 High Street Crouch
91—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Tower Hill Road, Southend
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
119—Royal Lancastrian, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Shaw, St. Neots, Hunts
203—Alfred Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling ton
33—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Upper Hill, Hall Heworth
338—Union Amity, Crown Hotel, Church-gate, Retford
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Perth, Bull's Head Inn, Baldock, Hertfordshire
346—United Brethren, Royal Hotel, Tarporley, Cheshire
360—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
366—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Scarboro
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uxbridge
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Ebenezer, Masonic Hall, Queen's Square, Liverpool, Salford
606—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
756—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belmont Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1080—Stanley, Private Room, Grand Hotel, Lytham
1120—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Albion, Commercial Hotel, Aston-juxta-Birmingham
1144—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1152—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1184—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1234—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1270—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Stamford
1309—Dale, Plasgwen Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Dover
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1507—Dagnam, Public Hall, Langham
1570—Dee, Union Hotel, Farndon, Cheshire
1590—Chancellor, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1633—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Fowys
1651—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1683—Brownrigg, Alexandra Room, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Wednesbury, near Manchester
1753—Macleod, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1802—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1919—Clayesmore, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 3 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 276—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 336—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 1260—Pendeen of St. Ann, Globe Hotel, Saxton
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 10—Friendship, 4 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

## FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (
104—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
10.—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Hatton St., at 8. (
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1000—Metropolitan, Portugal Room, Chase Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1.05—Royal Standard, Weyhill Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (
1208—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1242—E. Carnarvon, La Bruce Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1.98—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Port and Hull, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
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M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Greyhound, Dorset Way, S.E. (Instruction)
M.M. 35—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (
R.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Acreis, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
153—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
201—Royal Forest, Bank to Bounty Inn, Sandhurst
443—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
603—Acre and Cider, Private Rooms, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square
660—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
820—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
852—Roman Valley, Victoria Hotel, Rochdale
872—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Arms, West Bromwich
910—Hour, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Hartington Hotel, Eastbourne
1071—Harringay and Clare, Salisbury Arms, Tottenham Street, Harringay
1088—Ecclesall, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesall
1097—Hamilton, Assembly Rooms, Tottenham Street, Harringay
1121—West Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1145—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 400—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

10—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
17—Fourth, Freemasons Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Alsop Tavern, Aldersgate-street
178—Macdonald, Yorkshire Grey, Gordon St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8.
227—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
336—Australian, Royal Oak Tavern, Tredegar, Hackney, at 7. (Instructi
1420—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccles on, Crown and Anchor, Strand Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1925—Gamery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1961—Clerkenwell, Bolton's Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Stud. Chapter of Instruction, Griffin, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at
R.A. 820—City of Richmond, Star and Garter, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Mexborough
2009—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
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## THE WEARING OF THE BLUE.

UP till within the last few days, we should have had no hesitation in saying that whatever was decided upon in Grand Lodge would be cheerfully accepted by the members of the English Craft, who have at all times displayed the greatest willingness to bow to the opinions of their rulers in all matters associated with the Order. Events, however, have recently occurred which, if not exactly shaking our faith in the genuineness of such belief, at least afford ample grounds for putting it to the severest test. We may summarise the cause which has led to this uncertainty on our part in a few words, but from the brief record given in our last issue of the division which took place at the December Communication of Grand Lodge, our readers will no doubt surmise that the subject to which we refer is that connected with the decoration of Past Masters outside their own Lodges. Brethren who have passed the chair are to be deprived of the right to wear their insignia of honour when visiting any private Lodge but that in which they won such decoration. We say they are to be deprived of their right advisedly, for it has certainly been the custom among Past Masters to wear their collars whenever they chose, but now they are to be officially forbidden to do so, but by so narrow a majority in a large assemblage of Grand Lodge as to leave little doubt but that the question is one on which a strong difference of opinion exists.

The subject has been under discussion for some time past, and the attempt made at the beginning of the present month to settle it is, we think, likely to leave matters in a far more unsettled state than they were before, for we can hardly believe that a resolution carried by 211 votes against 210 will be accepted by Past Masters as a definite settlement of a question which so materially affects them as does this one.

The vote taken on the first of the present month was the result of a recommendation from the Board of General Purposes, whose attention had been called to the wording of Articles 304, 307 and 308 of the Book of Constitutions, the two former of which Articles refer to the collars to be worn by members of the Craft, and the latter to the occasions when those collars may be worn. The Board deemed it advisable, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that Article 308 should be amended, and accordingly proposed it should read as follows :—

"The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of Private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges, as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens."

And, as we have said, those present in Grand Lodge have approved of the amended rule by a majority of one, in an assemblage of 421 voters.

To Bro. Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes, fell the duty of formally moving the adoption of the amended rule, and in doing so he called the attention of Grand Lodge to three notices of motion which had been submitted by Bro. William Nicholl, a Past Master of the Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester, and which had for their object an exactly opposite effect to that proposed by the Board of General Purposes. After [illegible]

(We may refer our readers to the agenda paper fo meeting of Grand Lodge, a copy of which was given i issue of the 27th ult., for full details of the resp recommendations.) Bro. Fenn argued that Bro. N considered that a Past Master wa not an Officer Lodge, and therefore did not come under the operati Article 308. He was certainly not an officer, said Fenn, but he was so much like one that it was a impossible to discover the difference; the nicety of tinction had probably been overlooked by those framed the laws, it being thought that the word o covered the Past Officers, as the Past Masters undoub were. It seemed incredible to Bro. Fenn that any interpretation could have been placed upon the law stood in the Constitutions than the version he recogn but, as we all know, differences of opinion have aris much more carefully arranged codes than that frame the governance of the Masonic Order, and with al facts before us we are not surprised that a differen opinion has arisen in regard to Article 308. It seem very strange anomaly to Bro. Fenn that a past o should have greater privileges or rights than a pr one—that a Past Master, for instance, should have pe sion to wear his collar wherever and whenever he c when the Master of his Lodge, who was for the time a greater man, had not that privilege. The proposal o Board of General Purposes was not, he explained alteration of any existing law, but was suggested so make one already framed unmistakable and indisput He then related how the Craft had been invited to su alterations in the rules before they were submitte Grand Lodge, and said there were only two sugges sent in by the whole of the Lodges in regard to the m then under consideration. The proposal of the Boa General Purposes was seconded by Bro. Philbrick, then Bro. Nicholl brought forward his counter propos He argued that a brother who was entitled to wea collar when attending Grand Lodge ought not to be of his right when visiting a private one, which was like a man appearing in full dress in his own house wearing a smock frock when he went visiting. He w the Board to put the rule in a more permissive tone, a brother was allowed and compelled to wear his ins in Grand Lodge, it was an insult to strip him o adornments when he visited sister Lodges.

We were sorry to see that Bro. Nicholl was not strongly supported at this point, although we suppo was simply that the Grand Officers were sharper in catc the eye of the Grand Master in the chair than the r sentatives of Blue Masonry; however it may be, certain that the Grand Officers did most of the tal whether it was in support of the view adopted by Board of General Purposes, or in opposition to that pounded by Bro. Nicholl, whose proposed counter am ment was not seconded or otherwise endorsed until Rev. Thomas Cochrane P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Sa Pope, Q.C., G.D., had spoken strongly against The former attempted to explain the use of collars Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge ordinary mem

would at once remove this distinction, and it could not be discovered who were the actual Officers of the private Lodge which they visited. Truly, love is blind! Did it never strike our brother that the same argument used in another quarter would deprive him of the much prized collar which he wears as a Past Grand Officer. No doubt there are many brethren who could with equal reason to that displayed by Bro. Cochrane relate how they had been misled in Grand and other Lodges by the number of Past Officers who wear almost the same insignia as that which denotes the Officers of the year. His view of the question appeared to him the practical way of looking at it. Will he please apply his view to the case of Past Grand Officers, and then let us know if it appears as practical as it did when he was simply considering Past Worshipful Masters? Bro. Samuel Pope argued in much the same strain. The collar of an Officer was not an indication of rank, he said, but of office, and it was worn only in those places and on those occasions when he attended by virtue of his office. Later on, he argued that Provincial office conferred the right to wear the purple in perpetuity, and he has similar views in regard to Grand Lodge Office, for he argues that it is the chain he now wears which is the indication of his office as a Grand Deacon, while the purple—collar and apron—conferred on him, represent his rank. He probably overlooked the fact that it is the jewel of a Worshipful Master which is the indication of his office, while the blue conferred on him represents his rank, otherwise he would not have said it was quite right, logical, true, and consistent to limit the wearing of the official collars to when brethren attended officially. Bro. Canon Portal proposed an alteration in the motion of Bro. Nicholl, suggesting it should read as follows:—"That the Master, the Past Masters, and the Officers of a Lodge shall be at liberty to wear their collars and jewels upon all Masonic occasions." This form of amendment was seconded by Bro. Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Kent, accepted by Bro. Nicholl, and then put to the vote, with the result already recorded—211 in favour of the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes and 210 against it.

It is, perhaps, bad taste to question the motives of those who disagree with us, and we should be the last to advocate anything like retaliation, except under the most exceptional circumstances, but we argue those circumstances do now exist, and we cannot refrain from using the arguments adopted by the opposition to support our own case. We have shown that the main objection urged against Past Masters wearing collars on all occasions is that it leads to confusion, but on the principle that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, the same may be said in regard to the collars worn by Past Grand, and Prov. Grand Officers. Why are they to be permitted to wear the insignia of their office on all occasions while brethren who have done as much, and in many cases infinitely more, to entitle them to distinction are debarred from doing so? Bad as may be the sentiments by which we are actuated we fear we shall not consider the Grand Officers are consistent until we see them appearing without the collar to which they consider themselves entitled by reason of their rank as Past Grand Officers. When they do that we will believe it is time for Past Masters to accept cheerfully the dictum which deprives them of the coveted strip of blue, but until they do we hope Past Masters, and all who aspire to that distinction, will use every lawful means in their power to secure the restitution of their rights.

As we have said above, it is the jewel which an Officer wears which distinguishes him from those wearing blue collars who are not Officers, just as the chain of Grand Lodge office distinguishes acting from Past Grand Officers, and we hope this view of the case may ultimately be adopted as the correct one, for although the motion has been carried against the Past Masters, we are far from believing it is finally settled that they are to be debarred from the wearing of the blue.

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Masonic libraries are of recent creation. have been expected of a secret society, and ha continued to be as secret as it was for the major its history, there would even now be no Masoni Originally the only matter that was written Masonry was the MS. copy of the ancient Consti Charges. This embodied a sketch of the ori Craft, of the architectural achievements of its and of the regulations governing the Fraternity the old Lodges, in the pre-historic period of Lodge of England, possessed a written copy of stitutions and Charges, which was carefully k archives of the Lodge from public scrutiny, read at each making of a Mason. In the cou our Brotherhood developed from its Operati Speculative stage. Cotemporaneous with this d came the invention of the art of printing, and th rapid diffusion of knowledge by means of the pr The history of the Craft came to be regarded a a secret, and as a result information concerning appear, both in books of general literature and tively Masonic works. The Ancient Constitutio Corner-stone of Masonic literature, and the edi erected on this foundation is a massive one, v year by year, is adding to, and the end no one The Masonic newspaper and the Masonic mag followed in the train of Masonic books, until u no lack of proper information available for the prehension of the origin of the Fraternity, its history, and the great underlying principles wh the Brotherhood. None of these are any lon We need not now consider whether the Craf advantaged by the change, but it is unmistakab that has come to stay. Knowledge once in never be recalled; but we are of the number of think it is time that a halt should be called. W recal the past, but we can protect the pres future. Just as a Masonic Lodge has no prope profane procession, so when a Masonic Lodge in a Lodge room the profane have no business t and whoever invites them to be present is rec duty as an obligated member of the Fraternity

Among the Grand Lodges of this continent succeeded in assembling large numbers of valu books and manuscripts, the Grand Lodge sylvania, Iowa, Massachusetts and New York mention. Their Grand Lodge Libraries are valuable character. They represent years of research, and thousands of dollars in money. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had its or when "It was ordered that the Treasurer bu for the use of this Lodge which may appear i Masonry." In 1816 it was further resolved, " mittee be appointed to devise the best means o a Masonic Library, for the use of the members Lodge, and to report thereon." The great wor in 1871, under the lead of Bro. Chas. E. Mey present magnificent Library was inaugurate logue of Masonic books, issued in 1880, cov pages, and since then there have been many tions to its literary treasures. The Librar have not been content with gathering the be they have also published them as well. The Memorial Volume of the Masonic Temple, and the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of from 1730," are Masonic works of the rare deserve the widest reading by the Brethren diction.

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a piece of furniture, a substitute for wall-paper? Forbid the thought! Undoubtedly a library of books is most grateful to the physical eye, but it was made for the eye of the mind. And here we would remark, that a library that is under lock and key, with the librarian habitually absent, might almost as well not exist. A Masonic Library is intended for reference, not as a lending library, and the facilities for consulting it should be restricted only by such regulations as are necessary to preserve its integrity. Brethren should be encouraged to consult it, not deterred therefrom. Wherever these noble Masonic foundations exist, such rules should be enacted as may induce indifferent Freemasons to seek literary light, and may satisfy those who have a desire for knowledge by placing it easily within their reach. Let our Masonic Libraries everywhere continue to increase in their wealth of literature, and let the bars be let down so that every lover of learning in the Craft may browse at pleasure on their literary meads.

—*Keystone.*

## GRAND LODGE OF M.M.M. OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

THE half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 30th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, who was supported by Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath as D.G.M., Col. Lord John H. Taylour as S.W., Captain N. G. Philips as J.W., A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, Major J. W. Woodall P.G.M. North and East Yorks, R. C. Else P.G.M. Somersetshire, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney M.O., J. S. Eastes S.O., Geo. Kenning J.O., Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth G. Chap., Jas. Moon Treas., Fredk. Binckes Secretary, H. Ward and F. Crouch J.D.'s, R. W. Edis I. of W., G. P. Festa and A. McDowell A.D.C., W. J. Thomson and Thomas Taylor Std. Bearers, Henry Rose Organist, W. Vincent I.G., J. Pinder Assist. I.G. The Grand Lodge having been opened and the Grand Master in the chair saluted, the minutes of the last half-yearly Communication, of the Special Grand Lodge of the 1st July, and of the moveable Grand Lodge of 14th July, were read and confirmed, after which the report of the General Board was received and adopted.

The Report of the General Board showed that during the six months ending 30th September last 570 Mark certificates were issued, making the total number of registrations 22,227; while three warrants for new Lodges had been granted, increasing the roll to 369. These Lodges will meet at Barnet, Herts; Jamaica, and Rangoon respectively. The number of registered Royal Ark Mariners had been increased to 2,076, by the issue of 118 certificates during the six months, while warrants for two new Lodges had been issued, one to be attached to Lodge No. 230, London, and the other to No. 203, Meerut. Reference was made to irregularities committed by the Brunswick Lodge, No. 48; the Worshipful Master of which had been installed at a Lodge of Emergency; it was recommended that the W.M. be confirmed in the rank of Past Master on payment of a fine of one guinea; the Lodge having already been fined two guineas. Particulars were given of the relief granted by the Board to distressed Masons, as also the Eighteenth Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held on the 28th July, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., when subscriptions to the amount of £1,535 were announced. With a view of rendering these Annual Festivals on behalf of the Benevolent Fund even more successful in the future, a sub-committee was appointed, to consider and report as to improved management. This sub-committee advised the appointment of a permanent Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, with authority to attend the various Mark Lodges, with a view to securing Stewards, soliciting subscriptions, and generally advocating the cause of the Charity. Acting on this suggestion the Board have appointed Bro. C. F. Matier as Secretary, with an annual remuneration of £20. The Board recommended that a sum of £5 be annually paid on behalf of each recipient of the benefits of the Educational Fund for report, it being agreed that the Worshipful Master No. 48, who had been irregularly installed, should be c firmed as a Past Master on payment of the sugges fine of one guinea The proposal to grant a sum of every year to each pupil on the Educational Fund was a carried. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.G.M.M. of the Medit ranean nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Gra Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Moon G. Treasu nominated Bro. J. L. Mather to succeed him in his offi and Bro. J. E. Dawson Deputy P.G.M. Herts nomina Bro Edgar Bowyar for the same appointment. Jewels s bars were then presented to the brethren who had su ported the Benevolent Fund of the Degree, and Gra Lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, at the earlier part of which Deputy Grand Master presided, Major Woodall taking place towards the close of the proceedings.

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The monthly meeting of the General Committee of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Fr masons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. J. Moon, V.-P presided, and among those present were Bros. Alf Willams, J. L. Mather, G. Motion, S. Richardson, Ballard, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., S. H. Parkhouse, C. Hogard, G. Bolton, J. S. Cumberland, F. Adlard, Belton, F. W. Ramsay, A. E. Gladwell, G. P. Gillard, H. Saunders, N. B. Headon, E. Baxter, G. Read, G. W Fletcher, J. H. Gwyn, W. Maple, W. A. Scurrah, Harding, F. T. C. Keeble, G. Cooper, H. W. Hu R. Eve, H. Young, and Frederick Binckes (Secretar The minutes of the previous meeting having been r and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read information, nine petitions were considered and accept and the names of the children ordered to be entered the list of candidates for the April election. Two appl tions by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favo ably entertained. The day for holding the Quarte Court in April 1887, which will fall on Easter Mond was postponed till the Monday following (18th April 188 Other business having been disposed of, a vote of tha was passed to the Chairman.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Mas Benevolent Institution held its usual monthly meeting Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. The chair was occup by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and amongst members present were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Samuel Brooks, Hugh Cotter, A. Forsyth, Charles Perceval, Joseph Freeman, Thos. Griffith, W. J. Mu W. Belchamber, John Bulman, J. A. Farnfield, Tho Cubitt P.G.P., A. H. Tattersall, C. H. Driver, Al Fish, C. F. Matier, Fred. Davison P.G.D., C. H. W W. H. Perryman A.G.P., Chas. Belton, and James T Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting ha been read and verified, the Secretary reported the d of one male annuitant, who had received £230. Warden's report for the past month was read. receipt of a legacy to the Male Fund, amounting to free of duty, from the executors of the late Rev. Sa Gauntlett, of Midwoy Manor, Wilts, was announced. Committee voted the sum of £20 towards the enter ment of the inmates of the Institution at Croydon 5th January proximo. An application made by the w of a late annuitant, for half her husband's annuity, granted. Nine petitions (6 male and 3 female) taken into consideration, with the result that seven accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the li candidates for the election in May next; two deferred for further information. A vote of thanks to Chairman terminated the meeting.

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We are in receipt of a copy of Bro. Lane's w "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," which is undoubted valuable addition to Masonic literature. We shall to it in an early issue.

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# NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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## LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Michael John Withers Prov. G. Junior Deacon, the Worshipful Master, on which occasion Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. attended, on the invite of the Lodge, for the purpose of delivering his popular lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree. The attendance was unfortunately not nearly so large as had been anticipated, an important political meeting having been appointed for the same evening, and regrets and apologies for absence were very numerous. The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry, desired special mention of his disappointment in not being able to occupy his position. Among those present were Bros. D. H. Witherington S.W., F. Blackwell J.W., Chas. Stephens P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Robert Bradley Prov. G. Secretary, Charles Oades P.M., Albert W. Parry Secretary, John W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Organist, C. J. R. Steward I.G., H. P. Knill, Bernard Ruddock, F. J. Wellman, G. S. Galt, W. G. Millar, Henry Higgs, W. J. Maurice, and others. Visitors:—Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Alexander Sellar P.M. 414, T. P. Stevens, C. Slaughter, W. G. Flanagan P.M. 1101; H. G. Sherwin, Walter Blackwell 1024; R. H. Reilly, F. J. Lawes 2043; the Rev. J. D. Dunlap, Cambridge University Lodge; John Miller 723, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the previous minutes having been read, and a report from the Permanent Committee received, the Worshipful Master formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting for the delivery of his lecture. After a few introductory remarks on the nature and objects of his address, the lecturer proceeded to explain his views in relation to the form of ritual and ceremonial which had been adopted for the general observance of the Craft at the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1813, and in regular order, through the ceremonies of opening and initiation, pointed out the many divergences from such original form which had arisen, more particularly during the past quarter of a century. For two hours, without intermission, Bro. Stevens rivetted the attention of his audience, whilst giving most lucid explanations of, and reasons for, the numerous points in working in respect of which a perfect understanding is necessary for a full appreciation of the "connection of the whole system of Freemasonry, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Most instructive in every respect, the lecturer could not fail to leave many important points for future consideration by his hearers, although it may be said that perfect agreement on all may not follow. Being purely such an address as can only be given when "close tyled," it should be heard by Freemasons wherever opportunity for its delivery may arise, and, judging from its reception on this occasion, and, as we are informed, on many former occasions, it should be the desire of every good working Lodge to learn from Bro. Stevens "the reason why" for much that they do and say in Masonic ceremonial. At the close of the lecture on the proposition of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Chas Stephens P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, a cordial vote of thanks, with complimentary remarks on the address he had given, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the same in suitable terms. Propositions for initiation having been made, and greetings exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form, with harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where supper had been prepared. A pleasant hour or two was passed in social converse, enlivened by song and recitation, before the brethren separated, well pleased with the Masonic work of the evening.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE members of this Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 25th ult., when the brethren appeared in mourning, for Bro. Chapman P.M. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Henry Ellis—after being proposed by Bro. Caperee, and seconded by Bro. East—and it was carried without a dissentient. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Potter and Goddard were instructed to retire, and, upon their withdrawal, the Lodge resolved itself into the third degree, and the aforesaid gentlemen were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Lodge being resumed in the first degree, two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Worshipful Master rising for the second time, the Immediate Past Master proposed that the usual Past Master's jewel—value ten guineas—be presented to Bro. Ferrar on his leaving the chair, and this proposition was carried unanimously. Bro. P.M. Payne proposed, and Bro. P.M. Dignam seconded, that the sum of five guineas should be given to the widow of their late P.M. Chapman, from the Charity box; this was agreed to. At the election for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year Bro. Polak was unanimously chosen. Bro. P.M. Brand was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Marsh Tyler. The Audit Committee was re-appointed. The Lodge closed in the usual manner, and the convivial gathering took place afterwards.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AT the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on the 8th ult., at York, a valuable presentation was made by Bro. Frank Smith P.M. 837, in the shape of an engraving, somewhat rare, in a perfect state, representing a view of the city of York, taken in 1740, The chief Masonic interest of this engraving, which was exec Grigium, is found in the fact that the "New Walk" was laid planted in 1830 by Bro. John Marsden, a member of the Gran of All England at York, who was an apothecary and a memb Corporation. The engraving is emblematically framed in oak inscribed: "Presented to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611 occasion of the installation of Bro. Wm. Brown as W.M., 1886, by Bro. F. Smith, P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 83 Yorkshire."

## ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesda Town Hall, Shoreditch, when Bro. Robert Drysd installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Amo present were Bros. A. Walker W.M., F. Matthews S.W., R. J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treas., Joseph Cox Sec., E. Benjam G. T. Barr P.M., L. Stean P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., H. Jo A. Clement P.M., J. Funston P.M., H. J. Thrower S.D., L. rison J.D., G. C. Young P.M. Org., W. Beasley I.G Griffiths Steward, W. Clarke P.G.P. (Honorary member), a assemblage of lay members, together with the following —S. A. East 1524, W. H. Lee 1524 Asst. Prov. Grand Sec. W. W. Lee 1897, E. Smith P.M. 1336 P.P.G.J.W. N. W Salop, C. W. Vine 1046, F. Richardson D.C. 860, G. Andr W. Walden 49, F. Horner P.M. 31, H. Povey P.M. 22, 1929, H. J. Dutton 1706, W. H. Baker W.M. 1446 I.P.M. 20 Germains Org. 2033, F. W. Ayres 1816, T. Nettleship 16 Baker J.W. 2030, L. V. Walker W.M. elect 22, F. Rei Harwood 813, J. Smither S.D. 193, W. Musto P.M. 1349, J. W. Medcalf 206, W. Knight 860, F. Brien P.M. 1076, A. S.W. 959, J. A. Robson P.M. 1445, C. Sims 861, H. Salter G. Hodges 1310, R. J. Sanders 861, C. W. Cox P.M. 1566, 1446, J. Smith P.M. 193, B. Nicholson. Bro. Drysdale ha installed as W.M., appointed the following as Office year:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Cox J.W., Brand P.M. Treas P.M. Secretary, Thrower S.D., Harrison J.D., Young Beasley I.G., Griffiths D.C., H. J. Scott and S. Batchelor Among other business transacted was the balloting for Goldstein and Mr. Joseph Mordecai, candidates for init result being in favour of these gentlemen, who will be init future meeting; the reception of the Audit Committee's r presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. E. Walker, t Worshipful Master; and the voting of a jewel to Bro. recognition of his services as Secretary during the past el Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banq the presidency of the new Worshipful Master. In due customary toasts were given from the chair. The Worship felt he need only submit the name of Her Majesty to ensu we come. All present must wish for the Queen many mo health and happiness to reign over her people. Speaking toast, the Worshipful Master said that what the Grand done, and was doing, was so well known to brethren of the they could but honour their ruler. The toast of the Gra was next proposed, and the name of Bro. Clarke P.G.P. with it. That brother tendered thanks on behalf of the the Grand Lodge, present and past, for the hearty recep toast. He spoke of the kindly manner in which the Master had presided at the last meeting of Grand Lod sidered it was evidence of a deep love for the Craft. His to the many brethren who were then present proved how capable a Mason we have to take the place of our R Master whenever His Royal Highness finds it inconvenie the meetings of the Craft. The Earl of Carnarvon and Officers generally did their best to uphold the prestige o Bro. Clarke said his views as to the holding of Grand well known. He considered that no brother should h Grand Lodge for more than one year, and was pleased the Craft in general recognized this principle in regard appointment in their hands—that of Grand Treasurer, since it had become an elective one, had passed out of t its holder at the close of the year for which he was e Clarke thanked the brethren for the reception he person whenever he was present at their Lodge. He could hard was eight years since he had taken part in the consec Lodge, but such was the case, as he had been reminded he could but congratulate the members on the prosperit had attained. Bro. Walker proposed the next toast. H the duty which devolved upon him a most honourable a one to discharge. They were met to greet Worshipful Master of the Lodge on his instal present had been a most successful installatio as they had found a brother who could fill the chair himself and honour to the members. The present ruler in the Lodge some years since, and had worked through offices until he had risen to the highest position it was of this or any other Lodge to confer. Bro. Walker little experience of foreign Lodges, and had found th France, at least, the ruler was designated by the tit Doubtless there was not much difference between the ti and Venerable, but in this country at least the use of would at times appear out of place, for while in mar who had age and experience were called upon affairs of their Lodges, there were also many oc the highest office of the Lodge was filled by a y from venerable looking brother. But the bret St. Leonard's Lodge that night had a Master emin to bear the title both of Venerable and Worshipfu every sense of the word, a venerable Worshipful Maste had among them a painter who was desirous of

ritual of Freemasonry, he could hardly do better than adopt Bro. Drysdale as his model. The Worshipful Master felt great difficulty in responding in view of the exceptionally kind manner in which the toast had been proposed. He really felt that if his predecessor had not made so much of him he should have thought more of Bro. Walker. His remarks had been very kind in most respects, but it was perhaps unkind to so pointedly remind him of a fact of which he was fully aware—that he was getting old. He knew this well, and he felt that in consequence the brethren would sympathise with him if in the course of his term of office he should not be so perfect as they could wish; his memory was not so good as it was twenty or more years ago, and if he fell short it would be because of that failing. It would be his desire to fulfil his duties to their satisfaction. He next proposed the health of the installing Master. All must agree that the duties of Installing Master could not have been carried out better than they had been by Bro. Walker that night. He (Bro. Drysdale) had been perfectly astonished to find that Bro. Walker had been able to perform the work so creditably, for although he was not quite so old as he was, he was getting well on in years, and the ceremony of installation was a difficult one for any brother to undertake. The Immediate Past Master having tendered his thanks, was pleased that the Worshipful Master had reminded him that they both suffered from the same complaint—they were both getting old, but at the same time he would remind them that he had read somewhere, as no doubt they all had done, that old birds were not to be caught with chaff. He felt the Worshipful Master had tried to catch him with chaff when he had spoken so eulogistically of his efforts that night. He could conscientiously say he had striven to do his best, and he hoped his efforts had deserved the kind reception they had met with. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toasted, and Bro. Stean replied. It afforded him great pleasure to be again present at the St. Leonard's Lodge. As the first Worshipful Master he looked upon the Lodge as a great success. It had progressed far beyond his expectations in many ways, but had fallen short in others. It had done nobly for the Masonic Institutions, and had also adopted his view that Freemasonry had some object beyond the support of those noble Charities which were associated with the Order. Each and every case of distress which had been brought under their notice had received such attention as was in their power to bestow, the Benevolent Fund connected with the Lodge having been of great service in assisting many deserving cases. He was pleased to be recognised as the Father of the Lodge, a title he was well fitted to bear, from his long association with Freemasonry. He had been a member of the Order some forty-seven years at the time he was installed as first Master of the St. Leonard's Lodge, and could, in consequence, now boast of a Masonic career of fifty-four years. He could only hope that the members having secured a proud position for their Lodge would one and all strive to uphold its reputation. Bro. Barr followed. The Past Masters always had the will, if not the opportunity, of performing any duty for the benefit of the Lodge, which was started as a first-class East-end representative of Freemasonry, and had attained some success in that respect. At the present time there was an amount of stability attached to the Lodge which would not degrade any member who might join it. The toast of the Visitors was one which gave the Worshipful Master much pleasure to propose, more especially as there were so many guests around the board. He considered the presence of so many distinguished guests as proof of the kindly interest taken by the Craft in the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Lee was the first to respond, and it afforded him great gratification to do so. He was pleased to attend and witness the progress made by the Lodge during the seven or eight years it had been in existence. This was no doubt due to the ability displayed by the brethren who had filled the office of Worshipful Master, prominent among whom was Bro. Stean, one of the oldest Past Masters of the great metropolis. He was also pleased to see the retiring Master, at the close of his year of office, instal his successor. Bro. Smith was also delighted with what he had witnessed that day, and was amply repaid for his long journey of close upon two hundred miles, which he had undertaken in order to be present. Bros. Cox, Musto, and Germain also replied to the toast. The latter considered it was only by visiting and comparing the work done in the several Lodges that a brother could form any idea of the position of an individual Lodge. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, feeling that much depended on those two Officers as to whether a Lodge was a success or not. If the Treasurer and Secretary of a Lodge attended to their duties, there was nothing to prevent a Lodge from becoming one of the greatest successes in Masonry. He felt that the brethren who filled these offices in the St. Leonard's Lodge would discharge their duties in such a manner as to add to its reputation. Bro. Brand tendered his thanks. Although newly appointed to office, he was not exactly a stranger to the Lodge, having been a joining member of it during the first year of its existence. He felt it a great honour to be elected to the office of Treasurer, of which post he had some experience in his mother Lodge. He was pleased to say that during the time he had acted there as Treasurer he had never seen any difference of opinion in regard to the affairs of the Lodge, and he trusted he might have a similar experience in the St. Leonard's. His aim would be to advance the reputation of the Lodge, and, if possible, to add to its already achieved popularity; maintaining it, in the foremost rank of London Lodges. There were occasions when somewhat disagreeable duties fell to the lot of the Secretary and Treasurer, but he hoped that should the occasion ever arise in their Lodge where he might be thought to act harshly, that the members would believe that what he did was for the good of the cause they were all anxious to advance. He hoped that at the end of the year he should be able to report the Lodge in even a better position than it then occupied. Bro. Barham followed, thanking the [illegible] for their kind reception. He should endeavour so to fulfil his acted as its W.M., and also as its Tyler. He hoped now that he h been appointed as its Secretary he should not again fall into t error he committed when acting as Tyler, when he omitted to colle the dues. As Secretary he should endeavour to follow in the fo steps of Bro. Cox, who had filled the office since the consecration the Lodge, and in doing so he felt he should be fulfilling the desi of them all. The toast of the Officers brought the list to a concl sion. This was one of the most pleasing toasts a Master could ha to propose, for unless a ruler was well supported by his Office the working of a Lodge could not be satisfactorily carried out. B Drysdale felt he could say he was supported by Officers who wo do their utmost to assist in carrying on the Lodge in a satisfacto manner, and would render him all the assistance which lay in th power. With great satisfaction then he asked those present drink to the health of the Officers. Bros. Matthews and Cox, t Wardens, replied. The former felt sure the Officers were bretht who would strive to add to the reputation of their Lodge. Bro. C was very pleased to occupy the position of Warden, but there w one drawback to his acceptance of the collar; he felt he was keepi back the other Officers from that step of promotion they mi reasonably have expected on an installation night, but this had be lessened if not entirely removed by the kind and hearty way which each had expressed his willingness to stand aside for the ye and allow him (Bro. Cox) to take a step nearer the Master's cha The Tyler's toast was then given, and the meeting was brought to conclusion.

## GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhou Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when there w present:—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridp S.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levey S.D., W. G. Goode J. W. G. Oates D.C., and W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. George Price P Treasurer Surrey, H. Saxelby P.G. Registrar Surrey; Drs. A. M they and Wilson, Rev. Lennox Harvey, Aston, Gnedalla, Herschh and Holden. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the V. Bro. Frederick West P.G.S. Eng., the newly appointed Deputy Pr Grand Master of Surrey, who was saluted by the brethren accord to ancient custom. Visitors:—J. S. Streeter P.P.G. Reg. Surr Dr. S. Parsons-Smith P.G.S.D. Surrey, Dr. W. H. M. Smith W.M. 4 C. W. C. Webb I.P.M. 1397, Gordon Smith S.D. 14, F. Carter 14, J. H. Hughes 404. A letter was read from Bro. C. Greenwood F Sec. Surrey, thanking the Lodge for the expression of their con lence on the death of his father, the late lamented Deputy Prov. Master; this was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Herschhorn was passed to the second, and Bros. Rev. Lennox Har and H. H. Aston raised to the third degree. The Lodge was clo and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

## LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 5

THE Officers and brethren of this Lodge held their last meet for the present year at the Temperance Hall, Newbury Friday evening, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Monta Palmer W.M. Bro. H. D. Astley, Solicitor of Hungerford, ha been passed to the second degree, the members of the Lodge p ceeded to ballot for a Worshipful Master for the ensuing y resulting in the unanimous election of the Senior Warden Bro. H Hanington, who suitably expressed his appreciation of the hon thus conferred upon him. Bro. W. H. Belcher P.M. was unanimo re-elected Treasurer. The Worshipful Master elect brought ward the question of the desirability, or otherwise, of holdi Masonic Hall in the Town Hall, in the early part of the ensuing The proposal was favourably received, and the Lodge delegated matter to a committee.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—Notwithstan the fog, a considerable number of brethren assembled on Wednes the 24th ult., at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, to hear ceremony of installation rehearsed by Bro. E. Storr P.M. 167. taking the chair, Bro. Storr was supported by Bros. Gregory Ament as Wardens, Ferguson Preceptor, Coste and Wright Deacons, Seamnell I.G., Dimsdale Secretary, and some twenty brethren. Bro. Putland was duly installed as Worshipful Ma and appointed his Officers; after which Bro. Storr delivered charges in very impressive style. Lodge was resumed to the s degree, and Bro. Preceptor worked the first section of the le Bro. Hutchinson having been unanimously elected a member, L was closed, after a most successful evening.

**Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.** — A meeting held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, hawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, there were present—Bros. Craggs Austin S.W., Cross J.W., Spiegel P.M. Sec., Wood S.D., Marsh Jennings I.G. Past Masters Bros. Sims, Foreman, Chanffo Stroud, Head, Lindfield. Business—The Lodge opened in due and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of i tion was rehearsed, Bro. Foreman candidate. The first secti the second lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chauff

## LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE members held their regular meeting on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Dewsnap W.M. presiding; Bros. Walls S.W., J. Lion J.W., Botibol S.D., Gardener J.D., Lenzberg I.G., Dobson P.M. D.C., James Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary; also Bros. Martin I.P.M., P.M.'s L. Alexander, M. Spiegel, M. Alexander, O. Roberts, L. Meyer. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. McDuell, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and then retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. McDuell was re-admitted and duly passed. Lodge resumed, and the election of the Worshipful Master was proceeded with, the choice of the brethren being unanimous in favour of the S.W. On this being announced, Bro. Walls replied, courteously thanking the brethren. The Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected. Then came the election of five brethren to serve on the Committee, two Auditors, and eight brethren to serve on the Board of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. Bro. Martin I.P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be granted towards presenting the Worshipful Master with a Past Master's jewel; this was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Martin, according to arrangement at the last meeting, moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted towards presenting a testimonial for services rendered by Bro. J. Lyon, as Treasurer; Bro. Spiegel seconded, and the resolution was carried amidst acclamation. Bro. M. Alexander P.M. moved that the joining fee be reduced from eight guineas to two guineas; this was carried. The consideration of the bye-laws of the Benevolent Fund was adjourned. The brethren then retired to the refreshment room. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Bromley P.M. 957, A. H. Stuart P.M. 1320, S. T. Carter 767, C. Lister 1320, W. P. Hart 1248, C. Mussared 1839, and H. J. Lyons 185.

## SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. L. W. Bertolle, who was supported by Bros. J. Banker S.W., A. Wills J.W., A. W. Wright P.M. Treas., R. Smith P.M. Sec., James Austin P.M., C. H. Wilkes P.M., W. Holloway P.M., J. Walter P.M., C. Wise P.M., W. W. Block S.D., W. Beecroft D.C., J. F. Tarrant I.G., C. G. Dunlop Steward, several members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—Bros. E. W. Ruffe D.C. 1381, W. Longman 860, A Moore 173, J. Hartley S.W. 1986, E. G. Johnson J.W. 1804, J. F. Duperay 1275, T. Grumsunt P.M. 1559, E. W. Bayley 2012, J. Douglas Dick 2030, G. Sadler 172, &c. The business consisted of the initiation of Mr. J. C. Floate, and the raising of Bros. Rooke and Scott, after which some matters of interest to the Lodge were disposed of, and the Lodge being closed the brethren sat down to banquet. At the conclusion thereof the usual toasts were given. Brother P.M. Austin proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, feeling assured that all present would respond to the toast in a most hearty manner. Those who had had the opportunity of witnessing the ability displayed by Bro. Bertolle during his occupancy of the chair could but recognize in him a most painstaking Master, one who was fully entitled to the heartiest of receptions at the hands of the members. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Bertolle tendered his sincere thanks in acknowledgment. It was a source of great gratification to him that he was plodding through his year of office without encountering any very serious difficulty. He hoped that during the remaining months of his year he might have as large an amount of work to perform as he had had in the past. His next duty was a pleasing one—to present to Bro. Holloway, on behalf of the members of the Southern Star Lodge, a Charity jewel, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services when acting as Steward to the three Masonic Charities. It was the sincere wish of each of the members that Bro. Holloway might be spared for many years to wear the jewel which he had won by his advocacy on behalf of those in misfortune. Bro. Holloway, in reply, said he was most gratified to receive the jewel, especially as it was in recognition of his services as Steward for the Masonic Institutions. He had first represented the Benevolent Institution, in 1884, and then took up a total of £70. In 1885 he had supported the Girls' School, and although his list showed a falling off as compared with that of the previous year, it yet represented a goodly contribution—£11 13s 6d. This year, on behalf of the Boys', he had been able to secure £51 13s 6d, so that altogether it could be said that the Lodge had done well during the last three years—it showed above the average of the contributing Lodges, and that was sufficient for the members to congratulate themselves upon. He was well content with the results of his pleadings, and hoped he had not worried the brethren too much when seeking their assistance. If he had gone too far he could only ask to be forgiven, at the same time assuring the members that what he had done was for the benefit of the Lodge. They had had an instance of the amount of good which was being done by the Charities, for they had been fortunate enough to secure the election of a child of one of their old members to the Boys' School on the first application. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158,
To Bro. Wm. Holloway,
In appreciation of his services as Steward to three of the
Masonic Institutions.
October 1886.

The toast of the Initiate followed, and to this the newly admitted brethren responded. The toast of the Past Masters was next [illegible]

## ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1

A MEETING was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Put Wednesday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. Collick Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, [illegible]ams P.M Collins P.M. Dir. of Cers., Wing S.D., Harling J.D., Sanda Oliver Steward, Bowler Tyler, Pardoe I.P.M.; also P.M.'s W and Mansell. Visitor—Bro. Wood of the Dalhousie Lodg 13 members. The Lodge was opened in due form an solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read a firmed. Bros. Elden and Moore, who had been initiated at meeting, as candidates for the second degree were examin trusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degre the brethren named were duly passed. Lodge was closed to degree, and a ballot having been taken for Bros. Davies and both of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, proposed by Bro. W seconded by Brother Collins P.M., as joining members, ballot being unanimously in their favour, they were declar elected; they suitably thanked the Lodge. Three gentlem nominated as candidates for initiation at the next meetin Secretary announced the receipt of a letter from Bro. Stac Organist, excusing himself from attendance on account of i tion. A resignation was also announced, and accepted wit Lodge was then closed in accordance with ancient custom, brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where a plain, but sub repast awaited them. The table being cleared, the W. the health of the Queen, which was drunk with true Comme fire, as also were the following toasts:—The Most W Grand Master, the Grand Officers Present and Pas Visitors, Bro. Wood 865 responding; the Past Maste Pardoe responding; the Joining Members, Bros. Davies an responding. The I.P.M. then took the gavel, and proposed t of the W.M., which was enthusiastically drunk. The W.M. the Officers, thanking them one and all for their zeal and ab for the assistance they had rendered him in the ceremon evening. The Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast c of the happiest evenings imaginable, at an early hour, enal brethren from London to catch the 10·8 p.m. train home. meeting will be on the first Wednesday in February, work is expected to consist of two raisings and three i The following programme was gone through during the e Pianoforte Selection, "Patience"—Bro. Windsor; Song, Friar of Orders Grey"—Bro. Wing; Song, "Hearts of Oa Williams; Recitation, "Christmas Day in the Workhous Price; Irish Ditty, "The Ladies' Darling"—Bro. Whitch "The Anchor's Weighed"—Bro. Windsor; Song, "The of the Heart"—Bro. Collick; Song, "Speed on, my bark, —Bro. Wing; Song, "We'll all go a hunting to-day"—Bro "Farewell, Leonora"—Bro. Collick.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instructi** 1585.—At the meeting held on Monday, 29th ult., at th Hotel, Putney. Present:—Bros. Cutbill W.M., Whiteh Radclyffe J.W., Grundy Sec., Harling S.D., Slinn J.D., P. Preceptor Sapsworth I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. G W. Carter, and Williams; also Bros. Collick and Grand. liminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, B candidate. The third section of the first lecture wa Bro. P.M. Williams answered the usual questions leading to degree. Bro. Whitehead S.W. was elected W.M. for next vote of thanks to the W.M., and hearty good wishes, closed ness.

On 6th inst., Bros. Bond W.M., Radcliffe S.W., G Grundy Sec., Sapsworth S.D., Featherstone J.D., P.M. T Gentle I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Webb and W. Ca Cutbill, Hurling, Alexander, Bigler, Langley, Bi Gompertz. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ce initiation, Bro. Alexander candidate. The formula of s W.M. on entering Lodge in the three degrees was next The first section of the first lecture was worked by the assisted by the brethren. Bro. Radclyffe was elected W. meeting, and after hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed i and adjourned to Monday 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No.** the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Monday, 29th Brothers Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Flack J.W., T Worden J.D., Clark I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Fen Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of pr rehearsed, Bro. Ball candidate. This brother answered th leading to the third degree, as also did Bro. Hatton. The t of the second lecture was worked, and soon afterwards closed in due form.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At t on Wednesday, the 1st. inst., held at Bro. Silvester's, Roman Road, Barnsbury. There were present Bros. H Gregory S.W., Bargess J.W., Bleakley S.D., Surridge J. (Treasurer) I.G., Ferguson Preceptor, Dimsdale Secre number of other Brethren. Lodge having been ope minutes confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony with Bro. Solle as candidate. This was followed by t second sections of the first lecture, worked by Bro. Fer Gregory was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Criterion.**—Following on the line of business that Mr. T. G. Warren has hitherto been so successful with, this gentleman has once more exerted himself, and has written an original farcical comedy in three acts, produced at this theatre last Thursday week, entitled "My Bonny Boy." Like "Nita's First," this is founded entirely on misrepresentations, the result creating laughter from beginning to end of the play. Such a piece as "My Bonny Boy" it is seldom the lot of a matinée to witness, and those present seemed to catch at the opportunity for enjoyment. In fact, the piece only wants a little alteration, and it then ought to "catch on" in some evening bill. A short outline of the piece will suffice to show how the interest is sustained. Benjamin Boulter, Esq., is expecting a man down to tune his pianoforte, and on the arrival of his son—who has been away from home for fifteen years—that gentleman is taken for the tuner, while the latter is taken for the son. It happens that both these gentlemen's names are George, and so readily does the tuner appreciate the mistake that no suspicion is aroused. During the time George Boulter has been absent from home, he has married, unknown to his father, but being under previous engagement to his cousin Hetty, is doubtful as to the reception his wife will receive. He therefore employs the tuner, who he takes for Hetty's lover, to break the news; but on arrival he is abused by his father; this he takes as an indication that he is not forgiven. During the two succeeding acts the misunderstandings are well kept up, but at the end of the third the mistake is found out, with the result that all ends happily. The acting throughout the piece was capital, the part of the tuner being admirably portrayed by Mr. George Giddens. This gentleman was exceedingly funny throughout the piece, and with the help of Mr. William Blakeley as Benjamin Boulter caused roars of laughter. These two worked well together, and certainly a great amount of the success of the piece was due to their admirable acting. Mr. J. H. Darnley, as the son, gave a capital rendering of his part, while Miss F. Paget was excellent as Mrs. Boulter jun. Miss Annie Hughes was bright and winning as Hetty, but Mr. J. C. Buckstone as Harry Hoppleton, who afterwards marries Hetty, was rather dull in the love scenes. The other characters were well sustained by Messrs. W. Staveley, J. R. Sherman, Mrs. Bickerstaff, and Miss Scotti. At the conclusion Mr. Warren received an enthusiastic call before the curtain; this he richly deserved.

**Gaiety.**—The Comic opera "Dorothy," first brought out here, still maintains its success. Considerable additions have been made to the musical and comical features since its production. The chief parts strengthened are those of Miss Florence Dysart, Mr. Haydn Coffin, and Mr. A. Williams. Mr. Coffin sings with even more than his usual freshness and vigour; his additional song is well received, and merits the encores given it. Mr. Williams' comic business has been considerably and advantageously increased. His bye-play is loudly applauded. Altogether, of this pretty opera it may be said, "all goes merry as a marriage bell."

**Grand.**—Miss Nelly Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie have paid a return visit to this theatre during the week, and have once more treated the North Londoners to the amusing burlesque "Little Jack Sheppard." So much has already been written about this piece that it only remains for us to say all the old business is retained, while in some parts the piece has been considerably strengthened. Miss Nelly Farren is as funny as ever, while Mr. Fred Leslie is never at a loss to find enjoyment for his audience. The songs, "Jonathan Wild," "Jack's Alive 'O," "You musn't believe all you hear," "Dear Heart," "The Farewell," and the "Polyglot," are still given with considerable success, and in fact nothing is lacking to cause amusement throughout the piece. Mr. George Stone (Blueskin), Mr. George Honey (Sir Roland Trenchard), Mr. Edward W. Colman (Kneebone), Mr. W. Guise (Abraham Mendez), Miss Delaporte (Thames Darrell), Miss Birdie Irving (Winifred Wood), Miss Laura Clynds (Edgeworth Bess), and Miss Sylvia Grey (Polly Stanmore) all work with a will, and we can only advise our readers to see "Little Jack Sheppard" before it is too late. After to-night (Saturday), the Grand will remain closed until Christmas Eve, when Mr. Charles Wilmot will present his fourth grand pantomime—the subject of which will be "Robinson Crusoe."

The London Conservatoire announces its annual benefit concert by the students, professors, and artistes, to take place in St. James's Great Hall, on Saturday evening, the 18th instant. Amongst the vocalists who will assist are Mdlle. Lorenzi, Mdlle. Lucille Saunders, Misses N. Mewis and Alice James, Madame Richards, Misses Mina Rees and F. Prideaux, Messrs Edward T. Walford, T. W. Page, H. Lowe, and Walter Bolton. Pianists: Signor Tito Mattei, Miss Ethel Savery, Miss J. Greenbank, and Mons. Flamant; Harp: Mr. Charles Oberthur; Violins: Messrs. Herbert Mæder, Seymour Toller, Walter Petty, and Basil Althaus; with a choir of 70 voices. Conductors—Messrs. Sydney Shaw, F. R. Kinkee, Walter Weseche, Geo. J. Sumpter, Lansdowne Cottell. Accompanyist: Mr. F. Kinkee. Tickets at Austin's; Alfred Hayes, 4 Royal Exchange Buildings; and at the Institution.

The 600th performance of Mr. Charles Duval's entertainment in Piccadilly will be given at his new quarters in the St. James's Hall, on Tuesday next, 13th inst. Mr. and Miss Morritt continue to appear at each of Mr. Duval's performances in their thought transferences, and Mr. Sol Stone, the American calculator, is also in the programme.

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The usual weekly convocation of the North Londo Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castl Tavern, St. Paul's Road, N., on Thursday. Comp Edmonds Z., Brasted H., Barnet J., Sheffield S.E., Fras S.N., Dean P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearse in a very praiseworthy manner. There was a fair attend ance.

We are informed that the Euphrates Lodge of Instru tion, No. 212, will meet in future on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, at Bro. Hickman's, the Mother Red C Camden Town. All brethren who can make it convenien to attend will receive a hearty welcome. Bros. R. W Galer W.M. 1366 Preceptor, C. Shepherd P.M. 136 Secretary, P. Recknell P.M. 212 Treasurer.

## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

### VII.—GENTLENESS.

A grain of sand within the human eye,
Would mar the sight if suffer'd to remain;
'Tis reason, then, which bids the owner try
To shift the substance and allay the pain.
A *furious* treatment will not gain that end,
But only irritate the organ more;
The *gentle* measures to relieving tend,
Remove the evil and the pain is o'er.
How human 'tis, our foibles to disclaim,
And still take note of slips our friends have made;
Each one has faults which spot the fairest fame,
And put the virtues even into shade.
Reproof is good if well and wisely given,
With conscious Gentleness of voice and heart;
But soon, alas! the firmest ties are riven
If Harshness arrogate the Mentor's part.

### VIII.—HONOUR.

A single scratch upon the silver'd side
Destroys the purpose of reflecting glass;
Before which, Beauty, blushing soft with pride,
Notes every phase of look and gesture pass
The Mason's Honour, should be fair and clear,
Reflecting noblest attributes of soul.
But should one stain upon its front appear,
Its sad effect will desecrate the whole.
Look to it, then! That every thought may tend
To keep in purity, and gleaming bright,
The soul's fair mirror. Then, when time shall end,
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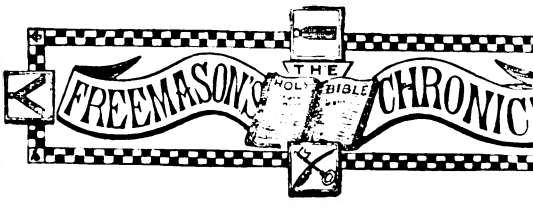
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE WILTSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting took place at the Mas Devizes, on Tuesday, the 30th ult.; Grand Lodge being received by the Wiltshire Fidelity, No. 663. The Provincial Grand M Methuen was unavoidably prevented by illness present; in his absence the chair was filled by Provincial Grand Master Sir Gabriel Goldney, was supported by the following Provincial Gra viz.:—Bros. William Nott S.W., T. H. Chandl Rev. T. J. Heard Chaplain, F. H. Goldney Harry Bevir Secretary, A. J. Beaven S.D., Th J.D., John Chandler Dir. of Cers., Henry I. W Dir of Cers., John Green Sword Bearer, Henry Organist, William Pullin Asst. Pursuivant, H. Steward. There were also present the fol Provincial G. Officers:—Bros. Rev. G. E. Gar lain, J. C. Maclean S.D., T. S. Futcher J.D., W Sword Bearer, H. E. Bishop Sword Bearer, Asst. Dir. of Cers., G. W. Collen Asst. Purs., bridge Organist, Rev. J. A. Lloyd Chaplain, Organist, W. H. Brinkworth Organist, C. Ga Dir. of Cers., &c., &c. The roll of the various called, and in every case duly responded to.

rer's accounts, so far as regarded the Charity Fund, had been duly passed, shewing a balance in hand of £149 11s 6d, of which the sum of thirty guineas the Committee recommended should be granted to the Boys' School, and placed on the list of Bro. T. S. Futcher, whose Steward-ship for that Institution, as representing the Province of Wiltshire, had been approved by the Committee. The Committee also recorded its opinion that the Province should support only one Institution each year, and the name of Bro. Mann was mentioned as willing to accept a Stewardship for the Girls' School for the year 1888. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted. The Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. F. H. Goldney then produced his account, which had been duly audited, and of which an abstract was read and duly approved. The Prov. Grand Registrar Bro. Henry Merrick also presented his report, shewing the position of Masonry in the Province. This report exhibited a steady increase in the number of members, the ten Lodges constituting the Province now numbering amongst them nearly 500 members. The report also called special attention to the number of votes held for the Masonic Charities by the various Lodges. It was resolved that the report be approved and printed for circulation, with thanks to the Prov. Grand Registrar for the trouble he had taken in compiling it. Bro. William Nott, the Provincial Charity Secretary produced his report on behalf of the Benevolent Fund and Charity Organization Committee, as follows:—

The Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, has the honour to make the following report:—

Benevolent Fund.—There having been no claim upon the income of this Fund the whole of it has been added to the capital, which now amounts to £335 1s 2d consols. The Fund is now assuming such a position that in a few years it will have reached an amount sufficient to enable the Committee, from its annual income and the Lodge Subscriptions, to give substantial assistance to any case requiring it.

Charity Organization.—During the present year your Committee partially supported the case of Meyrick George Bruton Good, son of a deceased member of 586, as a candidate for the Boys' School, and he was successful at the election held last month.

Your Charity Secretary has attended the elections during the current year, the result of such elections, so far as the associated Provinces are concerned, being that all the candidates put forward—eleven in all—have been successful, i.e., Bristol 1 Boy, Gloucestershire 2 Boys, Leicester and Rutland 1 Girl, Somersetshire 2 Widows, South Wales (East Division) 1 Boy, Wiltshire 1 Boy (Good), and Worcestershire 2 Girls and 1 Boy.

The Wiltshire recipients of the Masonic Charities are now 11 in number, viz.:—4 Widows receiving annuities of £32 each, from the Benevolent Institution, 5 children in the Girls' School, and 2 in the Boys' School. It will, therefore, be seen that Wiltshire derives a large benefit—certainly not less than £500 a-year in value—from the great Masonic Charities.

The contributions from Wiltshire to these Charities during the year, made through the medium of Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, as Steward, amounted in the aggregate to £261 14s, viz.:—£61 3s for the Boys' School, and £200 11s for the Girls' School.

The votes placed at the disposal of the Committee during the past three years have been as follows:—

| | 1884 | 1885 | 1886 |
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| Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ... ... | 509 | 513 | 560 |
| " " Girls ... ... | 417 | 384 | 467 |
| Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons ... ... ... ... | 233 | 244 | 223 |
| Ditto, Widows ... ... .. ... | 338 | 279 | 212 |
| | 1497 | 1420 | 1462 |

Wm. Nott P.G.S.W., Prov. Charity Sec.

Devizes, 19th November 1886.

This having been printed and circulated with the summons, was taken as read, and was, on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, unanimously approved, the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge being at the same time voted to Bro. Nott as Charity Secretary. Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, who had served two Stewardships during the year, viz. for the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, was then on behalf of the P.G. Lodge presented by the D.P.G.M. with the Charity jewel, in recognition of his services. The D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel Goldney, addressing the meeting, said that Lord Methuen wished him to convey to the meeting his great regret that illness prevented him from being present that day. Sir Gabriel Goldney further went on to express his own gratification at the present position of Masonry in Wiltshire, as testified by the reports which they had that day had before them. He considered the year on which they had now entered was a most important one to Freemasons, being as it was the

suggested that a resolution should be drawn up and signed by the Master and Wardens of each Lodge, and be presented by a deputation in such way as might hereafter be considered desirable. He begged therefore, to propose that such a course be adopted, and that a Committee be appointed to draw up such a resolution and submit it to the Provincial Grand Master for his approval. Bro. William Nott P.S.G.W. said he believed that such a course would meet with general approval—whatever other course might be decided upon—after the subject had been more fully dealt with in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, when possibly the Provincial Grand Master might think it desirable to call a special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for Wiltshire. He (Bro. Nott) had therefore great pleasure in seconding the resolution, and naming the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the Provincial Grand Secretary, as the Committee to draw up the resolution. The proposition was carried unanimously. Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his valuable services in the past, whilst Bro. J. Savory was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The Deputy Grand Master having declared the offices vacant, then proceeded to invest the new Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

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| Bro. Earl Cowley 626 - - | Senior Warden |
| J. C. Maclean 355 - - | Junior Warden |
| Rev. J. A. Lloyd 1533 - | Chaplain |
| F. H. Goldney 626 (re-elected) | Treasurer |
| James Sparks 1271 - - | Registrar |
| Harry Bevir 355 (re-appointed) | Secretary |
| F. S. Hancock 663 - - | Senior Deacon |
| Edward Noke 335 - - | Junior Deacon |
| J. A. Randell 663 - - | Superintendent of Works |
| J. Chandler 355 (re-appointed) | Director of Ceremonies |
| S. J. Haden 1478 - - | Asst. do. |
| G. S. A. Waylen 663 - | Sword Bearer |
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| G. R. Shemilt 1295 - - | Asst. do. |
| F. B. Norris 636 - - | Standard Bearer |
| W. C. White 1533 - - | Steward |
| J. Savory 355 (re-elected) - | Tyler |

This ended the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge which was then closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the annual banquet, at the Town Hall, which was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Wednesday 22nd September 1886, when there were present:—

Right Worshipful Bros. J. I. Miller District Grand Master C. Thorne Past District Grand Master, C. H. Dallas Past District Grand Master of Japan; Worshipful Bros. T. W. Kingsmill Deputy District Grand Master, J. M. Cory District Senior Grand Warden A. Johnsford District Junior Grand Warden, Lewis Moore Past District Grand Warden, E. P. Lalcaca Past District Junior Grand Warden, acting as District Grand Deacon; W. H. Short District Grand Treasurer, acting as District Grand Pursuivant; O. Middleton President of the District Board of General Purposes, R. D. Stark District Grand Secretary, G. A. Allcot District Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. G. R. Wingrove District Grand Director of Ceremonies; Worshipful Bros. A. M. A. Evans Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. P. Macgregor District Grand Sword Bearer, T. F. Hough District Grand Standard Bearer, F. M. Gratton District Grand Steward, C. Merritt District Grand Tyler; Worshipful Bro. A. M. A. Evans P.M. as Representative of Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, and Representatives from Northern Lodge of Chin No. 570, Tuscan Lodge, No. 1037, and Doric Lodge, No. 1433, with several visitors. The brethren having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, Right Worshipful Bro. J. I. Miller District Grand Master, accompanied by Right Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne P.D.G.M. Northern China, and Right Worshipful Bro. C. H. Dallas P.D.G.M. Japan, and by the District Grand Officers, entered, and were received in due form. The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form with prayer at 9·25. The circular convening the meeting was read. On the motion of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master the minutes of the last regular and special Communications, held respectively on the 17th January and 28th April, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master said the next business was to receive the Report of the District Board of General Purposes, and Worshipful Bro. O. Middleton, the President, read the Report. On the motion of the District Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Thorne, the Report was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Right





I am happy to say, is not the case; and we may therefore fairly congratulate ourselves on having had a harmonious period since our last regular Communication. No appeals or questions have been brought before me or the District Board of General Purposes; but, brethren, I can assure you that during that period Masonry has not been inactive amongst us. Indeed I can scarcely recal a time in which we have had more to attend to in connection with one of our first principles, namely, Charity; and in almost every case the applicants have been worthy of sympathy and fraternal relief. During the period under review the Shanghai Public School has been opened under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity. This is a thing we had long laboured for, and I am happy to say it has now resulted in what we may consider a decided success. In April last the School opened with forty-one pupils; on the 17th July it closed for the summer recess with fifty-eight pupils; it was re-opened on the 3rd of this month, and it now numbers on the roll very nearly eighty-five. This, brethren, I think you will all see, has justified the exertions that have been made to supply what has long been felt to be a want amongst us; and I am sure the School will go on prospering under the very able management under which it now exists. After referring to other matters that had exercised the consideration of the brethren, and explained the rules that should be observed according to the Constitutions for the arrangement of the pedestals with the greater and lesser lights, the District Grand Master referred to the services of Worshipful Bro. Fentum, who had acted as District Grand Organist from the foundation of the District Grand Lodge. The services of Bro. Fentum had been duly appreciated by every brother, and a valedictory letter, wishing him health and prosperity in his new sphere was readily signed by every member who could be found. Bro. Miller then formally moved, "That a jewel be presented to Worshipful Brother Fentum as a token of esteem from this District Grand Lodge, and that it be ordered in England, the cost not to exceed £15." Right Worshipful Bro. Thorne seconded the proposition, and the resolution was then put from the chair and carried unanimously. After other business had been transacted the District Grand Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance, and reported the receipts of the minutes of proceedings from the United Grand Lodge of England, District Grand Lodge of Bengal, District Grand Lodge of the Punjaub, District Grand Lodge of Queensland, and District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand. It was directed that the receipt of these communications should be recorded on the minutes, and there being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, after solemn prayer, at 10·20 p.m., the brethren separating in peace, harmony and brotherly love.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### PAST MASTERS AND THEIR COLLARS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our worthy Bro. Nicholl in his arguments re collars to be worn by P.M.'s when visiting has been well coached, but I regret to see his notice of motion in Grand Lodge on the 1st inst. was lost; still it is scarce worth calling a defeat,—one vote only for his opponents. But there are other matters that exercise my mind more than collars; I allude to the innovations that have crept into our Lodges, by some means, since 1813. Why cannot we have under our Constitution, one rite, one ritual, &c., as was agreed upon by our worthy brethren on St. John the Evangelist's day 1813, where all were agreed—

1st.—There shall be, from and after the day of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist next ensuing, a full, perfect, and perpetual Union of and between the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons of England, so that in all time hereafter they shall form and constitute but one brotherhood: and that the said community shall be represented in one Grand Lodge, to be solemnly formed, constituted, and held on the said day of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist next ensuing, and from thenceforward for ever.

2nd.—The Book of Constitutions quotes this one:

3rd.—There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the Lodges, of making, passing, raising, instructing, and clothing brothers; so that but one pure unsullied system, according to the genuine landmarks, laws, and traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic World, from the day and date of the said Union until time shall be no more.

4th.—To prevent all controversy or dispute as to the genuine and pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry, and further to unite and bind the whole Fraternity of Masonry in one indissoluble bond, it is agreed that the obligations and forms that have from time immemorial been established, used and practised in the Craft shall be recognised, accepted, and taken by the members of both Fraternities as the pure and genuine obligations and forms by which the incorporated Grand Lodge of England and its dependent respective Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Masters, P Wardens, and Brothers then and there present, sh engage to abide by the true forms and obligations in the the said Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and I it may be declared, recognised, and known that they are the same pledge and work under the same law.

Before proceeding further, there are many anxious far these solemn vows have been kept by the Gra England and the Craft in general.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraterna

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8 Chatham-street, Manchester, 4th Dec. 1886.

### FRUIT OF MASONIC HIGH DEGRE

*To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I sent you, some time sinc history of the "Noble Order of the Mystic Shrine," I b sent you an account of the public exhibition in a Bosto their *modus operandi* of a "Lodge of Sorrow." The las purpose of puffing their concern. Last week the Noble another advertising dodge, as the enclosed slip from *Herald* of 19th November will show. There is an old their fruits ye shall know them." The Mystic Shriners exclusively of Knights Templars and of A. and A. Riter degreedom may be judged by its fruit?—Well!—You m rest.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB

Boston, U S., 23rd Nov. 1886.

Mr. Henry E. Dixey will read no page in the history o able and brilliant theatrical career with greater interest than that which contains the record of the proceedings Street Theatre last evening. Every seat in the house w by the nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Masons of this c where, and at 8 o'clock the theatre was crowded in e such an audience as is seldom assembled in any city. Shriners wore the fez, and these odd head coverings, wi of the Order emblazoned on them, added to the attractiv of the audience. The Mystic Shrine is not a Masoni having neither parentage, authority from or affiliation bodies, but its members are all high grade Masons, be the grade of the 32nd degree or Knights Templars. Au noted persons in the audience were the following Office Temple. Mystic Shrine: Henry E. Hosley Grand Pote Waterman Chief Rabban, James A. Fox Assistant Rab M. Averill High Priest, Joseph W. Work Oriental Edgcomb Treasurer, Ezra G. Robinson Recorder, Georg first Cer. Master, W. H. Lothrop second Cer. Mast Carpenter Marshal, William Tyner Captain of Guard, brook Outer Guard, and Frank Locke Director; Col. Messrs. Joseph L. White, James T. Sargent of Clevelar J. Noyes, William Harris, Fred E. Atto, Mark Simmo Alford, G. H. Allen of Lynn, John W. Blaney of L Blaney of Lynn, George C. Bates, A. F. Chapman, Era little, George W. Frye of Fall River, Sidney M. Hedg Hewett, Colonel Hugeley, Edward Kakas, Judge S. A H. Le Point, William S. Potter of Fall River, E. H. Ri Rowell of Lynn, Harvey N. Sheppard, Thomas F. Temp Towle, F. G. Walbridge, M. S. P. Pollard, Alexander W E. B. Wadsworth, M. Everett Silsbee of Lynn, L. Amasa W. Bailey, Andrew Benton of Manchester N.H Webster of Concord N.H., C. C. Danforth of Goncord Hodgson of Meredith Village N.H., and F. C. Batchelder N.H. Special souvenir programmes were printed for containing a fine portrait of Mr. Dixey on the front pa of the jewel of the Mystic Shrine on the last page. was in a receptive mood, and it did not require mu arouse it to enthusiasm. When Mr. Dixey, as the wheeled down to the footlights, a member of the walked to the orchestra rail and called on the nobles Shrine to salute their brother, and the nobles all rose i and made the grand salaam. At the end of this scene raised in answer to the continued applause, and Mr. D ladies on the stage surprised the nobles by returnin During the action of "Adonis" Mr. Dixey introduce allusions to the organizations represented in the audie were appreciated and loudly applauded. Between secon acts Mr. Henry Sator gave up his baton to Bro who led the orchestra while it played his original Alep cated to the illustrious Grand Potentate, Henry E. B barber's shop scene, a burlesque Masonic initiatio arranged for the occasion by Mr. John J. McNally, w and as it had especial reference to the gentlemen pres ence, it was received with much favour. As the passing from the theatre, the "Adonis" Quickstep, cc E. E. Rice, and dedicated to Mr. Dixey, was played by under the leadership of Mr. Rice. Not a member o who appeared on the stage was slighted by the audien of flowers were handed over the footlights with a fr tried the muscle of Mr. Sator, the leader of the

advanced and stopped the proceedings. He carried in his hands a huge scymitar which bore the words, "Worcester Nobles to Henry E. Dixey." Mr. Williams then cut the book, and when Manager Harris opened it, Mr. Dixey found that it contained a flask of suspicious-looking liquor, which he promised to analyze later in the evening. The scymitar was also presented, and then Mr. Williams, with a few pleasant words handed to Mr. Dixey a handsome Masonic jewel such as is worn by the 32nd degree Masons—the Teutonic cross with the double-headed eagle and delta, with the number 32 engraved upon it, the eagle grasping a sword in his talons, from which was suspended a ribbon bearing the motto "Spes meo in Deo est." On the reverse were the emblems of the Knights Templars. Mr. Dixey was completely surprised, but he succeeded in thanking his friends in well chosen words, and as the curtain fell the theatre resounded with plaudits. It was a night which will long be remembered by Boston's favourite young comedian. A midnight session of Aleppo Temple was held at Odd Fellows' Hall after the performance, and the nobles assisted at the celebration of the Nezlet el Hajj, or "The Returning of the Pilgrims." A large number of persons were initiated, and, after the work had been performed, the nobles and their friends sat down to a banquet, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour.

# Obituary.

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## Bro. J. H. SCOTT P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Sussex.

BRETHREN of the South Coast, and indeed of all parts of England, will regret to learn that Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Sussex, has passed away; he died on Sunday, the 5th inst., at his residence at Brighton. It will be remembered that our deceased brother had been for a considerable time in bad health, and it was only his indomitable will that enabled him to take part in the installation proceedings when the Duke of Connaught was installed as ruler of the Province of Sussex by the M.W. the Grand Master. Bro. Scott had done excellent service in the cause of Freemasonry, and his death will be regretted by every member of the Province with which he was so intimately associated. We extract the following, in regard to Bro. Scott's career, from a local paper:—

To the general public, Mr. Scott was known as a local artist of great repute. His grandfather, securing the friendship and patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., established himself at Brighton just before the opening of the present century. His father, too, secured a reputatation in Brighton as a water-colour painter of acknowledged merit, and, on his death, his mantle fell worthily on his son, John Henderson, who at once achieved a high position among the artists of the South of England. The metropolitan picture galleries have, from time to time, been favoured with works from his easel, while the local exhibitions have, year after year, been assisted by his choice productions. Mr. John Henderson Scott's leisure time was, however, mainly devoted to the cause of Freemasonry, into which he threw his whole heart and soul, and in which he secured such distinction as to ultimately gain the honourable position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. Bro. Scott was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, 18th February 1853, and it is worthy of notice that for three generations the Scott family has been honourably connected with that Lodge. Bro. Edmund Scott was Master from 1796 to 1805, and during the Grand Mastership of Gen. Lennox, afterwards Duke of Richmond, he was the acting Master. Bro. John Scott has filled every office in the Royal Clarence Lodge, from I.G. upwards, and has been thrice elected W.M., and occupied the chair in the years 1859, 1865 and 1877. In the Provincial Grand Lodge he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in 1859, and it was at the September meeting at Hastings that Bro. Scott proposed the appointment of a Steward in every Lodge to collect subscriptions from the members; a system which has worked so well as to place the Province in a very prominent position with respect to the number of votes per Lodge. In 1861 he was appointed Prov. G.J.W., while in 1865-6-7, he held the high position of Prov. G.S.W. In 1873, on the retirement of Bro. G. E. Pocock P.G. Swd. Br. of England from the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. Scott was appointed as his successor. In April 1875, the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. took place, and the two brethren selected to act as Stewards for the Province on that occasion were Bros. J. H. Scott and V. P. Freeman. In the following September, at the Provincial Lodge meeting Bro. Scott and his fellow Steward were presented each with a jewel, struck by command of the M.W.G.M. in commemoration of the installation.

In December 1870, Bro. E. J. Furner sent in his resignation to Lord Pelham, the Prov. Grand Master, of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the duties of that office encroaching too much on the time his own profession demanded of him. In consequence of Bro. Furner's resignation, Lord Pelham, not feeling equal to resuming the direction of the affairs of the Province, tendered his own resignation, as Prov. Grand Master, to the M.W.G.M., which was accepted. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., succeeded Lord Pelham, and in the brethren of the Province. All the brethren would agree tha choosing Bro. Scott to be his Deputy he had selected the right m and put him in the right place." It was at this meeting that Vincent P. Freeman P.P.S.G.W. was appointed to succeed Bro. S as Prov. Grand Sec. The year 1880 was an eventful one to l Scott. In February, at the Annual Festival of the Masonic Ben lent Institution for Aged Freemasons, he took up the magnific total of £630 on his list. Such a result must have been highly gr fying to Bro. Scott, as out of twenty-seven Provinces represe Sussex took the second place. At the Annual Festival of the Gr Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, in April, Bro. Scott was appoi one of the Grand Junior Deacons of England, which appointment received with unanimous satisfaction throughout his Province. Scott worthily carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Gr Master under the late Sir W. W. Burrell, and it will be remembe that at that imposing gathering of Freemasons at the Brighton D last June, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the recently-insta Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, re-appointed him to the h position in the Sussex Province. His Royal Highness, in inves him, said he was "fully aware of his (Bro. Scott's) long and val services in the cause of Freemasonry in general, and in the Sus Province. He knew him to be one who would maintain in all th integrity the distinguishing characteristics of the Order." At banquet which followed the ceremony, the Duke of Connaught p posed the health of Bro. John Henderson Scott P.G.D., and said did so with the greatest cordiality, knowing that he had labou most assidnously in the cause of Freemasonry. In the Sus Province he had held the post of Provincial Grand Secret and for many years that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. three generations the name of Scott had been familiarly associa with Freemasonry in Sussex, and in Bro. John Henderson Sc they had a thorough Freemason at heart. It was, therefore, w the greatest satisfaction that he appointed him his Deputy. Bef sitting down, he desired to express to him his appreciation of t admirable arrangements for the ceremonies of the day. They h been satisfactory in every respect. Bro. Scott, who was warn received on rising, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethr for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He deep felt the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, with restor health to prove equal to the duties which would devolve up him.

In the absence of His Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Mas of Sussex, Bro. Scott presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge me ing recently held at the Royal Pavilion, and those present will readily forget the graceful manner in which he alluded to the Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell. Though enfeebled by his serious indisp ition, Bro. Scott spoke in a truly eloquent and impressive mann and his short but impressive speech will long be remembered as last and one of the best he ever delivered to a large body of brethren of the Craft. A striking and substantial recognition of value and high estimation of the services of Bro. Scott to Fr masonry was shown in June 1884, when he was presented with purse of 700 guineas, a silver goblet, and a handsome illumina address and record of the occasion. During his long life in the Cra he has installed nearly forty Worshipful Masters, consecrated Lodges, and assisted at the consecration of 13 new Lodges, and worked every section of the three lectures. He was a Life Gover of each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. In Royal A Freemasonry Bro. Scott was equally distinguished and energetic. was exalted in the Lennox Chapter, No. 271, in 1857, and served offices of M.E.Z. twice, H. four times, and J. three times. With few exceptions he installed all the Principals, and exalted the maj ity of the Companions of that Chapter since 1862. He was fat of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 732, of which he was M.E.Z. 1869. He was the founder and the first M.E.Z. of the Cyrus Chapt No. 38. He has assisted at the consecration of three new Chapte was appointed Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chap of England in May 1880, and Prov. G.H. at the resuscitation of Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Sussex, in April 1880. So hig was he appreciated by the brethren of the Province that he elected an honorary member of almost all the Lodges and Chapt in Sussex. By the death of Bro. Scott—who had entered his 58th y —a valued and beloved Freemason has passed away, whose place will be difficult to fill. To the younger members of the Craft he especially affable and courteous, and was, at all times, happy render them any service which his experience and knowledge of Order would enable him to afford. His colleagues in the Provinc Grand Lodge will keenly feel his loss. As Bro. Scott so feelin said of Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, in his last speech, at the Octob meeting, so may it be said of himself, "It was impossible to kn him without loving him. His happy and cordial nature, his gen osity and kindness, his hatred of everything mean, dishonest, or truthful, his anxiety to anticipate the wants and also the pleasu of those about him, seemed to embody him as the very incarnation the grand Masonic design—'to be happy himself, and to commu cate happiness to others.'" The funeral was arranged to take pla yesterday, at the Extra-Mural Cemetery.

## BRO. T. W. C. BUSH.

Another Craftsman who has done good service to t cause of Freemasonry has gone to join the great majorit in the person of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, who died on Tuesda Bro. Bush was a Past Master of the Tranquillity [illegible]





# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
782—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
919—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

## TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst
[illegible] Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Mai
(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instru
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (I
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Three Inkwells Street, E.C., at 7. (I
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (I
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.
1749—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instructi
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (I
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instructio
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Ins
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Par
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-stre
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon St
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.,
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.,
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old S
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcast
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheston
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Wa
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street,
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
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## WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMB

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instru
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Ins
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Spitalfields Bridge (In
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Strahopp Street, Regent'
548—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (In
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street,
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard,
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instru
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road,
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Ha
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Inst
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Masonic Rooms, Victoria St.
1824—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow,
1973—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fa
1993—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Ro
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Chur
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruc
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (I
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruc
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent St

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan

311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
326—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Boyd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1636—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 86—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

## THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynday Arms, Oswestry
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hadlow, Kent, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Moreton, at 8. (Instruction)
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Sarbiton
R.A. 92—Grove, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester

## FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberw
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Squa Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Ripon
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction).
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8.
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instructio
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instructio
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden


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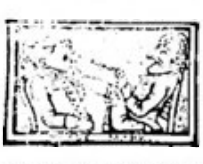
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## PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

WHEN we look around and trace the origin of some of the grandest schemes of which the world can boast, we find them to be the work of men who have given their time, their energy, and their experience in order that others might reap the benefit of their labours. They have striven to establish and maintain organizations for the assistance of their fellow creatures, sometimes at great personal sacrifice to themselves, but throughout they have acted with the utmost disregard of self, and have only thought of the benefits which they hoped would accrue from their exertions. Years afterwards they have perhaps seen the realisation of their fondest hopes, and although the result of the work they accomplished may be the talk of the world, it not unfrequently happens that they—the founders and early workers—are almost forgotten, unthought of perhaps, except by one or two with whom they worked in the prosecution of their desires.

We can fully believe it was not the wish of these philanthropists to win distinction when they worked so hard in years gone by, they did not think of the return they would receive for what they were doing, neither do they now lament having done what they did, even if they are without any reward save that to be derived from a clear and satisfied conscience; but is this the way to treat those who have done so much—to leave them unnoticed and unrewarded? It cannot be right, but how shall we alter it? If we make public heroes of all who win that distinction by their disinterested efforts to benefit the world at large, we shall at once put a check on the good work which is ever going on, for those who take the foremost part in it are of that class who do not care to let their left hand know what their right hand is doing, but there are ways in which they can be rewarded honourably and satisfactorily.

Applying these views to the Masonic Order we find that Freemasonry presents numerous instances of men who have done much with the hope of benefiting their fellows, with no other object in view than that of doing good. They have striven hard, have devoted their means and their time in the cause of humanity, and have neither had, nor looked for, any public reward for such services. We need not look further than the Charitable Institutions of Freemasonry for actual proof of this. Those noble Charities are really the outcome of efforts made years ago by such men as we have referred to, and they have been maintained during the many years they have been in existence, and are now being maintained, by the descendants of such disinterested workers, men on whom have fallen the mantle of benevolence, and who in turn will transmit it to others; for we can hardly imagine that the world will ever be deprived of a goodly proportion of men who consider it their duty to do their best to relieve distress.

Our views in regard to the rewards offered to brethren who work on behalf of the Masonic Charities are known to our readers. We consider them woefully neglected in the Masonic Institutions, or who support the Charitie other ways, really perform a public service, but Mas has not yet learnt to recognise their actions in regard, although we are not without evidences a change is gradually taking place. What is wanted is official recognition from Grand Lodge, and yet have hope that this may some day be forthcon Already we find some of the Provinces undertaking duty we would relegate to Grand Lodge—to pub reward public services; and occasionally we hear private Lodge making a departure in the same direc but these instances are so rare as to make them stand the more prominently as exceptions to the general rule

We recently had the pleasure of witnessing in a pr Lodge, such a departure from custom as that to w we here refer, and we are convinced that the bret then assembled must have felt with us that the innov was well merited, and wished that it was of more freq occurrence. A member of the Lodge had acted for successive years as Steward for one or other of Charities, and had secured no small amount of credit fo Lodge by the efforts he had put forward. No doubt he reaped a most gratifying recognition from the knowl that he had done something on behalf of the aged the orphan, and there are perhaps some who wil he also has a reward in the shape of extra vote future elections, but the members of his Lodge consid him worthy of yet further distinction, and they conf on him the highest honour it was in their pow bestow when they publicly presented him with a ch jewel, the wearing of which is at all times a gratif distinction, but when it is the gift of a Lodge the ho attached to it is far greater, and yet the instances the jewel is thus publicly conferred are rare.

If we look at the matter from a strictly bus point of view, we come to the conclusion th Lodge does nothing more than is just when its m bers present the charity jewel to such of their nu as secure the right to wear it, as it is the Lodge, r than the individual Steward, which has the cred raising the money it is intended the jewel shall att but the price charged by the Grand Lodge for the tinction is such as to deter many Lodges from what they desire in this respect. We are aware that costs nothing is apt to be looked upon as of little v but when we remember the price at which the rigl wear the charity jewel is purchased, we must admit argument does not apply in connection with it. A have previously said, we should like to see Grand L publicly recognise the exertions of brethren who a Stewards for the Charities, by presenting the Ch jewel of Freemasonry to all who win the right to it, the same as is now done by a few of the Provi Grand Lodges, and, as we have said, occasionally Private Lodges.

The cost of the Charity jewel is, we imagine, the obstacle in the way of such a course as we pro but this could be obviated by making a new design, modifying the existing one as to bring its cost down few shillings,—it is not the intrinsic value of such a





on whose behalf the expense would be incurred. All must admit that Freemasonry reaps a great amount of credit from the Charities of the Order, even if they, in turn, owe their very existence to Freemasonry itself, and on this principle it is certainly not asking too much when we urge that Grand Lodge should defray the expense of decorating those who assist in such good work. At present it would appear that the governing body of Freemasonry puts a tax on Benevolence, for it is enjoined by the Constitutions that only a certain jewel may be worn by those who have worked in the cause of Charity, supposing they desire to wear any outward mark of having so laboured, and the price charged for that jewel—even though it only cover the cost—is far beyond what is necessary or desirable. Some of the greatest honours of the world are exemplified by an iron or equally inexpensive badge, and why could not this, one of the greatest honours of Freemasonry, be represented by an equally economical method.

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## MASONIC STUDY.

MOST Masons feel their strongest interest centreing in their own Lodges, partly because, if there be any ambition of promotion, it is there they must look for it; but another urgent reason is that they deem the time and zeal they expend upon their own Lodges a sufficient contribution to the general work. Of course, no Lodge can long continue to flourish without its own membership exhibiting an interest in its affairs, but they ought not to forget that a Lodge is but an atom in the general account, and that the work of the whole Craft is of paramount importance. In a general way brethren do not place as much value on this fact as it deserves, and their views are less cosmopolitan than they ought to be, considering the sacred ties which unite the body throughout the world. We do not believe that there is any desire to ignore or set aside the solemn obligations into which they have entered, but they are lukewarm in their desire to obtain knowledge, both in regard to the principles of Freemasonry and the doings of their brethren beyond their own narrow sphere. How many rest content with the meagre amount of light imparted to them when they are initiated, the majority taking for granted whatever is told them, without making the least further inquiry into the interesting subject. The manner in which this ceremony too often is performed can give but a very faint idea of what beauties are in store for those who, having been put on the scent, can follow it up and ascertain truths which, but for the glimpse thus given them, they would never dream of. Even were the ritual, in its original form, fully and clearly delivered at an initiation ceremony, and this is seldom the case, the amount of information conveyed in it should only incite brethren to know what really lies beyond, and put them in the way of exploring the wide field which awaits their cultivation. It too often happens that the devotion and mere routine and ceremonial in the Lodge prevents anything else being done. And then, when we take into account the general disposition to avoid study out of it, it is no wonder Freemasons are, to a great extent, ignorant of the real value of the Fraternity to which they belong. When this evil is known and admitted in many Lodges, the importance of holding meetings for the purpose of instruction cannot be denied, and we are confident that were such set on foot, they would prove a great success The dominion of Masonry is only bound by the limits of the globe, and if we desire to fully appreciate the duties connected with the Craft, we must begin by understand-

effort—the effort not of one Lodge, and of on Lodge, but the weight, the power, the influenc whole Craft, moving forward in one given direc bending its energies to one well considered and s end. When we reach this point we shall unders real meaning of Masonic principles, and our lab be all the more fruitful in that we shall be travel higher plane, overlooking at once the errors of and the errors we have yet to avoid, ere we can the Temple is completed, and our wages due. T tie which binds us is the result of a series of indisputable truths, and though—

> The world, with selfish rust and reckless stain
> May mar its beauty,

it cannot touch its strength, and they must prevail. Let us, therefore, by thought, by study action, endeavour to bring about among ourselv thorough appreciation of duty, a nearer relatio other, and a broader field for the whole.—*Sy mason.*

## MASONRY AS AN INSTITUT

MANY Masonic writers employ much time, much labour and ink, to prove or di antiquity of Masonry. There is no doubt that tution is ancient, as it has existed from time i and there is abundant proof that no one living exact period of its first foundation. This bein and few we think will dispute it, why waste labour upon what cannot be positively proven? Masonry of to-day that should engage the Craftsmen; its purposes, advantages and aims and where it existed in the past. That Mason much to enlighten the world must be apparent youngest made member. Its teachings of r the Deity, and Brotherly Love toward every m it the institution that has outlived even d nations. Its principles of morality, equality a of life and conduct, have supported it amid and persecutions; so that to-day the Instituti all over the world where civilization exte respected and esteemed alike by prince, peer Let every brother practise out of the Lodge w within it, and leave the question of antiquity to the past. Let them look to the present ar cannot perform the true Masonic part in other. We are sure there are many oppo stantly presented to view, without Masons trouble to find them, and by following them prove to the world that Masonry is, indeed, t that it claims to be.—*New Zealand Mail.*

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AT the last annual Grand Communicatio Lodge of Maryland, in his opening Master Shryock said:

Almost coincident with the birth of the first instituted the Grand Lodge of Maryl which secured American independence had when, upon the soil of this State—the fir civil and religious liberty—an assembly wa held, which inaugurated the beneficent exis of this Grand Lodge in 1787, just four yea cognition of the nation's independence.

Thus ninety-nine and one-half years ag organised. Since then it has gathered communication two hundred consecutive seen Freemasonry grow, from a small and to a mighty organisation, binding tho together in a revered Brotherhood.

One hundred years! Think of it, brethr changes has that period witnessed? Ho events it has recorded? How many co survived? It saw the infancy of the R





the varied purposes of civilised life; the revelations of electricity, and all the wonders of that mysterious phenomenon; it has seen the little Republic, by whose cradle it sat, grow into a continental empire of thirty-eight States, ribbed with iron rails, upon which oscillates the commerce of a hemisphere. Wonderful changes it has observed in that eventful and historic period.

In the bosom of a century such as the last are stored the most wonderful achievements and events of the earth's existence. Wars and calamities, progress and development have filed before it: death, disaster and disease have marched in ghastly procession, and constant changes have marked the period as a stupendous step upward and forward for humanity.

But whilst all around changes have been going on perpetually, in form and substance, tenets and mission, Masonry has not changed. It has grown from a small to a larger body, but that is all. Improvement has been everywhere in that century of time save here; for the truth is perfection at all times and amid all changes. Builded upon the immutable foundation of Truth, Love and Justice, it has seen the old pass away and the new adjust itself to the varying caprices of an energetic age, while it alone has fitted all times, all seasons and all events. Its principles being perfect, could not change; its truths being immortal, could not grow old; its blessings being personal could not stale. And so, after the lapse of one hundred years, we meet to-night to commemorate a centennial; to bow uncovered before the memories of our dead; to reverently close the century behind us; to begin with fresh fervour the grander century before us, and with careful hands and dutiful hearts to continue the work committed to us through all the centuries that have tested and hallowed our beloved Fraternity.

## ELECTION DAY IN THE CRAFT.

ELECTIONS are always interesting, and sometimes exciting. Masonic elections are no exception to the rule. The Brother who has the most votes is the Brother who is elected, and hence each vote is a matter of interest both to the voter and to those who are voted for. Fortunately, in Freemasonry the methods do not obtain which are common in the profane world. There is not the same anxiety for office, nor a resort to means which are more than questionable for obtaining it. The ballot is pure in Masonry. There may be some quiet arrangements looking towards success, but the proprieties of the Fraternity forbid any indulgence in unseemly scheming, and the brother who should attempt it would deservedly meet with failure. While merit ought to be the criterion for office in every case, civil as well as Masonic, the large majority of the members of the Fraternity evidence by their actions their feeling that the first requisites for office in Masonry are, ability, high character, and good name.

The elections in the subordinate Lodges of Pennsylvania, which begin this week, will be unusually interesting from the fact that, for the first time in the history of the Craft in this jurisdiction, dating from the approaching St. John's Day two years' service will be required of Masters of Lodges in order to qualify them as permanent members of Grand Lodge. This rule will not require either the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden to necessarily serve as such for two years—only the Master must do so; but ordinarily both Wardens will serve for two years. At the same time it should also be remembered that neither the Wardens nor the Master are required to serve for more than one year except for the purpose of becoming a permanent member of Grand Lodge. While in office, as Warden or Master, they are members of Grand Lodge, and no brother need serve for two years as Master, unless he desires to attain thereby a permanent place in the Grand Body. By one year's service as Master he becomes a Past Master of his Lodge, with all the rights appertaining thereto.

By reason of the fact that many of the brethren elected during the current season will in due course serve for six years in all, instead of three years as heretofore, more than usual care is required in the selection of Lodge Officers.

What is it that mainly gives character to a Mas Lodge? Its Officers. If they are inefficient, both m bers and visitors become painfully aware of the fact, Lodge languishes, it becomes supremely uninteresting, both members and visitors are conspicuous by t absence. We must keep up the standard of official ab if we would maintain the high character of Mason What are the first questions asked? Who is Grand Master? Who is your District Depu Who is the Master of your Lodge? The C is primarily judged, not by its members, but its officers. The latter are supposed to be in e respect representative, and the Fraternity at larg praised or blamed in accordance with the ability reputation of its representatives. This is but fair. members elect the officers, and the members receive pr or blame in proportion to the wisdom or careless they exercise in the choice of their rulers.

What are the requisite qualifications for an Officer Lodge. Briefly they are these: Ability to work, to t and to govern, and a fair fame and good name among With these every Masonic Officer will be a success. measure of his ability will be the measure of his succ All brethren are not alike able. A ready, reliable mem a studious, reflective mind, impressive speech, discrimi ting intonation and gesture, are more or less gifts, but w we need in the chair of King Solomon every time gifted brother — one with as many gifts as can command. Let it be the motive of every bro who casts a ballot to select absolutely the best candi for the office. We cannot afford to take any but the Freemasonry in some jurisdictions, and in some local in all jurisdictions, is not as dignified and respected a should be. It is marked by a lower order of initiates a lower class of officers. We must aim to secure highest men we can look up to as men—brethren can and will work with honour to themselves and cred the Fraternity, officers who will be suns in Masonic firmament. More especially should this the aim of all members of the Grand Lodge. Thi the superior body of the Craft. Here our mistake mistakes result, will always be conspicuous. We ca hide them. A Lodge is one of many Lodges, but a Gr Lodge stands alone. It is a sovereign body, and he wh its sovereign should be the embodiment of all the Mas virtues. He cannot lack many of them—nay, any of t —without becoming more or less a marked man, consp ous as a failure. Every candidate for Masonry is not q fied for membership, much less is every brother qual for Masonic office. Some brethren delude themselves thinking it matters little which of the candidates voted is elected. Are they not all Masons? True. But poss all of them ought not to have been, and whether be so or not, every brother has not the requisite ability office, nor the general high repute in the world at la The Craft does not demand wealth, nor lofty, and it be fictitious, social position in its Officers, any more it does in its initiates, but it does require ab and character adequate to the performance of high trusts reposed in its officials. Rulers are supreme should maintain their supremacy, or a events cause it to be respected, by their talents no less by their official rank. Whenever the man is conspicuo smaller than the office, and rattles around in his chair will be uncomfortable himself, giddy in action, and official failure. Let every Brother see to it that he in strumental in elevating no such brother to office in Masonic body during the present election season.—*stone.*

A NEW ORDER MERIT.—An "Order of Honourable Service being organised by the editor of *The Quiver*, having for its objec recognition of long and faithful domestic service. Prizes w awarded in special cases. Applications for enrolment may be warded to the editor of *The Quiver*, La Belle Sauvage, London. article on the subject is arranged to appear in the January nu of that magazine.

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WINTER REMEDIES.—HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT are the re remedies for the ... so rife and fatal. The adverse influences





# Old Warrants (o).

No. 305, "Atholl" Register. 388 at the "Union." 269 from 1832, and 222 from 1863. St. Andrew's Lodge, London, (Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 76).

ATHOLL Grand Master.

Jos. BROWNE S.G.W. WM. DICKEY D.G.M. GEO. BOWEN J.G.W.

*To all whom it may concern.*

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six, in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful the *Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullabardine, Earl of Strathsay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles and Earl Strange, and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester*, &c., &c., &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful WILLIAM DICKEY ESQR. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful JOSEPH BROWNE ESQ. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful GEORGE BOWEN ESQR. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the
No. 305 cities and suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful WILLIAM BRYCE, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful HUMPHREY POPE his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful JOHN TITCHENER his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, at the Bell in Lower Thames Street (or elsewhere) in or near the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster upon the first and third Thursday in every Calendar month and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren WILLIAM BRYCE, HUMPHREY POPE, JOHN TITCHENER (with the Consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse and instal their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their Successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to their Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety and seven and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred ninety and seven.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter I.

Attached in tin cases are the *Seals* of the "Duke of Atholl," and the "Grand Lodge."

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[Since the issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE" of 12th September 1885, in which a list of our wants was given, we have received copies of four "Ancient," or "Atholl" Warrants, so that we now require only the following to complete the series of existing *Atholl* Charters. We again invite brethren of the following Lodges to forward to us transcripts (carefully noting all endorsements, numbers, &c.) of the warrants mentioned, as then we shall be able to give our undivided attention to those of extinct Lodges.—Ed. F.C.]

LONDON.

1. Grand Master's Lodge.
3. Lodge of Fidelity.
101. Temple Lodge.
143. Middlesex Lodge.

PROVINCIAL.

110. R. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil.

DISTRICTS.

Barbadoes, 196. Bermuda, 214 and 233. Jamaica, 207 and 239.

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THE CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—With a ... participating in the Queen's

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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## TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, held 23rd November, after the conclusion of the regular business, the W.M Silver Hall, rose and said:—Brethren, you may remember the property of this Lodge was an antique sword, or Hig more, which not long since was in a very dilapidated cond blade was buried in rust, the basket hilt, which was a bea of steel work, was crushed nearly flat, either because weight had been dropped upon it, or possibly from its ow sustained a fall from his horse, and of the lining of the h but a few moth-eaten threads remained. This has now carefully and successfully restored and repaired at the exp Officers of the Lodge, in whose name I now have the again presenting it to you. The hilt has been raised to i replated, and relined, the blade, on which appears the n maker, Andrea Ferrara, has been burnished, and a shea for its protection. Ferrara, as you may be aware, was a swordsmith, Italian by birth, who settled at Saragossa, i the early part of the sixteenth century. Specimens o are still preserved in the Armoury at Madrid. The blades which were presented by Ferdinand to King Hen his marriage with Katharine of Arragon, were supplied while his weapons had a special reputation among th clans. It is therefore not impossible that in this beautif have a relic of the visit to Derby of the Highlanders u Charles Edward in 1745. In our Minute Books, which c unbroken series since 23rd September 1788, there is no any such sword had been purchased by, or presented to It is therefore probable that this beautiful weapon, whic 350 years old, has belonged to the Lodge since its co 1785. If any brother, or friend, can throw any furthe its history, we shall, I am sure, be only too pleased to he The sword, after having been passed round and greatly formally entrusted to the custody of the Tyler.

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## GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No.

ON Thursday afternoon, 9th inst., the annual install was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford. Th Master Bro. W. Andrew C. Durrant P.G.J.W. occup supported by the following Officers:—Bros. A. G. Wilson Metcalfe J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G Langham S.D., T. R. Jarvis J.D., Andrew Durrant P.M Dir. of Cers., T. Winniatt Smith P.G. Org. Organist There was also a goodly attendance of P.M.'s and m Lodge and visitors. The principal business of the ov installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Adolphus E. M ceremony was impressively performed by the D.P.G.M vince V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Re its close the Worshipful Master invested the followi his Officers:—Bros. Andrew C. Durrant P.G.J.W. Metcalfe P.G. Steward S.W., William Langham J. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Whitmore P Treasurer, James P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wo Andrew Durrant P.M. P.G. Treas. P.P.G.S.W. Dir. of Suttbery P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Organist, Rymer Jarvis S. linson J.D., Charles Williams I.G., Frederick Smee an Stewards, Thos. S. Sarel P.G. Tyler Tyler. A hearty having been accorded to the Installing Master, the W to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Cha The Lodge also passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro P.M., who has resigned the Secretaryship in consequ the town, after having held the office nine years; an pliment was accorded Bro. J. W. Hair for the exem which he had discharged the duties of Assistant S the same period. Lodge was then closed, and the bre to the White Hart Hotel, where a récherché banque Mr. E. Panther Taylor, under the presidency of the W.M. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic posed and duly honoured. In responding to the toa the V.W. D.P.G.M., after thanking the brethren for ception, expressed his great regret that owing to leave his room this time last year he had not th stalling the I.P.M., which, as the son of one of their respected P.G. Officers, he should have had so much Bro. Philbrick then congratulated the Lodge upon of P.G. Officers present on this occasion, all of whom work for Freemasonry in the Province. He feelin loss they had all sustained in the death of Bro. Jo very last occasion on which he (Bro. Philbrick) Essex brethren was on the occasion of the installati brother as first W.M. of their youngest Lodge. that at the present time their minds had been ex as to what part Freemasons were to take in the Majesty's jubilee. He could assure them—and th would bear them out—that no one felt more keen matter than their P.G.M., Lord Brooke. Nothing really been decided on at present; but, knowing Essex that day, he had made some inquiries, a ... without betraying any confidenc

V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar D.P.G.M., Bros. Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. W. Morgan Jones W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G. Assist. D. of C., G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.Std.Br., and H. E. Tinckam P.M. 244 P.P.G.Swd.Br. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. D. Marshall S.W. 771, R. K. Bull and Warren H. Drake 1726, and H. Hay 1627. Also the following members of No. 276:—Bros. A. C. Veley P.M. P.G.Stwd. England, Arthur Goodchild P.M. P.P.G.W., E. Shedd P.M., A. Mead P.M. P.P.G.Supt.Wks., J. S. Brown P.M. P.G.D., A. F. Ginn P.M. P.P.G.P., Bros. J. W. Hair P.P.G.R., John Taylor, F. H. Meggy, E. Durrant P.P.G.Stwd., &c.

## ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, Bro. Walter Rowe W.M. presiding. The heavy storm which prevailed throughout the day greatly interfered with the attendance of brethren whose residences are distant from the Lodge-rooms, and apologies by telegram and post were more numerous than welcome. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Warner acting as S.W., James Stevens P.M. hon. member acting as J.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, J. L. Franklin J.D., D. Milbank I.G., A. Rattray P.M. P.P.G.D., Mortimer Hall, John Wright, W. Rivers, P.M. Welch, C. Bins, R. Marsh, R. J. Scurr, R. Brazier, W. C. Sams, F. P. Adams 2136, &c. After confirmation of previous minutes, Bros. Welch and Rivers were raised to the third degree. In accordance with previous arrangement, Bro. Stevens then delivered a portion of his new lecture on Ritual and Ceremonial, and greatly interested the brethren whilst imparting much valuable instruction in Masonic working. A large amount of information on many important points in the F.C. and M.M. degrees were, on this occasion, condensed by Bro. Stevens within the limits of little more than an hour's space of time, and his remarks were listened to with the closest attention, and received general approval. After Lodge had been lowered to the first degree, Bro. G. D. Clapham P.P.G.R., and Bro. Rattray P.P.G.D. respectively moved and seconded, in eulogistic terms, a vote of thanks to the Lecturer, and this being unanimously agreed to, Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks for the reception accorded him. A few items of routine business were disposed of, and Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of an elegant repast. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the remainder of a very pleasant evening was passed in social harmony, to which Bro. Adams 2136, several members of the Lodge, and Bro. Stevens, by recital of well-known Masonic poems, greatly contributed.

## PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at Leeds. The newly-installed Master (W. Bro. Chas. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer West Yorks) has inaugurated two improvements which will be heartily appreciated not only by the members of his own Lodge, but by the Masons of Leeds generally. Hitherto there have been but few lectures on the great principles and tenets of Freemasonry delivered in the Lodges of the town, but this reproach Bro. Mason has determined to wipe out. In connection with the Lodge of Prudence a large number of lectures have already been arranged for. At the regular meeting in January that distinguished Mason the Rev. Bro. A. F. Woodford P.G. Chaplain has promised to visit the town, where he is highly respected, and lecture in the Lodge of Prudence. He is sure to be welcomed by a large assemblage of West Yorkshire Masons. Another idea of Bro. Mason has been to officially invite the W.M.'s and Officers of the other seven Leeds Lodges to pay a visit to the Lodge of Prudence, and this is a new departure which is likely still further to promote that spirit of unity amongst the Bethren which happily already exists in so marked a degree in Leeds. On the 11th inst. Fidelity, No. 289, paid an official visit, being represented by the W.M. Bro. Alf. Scarf, and several Officers and Brethren, their reception being most cordial. The W.M. was supported by the following Officers:—Dr. Smyth I.P.M., Trevor S.W., Watson J.W., Abbott Treas., Middleton Sec., Scott Young S.D., Fretwell J.D., Jameson I.G., Rosser Chap., Howarth Organist, Atkinson and Storey D.C.'s, Butterworth and Milling Stewards, Barraud Tyler. The Hon. and Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Past Grand Chaplain England, P.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, was present, in response to an invitation, to read a paper for the edification and instruction of the brethren. There were also present W. Bro. Embleton Prov. G.S.W. Bedford P.P.G.D., Craig P.P.G.D., Smithson P.P.G.D. Chairman of the Charity Commission, Wilson P.P.G. Treasurer, Glover P.P.G.D., France P.P.G.D.C. Brethren mustered in good force from Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Halifax, &c. The Mayor of Halifax (Bro. Horsfall) and his son were also among the visitors. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the distinguished brother from York saluted according to ancient custom, the ballot was taken, and found clear for, Mr. Charles Malcolm, surgeon, and Mr. Thos. Glover, commercial traveller. As these gentlemen were unable to present themselves they will be initiated at a Lodge of Emergency, to be held on the 1st of January next. Four other candidates' names were mentioned, a proof that this Lodge, the youngest but one in the province, is making for itself a position second to none. The routine business having been disposed of the Very Worshipful Brother the Dean of York P.G. Chaplain of England, and P.P.D.G.M. Berks and Bucks, then delivered his address, entitled "Practical appreciation and experience of the Craft." He said:—I must, in the first instance, express my thanks for the cordial reception you have given me. As loyal Masons you will I am sure always receive a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge with the cordiality [illegible] than mine. My only plea is that I have followed that p which is one of the distinctive features of the Craft, namely ence, which should animate all Masons to try as far as pos promote the welfare of the Craft. I come here in respons invitation, and I hope my address may prove useful and acc to you. There are different ways in which Freemasonry treated. It may be treated historically, from an archæological from a ritualistic, from a mystic aspect, and in many other ways are and must be in any system which has existed so long a masonry a great deal which entices the interest of the c members of the Craft, and there must be an inexhaustible st information to be derived from it. I cannot pretend t to-night into any of the aspects of Freemasonry which mentioned. I will only venture to speak of my own experien Mason, and what I feel myself to be the practical advant being a member of the Craft. I am not a Mason of yesterday 40 years have passed since, as an undergraduate at Oxford, initiated, and I have never regretted that step. On the cont experience a steady and increasing feeling of thankfulness that now distant epoch of my life I became a member of the I have always felt it an honour to be a Mason, and on a great occasions I have found it to be of great practical utility. I hav been questioned as to the reasonableness of a Christian being a for outsiders have told me that at best Masonry is but a sys Deism, and therefore Christian men, and especially Cl ministers, should not belong to it. My answer has always be if Freemasonry was a thing of the present moment, if it we creation of the day in which we live, then I should have had hesitation in joining it. But Freemasonry has existed for period of years; it is as old as any form of religion which is to have existed; it is coeval, we believe, with the first concept the existence of a God; it was the very first foundation st religion of any sort or kind, and I must say that it seems to m recognising in Masonry its venerable character, and recogni past history, one does not feel prepared to reject that which eminently the earnest yearning of longing humanity for thos distant times. Freemasonry is like one of those grand notes are evoked from an organ, whose depth of sound is the basi foundation of beautiful harmonies, which are founded upon i seems to me that Freemasonry is like that, and whilst you wou accept the simple note as the whole of the music, yet in listening beautiful harmonies you would not forget that which underlies is the basis of them. Therefore Freemasonry deserves our reve It is not our religion; we do not profess that it is, but it has religious character which is common to all religions, and whil disposed to give up the greater light and knowledge, to abando holy faith for the tenets of Freemasonry, yet recognising that masonry is the substratum of religion, we value and reverence such. It has often been objected that it was not right f to support Freemasonry when many things had in the past place in Lodges which could not be approved of by a Christian my answer has been that indeed the history of Freemasonr like the history of everything else. In the history of the Ch there had been seasons of use, and seasons of abuse, and, as a c man, I could not defend all that the Church had done in days by. The same might be said in regard to Masonry; as I s most strongly repudiate any attack upon the Church of which a minister, because of her shortcomings in days gone by, so o other hand do I hold similar views with regard to Freemasonry its past history things had the place which I would gladly dr veil over, yet there is much associated in Freemasonry which u it not only consistent but desirable for Christian men and clergy to be members of the Craft. The first thing which makes Freema valuable is its unity. Whilst Masonry is entitled to reverenc account of its great antiquity, it is also entitled to reverence bec it is supplying a want which I do not find to be supplied in other way. It fosters a unity which is not to be found anyw else, and unity was never more earnestly desired than it is in present day. The reason I value it as a pattern of unity is bec in the truest sense of the word it is unsectarian. It is not a sy of latitudinarianism or unworthy compromise, but in the Lodge we and do meet on a broad basis, and those who would be separ hopelessly in the world meet here as friends and brothers. clergyman it has thrown me into the society of men I should n have known but for Freemasonry; it has put me on a kind friendly footing towards them which could not have been attaine any other way. Another great practical advantage in Freemaso n the order to be found in our Lodges, both as regards subordina te p tions and positions of authority. Here we see on the one hand great advantage of obedience, and on the other the great honou authority. If the spirit of subordination which reigns in a F mason's Lodge so happily could permeate the world aro us — the same ready spirit of obedience — some the great questions which will have to be settled would be m more easily solved than they were likely to be as matters now sta Authority in our Lodges is always tempered with moderation, cause it is the authority of those who have learned to obey, and v therefore are the best qualified to command. Liberality is anot great feature of the Craft. There is no ostentation in it, it is quietly done that few know anything about it. Not until I beca a member of Grand Lodge had I any idea of the extent of the Cra liberality, or of the admirable manner in which this liberality dispensed. If there were no other advantage to be derived fr being a Freemason the manner in which our funds are distribu would be sufficient reason why I should rejoice at being a meml of the Craft. I for one wish that what we do in this respect co be more widely known. Some people say that Freemasonry is strange jumble of serious and secular things, and that is anot





masonry there is a sober and solemn side to our meetings. Freemasonry is also valuable for the practical character it possesses in these days. Nobody can look at the course of events around us without feeling that the problems before us are as difficult, if not more difficult, than any which have presented themselves in the past, and we shall all admit that the solution of these problems will very much depend upon the temper of mind with which they are approached, and the possibility of their being discussed in a spirit of courtesy. In this sense Freemasonry will be a valuable instrument of dealing with the difficulties and complications of the future. So far from Freemasonry being an effête Institution and its day over, we need, as Masons, to gird up our loins and do the best we can to inspire others with the principles we value so highly, and which are of such inestimable value in the days in which we live. If Freemasonry is so valuable and of such practical utility, how can we, as Freemasons, promote it? Many of the prejudices against the system are disarmed, but prejudice dies hard, and as Masons we must do all we can individually to show that the attacks made upon the Order are not deserved. I see in this Lodge of Prudence you have a distinctive feature, and without laying down that other Lodges should necessarily follow it, yet it is a good thing to see that you by your action are showing that fermented liquors are not necessary to your enjoyment, that you can be happy without them as well as with them. Nobody can take part in our Lodges without going away a better and a stronger man. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was presented to the Dean of York for his admirable paper. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, after which a most happy evening was spent, with music, song and speech.

## PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

IT is evident that the "Jubilee" year of the reign of Her Majesty the most gracious Patron of our Masonic Charities, will be observed with much fervour by the Craft, and that in a variety of ways the respective Lodges under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge will celebrate with joy and rejoicing the auspicious occasion. Amongst the first, if not the very first, of those gatherings which will evince the devotion of the Order whose watchwords are, in the words of its Royal Grand Master, "Loyalty and Charity," may be noticed the ordinary meeting of the Percy Lodge, on Tuesday last, the 14th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, E.C. Under the genial presidency of its W.M., Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B. &c., a large and representative assembly of Freemasons enjoyed the "labour and refreshment" which the Lodge provided as a first instalment of its "Jubilee" celebration; it being intended to mark the close of Bro. Lambert's second consecutive year of office—after service in the same capacity in the Percy Lodge in several previous years—and the accession of its new Master in a distinct and expressive manner, in a continuation of "Jubilee" festivities. The following members of the Lodge and Visitors took part in the interesting proceedings of this meeting, viz:—Bros. Geo. Lambert P.G.S.B. P.M. W.M., R. Rowell S.W., F. W. Lee J.W., H. C. Lambert P.M. Treasurer, W. B. Heath P.M. Secretary, J. T. Rowe P.M. S.D., R. W. Williams J.D., Geo. Cowell P.M. Dir. of Cers., John Read Organist, Chas. Lambert I.G., P.M.'s Geo. Cooper, F. Orchard, Dr. R. Cross, J. C. Carr, J. J. Caney; also Bros. J. F. Robinson, J. G. Cathie, R. W. Rogers, H. Marriott. Visitors—Bros. R. Costa P.G.D., J. Sampson Peirce P.G.D., F. Davison P.G.D., Greene P.G.Std.Br., H. D. Sandeman P. Prov. D.G.M. Bengal, Roebuck G.S.B., D. Woodman P.G.Swd.Br., Harding P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., Col. Peters P.G.S.B., Thomas P.G.A. Dir of Cers., E. Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, Binckes P.G. Steward, Peacock P.G. Stwd., J. L. Mather, Rev. Dr. Maguire 1964, Rev. John Rose J.D. 1964, Col. Moncrieff 10, Heard P.M. 449, Scott 1964, Drysdale 46, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Bullock Prov. G.R Herts, Laxton P.Prov.G.R. Middlesex, Matier P.S.W. Greece, Dr. Mickley P.P.G.D., Il. Massey P.M., Bradley 2021, Pendlebury P.M. 1056, Dodd P.M. 1194, Vincent 1194, Reynolds S.D. 1614, Morris 1789, Grellier J.D. 21, Archer I.G. Huguenot, Fowler 2021, Woodruff 957, Van Joel 957, Bellerby J.W. 2021, Godfrey 2021, Swain P.M. 449, Wright P.M. 1996, Hoole P.M. 92, Roumieu P.M. 1537, Blount Lewis P.M. 338, Montennis I.P.M. 2060, C. J. Shoppee P.M. 382, Dinham P.M. 1464, Quennell W.M. 214, Owen P.M. 1287, Maples 574, C. J. Hampden Past Master 255, Palmer 143, Guenigault 1420, T. H. Potter Past Master 19, J. H. P. Wilson 259, Burne Worshipful Master 162. There were many apologies for inability to attend, amongst them being those of Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of Middlesex. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Mr. Henry P. Marriott was duly approved of and initiated into the Order. Bros. R. Rowell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Charles Lambert Treasurer, and Woodstock Tyler. A motion was made, for reference to the Audit Committee, of a proposal to recognise in a suitable manner the eminent services of Bro. Lambert on his again retiring from the chair of K.S., and notwithstanding that the W.M. deprecated further acknowledgment than had been already bestowed, the motion was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet was served in the new dining room of the celebrated Tavern, the altering and improvements of which, lately effected by Bros. C. and A. Painter, the proprietors, have been so deservedly appreciated by members of the Craft. It is needless to say more than that the menu and service together upheld the ancient reputation of the Ship and Turtle. The hearty reception accorded to the visitors during the repast by the W.M., whose generous welcome was earnest and cheering, was a fitting prelude to the subsequent proceedings. After grace had been sung the toast of The Queen was impressively given, the W.M. remarking that although the toast was at all times well received by every true Englishman, and in if possible, still greater emphasis. From Edward the Co the present time no monarch had shed greater lustre on t Crown than our good and excellent Queen, who in he person united the best qualities of an admirable mother, governor, and a beneficent patron of our Order and its Whatever, said the W.M., might be the hopes of England to succession, we may be assured of an earnest desire beloved Sovereign may have many years of life before h all times and seasons none could be more appropriate Jubilee year of her reign in which to echo manifold the si God bless her. The toast was honoured with great enthu the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the to Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the remarked that the fact of increase of Lodges fr 2160 shewed the impetus and progress of Freemasonry rule, and that consideration being given to the powe masonry in the direction of social advantages and the f valuable friendships, it would be seen what good ev respect had been done during H.R.H. Grand Mastership. bless him and preserve him as chief head and ruler of The toast of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Grand Officers present and past was introduced by t felicitous terms, having reference to what he termed our dinner, to which he welcomed the Grand Officers present, tation that they might be seen at the full Jubilee dinne Lodge would doubtless give before its year was out. On t there were present many *patres conscripti* of the Orde more would have attended but for engagements which c set aside. He should consider it a red letter day in t of the Percy Lodge that the several brethren (whom seriatim) had accepted their invitation. He had hoped the company of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Regin and the Sheriffs, of whom one, Bro. Lieut-Col. Kirby, is of the Lodge, but civic duties could not be negl Hugh Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal having been c leave, Bro. Sampson Peirce P.G.D. was named for res Peirce regretted that circumstances had altered, withi minutes, when he felt that he was free from a call speech, the worthy P.D.G.M. for Bengal being then willingly acknowledged the compliment paid to the Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and his colleagues present Grand Office. Of the two first-named there doubt that their Masonic qualifications and social pos them to the respect of all Freemasons; and his col certainly admirable representatives of the Order, regard to Masonic work as the Charities connected ther Past Grand Officer he could say that those at present not be surpassed for attention to such duties as were The W.M. had been pleased to pay him a great compli nition of his poor merits, and had spoken of the honou Lodge by the attendance of other of those for whom he thanks, but he was compelled to say that he thought th was "on the other side," and that the guests of the have a lively recollection of the hearty reception and c had been extended to them. The W.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Officers—representing Greece, Her Middlesex Lodges—and the Grand Stewards. With the and Middlesex Grand Lodges he was directly connecte pleased to see the brethren to whom he had referred. he coupled the names of Bro. Fitzgerald Matier P.G.S. Bro. Montenuis P.G. Steward, who respectively retur brief but effective terms. The toast of the "Init and in respect of this the Worshipful Master w prefacing his more serious remarks by some witty observations relating to the "ordeal" the "s the Craft" had undergone, and leading up to observati consideration from all earnest members of the C mind," said the W.M., "that whilst I congratulate y on your introduction into our Order, and am pleased the word Mason is a password to any and every expected to discharge your duty, by adherence to ciples, and the ascent of our ladder of Faith, Hope, a you may practise the latter virtue in the best inte and distressed. So you will gain by your associatio have I not gained by my connection with the Order —troops of friends.' In like manner may you also suc with your own efforts so to do. You have been selec your life; you have now seen 'Light.' With its aid I never regret your entrance into our Order." The to received, and the E.A. song having been sung by Marriott in response said that having been likene baby, he must take a baby's privilege as to speaki grew up a bit and could do something he would Whatever represented an infant's impression of gra to offer his newly-found brethren on this occasion into Masonic life. Bro. Sexton sang "Sally in o Carr I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., Br doubting that the distinguished body of Masons attended on the eve of his vacating the chair afte entire year of office to do him special honour, and in Grand Lodge and in Provincial Grand Lodge his association with them, would admit that Bro. of those Masons whom forthcoming Masters should In every respect his services to Freemasonry gen Percy Lodge in particular, had endeared him to he had their best wishes for the prolongation of his happiness. This toast was received with much immediate response Bro. Lambert stated that period as thirty-nine years had passed since he, as

attended the Lodge meetings without some cause arising for great satisfaction. Whether as Master on many occasions, or as Secretary or Treasurer on others, the interest and welfare of the Lodge had been to him of paramount importance, and he attributed the gratification he and his fellow members had received to the fact that they had never introduced as members any man whom they could have objected to introduce to their respective family circles. As Worshipful Master he wore a jewel which had been that of the late Bro. Peter Gilkes, and he was proud to know that the precepts of that worthy brother had ever guided the teachings and practice of the Percy Lodge. He had already expressed himself as gratified by the attendance of the numerous visitors on this occasion, and hoped that the jubilee entertainment he had suggested as forthcoming would also have their presence, and that of many civic magnates. He would at once propose the toast of the Visitors, and ask them to excuse him, as time was getting short, from naming each and all of them. There were more present than at any former meeting, and he hoped that the welcome which the Lodge had endeavoured to extend and the right-hand of fellowship he now offered would afford them the same amount of pleasure which their presence had afforded his fellow members and himself. Bros. Shoppee and Fredk. Binckes returned thanks in suitable terms; and, after the usual recognition of the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast, the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some excellent music, terminated.

## ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE members of this Lodge held their regular meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin, the Worshipful Master. He was supported by Bros. E. Thring S.W., Usher Back P.M. as J.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. T. Bennett S.D., Lindfield I.G., P.M.'s A. Green, T. H. Lavers, F. J. Hentsch, Peirce, W. W. Morgan, and Visitors J. A. Collings, Isaac White 1949, G. W. Thompson 410, W. G. Jennings 1580, W. G. Oates D.C. 2096, D. Anderton 1901. The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Francis Henry Horscroft, who was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Barr. The ballot being unanimous in favour of the candidate, he was, later in the evening, regularly admitted to Masonic light. Bros. Henry Percy Harrison, Orlton Cooper, and George Cockrell were passed, after which Bro. S. W. Thompson of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, was, by request of the Worshipful Master of that Lodge, raised to the degree of M.M. After the closing of the Lodge, refreshments of a frugal character were partaken of, and the limited toast list customary on these off nights, was done justice to. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs.

## AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday 4th inst., when there were present Bros. E. S. Strange W.M., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P. Grand Superintendent of Works Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., W. H. Pascoe Organist, A. W. Lloyd Steward, D. J. Kent, J. Potter, T. Baker, J. Willmot, H. Crane, L. G. Smith, A. W. Duret P.M. P.G.S., J. C. Craig I.P.M., N. Strange, C. Holcroft W.M. 1414. Bro. Josiah Willmot was raised, and Mr. Samuel Newman initiated, both ceremonies being performed by the W. M. in a most impressive manner. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and some excellent singing contributed by J. C. Craig I.P.M., H. Crane, Pascoe, Wallace Lloyd, N. Strange, and Willmot.

## ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1691.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Annual Meeting on St. Ambrose Day, Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Berkeley, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who was well supported by the Officers and other members, while among the visitors present were Bros. H. D. Aslett J.D. 1892, A. G. Boswell J.W. 1339, E. Rogers S.W. 1238, J. T. Bolding 91, J. D. Dick 2030, Capt. Nicols P.G.D. Supt. of Works Punjaub, T. Ross Hall 1012, C. A. Walter P.M. 865, G. Towerzey 1158, R. D. Warner, W. F. Bates J.D. 1507, W. H. Rawkins 858, A. T. Bass late 247, H. Schlesinger 1017, G. Davis P.M. 1642, J. Baker 511, J. Gillingham P.M. 1238, T. Low P.M. 181, T. E. Crispe P.M. 680, R. Pierpoint P.M. 1828, C. Thompson P.M. 55, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, H. Nash 1017, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Whitaker 1828, B. Ollendorf 1017, Henry Fress 25, C. Dawson-Phillips, &c. The business comprised the working of the first and third degrees, in addition to the installation, and the whole of this was most perfectly carried out by Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock. Bro. E. T. Edwards was raised, and Messrs. George Henry Brook and Richard Chard were initiated. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Ludwig Lichtwitz, was, in due course, presented for installation, and was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities. He appointed the following as the Officers for the year:—J. W. Morley S.W. J. Skur J.W., W. H. Smith P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Holland P.M. Secretary, P. Perry S.D., F. Buxton J.D., W. E. Smith I.G., J. C. Conway Director of Ceremonies, W. Windsor Organist, sought in every way to make his guests feel at home. On r to propose the first toast he designated the Queen as the best wisest of Sovereigns, and hoped she might long live to reign her people. With the toast of the Most Worshipful the G Master was coupled the health of the Grand Officers, a nr toast, which the Worshipful Master considered needed no encom from him. Bro. Berkeley, the I.P.M., proposed the health of Worshipful Master, whom he described as a zealous and enthusi Mason, winning popularity wherever he was known. Bro. Licht felt deeply sensible of the kind and flattering terms in which health had been proposed. Much more had been said of him tha deserved, but he assured the brethren it would be his earnest deavour to discharge his duties in such a manner as to merit the j opinion of every member of the Lodge. He trusted that, at the mination of his year of office, the brethren would be able to accor him some meed of satisfaction. He next submitted the toast of Past Masters of the Lodge, first of all acknowledging his indebted to Bro. Dr. Pocock for having installed him in so excellent a man To the other Past Masters he owed debts of gratitude for courtesy and kindness they had shown towards him since formation of the Lodge. They had all distinguished themselves, required no eulogium from him. With the toast the Worsh Master coupled the name of Bro. Berkeley, to whom he was especi indebted for the very kind way in which that brother had prop his health. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toas the Visitors. He was honoured that night by the presence of m distinguished guests, and he offered them a most cordial welco Since its formation the Lodge had ever warmly welcomed breth of other Lodges who might occasionally favour them with a v Personally he thanked the guests for their attendance that day, assured them that the more frequently they attended the Lodge, more delighted the members would be. The toast was hear received, and acknowledged by several of those present. The to of the initiates followed. The Lodge had had much pleasure in a ing two members to its roll, both of whom had t evening been admitted to a participation in the benefits of Mas light. On behalf of the members of the Lodge he greeted th well, and offered them the right hand of fellowship. They h more to learn than had that night been imparted to them, t he was confident the more they saw of Freemasonry the m they would congratulate themselves on gaining admission to ranks. Bros. Chard and Brook responded in effective terms. T toasts of the Charities and of the Officers were also given, a acknowledged, after which the proceedings were brought to a c clusion. During the evening some excellent songs were rende under the direction of Bro. Windsor, Organist. Miss Kate Gra sang "If love were what the rose is," "To morrow will Friday," &c., while Miss Ada Doyle gave "Never Again," "T Minstrel Boy," and other pieces. During the evening a Past Maste jewel was presented to the outgoing Master.

## UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 21

A REGULAR Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 2 December, at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland P. P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks W.M., W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G Works S.W., W. Masters P.M. J.W., Fitz Herbert Wright P P.P.G.W. Derbyshire Treasurer, J. L. Cooke Secretary, W. H. B lock S.D., Theo. Carr J.D., Samuel Lamb P.M. D.C., J. L. Potts I J. Woodall-Woodall P.M. P.G. Treasurer, &c., Edward Carr P.M., J. Wood P.M., H. J. Giller P.M., S. B. Boles, Jas. Clayton, and G Davis. The following were amongst the visitors:—R.W. Bro. T. Tilton D.G.M. New York City, T. C. Smyth P.M. 2069, A. P. Wo P.G. St. B. Notts, E. Berlandina 2108, R. D. Hewetson 1547, W. Heagerty I.G. 907, E. Archer 407 Malta, R. Townsend 1984, Toovay 1541, J. Cook 907, T. R. Temple 1384, W. B. Barnard I.P. 1662, H. Sadler W.M. 2148 Grand Tyler. The Lodge was opened due form, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of two su sequent Emergency Lodges were read and confirmed. A ballot w then taken for Mr. Frank Wright, colliery agent, Kilburn, wh proved clear, and Mr. Wright being in attendance was initiat into Freemasonry by the W.M., who also gave the charge. Bro. Smithson S.W. was elected W.M., for the ensuing year, and B Fitz Herbert Wright was re-elected Treasurer, while Bros. Ma t Carr and Potts were appointed Auditors. The sum of ten guine was voted from the Lodge Benevolent Fund towards the Maso Charities. Bro. Smithson W.M. elect announced his intention representing the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Ro Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the same time presenting t guineas, and endowing the S.W.'s chair. Hearty good wishes havi been given by the Visitors, to whom the W.M. on behalf of the Lod offered a very fraternal welcome, the Lodge was closed due form, and the members and their visitors sat down to a su stantial supper, at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual Masonic toasts w duly honoured, and a most happy evening was spent, many of t brethren contributing songs, which were greatly appreciat During the evening W. Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright, Treasure generously intimated his intention to act as a Steward along with t W.M. elect at the coming Benevolent Festival, and that he wou contribute twenty guineas to the funds.

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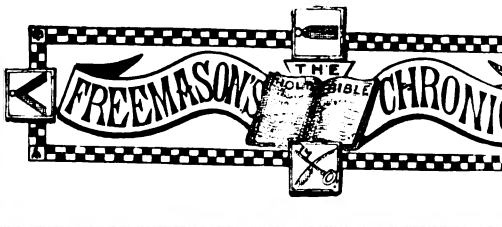

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DE

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, at the Masonic street. The attendance was exceptionally large, ever Province being substantially represented. When the Lodge had been opened, the beautiful hall was quite part, and presented a singularly bright and animat The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Marquis of Ha was not present, but his distinguished and indefatigal R.W. Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover P.G.J.W. of E his post, and presided over the business of the Lodge tomed geniality and tact. The Deputy Provincial Gra his seat at three o'clock, and was supported by an infl of visitors, and past and present Provincial Grand O Campion P.P.G.S.W. acted as Deputy Provincial Gra amongst those present we noticed the R.W. Provinci of Middlesex (Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.); the Grand Officers:—Bros. G. T. Wright S.W., W. L. Ba Herbert Price Chaplain, Thomas Cox P.P.G.S.W. Naylor P.P.S.G.W. Secretary, Samuel Robinson S J.D., Percy Wallis Director of Ceremonies, Wm. Bar W. Silver Hall Assistant Secretary, Vernon Greenho the following Past Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. J W. H. Marsden S.W., J. B. Coulson S.W., Henry H Walters S.W., W. Boden J.W., W. Whittaker Regis Registrar, J. Bland J.D., the Rev. Thomas Orrell C Pursuivant, J. Worsnop Pursuivant, J. H. Richardso W. L. Dodd Organist; Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G John Chadwick Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashi Worshipful Masters:—Edgar Horne 731, W. J. Pi 353, H. Pollard 506, W. Swire 625, Watkin Davis 6 kyns 787, J. Cholerton, W. J. Allen 1739, D. Harrison 1235, J. Heathcote 1952; the following Bros. A. J. Waller, J. Copestick, P. R. Littlet Greenhough; and a great many others. After formal business, the Worshipful Masters of the va Province presented their reports, all of which activity and prosperity. Bro. H. Hillam subm the Masonic Hall Committee, which mentioned were under consideration for enlarging the buildi better adapted to its requirements, and w ence to a particularly generous offer on the part Chapter to assist in the work of extension and im also stated that the demand of the Committee for

their financial affairs to be able to say that they were in a fairly satisfactory condition. Bro. G. T. Wright Chairman of the Charity Committee reported that they had had no candidate for admission into the Schools of late, but they would shortly present a deserving case for the assistance of the brethren. He added that the great demands upon their voting power last year were being rapidly made up. Incidentally, Bro. Wright pressed upon the sympathetic consideration of the brethren the duty of extending an increased support to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Naylor Prov. Grand Secretary presented the report of the Bye-Law Committee, which recommended several alterations and improvements. It was recommended that the proposed changes should be printed and circulated amongst the brethren, with a view to their future consideration. On the motion of Bro. F. Campion, seconded by Bro. John Smith, Bro. Thomas Cox was elected Treasurer, unanimously and amidst applause. Bro. Cox, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for electing him an Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge for the 22nd time. On the motion of Bro. W. H. Marsden, seconded by Bro. Cox, Bro. G. T. Wright was heartily and unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Charity Committee. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested in the following order:—

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| William Stone | Tyler |
| R. L. H. Mole, J. T. Lee, Glessop, Thomas Oldham, and R. Hunt | Stewards, |

After the proceedings the brethren dined together, the D. Prov. G.M., the R.W. Bro. H. C. Okeover P.G.W. (England,) presiding. The leading toasts were given with true Masonic feeling from the chair, the D.P.G.M. observing that whilst very few sovereigns of England had reigned so long as Queen Victoria, none had exemplified so fully the truly Christian and Masonic virtues of sympathy for suffering, and generous help for those who needed it. The allusions to the M.W.G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were equally happy, as were those to the Earl of Carnarvon. Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W., proposed the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, and the Chairman, in responding, glanced back on his Masonic history, and said the obligation into which he entered at a time of life when serious views of its duties are not commonly entertained, made a deep impression on his mind, and by that impression his character had in no small degree been influenced. He acknowledged with warm gratitude the kindness with which he had always been treated by the brethren, and he trusted that if any were disappointed that they had not that day received the office they might have supposed themselves entitled to, they would remember the difficulty of meeting all just expectations, and give him credit for an honest desire to act with impartiality. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., of Foremark, Derbyshire, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, also acknowledged the toast, and expressed his satisfaction with the admirable way in which the province of Derby is managed, and at the flourishing state of the Craft in the province. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.Steward, was also called upon, and briefly responded. The Chairman, in proposing the P.G.M. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, said they all regretted that they were not more frequently favoured with his presence, but they appreciated the great claims on his time and attention, which fully explained his absence. They all earnestly wished him strength to play the great rôle which was allotted to him in the destinies of the country, for they all recognised him as one of our finest public men. Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Treasurer, proposed the health of the Chairman, who briefly responded, and in doing so noticed with satisfaction not only the great numerical increase of Masonry in the province, but the far larger proportion who thoroughly mastered the ritual and spirit of the Craft. Bro. G. T. Wright P.P.S.G.W., proposed the Provincial Officers. Bro. Percy Wallis P.S.G.W. responded, and expressed his satisfaction and gratitude that he had been deemed worthy to be placed in that distinguished position. Other toasts followed, including the Visitors, which was proposed by Bro. John Smith P.P.S.G.W., and eloquently responded to by Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, Secretary to the R.M.I.B., who took that opportunity of thanking the Province for the noble effort made by the brethren on the occasion of the 1885 Festival of the Institution which he had the honour to represent. He noticed that the bulk of their contributions this year would be given to Bro. Terry; of this he could not complain; but he would be only too thankful for any crumbs which might fall from the rich man's table. After giving an outline of the position of the different Charities, Bro. Binckes concluded by heartily thanking the brethren for their reception of him that day.

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Bro. Dickson, S.W. Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, was, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., unanimously elected W.M.

## GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State Pennsylvania met in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia 11th December. Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell Right Worshipful Gr Master was in the chair, and the meeting was one of the largest held, about six hundred Officers and Past Officers of Lodges from parts of the State being present. The annual election of Offi was commenced in the morning and continued until two o'cl when a recess was taken until six o'clock p.m., to give time to c the votes. The result was as follows:—Bros. Joseph Eichbau Pittsburg, Grand Master; Clifford P. MacCalla, Philadelphia, Dep Grand Master; J. Simpson Africa, Huntingdon, Senior Gr Warden; Michael Arnold, Philadelphia, Junior Grand Ward Thomas R. Patton, Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; Michael Nis Philadelphia, Grand Secretary. Trustees Grand Lodge Charity F —Bros. Jacob Laudenslager, Daniel Brittain, Edward Strickl Alphonso C. Ireland, Daniel M. Fox. Trustees Girard Beque Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, Charles M. Prevost, Azariah W. Hoc John L. Thomson, Alexander H. Morgan. The report on member shows that there are 379 Lodges, and 37,341 Freemasons in Penn vania, there having been 1851 admissions and initiations during past year, while 744 have been suspended and 574 have died. Finance Committee's report shows the receipts of the Grand Lo for the year were 118,072 dollars, and the expenses 115,735 doll the cash balance on hand being 2337 dollars. Of the expe 63,975 were for interest on the Masonic loan, and 18,000 dollars the sinking fund of that loan. The amount of Masonic loan outstan is 1,279,500 dollars, and the securities and cash in the sinking f amount to 364,772 dollars. The Officers will be installed at Annual Communication, to be held on the 27th instant.—*Lanca Daily Examiner.*

# MARK MASONRY.

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## ST. MARK'S LODGE (T.I.), BOLTON.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 9th Decem at the Lodge Rooms, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4·30 when the following brethren were present:—Bros. John Partin Prov. G.S.D. W.M., J. Kenyon P. Prov. G.S.D. I.P.M., E. G. Harv S.W., W. Wadeson J.W., N. Nicholson M.O., W. Court S J. Barnett J.O., T. Naylor Registrar, G. P. Brockbank Treas W. Cooper P. Prov. G.S.D. Secretary, Thomas Forrester Condu R. H. Phillips S.D., J. W. Eckersley J.D., Robert Jones I.G., The Nightingale Steward; P.M.'s George Galloway Grand Se Overseer, Robert Harwood Past Grand S.D., J. W. Taylor G.I.G., Thomas Morris P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Ja Horrocks Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, John Harv Past Provincial G.S.D., John Alcock Past Provincial G.S Bros. J. D. Murray Past Grand Standard Bearer. Visitors—H W. Goodacre W.M. 359, Thomas Peake 142, Critchley, John Morris (2), Calderbank, Hindley, F. W. Brockbank, J. Hawksworth, Milner, Green, Holgate, J. W. Thomp J. F. Skelton, W. H. Brown, and E. Gregory. The min of the last regular meeting having been read and confir three candidates were balloted for and approved, and being in attendance (Bro. Stirling) he was advanced to the hon able degree of Mark Mason by Bro. John Kenyon I.P.M. and Partington W.M., both of whom acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. The Treasurer called the attention of brethren to the fact that Bro. George Galloway, an old Past M of the Lodge, who was promoted to the rank of Grand Overseer the annual meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, had sh his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him by don the sum of £25 to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Much gratific was expressed at the elevation of Bro. Galloway to his distingu position, and his liberality was thoroughly appreciated. The motion of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Partington) to the offi Provincial Grand Deacon was also noted, and the Worshipful M was warmly congratulated by the brethren on his advancemen office in the Order. The Treasurer also announced that the follo brethren had desired him to forward their names as willing to as Stewards on the occasion of the next Festival of the Mark B volent Fund:—Bros. John Kenyon I.P.M., E. G. Harwood W John Barrett S. Overseer. The balance sheet for the past year, audited, was presented and adopted. A Board of Installed M in the degree of Mark Master Mason was formed, and Br Ebenezer Green Harwood S.W. and W.M. elect was presented t Worshipful Master (Brother Partington), who then put the questions and received satisfactory replies; he was duly obligat Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G.W., and proclaimed in ancient for Bro. J. D. Murray Past G. Std. Bear., who also presented the ing tools, the warrant, the book of constitutions, and the byo The charges to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers Brethren were most ably delivered by Bro. John Kenyon, who, with the other brethren who had taken part in the ceremonie highly commended for the manner in which he had discharge duties allotted him. The Worshipful Master then proceed invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing ye Bros. John Partington Prov. G.S.D. I.P.M., William Wadeson N. Nicholson J.W., W. Court M.O., John Barrett S.O., Thomas Forrester J.O., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, Wm. Cooper P. G.S.D. P.M. Secretary, R. H. Phillips Con., James Eckersley Robert Jones J.D., Thomas Naylor Reg. of Marks, John Alcock

T. Higson Tyler. A portion of the ancient charges was read by the S.W The usual banquet followed. This celebration festival has been one of the most successful for many years. The personal popularity of the Worshipful Master elect, who is now for the third time ex-Mayor of Bolton—having for two years previous to the appointment of his successor served the important and dignified position of Mayor, caused a large attendance of brethren anxious to do him honour on the occasion of his accession to the chair of A.; and several veterans, in the Order, who do not usually take a prominent part now in Lodge meetings, appeared in compliment to the new Master. The proceedings throughout were very harmonious throughout, and the announcement of the Treasurer that three brethren had agreed to act as Stewards at the Mark Festival was warmly greeted by the brethren. The presence of five present or past Grand Officers on the occasion, with many Provincial dignitaries, evinced the interest taken in the proceedings, and should be very gratifying to Bro. Harwood, who exerted himself to the utmost to make the meeting a thorough success. The efforts of Bro. Kenyon to revive the interest of the brethren of this venerable Lodge have been greatly valued, and this successful gathering must have been very satisfactory, as shewing due appreciation of his labours. All the Officers were thoroughly up to their work, and the most perfect harmony prevailed.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A MEETING of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Thursday, 2nd December, George W. Kendrick jun., Grand High Priest, in the chair. The election of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. Matthias H. Henderson, Sharon, Grand High Priest; James S. Barber, Philadelphia, Grand King; Alexander H. Morgan, Philadelphia, Grand Scribe; Thomas R. Patton, Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary. The reports throughout the State showed that there are at present in Pennsylvania 109 Chapters with 11,387 members, and three Mark Lodges with 1555 members. The Grand Officers will be installed on 27th December.—*Lancaster Examiner and Express.*

### EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Amongst the Companions present were G. Simpson Z., M. Millington H., J. Blenkin J., T. B. Whytehead P.Z., J. T. Seller P.Z., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman S.N., Mennell, Thackray, Storey, Sharp, McGachen, Dalton, and others. The work consisted of the exaltation of Bro. J. Hall resident Tyler, as a serving companion. The election of principals and officers took place with the following results:—Comps. M. Millington Z., J. Blenkin H., Wm. Brown J., Jas. Kay S.E., Sir F. E. Milner, Bart., S.N., G. Chapman P.S., Rev. R. Blakeney Treas., and J. Hall Janitor. Supper was served at 9 p.m., and the Companions enjoyed a thoroughly social and musical evening.

## A MASONIC ALPHABET.

### IX.—INDUSTRY.

With tireless wing, the toiling busy bee,
Floats to and fro, throughout the sunny hour;
And from each flow'ry petal sips with glee,
The sweeten'd treasure of the ravish'd flow'r.
From day to day his willing labour holds,
To draw the riches of each nectar'd well;
His work complete, his sturdy wings he folds,
And stores his gleanings in the waxen cell.
The bee's example should each Mason move
To search the foldings of the Mystic Craft,
Where all the springs of pure fraternal love
Await the seeker, with a grateful draught.
Be workers, brethren, for the Noble Cause,
Not take the place of the useless drone,
But let your Industry command applause
From other minds, and satisfy your own.

### X.—JUSTICE.

The acrobat, with nerve and muscle strong,
Steps boldly out to trace the aerial rope;
Apparently with ease he moves along,
And seems unconscious death may with him cope.
He poises lightly on the slender track,
In smiling confidence and tireless trust;
Moves safely over, comes as safely back,
And how is this? He keeps his balance just.
And each and all within the Mystic Band
Should strive to keep the path direct and true;
With feet firm planted, swerve to neither hand,
But do the working there may be to do.
The thoughts, psychic, may bid our footsteps stray

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"Sunshine and Stream." Riverside Revels written and i by N. C. Bishop-Culpeper.

"The Little-One's Own Prize." Edited by Mrs. Elizabeth

"Honesty is the Best Policy." An interesting tale by J. My 8 full-page illustrations by H. Leask.

"A Soldier's Son; or, Principle before Prejudice." A spl for boys, by Philip H. Hemyng; illustrated by Arthur H

"The Midshipman; or, Never Hit a Man when He's down." tale for lads—inculcating good principles; by the sam with illustrations by the same artist.

"The Fairy Prince and the Goblin." By Dorothea S. Sincl of "Sugar Plums for Children," &c., &c., with numeron tions by good artists, engraved by W. Watson.

"The Enchanted Princess." By the same author, with illustrations by the late Richard Doyle and Arthur Hitch

"Little T's 'Tories." A first-class book of poetry for the J. Fayle; illustrated by H. Leask.

We have before us the above Prize and Gift Books for t each and all of which are issued in that complete and art so characteristic of the eminent publishing firm of Messrs. Son, of 160a Fleet Street. The first book under notice, and Stream," is exquisitely illustrated, and printed in will prove an acceptable present for the youth of both sexe "Little-One's Own Prize" we have spoken favour time to time, as we have received its periodical issues. N the complete volume before us, we are confirmed in the high have hitherto expressed in regard to the artistic merits of A more useful or acceptable book for children it difficult to meet with. The remaining works are i Messrs. Dean's "Our Juniors' Library." The first specially suitable for lads. Each of them will be found t and establish a healthy tone in the mind of its reade contributions to this series by Dorothea S. Sinclair, w they are written in that charming and interesting sp pervades the writings of this gifted lady, while the illust representations of the best efforts of that talented arti Richard Doyle. The series is issued at such a price th but a large sale could recoup the outlay that has bee upon their production. We sincerely trust the works wi that attention they so eminently deserve.

### MASONIC CHARITY.

We help the poor in time of need,
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,
It's our foundation stone;
We build upon the noblest plan,
For friendship rivets man to man,
And makes us all as one.

The widow's tear—the orphan's cry—
All wants—our ready hands supply,
As far as power is given.
The naked clothe—the prisoner free—
These are thy works, sweet Charity,
Revealed to us from Heaven.

—*Victorian*

Bro. Carlo Grasse, S.W. New Cross Lodge was, on the 3rd inst., unanimously elected W.M ensuing year. He will be installed in the cha at the next meeting.

A Charity Society, to enable members to b Governors, &c., of the Masonic Institutions, is started at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury. Brethren join are requested to send their names to Bro. Secretary, or to attend the meeting on Wed 22nd instant.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—A Roman Road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., W.M., Messer S.W., Fraser J.W., Hemming S.D., Patla I.G., and a number of other brethren were present. opened in the three degrees and resumed to the sec Ferguson, Preceptor, worked the first section of the which Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Strand.**—The new three act farce, "Bachelors' Wives" by F. Bousfield, was produced at a matinée on Wednesday, before a good audience. The farce, although not original, is of a laughable character, but the fun arises out of situations that we fear would hardly please an evening audience. The author's ideas could be spun out to any length, but he has wisely confined himself to three acts; still these will have to be considerably condensed before the work is reproduced. A briefless barrister, Frank Dayrell, has secretly married a ward in Chancery, Bella Berkeley, a lady in receipt of £4,000, which she would loose if her union became known. A friend of Dayrell, whose name bears a resemblance, it being Francis Darrell, comes on a visit to him, accompanied by a relative. Now, in the event of Dayrell marrying, these two will receive £300 a year, of which sum he will be the loser. Mr. Briggs, the uncle of Miss Berkeley, discovers his niece is married, and supposes it to be to a Member of Parliament. Frank has promised to entertain his cousin, William Wiggins, a Devonshire farmer, but puts him off. He entrusts the care of his spouse to Darrell, who passes her off as his wife; but when he is called upon to produce her, a clever servant girl comes to the rescue and says she is espoused to Dayrell. The piece now shows how Dayrell's baby is transferred from one to another, and at last placed in the luggage van of an express train about to proceed to Weymouth. Wiggins now gets into trouble with his wife. He wants to purchase a horse called Dolly, and Mrs. Wiggins seeing a letter with a reference to this Dolly in it mistakes the name for that of a young lady whom her husband wishes to be unknown. However, as may readily be supposed, all is brought right in the end; it turns out that when Bella Berkeley was declared a ward in Chancery she was eight years old instead of six, and this alteration in her supposed age is the means of securing her fortune to her. As Frank Dayrell Mr. Yorke Stephens displayed some fine acting. His part was certainly confusing, but he managed to get through it with considerable credit. The Bella of Miss Dora Vivian was another capital piece of work; Miss Lotinga, who now makes her first appearance on the stage, was passable as Mrs. Francis Darrell, while Miss Lottie Venne played the part of the servant with winning simplicity. The other characters were well sustained by Messrs. Sydney Valentine, Charles Dodsworth, T. B. Appleby, F. Bousfield, Clarence Blakiston, H. H. Morell, and Miss Elinor Aickin. At the conclusion the author was called for, and he received a hearty cheer as he passed across the stage.

**Vaudeville.**—A matinée was given here on Thursday, more for the purpose of exercising the histrionic abilities of M. Gospodin Lubimoff than for other reason. The piece chosen for this purpose was Dion Boucicault's romantic drama, in four acts, entitled "Grimaldi." This, as is well known, is founded on incidents in the life of an actress, and contains points that require careful handling. This undoubtedly it received in some parts on Thursday, but in others the result was exceedingly disappointing. The part of Grimaldi is one that requires power to make it effective, and certainly M. Lubimoff displayed this. Although rather indistinct in accentuation he made a good impression, scoring whenever an opportunity occurred. When in the last act he dictates the confession to Maltravers, he made the most of the situation. Again, in the third act, when Violet makes her first appearance on the stage, at the Nottingham Theatre, his anxiety attending the ordeal was exhibited in artistic style. The villainy of Maltravers was perfectly shown by Mr. Bassett Roe. This gentleman seems to exult in the trouble he causes, and gives a life-like realism to the part. In the last act, where Grimaldi fires the pistol, Mr. Roe rose to the occasion, while his rage when Lord Arthur Shafton threatens to write to the papers about him was effectively displayed. Mr. W. T. Hemsley as Lord Selwyn Dawdle was humorous, as also was Mr. T. P. Haynes as Wopshot. Mr. Charles Fawcett gave a natural rendering of the character of Lord Arthur Shafton, but Miss Mary Mordaunt, as Violet, was weak. This lady appeared unable to realise the part that had been allotted her. The Misses Olive and Ivy Wood in the third act danced with spirit, but Miss Gladys Homfrey was stagey as Julia. The principals received a call at the conclusion of the piece, which was followed by a humorous recitation capitally given by Mr. Bassett Roe. M. Lubimoff also recited, his selection being "Abel's Death," from the tradegy "Cain."

ARRIVAL OF THE PARIS HIPPODROME.—The great hippodrome has left Paris for the first time since its institution; it is now safely under cover at "Olympia," Kensington. Some idea of the extent of this biggest of equestrian shows may be formed from the fact that they have brought over 400 artistes and assistants; 300 horses, ponies, elephants, deer, dogs, &c., 100 musicians, and a large number of Roman chariots and historical carriages and harness. Two special steamers were chartered to convey the hippodrome horses, company, and properties from Dieppe to Newhaven; and five special trains were used in the further transit to Addison Road Station, which adjoins Olympia. The journey by sea was very rough, but both horses and artistes will be prepared by Boxing-day to give Londoners an idea of marvellous displays. The hippodrome will have an immense advantage because of the unique position as to accessibility of Olympia from all parts of the Metropolis and the kingdom. Addison Road Station, which is at the doors of the New National Agricultural Hall, is directly connected with every line of

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIO

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly afford space to en me to announce that Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W. vincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, has consente preside at the Anniversary Festival of this Institution, and that same will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd February 1887.

I trust that the brethren who may have hesitated as to accep the office of Steward, through the day not being fixed, and the Ch man being unknown, will forward their names and rank at once order that their appeals may be made to their different Lodges, thus justify the Committee in its desire to place an additional nu upon the list of annuitants from the 130 candidates seeking elect with at present two vacancies only, the more especially as being Jubilee year it affords the opportunity of doing so, and of payin compliment to Her Majesty the Queen, the Vice-Patron of Institution.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

16th December 1886.

[It is with no small amount of satisfaction we learn t the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has secure Chairman for its next Anniversary Festival. This take place on Tuesday, the 22nd February, instead of 23rd, as previously announced. In the person of Bro. W. B. Beach, Bro. Terry has secured one of the m popular and enthusiastic of our Masonic workers; a g tleman who spares neither time, money, nor labour wh ever his services are in request. As Masonic ruler of Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro Be undoubtedly has a large following; moreover, he is popu wherever he is known. On this account we predict a s cessful result to his appeal on behalf of the Old People, whom no one is more fitted to plead. Add to this the that the claims of the Benevolent Institution are at present time most urgent, and we have a combinatio circumstances which should tend to assure a handso total as the result of the Festival of the Royal Maso Benevolent Institution for 1887.—Ed. F.C.]

"How to be Happy, though Single," is the title of a paper, by author of "How to be Happy, though Married," which will ap in the January number of "Cassell's Magazine."

"ILLUSTRATIONS."—Mr. Francis George Heath's pictorial th penny magazine, "Illustrations," in its January number, which be published by Messrs. W. Kent and Co., of Paternoster Row, include an article by Mr. Heath, entitled "The Charm of Fern ture;" an illustrated article on "Hunting the Carted Deer, Mr. Walter Winans; "Round about St. Malo," by Miss Marg Thomas, the sculptress; and "Some famous autographs," inclu those of Lord Salisbury, Lord Randolph Churchill, and the auth "Lorna Doone."

TWO KINDS OF MASONS.—It is one thing to be recipients of g it is quite another thing to be doers of good. One class of mat is attached to the Masonic organization by the thought of shall be gained by connection with such a society. The motiv that of selfishness, which may be of a higher or lower grade. Anc class is influenced, at least in part, we hope, by the thought th they take their place in an association which stands for morals benevolence, they will be able to do more in the discharge of duties of related life. It is their desire to be of service to others, they seek admission to the Masonic Lodge, believing thus the of opportunity will be opened for a wider and more blessed pla *Canadian Craftsman.*

The square teaches us to regulate our actions by rule and line, harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue. compasses teach us to limit our desires in every station, that, ri to eminence by merit, we may live respected and die regretted.

MORALITY OF FREEMASONRY.—Freemasonry is strictly a moral stitution, and the principles which it teaches tend to make brother who obeys their dictates a more virtuous man. The mor of Freemasonry requires us to deal justly with others, not to defr cheat, or wrong them of their just dues and rights. We ar minister to the wants of the destitute and afflicted. It strictly joins industry and frugality, that so our hands may ever be f with the means of exercising that charity to which our hearts sh ever dispose us.

The beauties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellow of its members; there is a mystic cord that binds them toget whether in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in lif in death, at home or abroad, and death itself does not rend asu

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

## SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Mooregate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
496—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1190—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

## TUESDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
853—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Hallowe'en, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Whittlewood, Eastcastle Hotel, Aman road, West Worthing (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1338—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1345—Stars, Liverpool Arms, Cursitor Tavern, at 7.45 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan, Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lower-rd, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Claimont, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hornsey, Three Crowns, North Woodside (Instruction)
1550—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Lower-rd, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Ellesmere, Town Hall, Broadstairs (Instruction)
1934—Duke of Connaught, Duke of Clarence, Lower Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 98a Red Lion Square, W.C.
[illegible] Cannon Street, at 8

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Newcastle
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, W.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlott-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard,
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 Old Kent-road, at
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St.,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road,
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 8
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1029—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1245—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1262—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, L
1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hall (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Glazee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Ken
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipsw
R.A. 258—Ambulhous, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mary-

## THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lewisham, at 8
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (In
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
704—Garden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn,
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Inst
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, N.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rother
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bri
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Battersea Park Road, S.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (I
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1429—The Great City, Masonic Hall, Masonic Avenue, E.C.,
1554—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, C
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpo
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instructio
1613—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camden Street, Camberwell
[illegible] Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow,
1677—Langdon, White Hart, Aldgate High, E.C., at 5.30.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerk
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Coldhawk Road, Shepher
1950—Southgate Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul'
at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-stre

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
[illegible] Assembly Rooms, Assembly Room, Mill Hill,
[illegible] Masonic Hall, Chatham, at 8. (Instruction)
[illegible] St. John, Bell's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
[illegible] Townshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

## FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridlington
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 880—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

## GLEANINGS.

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## THE PEACE AND GOODWILL OF MASONRY.

IF we were to search the world for an illustration of what may be accomplished by a number of individuals banded together for mutual assistance, and for the purpose of contributing to the happiness of each other, we could not do better than select the Order of Freemasonry, which stands out as a noble exemplification of the great benefits arising from the practice of true Fraternity. In Freemasonry there appears to be but one object in view—although that object may be considered of a somewhat dual character: to be happy, and communicate happiness; and it is really astonishing how successful the members of the Fraternity are in securing the realisation of their wishes in this respect. It is but natural to suppose that at times there must arise questions in Freemasonry upon which a division of opinion will exist, but the strictest observer of the outcome of such differences will admit that they are usually adjusted with the greatest regard to the principles of the Order, which enjoin on its members the practise of Brotherly Love and toleration. Whatever an individual brother's opinion may be he does not let it upset the harmony of the Lodge of which he is a member, nor create a scandal concerning a society whose watchword is peace and goodwill to all men; but, on the contrary, modifies it, so as to adapt it to the wishes of his brethren. One brother may be anxious for preferment, but if it happens that he is passed over when the annual distribution of offices is made, he murmurs not; he is of too generous a disposition to envy the preferment of others, and contents himself with the feeling that his turn will come in due course. So it is with all that is done in connection with Freemasonry, and, as a result, we can point to the Craft as one of the happiest—if not the most happy, and most successful organization of humanity; a Society which has the reputation of creating new friendships and cementing old ones, rather than of setting old acquaintances at variance, or creating breaches in friendships of the past.

The mission of Freemasonry is Peace, and right nobly does it fulfil this grand purpose. Even when all else is pointing to the most bitter strife Freemasonry is able to unite the opposing elements in the true spirit of Brotherhood, and cause a lull—if only for a brief space—in the strife. Amid the roar of battle and the horrors of the fight Freemasonry has brought consolation and succour which nought else could have secured, while in the minor struggles of every-day life it often smoothes the path of the weary or eases the load of the oppressed. In this respect Freemasonry presents a striking contrast to many other of the Institutions which have been devised by man, inasmuch as all its doings are characterised with that peaceful harmony which is conspicuously absent from some of the others, while every lesson it seeks to teach is framed on the foundation of Charity and Love.

Freemasonry also teaches goodwill to man. It enjoins on its members the practice of every good action which lies in their power, and teaches them to pour the healing balm of consolation into the wounds of the afflicted; to feed the widow and the orphan, clothe [illegible] as will for the remainder of his days cause h feel a pang of sympathy for the poverty of others, it is not always possible to give practical effect sympathy. Truly there could be no more worthy to achieve than those which Freemasonry strives to by lessons which are both impressive and at the sam easy to acquire.

Considering the cosmopolitan character of Freem we should be out of place if we were to attach too importance to the Festival of to-day, but whether greeting a Christian, a Jew, a Mahomedan, or a men any other sect, we are equally sincere in the hearty wishes we now tender our readers. Wherever they n we trust that a long period of peace is in store for and that they may long enjoy the goodwill of their men.

So Mote it be.

## JEWELS.

*Extract from an Address on Freemasonry, by ther Alexander H. Morgan P.M.*

I PROPOSE, now, to speak to the brethren about —"Jewels, Masonic and otherwise."

The term jewel is a very comprehensive one, and found, upon examination, to include an infinite var objects. All nations, all people, all men, and all wo especially the latter--pride themselves on the posses jewels. There are jewels of every and all kinds. of high and jewels of low degree; jewels that ple eye, touch the heart, cause admiration, excite wonder disgust, and jewels that often appeal to the passions; of great price, of surpassing beauty, or of consummat ness; jewels that incite in man the loftiest patriot cause him to fall from grace and forget all the oblig of public and private life. So that the term jewel us all directly or indirectly, and may be said to as itself with all classes of the community.

"Good name, in man or woman, is the immediate of their souls." So whispered the crafty traitor in ear of his credulous victim. But it does not always that a good name is bestowed upon those who are deserving; on the contrary, it is often possessed by t worthy, while the good and virtuous are contemne disparaged, and the jewel of a good name is denied One of the general weaknesses of mankind is a des possess costly jewels; not the jewel a life of good confers, not the jewels that shine in the tears that re suffering lets fall upon the hand of kind and gentle pathizers, but the sparkling gems that whip-driven have dug in sweat and blood, which often rest upon b fair to look upon, but dark and soulless within. Wh sorrowing Peri, refused admission at Heaven's gate, forth over the earth, to seek for a pure and stainles blem that would open to her the doors of blessedne found, at last, a jewel that was far above those that

mitted, then does it, indeed, become the peerless jewel that opens wide the gates of Heaven to the purified soul.

Many centuries ago, when Rome sat in pride upon her seven hills, and the nations did homage to her as the mistress of the world, a Roman matron, stung by the taunts of senseless vanity, presented her sons as her jewels, and proudly pointed to them as far beyond the gold and silver and precious stones that her boasting rivals displayed.

"These," she said, "are my jewels—match them if you can."

Priceless indeed were the Roman mother's jewels. Not all the wealth of India; not all the treasures the broad Amazon washes down his thousand miles of rushing waters; not all Golconda's mines, nor where beneath the tropic heats the Brazilian slave toils in search of the sparkling diamond; not all the gems that shone upon the wondrous work of Solomon, when Sheba's Queen turned to view the matchless Temple looming in all the glory of the noonday sun; not all these combined could equal the jewels of that proud mother—jewels of bone, of sinew, of flesh, of blood; jewels of bright and glorious manhood; jewels into which the Creator had breathed the breath of life, out of whose eyes beamed the emanation of a bright intelligence moved and inspired by an immortal soul.

My brethren, those were the mortal jewels set in the form of humanity, to subdue and govern the earth, and she, who had brought them forth, was in herself the personification of the sweetest, purest, the most tender of all jewels—a virtuous woman!

Then we might refer to the jewel of a stainless life, the conscious rectitude of good deeds, the strict doing of justice to our fellow men—the jewels of charity, of mercy, of love, the jewels of chastity.

Then there are the the night's bright and glittering jewels looking out of the darkness. The thousand eyes of the firmament, the gems set in the celestial forehead by the Creator, to make beautiful the face of night, to cheer the belated wayfarer and guide the mariner over life's tempestuous sea. Go out with me to-night and look upon those glistening orbs circling through space. Jupiter, grand and mighty in all his regal splendour; Saturn, enclosed by those curious circles, the use or purpose of which has fret the soul of philosophy for so many ages; Venus, child of love, softly beaming in the dark azure; the fixed and never changing North Star, fit emblem of the Landmarks of Freemasonry! true, constant and unalterable, as it was in the beginning, so shall it ever be; the Pleiades, their light obscured by the tears shed for their lost companion. All these amidst the innumerable host that stud the heavens.

Brethren, those are God's jewels, with which He has adorned His handiwork, teaching His creatures that His vigilance never sleeps, and will endure for ever.

And so I might go on enumerating the endless variety of jewels with which world, and sky, and life are adorned. Even death is not without its jewels. The blessings that fall around the good man's grave; he that living laboured for the welfare of mankind, and dying, gave his goods to feed the poor. The undaunted youth springing into the yawning gulf, that the anger of the gods might be appeased. The dying patriot, shedding his consecrated blood upon the altar of freedom. The noble women, ministering to the sick and wounded, sinking beneath the pestilence contracted in their devotion to suffering humanity. Those were jewels, once in human form, now clasped in the arms of death; but all the more bright and beautiful as self-sacrificing jewels; eternally living after death in the loving remembrance of mankind.

But let me leave these general references and turn to the Masonic jewels before me, and which, I have no doubt, the Brethren would much rather hear spoken of than speculations concerning the Roman mothers and their sons of three thousand years ago.

At the installation of a Masonic officer the brethren hear certain words spoken which are no donbt fresh in their memories, making it unnecessary to repeat them here, only to say that the jewel of the Officer is especially referred to; and the question naturally arises, Why is the figure attached to the collar of a Masonic Officer called a jewel? The question may be answered thus: That as Freemasonry

Masonic writer, "is furnished with two sets of je
movable and the immovable. The movable j
called because they are not confined to any partic
of the Lodge, are the rough ashlar, the perfect as
the trestle board. The immovable jewels are th
level and plumb. They are termed immovable
they are appropriated to particular parts of th
where alone they should be found, namely, the
the East, the level to the West, and the plu
South." To these may be added the three jewel
dom, Strength and Beauty. Wisdom to the Mas
East, Strength to the S.W. in the West, and I
the J.W. in the South.

While reference to the movable jewels is f
made in the work of other jurisdictions, here the
often mentioned, and I shall briefly speak of t
interest to the brethren.

The rough Ashlar is the stone as it comes
quarry, without form, in its natural state, before
of the workman have been applied to it, rough,
and unhewn. The perfect Ashlar is a true ston
square, finished from the Craftsman's hands. I
tive Masonry the one is symbolic of the rude a
vated man, full of the grossness and vices of
life; rough from Nature's quarry; and the oth
the polished and educated Mason, freed from the
of the material existence and prepared for his
the everlasting Temple, there to shine a perfe
all eternity.

When we are about to build, we first surv
then, upon a material trestle board, we draw the
make the estimates, and take those designs for
director, until the completed structure rewards
always referring to the trestle board for inform
work proceeds. And so building up our spirit
in speculative Masonry, the trestle board rep
Great Light, shining from the Masonic altar as
jewel; its sacred lustre, undimned by the pa
lighting and guiding the Craftsman along the r
with the jewels of virtue and happiness.

Let us defer for a moment the considera
immovable jewels before us, and, turning to the
examine and comment upon the jewel of the
pying the important post of guard or sentine
Freemasonry as the Tyler. First, one might i
is the officer stationed at the outer door of
Lodge called the Tyler? such being the techn
the workman who covers roofs with tiles. I
I could never exactly understand the pertine
designation to the "guard," or sentinel of the
and I will give you the explanation of a
Masonic author: "As in operative Masonr
when the edifice is erected, finishes and covers
roof, so in speculative Masonry, when the L
organised, the Tyler closes the door and cover
precincts form all intrusion."

The Tyler we all know to be an important
sible officer. He should be of retentive m
intelligence and vigilant in the discharge of hi
jewel is a sword, pendant from a blue co
representation of the weapon he carries to
execution of his duties and to defend the ent
attack. That he should be armed and read
to protect the door at which he is statio
proper and justifiable precaution, and in the
Freemasonry the Tyler was never to be seen o
his sword; but of later years it has become
neglect the wearing of this weapon, "a
honoured in the breach than in the observanc

I may here say that men with the proper
for Tylers are not easily to be found.

Having spoken of the Tyler and his jewel,
the Lodge and examine the jewels appert
three most important officers, the Master
We will first take up the

Plumb—the Jewel of the J.W. Why is
jewel that distinguishes that officer? He
from Labour to Refreshment, and it is his d
the brethren do not overstep the bounds
carry the enjoyment of the hour to excess

they should not deviate from that strict line of conduct that should ever distinguish the upright Mason, not only in his intercourse with the brethren, but also with the outer world. It also may be assumed that the obligations of the J.W. extend even beyond the Lodge Room, and upon his learning of the moral obliquity of a fellow-member, that a Brother was deviating from the Plumb-line of rectitude, his jewel urges him to seek out the offender and strive to win him back to the paths embellished with the jewels of virtue and purity.

The man who casts aside the jewel of integrity, and swerves from the perpendicular line of honesty and truth, may for a time succeed in deceiving his fellow men; but he cannot long elude the inevitable law of moral gravitation, and like the tall upright building, its perfect plumb once lost, it soon must fall a ruin to the ground. The jewel of the J.W. is thus accepted as symbolic of the upright and virtuous man, who pursues his objects along life's pathway, not in a halting stumbling manner, as though fearful of pit-falls at every step; but firmly and courageously upright; plumb erect, his eye ever fixed upon the Polar star of rectitude, and thus the Plumb he wears in his own heart beats responsive to the one appended to his collar, indicating the virtues that lead straight to the Temple above.

It has been beautifully said in reference to this subject, that "to man alone, of all the inhabitants of the earth, his Creator has given an upright and erect posture, to elevate his mind by the continual sight of the heavenly host, and by the noble thoughts that his natural attitude inspires, to draw him from the grovelling cares of earth, to a contemplation of the Divine sources from whence he sprung. In the human race this erect stature is the foundation of their dominion and superiority over all the rest of the animal world."

> "Thus, while the mute creation downward bend
> Their sight, and to their earthly mother tend,
> Man looks aloft, and with eternal eyes
> Beholds his own hereditary skies."

The Junior Warden may also be called the youthful jewel of the Lodge; because being in the regular line of succession, travelling from the South, by way of the West, to the East, ultimately to occupy the Oriental chair, it is of the utmost importance that he cultivate the jewel of knowledge, and be prepared to assume the government and direction of the Lodge, if by some unforeseen occurrence the Senior Warden and Worshipful Master should be incapacitated from further service. Therefore, in selecting a Junior Warden the Lodge should always remember that it is choosing a jewel that, in the future, may become a shining light to the brethren, or perhaps, through inadvertence or incapacity, prove, upon trial, to be of impure lustre, and like many of the false jewels impostors display, of little or no value. Let the Junior Warden remember that the Lodge looks to him for the example of the qualities denoted by the jewel suspended at his breast, and the uprightness of his conduct should be as true as the Plumb he wears.

Pursuing our Masonic journey, we reach the West, where we find another jewel. It is the Level, the jewel of the Senior Warden, the emblem of equality. In Masonry we contend for the natural equality of man; that is, in the spiritual or speculative sense. "In the sight of God, who alone is great, all men are equal, subject to the same infirmities, hastening to the same goal, and preparing to be judged by the same immutable law." So says an eminent Masonic writer, and that is probably the best and truest definition of the equality denoted by the Senior Warden's jewel that could be given. But while the jewel of the Senior Warden is symbolic of equality, it does not inculcate a blind and radical equality that would ignore the distinction that education and experience confer. Those distinctions are seen and acknowledged when we compare the rough and the perfect Ashlars. The doctrines of Freemasonry are based upon reason, and the jewel of common sense shines conspicuously in all its teachings. Obedience is one of the laws of the Fraternity, and a respect for organized government, "for the laws of your country," is especially enjoined, while the precious jewel of order, so conspicuously displayed in all Masonic proceedings, never

ligious tendencies, may be regarded as the emanation ignorance, bigotry, and intolerance, and can do no inj to a Fraternity founded upon a belief in the e tence of a Supreme Ruler and Creator of all things Fraternity whose creed is enriched with the jewel Faith, Hope, and Charity, and whose origin dates from time when the bright jewel of the rising sun first illumi a newly-created world. Symbolic of his duties, the Se Warden wears his jewel to remind him that the breth must be considered as standing upon the same level fl that each receive his just and lawful wages, that the wor Craftsman be remunerated for his labour. He must t care that the jewel of satisfaction reign among the w men, that no individious distinction cause complaint, that the jewels of good order, peace, and harmony be present in all the proceedings of the Lodge. Ther another jewel attached to the station of the Senior War It is the column standing erect upon his pedestal. column upon a pedestal always conveys the idea of fi ness and stability. It represents to the inquiring m something to live, to endure, to last. It also imparts fidence, and in connection with the jewel—symbolic equality—impresses upon us the sentiment or feeling strength. "In strength will I establish my house," so the two jewels of the Senior Warden, the Level and Doric column, combine within themselves the jewel Might, of Majesty, of Endurance, of Faith, lasting as t endless as eternity. There was a time, and it is not m years ago, even within the recollections of some of Craft of the present day, when it was a peril to be a men of a Masonic Lodge. The brethren met by stealth, in known and obscure places, and the officers were compe to conceal their jewels from the prying eyes of the prof Timid Craftsmen denied their affinity with the Fraterr and many severed their connection entirely. It was that the faithful Craftsmen found in the Doric column jewel that encouraged them to persevere in the wor the Craft, and the strength to endure the persecution the enemies of the Institution inflicted upon its adhere

The upright column especially is a jewel that repres the manly courage that presents an undaunted front to assaults of the profane, and enables the fearless Crafts to meet and vanquish those who attack the Fraternity.

> "The man in conscious virtue bold,
> Who dares his secret purpose hold,
> Unshaken hears the crowd's tumultuous cries,
> And the impetuous tyrant's angry brow defies.
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> Let the loud winds that rule the seas,
> Their wild, tempestuous horrors raise;
> Let Jove's dread arm with thunder rend the spheres,
> Beneath the crush of worlds undaunted he appears."

After long series of stormy weather, we turn to the W for evidence that the tempest is past, and hail a bright set breaking through the murky clouds, as "a token goodly day to-morrow," and so, at the closing of the Le we turn our eyes towards the station of the S.W. for assurance of a happy meeting in the coming future, an the symbolism of the Level he wears, we find the pro of a heavenly jewel, beneath whose brights rays all sit in the Celestial Kingdom, upon a never-end universal Level. And, like the calm ending of a virt life, so should be his closing of the Lodge, as the set sun, sinking slowly into the West, a jewel of rest.

Having referred to the several immovable jewels in t regular order, we come to the most important of them the one worn by the Master. I hold it up to the view the brethren, and all will recognize a familiar acquainta It is a Square. Strictly speaking, though called a Sq it is an instrument by which Squares are formed, really in itself it is but the angle of a Square; but as popular voice, as well as Masonic traditions, refer to i a Square, and as it is the symbolic meaning of the fi with which we have to deal, I will not stop to discuss correctness of the designation. So I hold up this j and ask, What is this? The answer is, A Square. this gives rise to another question, What is a Square? geometrician would answer, A figure having four sides and right angles, or an angle of ninety degrees, o fourth part of a circle. Practically the Square is instrument of great importance to all, or nearly all, cl





fore we proceed to give the several reasons why the vears the Square, I will relate an anecdote applic- his subject, and which I think carries with it a us all. Some years ago I was visiting the house ther Mason, who had passed through the chairs of ge, and at the conclusion of his term of office had recipient of a set of regalia. He showed me the with commendable pride, and, as I held up the took the jewel in my hand, as I now take this. as a little boy present, a son of the P.M., and with osity characteristic of his age, he said: "Papa, hat?" The father replied: "That is a Square." is it for?" "Why, that is for the Master to "Why does the Master wear it?" "Well, my must not ask so many questions. When you to be a man, and be made a Mason, then you will about it."

t occurred to me at that time, that this Brother— had been prominent in Masonry, and was so still; filled the various stations in the Lodge with credit lf and the satisfaction of the brethren; who was a more than ordinary intelligence; who for years where the jewel of the Master was constantly im; who had worn that jewel in his official capa- now prized it as an evidence of service well d—had never studied out the symbolism of ol to which he had often referred in his official nd that had he been called upon officially to Masonic signification, or to say why, in Specu- lasonry, the Master's jewel was a square, he ve no intelligible explanation. And, my brethren, many of us, too many of us, in the same We remain content with a mere superficial the Masonic edifice. We admire its grand and proportions, we gaze with wonder upon its ans, its sculptured capitals, its dentated cornices; housand bright and precious jewels that adorn e splendid its inner chambers are unknown to only so because of our neglect to study and ourselves with them.

aster applies the emblem of his office symbolically gles of his Lodge, governs it with justice and nd as the meeting of the two lines at an angle degress forms the one perpendicular to the is the uprightness of conduct taught in Free- represented in the right angle of the Master's ut if it teaches the principles of justice and our fellow Craftsmen, there is still another rinciple symbolized in the Master's jewel—com- erfecting and intensifying higher than all the —and that is the great principle of unalterable, g, eternal Truth. Truth is the foundation upon reared the Masonic edifice, unchangeable, immu- th—a jewel whose value is incalculable, and yet adily attained that the poorest of God's creatures it. It is a part, a portion of eternity. All things otible to change; in fact everything here below tly undergoing variation.

y is born with the midnight hour: it opens its breaks into lusty life with the rising sun; it aturity at High Noon, and expires at Low Twelve. changing seasons come and go with each suc- ear, and so with the noblest of all creatures, Man. he puts forth the tender leaves of hope, r blossoms, and bears his blushing honours thick : the third day comes a frost, a killing frost, he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, nn leaves, to enrich our mother earth." But the Master wears symbolises something that never fades, never dies—immortal, eternal Truth. It time seem to fade and even to disappear. There ons when the truth is trodden under foot and y ceases to exist; but, like the hidden germ neath the winter's snows, at the first return of ing, it rears its head above the ground, and with ceeding shower puts forth renewed strength, full grown plant stands revealed in all its auty.

is yet another jewel pertaining to the Master's t is the jewel of Wisdom.

aster, holding the most exalted position in the naturally looked to for that instruction in the of Freemasonry which his title implies, and the massiveness of the Doric, with the grace without the exuberance of ornament of the Corinthian; and because it is the duty of the W.M. to superintend, instruct and enlighten the Craft by his superior wisdom."

My brethren, when I started out this evening, I said I would make my discourse brief and light and pleasant. The moving hand that marks the progress of time admonishes me that the limit of briefness has been reached, if not already passed. Whether I have been pleasant, or not, the emotions of each Brother present must decide, and that I have been light will perhaps be the unanimous conclusion.

Some one has said that, above all things, he would prefer to write the songs of a nation, implying, that to make men happy, to cause them to look upon the bright side of life, and to forget, even for a few brief moments, the cares and disappointments which are associated, in a greater or less degree, with all our material concerns, would be his dearest wish. And, in accordance with that idea, if I to-night, or at any other time, have succeeded in making an hour pleasant or light to the brethren, and relieved what at times becomes somewhat irksome, owing to its constant repetition, the solemn proceedings of the Lodge Room, it will be to me a jewel of satisfaction, and may perhaps assist us all towards the attainment of another jewel, one that many strive, for and few obtain in this life—the jewel of contentment.—*Keystone.*

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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### GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular Lodge meeting, on Wednesday, 8th instant, there were present Bros. W. Ravenscroft W.M., J. H. Hawkes P.M. as I.P.M., A. Creed S.W., W. Hickie J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, C. Slaughter S.D., W. A. Hawkins J.D., E. Margrett P.M. as D.C., J. Sparrow I.G., H. G. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown, E. W. Ridley, T. P. Steward Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s R. Dowsett and W. Ferguson; Bros. Parker, Bennett, Hodder, and F. George; Visitors—Bros. G. W. Webb I.P.M., J. Sydenham S.W., R. L. Reed 2043; F. Coates late of 1101, B. Ruddock, J. W. Martin J.W., C. Rayner Steward 414. After preliminaries two candidates for initiation were balloted for and approved. Lodge was opened in second degree, when Bro. Hodder, who had satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge resumed, and Mr. Edwin Pickett Silver, a candidate for initiation, approved at the last regular Lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. After his return to the Lodge the charge was given by Bro. Margrett. The Secretary read a letter from the relatives of the late Bro. P.M. Hurley, expressing their appreciation of the respect shown to his memory by the attendance of the brethren at his funeral, and that the resolution passed at the Lodge and forwarded to them was a solace in their sudden bereavement. Brother Dowsett proposed, and Brother Creed seconded, that "as several alterations had been considered necessary to the bye-laws since their revision in 1877, the Permanent Committee be called to consider the revision of the bye-laws, and report their decision at the next regular Lodge." This was carried. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form and adjourned.

### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Bro. W. Brown W.M. occupied the chair, this being his first meeting since his installation in November, and he was supported by a large number of his brethren, including Bros. W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Ray Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., J. Lamb J.D., W. Storry I.G., T. B. Whytehead P.M. D.C., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., Shonksmith Steward, G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., and others. The minutes having been confirmed, the business of the evening was taken, consisting of the initiation of a candidate, which was performed by the Worshipful Master. The following brethren were appointed as a Committee to arrange for the completion of the organ, and to report to the Lodge: the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. T. B. Whytehead, George Balmford, C. G. Padel, A. T. B. Turner, and Child. Bro. Spetch presented to the Lodge two framed engravings of Whitby Abbey and Reivaulx Abbey. Bro. G. Simpson P.M. presented two early editions of Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry;" Bro. Halliwell presented three electro-plated cigar-nippers, in an engraved case, for the use of the smoke room; Bro. Whytehead presented five volumes of the "Masonic Magazine" (1792 *et seq*), and other Masonic works, also two old Masonic Diplomas, on behalf of Bro. Donald Grant, and a *fac simile* of the unique Engraved List of Lodges, in the library at New York, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan; Bro. Coates offered to be at the expense of framing the latter; and

erected at his own expense, as an accommodation for the brethren, and was heartily thanked. The ancient jug of Leeds ware, formerly the property of the Alfred Lodge, at Wetherby, and which had been purchased from Bro. Ramsden Riley, on behalf of the Lodge, by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, was exhibited, and the brethren expressed much pleasure at this addition to their already valuable museum of Masonic relics. Bro. Whytehead proposed as a joining member Bro. W. Harry Vane Milbank, of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123. After the close of the Lodge, the members met in the smoke room, and enjoyed a social evening, enlivened by songs and speeches. Bros. W. Mennell, W. B. Dyson, T. B. Whytehead, and others contributed to the harmony of the meeting, Bro. Child giving the accompaniment on the piano. A new warming apparatus has just been placed in the Lodge room, and also in the Tyler's room, thus adding materially to the comfort of the brethren.

## NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 3rd inst., when there were present: Bros. W. M. Bertini W.M., Rev. James W. Sturdee I.P.M., Carlo Grassi S.W., F. W. Cash J.W., G. H. Thiellay P.M. Treasurer, Ernest Smith P.M. Secretary, J. D. Graham S.D., H. Wild J.D., C. N. M. North A.D.C., J. H. Meyer I.G., E. Fry Steward, J. W. Grammant P.M., Hiram Henton P.M., J. W. Rowe Tyler, W. J. Pegram, C. Guffanti, H. W. Markham, W. Avenell, John Faulkner, Robt. Borrett, Thomas Motham, Cecil Howard, R. Pratti, H. Woodham, E. Ronard, Geo. F. Monsted, H. Waters. Visitors: Bros. G. Reynolds S.D. 1614, G. Butler 282, F. Ridge 749, W. Richards W.M. 1853, R. Mackway Organist 1987, J. Finch 217 1658, R. Carter, W. Douglass J.D. 1475. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the following candidates for initiation:—Mr. Louis Echenard, Mr. R. Garcia, and Mr. Baldasaro Mellor; they were unanimous. Mr. Louis Echenard was the only candidate present. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. Cecil Howard, Ruggiero Pratti, and Cirio Guffanti answered the usual questions leading to the third degree; the Lodge was again advanced, and the three brethren were raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and was called off. The brethren having again been summoned to labour, Mr. Louis Echenard was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master performed his duties in a very clever manner, especially the initiation ceremony; Bro. R. Mackway acted as Organist. Bro. C. Grassi S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bros. J. W. Thiellay P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. S. W. Rowe Tyler. Bros. Geo. F. Miniter, W. Markham, and W. Alvenell were appointed Auditors. The bye-laws were read. The Immediate Past Master the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the Worshipful Master Bro. G. P. Bertini, for his careful working and the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. This was carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master having received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, for refreshment after labour. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the Immediate Past Master (the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee) took the gavel, to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, and, in doing so, said he knew the brethren would drink the toast with enthusiasm. On the last occasion he (the I.P.M.) said that Bro. Bertini's working was good, but this time he was even more gratified with the manner in which the Worshipful Master had performed his duties that evening. Considering the many calls the W.M. had on his time, his perseverance was wonderful. He (Bro. Sturdee) had visited many Lodges, but had never seen the ceremony of initiation more perfectly done than it had been performed that evening. He felt sure that it had made a great impression on the initiate. At their next meeting their Worshipful Master would address them as their Immediate Past Master. In conclusion he would say to all present—Onward, work hard, and make the New Cross Lodge second to none. He would now call on them to drink the W.M's health, wishing him success. The Worshipful Master said it caused him some embarrassment to reply. Time after time his health had been proposed, and always with many compliments. During his year of office many emergencies had occurred which had prevented him devoting the time that was necessary for his duties to the Craft. This he felt to be a misfortune, but he hoped to bring himself nearer perfection in the future. He thanked them all most heartily for their good wishes, and assured them of his continued interest in the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. Carlo Grassi); this was a most pleasant duty, as he was the first candidate he (the Worshipful Master) had brought into the Lodge for initiation. As a Mason Bro. Grassi was diligent, and the brethren had made a wise choice in electing him for their future Master. He was a most genial friend, very popular amongst them, and assuredly would make a good Master. The W.M. elect thanked the brethren sincerely, and assured them he would do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge. In speaking of the Initiate, the Worshipful Master said that the New Cross Lodge felt very happy in receiving him, and hoped he would become a shining light amongst them. He advised him to adhere strictly to the principles of Masonry, as in doing so he could never go wrong. Bro. Echenard in reply thanked them all most sincerely for the hearty manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to. He would endeavour to remember the words of the Worshipful Master, and do all in his power to become a good and delighted to see Bro. Calvert, a good Brother, and well to them all. He would call upon Bros. Finch, G. Reynolds (S. to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction), T. Ridge, and F. to reply. Bro. J. Finch thanked the Worshipful Master for c his name with the other respondents. He felt sure that the had all enjoyed the evening both at the Banquet and in th where the W.M. had performed his work in so praiseworthy a Bro. G. Reynolds felt greatly complimented in being asked t He hoped all had spent a profitable and pleasant even n W.M. in alluding to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruct said much to encourage him as Secretary; he could assure h he would still continue to give it his best attention; he t would continue to increase its number of members, and work. The W.M. had assisted in making this Lodge of Ins popular, by kind and courteous attention to the brethr attended. He was also willing to assist in the working in r sible way. Bros. Ridge and Calvert also replied. In repl the Past Masters Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee said it w gratifying to them to hear the W.M. so praised. It was the to assist the W.M. for the time being, in every possible way, could assure the W.M. elect he would always receive the sa After some of the other P.M.'s had spoken, the W.M. p the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, to which tos Thiellay and Smith replied. After the Officers had receiv meed of praise, the Tyler's toast was given, and this brou enjoyable evening to a close. The W.M., Bros. C. Gr Mackway, C. Howard, W. Douglas (recitation), W. J. Pegr others contributed to the enjoyment of the company.

## POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE ordinary regular meeting of this Lodge was held at t masons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the under the presidency of Bro. Oliver Bryant W.M. Work con shortly after 5.30 p.m. The minutes having been read and co advancement was made to the third degree, and Bro. Jo raised. On resuming to the degree, after ballot had been it proved unanimous—three candidates, Mr. Abrahams, Re Oxford, and Mr. Whitcomb, were duly admitted to the myste privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Both ceremonies we carefully rendered by the W.M. Other business having be pleted, Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned banquet room. When the wants of the inner man had been s to, and the cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toa given and responded to; then Bro. Bieling I.P.M. took the g proposed the health of the W.M.; he briefly alluded to the c manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and co by wishing Bro. Bryant a happy and prosperous year of offic W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for their kind wi found his position not so difficult a one as he had anticipated, would continue so long as he was so well supported as he h He would do his best, and hoped he would be as well suppor had been his predecessors. He trusted he might vacate with their good wishes and sympathy. The W.M. next prop health of the Initiates, saying they did not often have th candidates, representing as they did law, divinity and mathe he hoped each would become an honour to the Lodge. T having been duly responded to, the health of the P.M.'s—Drs. and Jagielski, also Bros. Nowakowski (Treasurer) and Le (Secretary) was proposed and duly honoured. The Officers p during the evening were next complimented. The Tyler closed the proceedings. The following Visitors were present Hocklin P.M. 1261, Pritchard W.M. 1415, Saegert P.M Hempsted 180, Pangburne 1288, Arding 1287.

## WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1

THE installation of the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. G took place on the 14th inst., and was honoured with attendance of Prov. Grand Officers and visitors, amongst thes the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., the Prov. Grand Master Bros. Le Fevre, Bros. Lancaster Prov. Goble Prov. G. Secretary, Loader and Brickwood Prov. G. J Jackson and Burdett Prov. G. Pursuivants, Kimber Prov. G Bearne, Power Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Pigeon Prov. Gilmour Prov. G. Steward, W. H. Jacob Past Prov. G. Stewa Mason P.G. Deacon Middleser. The latter came down to s the cause of the Benevolent Fund for Aged and Decayed Mas ther Widows, and that of the Stewardship of Bro. W. H. Jac will represent the Lodge at the Festival, to be presid by the Prov. G. Master Bro. Beach. The installation cerem performed by Bro. Pottle, the Installing Past Master, and the were invested, as under:—Bros. H. Pottle I.P.M., W. H. Jac S.W., J. Greig J.W., F. H. King P.M. Treasurer, J. Harrison tary, Bellinger S.D., Frampton J.D., Crease I.G., Campl Davis Dirs. of Cers., Snook and Wylie Stewards, Chalkley C Sims Tyler. The banquet was capitally served by Bro. Clow

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

**Olympic.**—After a successful tour in the provinces, Mr. Edward Terry, on Thursday, 16th December, produced "The Churchwarden" at this theatre, for the first time in London. The piece—a farce translated from the German, by Messrs. Ogden and Cassell, and adapted for the English stage by Mr. Terry—was first played in England at Newcastle, where it proved to be of a highly amusing character. Mr. Terry has adapted for himself a part that fits him exactly; but while doing so has not fallen into the common error of neglecting the other characters. Most of the artists have material to work on, and judging from the reception accorded it on the first night, "The Churchwarden" ought to have a long and successful run. The chief character, Daniel Chuffy, the Churchwarden, is impersonated by Mr. Terry. He is considered by his friends and neighbours to be one of the most upright and virtuous of his sex. In order to carry out certain business transactions he visits London, where, at a late hour, he meets with a pretty girl, stylishly dressed, who tells him she has lost her uncle, who was escorting her, amidst the crowd. By some means or other, difficult to understand, these two enter a restaurant together, where champagne and oysters are ordered. Suddenly the lady, without warning, rushes to the door and makes her escape. Mr. Chuffy is now accosted by a Mr. Bearder, M.P., who is exerting his influence to make him a magistrate. Upon being questioned as to who the lady is, Chuffy, to allay suspicion, states that she is his wife. Shortly after his return home, Chuffy learns that Bearder intends calling upon him, respecting the magistracy. To avoid the complication he is involved in, Chuffy confides to an intimate friend named Gaddam his London experiences, and upon the arrival of Bearder, Gaddam introduces Mrs. Chuffy as her husband's sister, while a niece of Chuffy is represented as that gentleman's wife. The further misrepresentations made by Chuffy, instead of relieving him of his troubles, plunge him deeper into the mire. A waiter, who is about to marry one of Chuffy's servants, calls at the house, and recognises the suspicious visitor at the restaurant, whence the latter departed without paying his bill. To keep the waiter quiet Chuffy pays the amount charged for the supper, but Mr. Bearder falls in love with Mrs. Chuffy, while a quarrel ensues between the niece of Chuffy and her lover, Frank Bilton. This gentleman knows all about Chuffy's conduct in London, where he paid the money due for the supper. Chuffy on learning this recognises him, and requests him to be silent, at the same time promises a full explanation to him. It now appears that Bearder had also paid for the unlucky supper, and Chuffy settles the score with him. The facial expression displayed by Mr. Terry as he realizes how this supper has now cost him £6, caused great laughter. Mrs. Chuffy, at this stage, receives intimation of her husband's conduct while in London; jealousy begins to work on her, and she resolves to leave him. Before doing so, however, it is discovered the lady whom Chuffy met was Bearder's niece, and all is satisfactorily explained. Chuffy acknowledges the deceit, and is forgiven by his wife; while the niece and her lover's reconciliation is easily effected. The piece was admirably put upon the stage, and ran well from beginning to end. Mr. Terry has rarely, if ever, been seen to better advantage than in this part of the Churchwarden. Mr. T. C. Valentine acted with spirit as Chuffy's friend. Mr. A. Bishop realised the easy going M.P. most satisfactorily. Mr. J. G. Taylor, as the waiter, was exceedingly funny. Mrs. Chuffy, by Miss Maria Jones, was all that could be wished; while Kate, the niece, was well played by Miss Cowper. The other parts were ably filled, and loud applause was given at the conclusion of the piece.

**Princess's.**—Keeping an audience for over three hours in a state of overwhelming excitement is a state of things rarely attained, but this was certainly achieved by Mr. H. A. Jones on Wednesday, when his new and original romantic drama, "The Noble Vagabond," was produced at the above theatre. Such a piece as the one under notice was sure to please, for situation after situation was brought about in so perfect a manner that the interest was continuously sustained, though we almost doubted whether the author could carry his scheme successfully to the end. However, Mr. Jones had not expended all his ideas on the first part of the drama, for act after act proved to be as interesting as its predecessor. The scene where Maplebury Mop is represented is at once full of interesting recollections; here are shooting galleries, swings, shows, a sea serpent, a fat woman—the chief attraction, as we are informed by Dick Vympany—and all accessories associated with a fair. But, to our mind, this scene was too much elaborated; we have an unnecessary boxing match introduced; this, moreover, at an interesting stage of the story, and it could just as well be left out. "The Noble Vagabond" throughout is what is known as a noisy drama, it is full of touching and exciting incidents, and is sure to please admirers of this kind of entertainment. The following is an outline of the plot. Ralph Lester accidentally discovers a murder has been committed, under circumstances which leave little doubt that its perpetrator is his uncle, Sir Godfrey Deveson, who has left the country. The happiness of his cousin, Maud Deveson, is at stake; she may be suspected of having assisted her father; so Lester, believing in Maud's innocence, agrees he will help her to discover the culprit. To convince the world that Scorier, the murdered man, was alive after Sir Godfrey's departure is hardly an easy task, but Lester has an idea it can be done. He, therefore, determines to impersonate Scorier, and when we are a second time introduced to the murdered man's cottage, we find the townspeople, who have become curious at the non-appearance of Scorier, calling him. Not receiving an answer, they break the door open, and then the audience are startled by seeing the murdered man apparently alive again. The impersonation is successful, and the townspeople return to Maplebury, fully convinced they have seen Scorier, but really it is Lester disguised. After this risky impersonation has been carried to a successful conclusion, one might think that more deception would not be attempted, but such were not the author's views; not content with having imposed on the people, Lester further attempts to show them that Scorier is going to leave Maplebury for ever; but in bidding adieu to the people at the fair, he is set upon by the crowd, and is recognised; thereupon Scorier's son accuses Lester of the murder. How Lester manages to escape; how Sir Godfrey returns to England; and how the murder is brought home to Scorier jun. is fully shown in the last act. When the end comes Ralph is proclaimed heir to Maplebury House, and secures the hand of Maud. Mr Jones has managed to enliven the piece with amusing incidents, and if the drama does not shine with that finish that has been characteristic of Mr. Jones's former works, it contains plenty of material that will make amends for trivial errors. The weight of the piece necessarily falls on the shoulders of two or three artistes, but they were able and willing, and the result was all that could be desired. Mr. Charles Warner has one of the parts he always manages to shine in. The character of Ralph Lester is one that requires an actor well up in his business to make it successful, and in Mr. Warner's hands every line is made to tell, while every situation is capitally realized. In lighter scenes this gentleman can always be entertaining, but the task of representing the murdered man was one that required a deep study; not only was the scene a most trying one, but he had another actor to copy. Mr. Julian Cross made old Scorier a cringing old villain, sodden with brandy, always ranting, and as hardened as could be conceived. This Mr. Warner had to copy so exactly that if a mistake had been made it would have been ruinous. But this popular actor went through his task admirably, and well deserved the enthusiastic applause bestowed on him. Miss Dorothy Dene, as Maud Deveson, although lacking the physique necessary to carry her through the most trying scenes, gave a good rendering of the part. Mr. Charles Cartwright depicted the villainies of Scorier jun. admirably, while Mr. Julian Cross played the part of old Scorier with intense power. Mr. George Barratt has, in Dick Vimpany, a part that suits him exactly; still we think it could be strengthened, Mr. John Beauchamp was hardly forcible enough as Sir Godfrey Devison, but Miss Hughes and Miss Titheredge respectively as Dinah Vimpany and Mary Lester made the most of the work allotted them. At the conclusion, Mr. Warner, Miss Dene, and the other members of the caste were called, and then Mr. Jones had to bow his acknowledgments. Mr. Charles Wyndham—who has taken up the reins of government here—then came before the curtain, and thanked those present for the hearty reception they had given to the piece. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Wyndham mentioned that eighteen years since, when he started his managerial experiments, at the old Princess's, the failure which resulted rather damped his spirits; nevertheless, he had determined to try again, and judging from the reception accorded "The Noble Vagabond" he trusted his present effort would prove more successful.

**Gaiety.**—If first nights may be taken as guides as to whether success is to be achieved or no, certain it is that "Monte Cristo jun.," produced here on Thursday evening, will be an undeniable success. Burlesque at this house is always acceptable, but when such a piece as that under notice is presented it is doubly so. Mr. Richard Henry was named as author, but it was pretty generally known that the one selected only hid the real name of the author. Certainly the story suffers somewhat in a production like this, but when funny and witty remarks are forthcoming, and these are enlivened with splendid dresses and magnificent scenery, nothing further could be desired. There is nothing to give offence, while vulgarity does not appear in the most trifling aspect. Again, beautiful music has been supplied by Messrs. Meyer Lutz, Ivan Caryll, Hamilton Clarke, G. W. Hunt, and Henry J. Leslie, so that nothing more could be desired. The piece—founded on the popular "Monte Cristo" story—has had several novelties put into it. Edmund Dantès is sent to confinement in the Chateau d'If on his wedding day; there he learns the secret of the treasure cave. He manages to make his escape, and with the huge fortune he finds at the cave, turns the tables against his enemies. In the character of Dantès, Miss Nellie Farren has another of those parts she makes so much fun out of. She has returned to the Gaiety boards after a most successful tour, and on Thursday appeared with all her well-known dash, vivacity and humour. Singing and dancing in the well-known style, she again and again gained the plaudits of a crowded audience, while her companion, Mr. Fred Leslie, as Noirtier, was equally successful. Droll as ever, this gentlemen has new business to introduce, whilst his singing is both amusing and artistic. However, Mr. Leslie gained his greatest success over his imitation of well known actors. The amusement of the piece does not rest with these two artistes, and with so talented a company as is drawn together success ought to be forthcoming. Misses Fay Templeton, Delaporte, Lottie Collins, Jennie McNulty, Messrs. E. J. Lonnen, George Honey, George Stone, W. Guise, and Alfred Balfour all distinguished themselves. The corps de ballet had been ably drilled, under the direction of M. Dewynne, and Herr Meyer Lutz conducts the orchestra. The magnificent scenery, by Beverley, Perkins, Banks, and Telbin was greatly admired, while Mr. C. Harris richly deserved the call he received at the conclusion for his production of the latest Gaiety success.

**Globe.**—On visiting this cosy theatre one evening during the week, we were once more able to enjoy a good laugh over "The Pickpocket." This piece, has now been played over two hundred times, and we need scarcely say it goes smoothly; in fact, we never saw it go better. Messrs. Penley, Allan, Hill, and Draycott, all work together, and cause the different situations to be highly amusing. Our naming only four of the gentlemen engaged, must not be taken to imply that the fun stops with them; Miss Vane Featherston, Miss Cissy Grahame, and Mrs. Stephens all add to the fun of the piece, while other members of the caste are well qualified for their parts. We may predict that "The Pickpocket" will continue his successful career through the Christmas holidays.

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**St. James's Hall.**—The annual concert by the students and professors of the London Conservatoire of Music was given last Saturday. This establishment was introduced in 1864, and has since been making such rapid progress that at the present time it may be said to have achieved a perfection in all branches of music that is not easily to be attained. The concert on Saturday was marked with every feature of success, not only was there a crowded audience, but a high class programme had been arranged to amuse them. The evening passed off satisfactorily,—with but one exception. That exception was the difficulty some part of the audience had in finding which item was demanding attention. For some unexplained reason, the first part of the programme was not adhered to, and it was by chance the listener managed to find out which item was being sung. This could easily have been remedied—by the song being previously announced. We trust in future to see this done. Turning to the business of the evening, we can congratulate the Conservatoire on the excellence of its choir. The singers kept splendid time, and their portion of the programme was heartily enjoyed. Miss Mina Rees sang in good style Brasa's legende volaque "La Serenata," with a violin obligato by Mr. Basil Althaus, and later on "O luce di quest anima." Mr. Walter Bolton's spirited rendering of "Largo al factotum" met with a hearty reception, as did his duet with Madame Richards. Mr. Basil Althaus artistically played the "Air Hongroise" on the violin, and later on accompanied—on the pianoforte—four of his pupils in a violin quartette. Mdlle. Lucille Saunders was in excellent voice, and gave "O Mio Fernando" and "Love Ties," for each of which she was recalled. Signor Tito Mattei's cleverly executed pianoforte solos were highly appreciated by the audience, as also was Mr. Oberthur's harp playing. A good reception awaited Miss Frances Prideaux, who sang "Nobil Signor," while Mdlle. Noemi Lorenzi and Mr. Oberthur bowed their acknowledgments for the applause bestowed on them for their rendering of "Je Voudrais être." "Come into the Garden, Maud" was fairly given by Mr. T. W. Page. "The old, old story" and the "Breezes" were contributed by Miss Eleanor Mewis; while later on Miss J. Greenbank well played Chopin's "Tarantelle" on the pianoforte. Mdlle. Noemi Lorenzi's rendering of "Semiramide" met with a good reception, soon after which an enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem, by the Choir. Messrs. Sidney Shaw, F. R. Kinkee, Breakspeare Smith, G. J. Sumpter, and Lansdowne Cottell ably conducted, while F. Kinkee was the accompanyist, and F. R. Kinkee the organist.

The Railway Companies are making special arrangements for conveying visitors on Boxing Day to Olympia, the new National Agricultural Hall, at Addison Road Station, to witness the performances of the Great Hippodrome of Paris. The Great Western and Metropolitan Railways will run a regular quarter-hour service; and there will be increased facilities on the District Railway to West Kensington Station, which is a few minutes, walk from the National Agricultural Hall. The other Railways will also provide for the large crowds which we have no doubt will attend this novel show during Christmas.

## PLAIN FACTS.

THE Monitor records this verse, which is given in the charge at initiation:—"As a Mason you are to study the Sacred Law; to consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your life and actions by its divine precepts."

Probably there is no passage in the whole literature of Masonry that more clearly defines a Mason's duty than the one just uttered. We are apt to look upon this Fraternity with a romantic eye, as did one of our contemporaries, who expressed himself in these words:—

"Let the possessor of the secrets of Freemasonry be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, these credentials remain. They have stayed the hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence, and broken down the barrier of political animosity. On the field of battle, in the solitude of the uncultivated forest, and in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made friends of the most hostile feelings."

We would gladly persuade ourselves that this ideal view of Masonry is correct. Men that have this happy opinion are of that nature that enjoy great pleasure in their contemplation and speculations. They look upon it as perfection, and they think that this excellent quality permeates all surroundings. Why is it that a young Craftsman is more zealous to all outward appearances than the veteran? Because the former looks at the forms and ceremonies, as well as the teachings, as something that is perfect in itself. So it is; but the old, tried brother who has seen a long and varied experience in Masonic life, has learned that all is not gold that glitters, and that it is best to make Masonry a success by a more practical application. You are to study the Sacred Law, says the ritual. If there is one class more than another that should study the Bible it is Masons, for the reason that this "Great Light" is the most prominent feature of the Institution.

In one of the higher degrees we get this good instruction—"Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion every man to his brother. Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in heart. Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour, execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates, and love no false oath; for all these I hate, saith the Lord. Forget not these precepts of the old law; and especially do not forget, as you advance, that every Mason, however humble, is your brother, and the labouring man your peer. Remember, always, that all Masonry is work for the advancement of mankind."

A great writer makes the following allusion, which points directly to the subject:—

"The lectures of Masonry contain an extensive reference to a system of moral duties applicable to every station of life, and to all situations in which a Mason can possibly be placed, although the explanations are not so ample and diffusive as might be wished, they apply in general to the duties we owe to God, our neighbour, and ourselves, including brief dissertations on the theological and cardinal virtues, on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and a variety of other subjects connected with Bible history; for above all other means of promoting the interests of morality amongst the brotherhood, it is felt that the influence of religion is the most efficient and certain, and hence the system is based on the knowledge of a God who is the creator of the world and the author and giver of every good and perfect gift."

All this confirms the fact that as Masons we should study the Sacred Law, that we may know what it contains and frame our conduct after its excellent teachings.

We must not lose faith because some brother forgets his obligations, for the reason that the Fraternity is much older than the member, whose force of mind is insufficient to permit him to preserve his pledges. As we remarked in our opening lines, we must not make our Masonry an ideal one. On the contrary, it should be practical in the extreme. The excellent symbols of Masonry are good for all conditions of life, and it is in their practice that we realize the advantages and benefits of the symbols. Such a life will be rewarded, as assured in the book of Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—*N. Y. Freemasons' Journal.*

A memorial window to the Dowager Lady Williams of "Tregullow," from the Studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street, has been erected in the church of "St. Day," in Cornwall, the gift of her son, Mr. Michael Williams, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. M. Williams.

Bro. General Israel Putnam is to have a monument erected to his memory, by the State of Connecticut, near the Mortlake House, in Old Brooklyn. The remains were disinterred, placed in a metallic coffin, and re-interred under the foundation of the monument, which will be surmounted by an equestrian statue of the Revolutionary hero, to cost 10,000 dollars.

PENNSYLVANIA'S MASONIC HOME.—The *Keystone* announces that the Managers of the Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania have commenced improvements by which the capacity of the Institution will be doubled, and thus be enabled to extend its charities and open its doors to worthy applicants.

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**W. WITHER B. BEACH, Esq., M.P.**

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## A MASONIC INCIDENT IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF BALTIMORE.

*From Edward T. Schultz's History of Freemasonry in Maryland, Vol. II, page 736.*

THE Baltimore of to-day differs greatly from the Baltimore of 60 years ago in its extent, wealth and ambition as well as in its social character.

In 1886 it claims to be metropolitan; in 1819 it was truly provincial. Every man felt an interest in his neighbour, and had time to turn aside from his own pursuits to extend a helping hand to a less fortunate brother.

The incident I am about to relate occurred at the latter period, and is an example of the knowledge and sympathy which existed between higher and lower classes of society.

In the lower part of Baltimore, east of the Falls, then the fashionable quarter of the city, lived two young men, brothers, who were in the habit of walking together every morning to their respective offices. On one occasion, in passing an alley, not far from their home, their attention was attracted to a shanty, which had been put up against the wall of a carriage-house, and in which they could see an old man sometimes, working with tools, sometimes crouching over a small fire. It was November and very cold, snow was upon the ground, and his shelter too open to protect him from the inclemency of the weather. Their interest was excited, and they determined to offer him assistance. They entered, and beheld standing before them a fine-looking old man, who evidently had seen better days. He was over six feet in height, large in proportion, with a grand head, nearly bald, his snow-white hair falling on his neck. Bitterly cold as it was, he had on a pair of nankeen trousers, so short as to show his ankles, no stockings, and his feet—much swollen from dropsy—were covered only by slippers. An old dress coat, buttoned up to the throat, completed his costume. Yet with all these indications of poverty his appearance was profoundly impressive. His bearing was that of a dignified gentleman, too proud to tell his needs, and yet gracious in acknowledging kindness. He bore the countenance of old Belisarius, in all its calm majesty, but the practised eye soon recognised a mind falling to ruin. It was impossible to offer charity, his manner forbade it. Day by day these young men watched for an opportunity of relieving him, but for some time in vain.

In the same alley lived a smith, who wrought in the finer parts of iron work. This man was seen to go in and out of the shanty, and they applied to him for information. The smith was a Scotchman, a skill workman, and possessed of more refinement and ideality than men of his class usually have. When asked what he knew of the old man he replied:

"I do not know where he comes from. All I do know is, that he is the most learned man I ever met. He speaks many languages; he is an amateur mechanic; a great philosopher, and is just on the point of bringing to a successful conclusion the discovery of perpetual motion, through the means of the hydrostatic paradox. I have worked for him for several weeks, to complete the model, with brass and iron, which the old gentleman could not execute himself, for want of materials and a shop. Oh! he is a great man, but so poor! I cannot sleep these cold nights for thinking of him. He lies on his work-bench, with little covering, and I fear he may die of cold. He supports himself by doing small jobs of carpentry work, but they are small and bring small pay. He is so clever. He could do many things that would bring him money, but he is jealous of every moment spent away from his beloved model."

The gentlemen asked the smith to obtain for them leave to examine the apparatus, which he finally did. The model was beautiful and quite ingenious, coming nearer the end aimed at than any they had ever seen, but it could not command much attention in the presence of the grand old man whom they felt so powerless to assist.

Some few weeks later the smith stopped them as they were passing, and told them he had discovered that the old man was a Mason, and he thought it might be possible to assist him, through the Lodge. Fortunately they belonged to the Craft, and, satisfying themselves that he was of the Fellowship, tendered to him the hospitalities which were his due. His proud soul then unbent, his heart was softened, and he accepted the aid of the Brotherhood. It was full time, for a heavy fall of snow had made it necessary for him to be removed from his wretchedly uncomfortable quarters. By the aid of Masonic and other generous friends he was provided with clothing, placed in a well-warmed and comfortable room, where he could receive his young friends and fascinate them by his powers of conversation.

He seemed to realise his declining years, and spoke of his darling invention as not perfect, but to be perfected if his life and health were spared.

After a few days more of intercourse his gratitude expressed itself in tears, and he opened his heart to his benefactors, who then heard with astonishment that he was Sir Richard Crosby (or Crosbie), an Irishman, of an old, rich and influential family. He had been educated at the Dublin University, where he had distinguished himself in the study of natural science, making some useful inventions.

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When twenty years of age he engaged with Montgolfier (the earliest aeronaut) in perfecting balloons, and with that distinguished philosopher started from the coast of France on an aerial voyage across the Channel, an account of which is given in the "Gentlemen's Magazine" of the year 1785, where we read that both adventurers were dropped in the sea, and would have been drowned but for the exertions of some fishermen who happened to be near the scene.

This, however, was but one chapter in his adventurous life—he had lived in India, in South America, in the Western Wilds of North America, earning his bread in different ways, working as a teacher, a mechanic, a porter, a boatman on the Mississipi; sometimes in good fortune, sometimes in poverty, but always hoping to gain the great prize he had in view. He had married early in life, and had one daughter, but home pleasures were too tame for him; gambling, racing and every kind of dissipation carried him captive. He had soon involved his fortune, and in desperation turned his back upon kindred and country, seeking in new scenes to drown the memory of the past. He had had no communication with his family for more than thirty years. The sympathy bestowed upon him seemed to recall feelings of affection, that at first appeared dead for ever.

There were at that time living in Baltimore several rich Irish merchants who had become interested in Sir Richard and had contributed to his comfort (unknown of course, to him) who desired to visit him, but he refused, saying that he had cut himself off by past conduct from men of his own age and class. "Young men," he said, "are as children to me; toward you I feel differently." By degrees he was at last persuaded to allow his kindred in Dublin to be informed of his existence and condition. Lord C——, then one of the first noblemen of Ireland, and nephew of Sir Richard, was written to, and in about sixty days (the length of a voyage to Europe and back at that time) an answer came, full of astonishment and gratitude for what had been done, expressing the warmest desire for his return, and directing the young men to draw for any funds necessary for past and future expenses.

In the spring of 1820, in feeble health, though a good deal restored, he took leave of his benefactors and embarked in a fine ship, sailing from Baltimore for Liverpool. In due time news arrived of his reaching home in safety, and receiving the welcome of the Prodigal Son. He was now 80 years of age, and had never risen superior to the poison derived from the writings of Voltaire, Rousseau and other freethinkers of that day; but God in His mercy softened his heart, first by gratitude and then by love, so that the closing years of his life were brightened by faith and hope.

He lived two or three years after his return, and then calmly and happily passed away, surrounded by his kindred and friends.

During the 30 succeeding years Lord C—— continued to correspond with these gentlemen, always expressing his earnest desire to be able to thank them in person for the great kindness they had extended to his uncle. He invited them repeatedly to visit him, but the duties of their several professions were too imperative. In 1850, however, the elder brother, Gen. Geo. H. Steuart, in consequence of delicate health, determined to cross the ocean. He landed in Ireland, and on the morning after his arrival in Dublin, wishing to make some inquiries, requested his host to breakfast with him. In the course of the conversation General Steuart asked if he had ever heard of Sir Richard Crosby.

"Yes," he replied. "I never can forget it. I was a boy of 10 years when the old gentleman came home. He was supposed to have died many years before, but was found and brought back through the Masons, and what a welcome they gave him! He was met outside of the town, and in a great procession carried through the streets in an open carriage, under triumphal arches and amid the cheers of the people. It was a great day for the Masons."

When General Steuart told of his connection with the return, the man exclaimed with enthusiasm:

"Oh! you must let Lord C—— know you are here. He is the warmest-hearted and the best man that ever lived. He loved his uncle and cherished him greatly after his return. The castle where he lives is not more than a mile from Dublin.

The next morning General Steuart, tempted by the bright sunshine and soft spring air, started for a walk. He was led on by interest and pleasure until he found himself some distance beyond the city limits, when, seeing on his right an imposing gateway, he inquired of a man standing near, whose grounds it led into.

"Lord C——'s, your Honour," he replied.

"And do you live here?"

"Yes; I am under gardener?"

"Perhaps you can tell me, General Steuart continued, if Lord C—— is at home."

"He is, sir; will you not walk in? I can open the gate for you."

General Steuart accepted the invitation, and following the carriage-road soon came upon an elegant mansion. The front door stood open, showing a spacious hall, the walls covered with portraits, and warm in colour from a stained-glass window at one end. A servant appeared in answer to his summons, and taking his card showed him into a large, well-furnished library, evidently the study of a working literary man.

In a few moments there entered a fine looking old gentleman who hurried towards him, and, extending both hands, exclaimed:

"Is this General Steuart, of Baltimore, the friend of Sir Richard Crosby?"

Receiving an affirmative answer, he opened his arms and embraced him as a brother, saying, with tears in his eyes:

"God has been good in letting us meet, for I never can tell you how much we all owe to you and your brother. Our faith in God's promises were almost shaken, as year by year his old mother waited, believing that her prayers would be answered and he brought back to his home, and at last dying, still trusting. To the younger ones her belief and trust appeared like the imbecility of old age, until the return of her son made her faith a reality."

Lord C—— begged that he would at once move out to his house and remain there during his sojourn, but he declined, as he had many friends who had claims upon him.

He, however, remained to lunch, and was then driven back to the city by this warm-hearted Irishman. Every morning during his stay Lord C——'s carriage and servants were at the hotel door awaiting General Steuart's orders. He dined frequently at the castle with friends and relatives, who came from far and near to meet him.

Sir Richard's daughter, by this time an old lady, travelled over 100 miles to welcome and thank him for his attentions to her father. She had become quite a distinguished authoress. Nothing was left undone to show the warmth and sincerity of their feelings.

The Masons of Dublin desired to give him a public reception but his visit was too short to permit it. Soon he turned his back upon Ireland, but with the feeling that the Irish people well deserved all the praise that had been given them for warmth of feeling and true-heartedness.

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## IN WAR TIME.

By William Rounseville.

I DO not know why it should have been so, that I, who had always been opposed to every secret order, when I had decided to enter the army, to assist in the reduction of the rebellion, should have a secret but strong desire to become a Mason. I have often wondered at the fact myself. My father was a devoted believer in all that Blanchard and Finney had said, sung and written against Masonry, and my reverence for his character naturally led me to think that the essence of all evil was centred in a Lodge.

Yet, so it was, after enlistment the inscrutable desire to become a Mason was intensified; the prejudices and convictions, as well as the reasons and arguments were forgotten, and the evils of secret societies became less and less apparent, until they vanished altogether, or else were seen in dim mists floating away on the horizon of memory. I applied for membership, by way of initiation, much to the surprise of some of the members who had heard me so stiffly oppose the Fraternity at whose portals I now knocked.

The usual time of probation was curtailed by an official dispensation, and in a few days after my application I had passed through the first ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry. There was barely time enough to perfect myself in the work, so as to prove my title to the new character I had assumed, when my regiment was ordered to the front, and in less than a week from that time the battle of Shiloh had taken place. It is not my place to criticise the action of the commanding officers, or to write a history of the events of that hard-fought field. The night of the first day found our forces driven under cover of the gunboats, and hundreds of brave fellows who arose the morning of that day in the full tide of health and activity, laid cold and stiff within or beyond the enemy's lines.

Early in the battle, a rifle shot had broken my right leg above the knee. The Union troops fell back from the position which they first occupied, which brought me between the two fires. Consulting my own safety as much as my situation would permit, I managed to get into a hollow, the bed of a torrent then dry, and all day lay there, the balls whistling across my retreat in what seemed to me dangerous proximity to my person, and the shells bursting in the air above me, sending down their iron rain with no regard as to whom it might injure. About dark the firing ceased, and the rebels took a position which left me in the rear.

When all was still I made an attempt to remove from the field of battle, but found it made the pain from my wound unbearable. Besides the loss of blood had so weakened me that it was impossible for me to drag myself over the ground, and I fell back exhausted. Visions of home and its enjoyment; the weeping that would be at the hearthstone when the news of my death should be received, flitted through my mind as I laid me down on what I firmly believed to be my death bed. Tired nature could endure no more, and a state of insensibility supervened.

How long this condition continued I had no method of knowing, but was startled from the trance by feeling my hand grasped, and hearing an exclamation of surprise that there was yet life remaining. Under the impulse of the moment I returned the grasp and with it the grip of a Mason. To my unspeakable gratification there was a prompt response.

"You are wounded!"

"My thigh is broken."

"We are searching for our brother. Be as patient as possible and we will return and attend to your wants."

"Do not leave me to perish; you are an enemy, but enemies may be magnanimous," I cried.

"You are a brother and shall be treated as such," was the response.

The searchers went away, and after being gone for a time, that seemed to me a century, returned, bearing in a spring wagon the lifeless body of the beloved one of whom they went in search. With the utmost care and tenderness I was raised and placed beside the cold body and driven to the rear, and at last lodged in the house of my deliverers, where surgical aid was procured and I was nursed to health again. Many times small parties of the confederate troops passed that way, but owing to the representations of my hosts, they never molested or offered to injure me.

The Union army had passed on its victorious march to the south before I was able to travel, and when, with grateful heart for life preservation, I grasped the hard hand of the Southerner and bade him good bye, unbidden tears fell from my eyes, and words failed to express my feelings. There is great satisfaction in believing that our esteem was mutual.

I reported myself at the nearest station occupied by the Union troops, found I had been set down among the "missing," and as I was still unfit for duty, obtained a discharge and went home, never more to enter the ranks of the country's defenders. My wounds con-

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tinued to be troublesome at times, and even yet prevent me from indulging in active movements which my temperament would prompt.

It was not until the war was over, and around the paternal fireside that I gave the details of the case as I now relate them. My father had expressed his antipathy to the Masonic institution with more bitterness than usual even with me. As a reply, I told my story. He sat for some time in silence. Then rising, he threw his arms around my neck and embraced me in the most ardent and passionate manner.

Then, raising his hand to heaven, he exclaimed: "God forbid that I should war against an institution that leads us to bless our enemies. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if ever again I speak against Masonry."

And he kept his word. The grass grows above him, where his body was deposited in hope of the resurrection by sympathizing brethren, accompanied by the sublimely solemn and impressive burial service of Freemasonry.—*Illinois Freemason.*

## THE MASON'S PRAYER.

By Bro. Lee O. Harris.

Great Architect of earth and skies,
Fill Thou my heart with purity,
And let its love, like incense, rise.
A grateful offering unto Thee.

Teach me to labour for the right,
Since labour is Thy highest trust,
To Seraph clothed with Heaven's light,
Or lowest reptile of the dust.

Nor let me idly sit and see
A stricken brother fainting go,
But fill my soul with charity
To lift his heavy weight of woe.

Teach me to guard with watchful care
The treasures of Thy altar place,
Nor let unhallowed hands impair
Thy temple's beauty nor its grace.

Oh, let this thought my will control—
There is an Eye whose searching light
Pervades the chambers of the soul,
And reads its every thought aright.

Oh, when the storms are fierce and dark,
Let down the anchor of Thy Love,
That Peace may smile within the Ark
To welcome her returning dove.

So, let me solve life's problem well,
That when the working time is past,
The voice of after years shall tell,
"He found its answer at the last."

Let brave endeavour's golden sand
Run through the glass of life, till Time
Shall wield his scythe to cut the strand
That holds me from a happier clime.

Then shall I go without regret,
Confiding in thy power to save,
Nor fear to lie where Hope has set
Her green acacia at the grave.

—*Masonic Advocate.*

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday. Comps. Radcliffe M.E.Z., Jenkins H., Barnet J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Fraser P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed in a very instructive manner.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence—the last meeting for the year—was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey P.G.D. President, James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President were in their respective chairs. Among others who attended were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Lee, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. On taking his seat, for the first time since his appointment as President of the Board of Benevolence, by the Grand Master, Bro. Grey was loudly cheered. He thereupon rose, and said that he felt highly honoured by having the appointment conferred upon him by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was, indeed, a very exalted position to be placed in, and he should endeavour to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of His Royal Highness and the brethren. He hoped that the Board would work with the same harmony and unanimity as heretofore. Several grants were made during the meeting.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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### ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE annual session for the election of E.P. took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. In the absence of the E.P., Fra. Christopher Pallister, the throne was occupied by Fra. T. B. Whytehead P., and there were also present Fras. Wm. Brown Constable, W. H. Cowper Marshal, J. T. Seller Sub-Marshal, Major McGachen Herald, W. B. Dyson V.B., W. Watson C. of G., and others. A number of apologies were read from absent Knights, after which a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed for the benefit of the Officers, and a scroll was then taken for E.P., resulting in the election of Fra. W. H. Cowper, Fra. Brown having expressed a wish to delay his own progress for a year. Fra. T. B. Whytehead was elected Treasurer for the tenth time, and Fras. Brown and Dyson were elected Auditors. Fra. Whytehead announced that he was in correspondence with some of the leaders of the Order of the Temple in the United States, and trusted to be able to make arrangements for a grand Templar gathering in York next summer to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen, the Patroness of the Order. A bâton for the use of the E.P.—the gift of E. Fra. C. Pallisser—was presented, and a vote of thanks for the same was passed, and, after the alms bag had been passed round, the Preceptory was closed.

Mexican Masonry.—The prospects of the Craft in Mexico are very bright; the funds of the Mexican Grand Lodge being in a flourishing condition, and much good work is done in that far-away republic, notwithstanding the continued opposition of the Jesuit party. Previous to the invasion of the French, and the erection of the Empire, there existed in the city of Mexico quite a large body of Scottish Rite Masons; but the wholesale assassination of anti-church leaders, by virtue of the infamous decree of Maximilian, putting to death, during his short reign, no less than 11,700 patriots, whose only crime was fighting for national liberty, more than decimated their ranks. However, after the pacification, Masonic matters took a turn for the better, and the prosperity and unity of the Craft are now accomplished facts. President Diaz, a liberal-minded Mason, is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mexico.

How often must it be affirmed that the Institution of Freemasonry does not rest on merely selfish grounds? Men will be disappointed who seek entrance into the organization impelled chiefly by the desire to advance their personal interest. It is the mission of the great Brotherhood to bring its members close together and make them helpers of each other in all laudable ways; but this work is done in no narrow, precise, or technical way, hence those who come influenced only by a selfish motive will surely be disappointed. They will find that Freemasonry has a broader scope of teaching and endeavour than they had supposed, and that it is not held to ministries in the line of a merely personal gain for those admitted to its fellowship.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Of the multiplying of Rites and Orders there seems to be no end. Clubs, associations, fraternal and beneficial societies, can be organized at the present time with but slight effort. We have nothing to say in opposition to these rapidly increasing societies, and we recognize the right of their projectors and upholders to work in all legitimate ways for the strengthening of such organizations. But Freemasonry ought not to be regarded as holding any close alliance with many of these organizations, however much some of them claim relation to it. Let the newly established rites and fraternities stand by themselves and do their own work; and let the members of the Craft hold to the ancient system and support the well approved organizations that represent its true character and life.

Inter-visitations are of untold value to all secret organizations. If one Lodge visits another in a body, it widens the usefulness of both. If one member visits another, it creates a universality of feeling, and inaugurates new friendships; it shows that the citizen loves his neighbour, and desires him to put shoulder to shoulder in the plan to maintain order against every foe at all hazards. Therefore, let the Lodges inter-visit frequently.

The Masonic Press.—The Masonic press cannot rely upon the means of gain and sustenance that the popular press does. The importance of the Masonic press, as an institution, can scarcely be over estimated. It occupies a higher and more tranquil sphere of journalism than that of the secular press. Its influence, however, must not be forgotten in the estimate of the social forces. Unobstractive in its utterances, when compared with the clamorous voices of the political newspaper, its tones, nevertheless, fall upon calmer hearts, and sink deeper into the convictions and life of society. As a medium for communication of moral and Masonic intelligence—an educator, refining and elevating—a fireside mentor, quickening the intellect, expanding the heart, and bearing treasures to myriads, the Masonic journal wields an influence which cannot well be dispensed with, and one that no other moral force can well supply. The duty of the Mason is therefore plain. He has a duty to perform in extending the circulation, and in widening the influence of the Masonic press. He should not excuse himself from this duty. If he is a Master or Officer of the Lodge, he may recommend it to his members. If he is not an Officer, he can urge its claims whenever an opportunity occurs. The Fraternity should awaken to the importance of a more general and decided effort in behalf of the Masonic newspaper and Masonic literature.—*N. Y. Sunday Times.*

New York Hall and Asylum Fund.—The subscriptions to the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund in New York have reached the sum of 90,800 dollars.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

**We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.**

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## MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1366—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brignton
K.T.—Plain of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
868—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1621—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I )
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1285—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Bear's Head, Newchurch
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 171—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

## THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warwick St., Ratcliffe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
174 -Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
837—Bancalagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

# GLEANINGS.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in October last, the Grand Master reported having arrested the charters of three Lodges for not inflicting any penalty after having found members guilty of un-Masonic conduct. In connection with his report in these cases, the Grand Master said: "Brethren, as I am in the act of retiring from this office, I desire to send through you, here assembled, a special last message to the absent brethren of every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction; it is this: If you love Freemasonry, punish those who violate her laws and trample her sacred precepts beneath their feet.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of California, a proposition was presented to donate one hundred dollars to the wife of a Mason, who had deserted her, in order to enable the lady to return to her friends in the East. The Committee on Finance reported adversely, but proposed that a collection be taken up in behalf of the unfortunate lady. This was done, and when the money was counted out there was found one hundred and one dollars. We present this item solely for the benefit of such ladies as are continually asserting that there is no good in Masonry.

NOT WORTH MUCH.—"That religion which is put on on Sundays and laid aside on Mondays is not worth much. That Masonry which is worn in the Lodge room, and, as a laid-off garment, is left behind there, is not worth much either." Thus truly has the New York *Dispatch* spoken. Freemasonry must be in the heart and in every act of life, or the Master Builder's work must fail to pass the test of the unerring square.

Charity is one of the foundation-stones; aye! it is the corner-stone of the fabric of Masonry, and to works of charity the Lodge is called.

As a rule, Masons appear to take little interest in supporting journals that devote themselves to the interest of the Craft. We frequently hear from brethren that they are too much engaged to find time for reading about Freemasonry. To many of these we return answer—the loss is yours. All men who take an interest in any society they are associated with should be able to give some account of what is being done by that society. Masonic journals, conducted on broad and sound lines, are worthy the support of members of the Craft."

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MASONIC ABSENTEES.—There are men in our Fraternity who never come to Lodge, and whose claims we cannot resist, for we have them on our list; but if their name were stricken off, as far as we can judge, "they never would be missed, they never would be missed.

The best test of all true Freemasonry is, what does it do for charity? How does it manifest brotherly love, and sympathy, and relief? I believe in no profession of Freemasonry which does not evidence the reality of its belief and of its principles by these evident tokens of sincerity, of having "counted the cost" of Masonic membership.—*Defence of Freemasonry.*

FORMS.—Some one has said, "Of what use are forms, seeing that, at times, they are empty? Of the same use as barrels, which at times are empty too." In Masonry there are many forms, and all are empty unless the real, essential, underlying principles of brotherly love, relief and truth fill them. The barrel, if allowed to remain empty, becomes dry, and in time will fall to pieces. The forms and ceremonies of the various degrees in Masonry, if allowed to remain empty shows, will dry up and fall to pieces. There is too little of the meaning of the ceremonies understood by the great mass of the Fraternity. Every degree, from the first to the last, has some beautiful moral lesson, and, as in England, every road leads to London, so in Masonry every form should lead to the great central truths of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Of what use are the forms if they do not convey some thought to the mind that will be lasting? The more of the senses we can bring to bear upon a lesson in virtue and morality, the deeper will be the impression made, and the more lasting the results. The ear hears the words of wisdom, the eye sees the beauties fully pictured in form and ceremony, and the feeling is made to receive the impression of the lesson.—*N. Y. Despatch.*

JOHN RUSKIN'S TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE.—"It is the grandest group of writings existent in the rational world, put into the grandest language of the rational world in the first strength to the Christian faith by an entirely wise and kind saint, St. Jerome; translated afterwards with beauty and felicity into every language of the Christian world; and the guide, since so translated, of all the arts and acts of that world which have been noble, fortunate and happy. And by consultation of it honestly on any serious business, you may always learn—a long while before your Parliament finds out—what you should do in such business, and be directed, perhaps, besides to work more serious than you had thought of."

COURTESY is a science of the highest importance. It is, like grace and beauty in the body, which charm at first sight, and lead on to further intimacy and friendship, opening a door that we may derive instruction from the example of others, and at the same time enabling us to benefit them by our example, if there be anything in our character worthy of imitation.—*Montaigne.*

MASONIC CONVERSATION.—It was a source of pleasure to be present at a Masonic meeting a few evenings ago, presided over by an intelligent Officer. The able manner of discharging the duties devolving upon him commanded from the brethren an earnest desire to hear every word that fell from his lips. The readiness with which his decisions were received, and the satisfaction they gave, went to convince us that our Worshipful Brother was, indeed, Master of his Lodge. We noticed one feature which particularly pleased us. The regular business of the Lodge was over; there was no degrees to confer, but instead of closing the Lodge, as most would have done, he said: "Brethren, we can now spend half an hour profitably in a Masonic conversation. Is there anything upon which any brother requires light, or has any brother a suggestion to make beneficial to us all as Masons? Let us have a regular Masonic talk over matters of interest to the Craft." A Masonic "family talk" followed, interesting and instructive. There was no effort at display; no subtle discussion. To learn the truth and to gain information was the object, and all were benefited. Would it not be well if more of our Masters would follow this example, and have more of these Masonic conversations—these family talks upon the great variety of Masonic subjects which are continually presenting themselves for discussion and consideration—rather than to occupy the time not required for Lodge work and Lodge duties in useless gossip or idle pastime?—*Hebrew Leader.*

The Second Section of the Third Degree presents an affecting, instructive tradition, and such presentation in the ceremony requires an intelligent, careful treatment. The Officers and brethren of a Lodge when working this section should have in mind the great truths which they are attempting to illustrate and enforce by the ceremony. The stedfastness of heroic virtue is to be made manifest, and the great lessons which relate to life, death and immortality are to be inculcated in such a way and manner as never will be forgotten. Keeping the purpose of the ceremony clearly in mind, all the conditions should be observed to maintain its impressiveness. Levity is wholly out of place. The slightest approach thereto should be repressed, for it is a tragedy and not a farce that is represented in that eventful scene of the Third Degree.

"The ring rules the Lodge." How often do we hear that plaint? Every day, almost. Who do we hear make the remark? The drones, the stayaways, the men who like to have committees formed, and put the work on these committees and tehn "lay" for the mistakes they may possibly make, and rise up and go for them. This class of men is not only a discredit, but a positive disgrace to any Order; and if the few rule the Lodge, why is it? Because the many stay away and let the few do all the work. The stayaways do a vast amount of grumbling, but do absolutely no work. If these two classes will reform and attend to their duty, the "ring" will soon disappear, because all will be inside; and it is only the outsiders who see "rings."—*Light.*

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