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OUR TWENTY-EIGHTH VOLUME.

IT hardly seems possible that one half of 1888 has passed away, yet such is the case, and with the turn of the year we have the pleasure of introducing to our readers the TWENTY-EIGHTH VOLUME of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. In doing so we hope we may not say anything likely to weary our friends. It is not to be supposed all feel as we do on this subject, and we have so often spoken on a similar topic that we cannot even hope to create an interest by saying anything very original; hence we shall content ourselves with a brief notice of the event—an event which is to us the source of pleasure and gratification. We are very proud we have been able to complete another volume of our paper, and that we start its successor with the good wishes of a large number of Craftsmen. It will be our constant endeavour to merit a continuance of these kindly sentiments, and at the same time so to act as to secure *many* new friends for the future. In regard to the past, we are thankful for the support accorded us, and trust we have done our duty. As we had occasion to say last week, this duty is self-imposed, and when, as recently happened, we consider it desirable to be somewhat outspoken, we lay ourselves open to the charge of interfering in other people's concerns. If we have interfered, we have only our love for the Craft and a desire to see its honour maintained to offer as excuse. We are sorry that even in high quarters our motives have been somewhat misinterpreted. In the particular case to which we refer it would have been to our immediate advantage if we had acted differently, but we are convinced that it would not have been to our credit if we had allowed the consideration of a business transaction to influence our remarks, or if we had passed over in silence doings which we consider call for close investigation. Until we are convinced that our action in the past is not the correct course to pursue we shall use every endeavour to continue on the same lines we have hitherto adopted, and in doing so we hope to please our readers, and merit the approval of the Craft at large.

THE BARNATO LODGE.

OUR attention has been directed to certain errors—so-called—which appeared in our last issue when referring to the recent consecration of this Lodge. In the first place we are told "the Lodge was called after the Barnato *mine*, in Kimberley, with which most of the founders are connected—the fact of the *mine* being called after a *man* did not in any way appear." This method of meeting our comments as to the name of the Lodge may appear plausible now, but it was not adopted by the founders previous to the establishment of the Lodge, or even at the entertainment which followed the consecration. The object all through was stated to be to establish a Lodge to be called after Mr. Barnato: the gentleman who was proposed as the first candidate for initation therein, and the gentleman who is accredited—and justly so, we believe—with having paid every farthing of the expenses incidental to the starting of the Lodge, including—out of pure love for the cause (?)—the presentation of a valuable jewel to each of those who took a prominent part in the founding of the Barnato Lodge.

We are next questioned as to the correctness of our remarks that Mr. Barnato was present at the banquet during Masonic "fire." We saw for ourselves what we complained of, and are prepared to prove what we stated, although we believe our critic has since discovered that he was mistaken, and not us.

The next point of objection involves a question of opinion as to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge over Masonic assemblies other than actual Lodge meetings. We shall not argue the point now, but may briefly say that, in our opinion every meeting at which Masonic clothing is legally worn comes under the head of Masonic, and the proceedings thereat must be ruled by the laws and established customs of the Craft.

We are next told that our estimate of the value of the presentation jewels (£40) is grossly exaggerated. If so, the founders only have themselves to thank for the inaccuracy, as, in public, they have frequently referred to them as being worth fifty guineas each. From another source we were told they cost thirty guineas each—we adopted a medium figure. We now hear that a well-known Masonic jeweller has valued the material used in one of the jewels at £27 10s, so that we may be said to have erred on this part of the subject—but we did so without any desire or intention to mislead. It would just as well have suited our purpose to mention the lower amount as that we did name, and we may say we are still unable to recognise the presentation, by the gentleman after whom the Lodge is named, of eight jewels—seven to the principal founders, and one to the Consecrating Officer—each of the value of £27 10s, as coming within the scope of Freemasonry.

We fully expected our remarks of last week would call forth adverse criticism, but the "unkindest cut of all" comes from a high dignitary of the Craft—one who appears to have taken our comments as, in a measure, applying to him personally. He tells us it is clear to any one who cares to give the matter consideration, that the man who wrote the article expected one of the jewels himself, and, in his disappointment at not getting it, he turned round and abused the founders. Such an accusation is as discreditable as it is absurd, and if it is the only defence its author can give for the part he took in the affair it shows he has a poor case. We certainly never intended he should apply our remarks as personal;

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but it appears the cap fits; he has worn it, and he does not appear comfortable after what has been done.

MASONIC FREEDOM.

An Extract from an Address before Hope Lodge, of Minnesota, by Bro. Rev. Wynne Jones, and published in "The Master Mason."

THE true conception of Masonry is a grand and sublime one. It is at once an inductive and a deductive philosophy of man as a social being. As a man is free so is Masonry—free. But true freedom is circumscribed by duties. The freedom of the individual man or organisation implies the freedom of other men and organisations, and is incompatible with conflict; hence, the local Lodge prescribes the limit of the freedom of the individual, and the Grand Lodge defines the liberty of the off-shoot. These governmental prescriptions recognise the individual as a part of a large whole. They aim at the harmony of symphony—"To see that none go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength and support of all organisations, more especially of ours."

The most virtuous and philosophic limitation of human conduct is a positive prescription of duties. A law which forbids without defining a duty is of no benefit to any one but imbeciles and criminals in whom the last vestige of humanity is obliterated by abasement.

Freedom does not imply unlimited power on the part of the individual. My freedom is as sacred as yours, and yours as mine. You have no right to curtail my liberty, nor I yours. If my lust and avarice crave wealth, it is not my privilege to wrong you by base advantage of my superiority of power, if, perchance, my wealth admits of my curtailing your ability by heavily mortgaging your property, or otherwise plunging you into difficulties from which you cannot extricate yourself. Such a principle of action would not exercise itself in "seeing that none go away dissatisfied," and would be very distantly removed from the production of harmony. Unbridled exercise of power is a strong mark of slavery—slavery to a principle of avarice and lust.

The great Napoleon, of warlike fame, was as great a slave to his ambition in the exercise of his power and peculiarly skilful military tactics as the lone negro weighed down by the chains of his bondage in a central African jungle.

Unbridled ambition is the offspring of selfishness, and selfishness, with its attendant evils, is as inconsistent with Freemasonry as hatred is to love, darkness to light. The contrast is invidious. Ideal freedom and harmony are almost synonymous. All the sublime precepts of this Institution of ours are based upon the positive and acknowledged facts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. God, the Grand Architect and Master Mason, and each individual component part in the association of Masons unitedly work out the designs of the ultimate conception of his mind in the consummation of all things. Each man has his individual work to do, and he must not encroach on the domain of his fellow Craftsman or the edifice must lack beauty and symmetry, and be insecure.

Masonry recognises man as a moral and responsible being, endowed with all the possibilities of progression. But morality implies free will and choice, hence also the possibility of retrogression. Nor is an active being and permanency of condition possible. He must act either in the line of duty, progress and ennoblement of character, or in sad deterioration of those characteristics which make him the lord of the creation of an invisible God. There is nothing stationary in this vastly complex universe. Every created atom and molecule in restless procession advances in one vast phalanx towards the realisation of the inscrutable conception of a Master mind, the Grand Master Mason of mind and matter. We observe the progression of matter in the growth of plants, animals, and the stature of man, the formation of rocks, coal and gems, and the development of low animal life to a higher state of life and instinct. Yet the material creation is only the expression of the spiritual and invisible. The existence of the outward to his will, grow while his growth is stunted by the perversity of his inclinations? Shall she which he tramples under his foot, with which he builds his house, clothes his body, allays his hunger, "teach man knowledge?" While she advances in the growth of development shall man alone retrograde in the backward path of declination from virtue to vice? Should such be the contemptuous ambition of any one, by the very desire of his heart he has outlawed himself from the benefit of any society or organisation which has for its object the moral elevation of man, for by the terms of our obligation we are bound to support only worthy brother Masons.

Methinks it is one of the gross evils of the day for men to fly into the precincts of noble institutions to hide their sins and crimes. One man clothes himself in the unsullied garb of the Prince of Peace to serve the devil. He hopes by outside appearance to hide the guilt of his soul, but the contrast between the immaculate livery he wears and his own inconsistent conduct brings upon him the just contempt of less assuming men (for by common consent all detest inconsistency), and with derision they point at him the finger of scorn and call him a hyprocrite. Another enters in the fraternal courts of Freemasonry and with mock humility binds himself under the most solemn vows to uphold its dignity by consistency of life and growth in virtue, but gives the lie to his solemn oath in his daily conduct of life. He boasts of the pure principles of Masonry with loud gusto, but by the profanity of his lip's sincerity of purpose contradicts the words of his mouth. It is no wonder that men entertain misconceived ideas about our laudable assembly. They form their estimation of our conclave from the life-representation of its individual members.

As Masons we have entered a social compact, freely and knowingly, and we are morally bound by the terms of that compact, and moral demands should have even higher and precedent claims than legal requirements. These responsibilities we have willingly assumed, whereas the legal responsibilities are imposed upon us without our consent. Morality developes the person with whom it comes in contact; law prescribes limits only. The freedom of a Freemason is prescribed by the term of his obligation, and whenever these are violated he transgresses the limits of his freedom. As a Mason he is not a lone individual, but a member of a fraternity to which he owes allegiance and reverence. But a fraternity apart from the individuals which compose it, is an abstraction, a nonentity. Therefore our love towards the Institution should be manifested by our love towards each individual member of that Institution. It is a contradiction in terms to say that we love Masonry and hate a brother. The one cannot be separated from the other, as otherwise the liberty of a brother is curtailed, and to him it is not Freemasonry. Masonic freedom is implicit obedience to the call of duty. If the man is in a normal moral condition disobedience to duty incurs the accusation of conscience, which gives rise to two contending factions, the conscience which points to duty and obligation, and a rebellious nature; and where contention is there can be no freedom. Men frequently wail and lament because others encroach on their freedom. But far more frequently we encroach on our own liberty than it is encroached upon. Men seemed to possess two natures, the one noble and true, the other small and mean. In proof of this all men highly estimate the moral and true, and value a man's character accordingly as he may possess or lack these qualities, but themselves act in direct contradiction to their lives. But freedom is entirely lost when acknowledged high principles are sacrificed to lower cravings. The ideal conception of Masonry is perfect freedom, but before this can be actualised, each Mason must be free—morally free. I said that freedom and harmony are symphonious. Harmony in music is the just adaption of parts to each other according to sounds; it cannot entertain one discordant note. Discord and harmony cannot coexist. Musical harmony is built by a careful adaptation of sounds. Social harmony must be built and maintained by a studied adaption of one brother to another. There are no two of us alike in appearance or mode of thinking, and it is our personal peculiarity that marks our individuality. Otherwise, to all intents and

we are oftentimes prone to blame others because their dispositions are not as ours and forget our duties in adapting ourselves to one another's peculiarities, and so often a complexity and multiplicity of dispositions form that harmony which is the acknowledged "strength and support of our institution."

The Mason should be a gentleman in every sense of the term; that is, a gentle man, gentle towards others who differ with him, gentle towards a brother found in a fault, if perchance he may convert his brother from the errors of his way by love. Our love and charity may be a strong power where our logic will fail.

Freemasons by the terms of their contract must regulate their labours according to the designs of the Grand Architect. If each one is permitted to use his own discretion in the plan of building, harmony of purpose is destroyed, and the edifice which they might erect would be a monument of ridicule, ever building and ever falling. Masonry carries out only part of the design of the Grand Architect. We are building up only part of the structure designed, the social fabric; it may be complete in itself, but incomplete as far as the whole structure is concerned. The Grand Master of the Universe has far sublimer conceptions than those comprehended by Freemasonry, and it is an injustice to Him and to Masonry for any man to assert that Masonry is a sufficient religion for him. Freemasonry does not claim to be a religion, and when men claim for it the virtues of a religion they are imposing upon it a burden too heavy for it to bear and from the weight of which it must needs groan and die, unless supported by defenders against such an unreasonable imposition. As a rule those who make this claim for Masonry are those who pay little regard to the author of religion and the great Head of Masonry, the Almighty God of Heaven.

The power that Masonry ought to exert in society should be immense. We have far more social power than we give ourselves credit for; but I fear we allow our power to lie dormant. It is not exerted sufficiently enough because men fail to manifest its precepts in their lives. We have not yet learned brotherly love. Outward actions of kindness *should* be the expression of inward feeling of affection, and not because one of the laws of Masonry requires attention to a needy brother's wants. It would not be an acceptable service to me to minister at my bedside if I were spurned on the street. Our actions should be instigated by brotherly love, and brotherly love knows no law, but acts spontaneously and without force or constraint. Love produces love, and brotherly acts of kindness become reciprocal. But we cannot attain to this high state of social purity unless we leave it at the feet of the only exponent of it, "the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Some of us expect to find a perfect manifestation of it in the life of the learners at the feet of the Great Teacher and turn away in disgust and reject the Master, because the disciple is not as good as his Master. Perfection in anything apart from God is impossible, and every true disciple of the true Nazarene will acknowledge himself to be only a learner at his feet and an imperfect exponent of his doctrine.

As long as men will attempt to separate Masonry from Religion, and set it apart by itself, it must fail in its work. The great Master Mason has manifested his designs through the medium of the church. It is there that Masonry has borrowed its plan of work, and if it is to succeed, its individual and representative Craftsmen must there learn the designs by which they are to labour, and their temple will then have a sure foundation.

This I consider to be the true conception of Masonry; to knock off the rough corners of our own characters, and while this is in process to cement it with brotherly love so that others may be cemented to us and the work of building up socially may go on harmoniously and successfully.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Frederic the Great was a Mason and not only wise, but also very witty. On one occasion a Catholic priest refused to allow an Officer, who had not complied with all his religious duties, to be buried in consecrated ground. Frederic sent for the priest, and asked him: "You say that the grave yard is consecrated?" "Yes, your Majesty." "How far down does your consecration go?" The priest, somewhat puzzled, replied, "Five feet." "All right, then the Officer shall be buried six feet under ground. He will then be one foot outside your jurisdiction."—*Exchange.*

CONSECRATION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on the 2nd instant, at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, to consecrate a new Masonic Lodge entitled the "Western District United Service Lodge, 2258." In the province of Devonshire Freemasonry has of late years become exceedingly popular, and the result has been the extension of its Lodges to the almost unparallelled number of fifty-one in active work. Of this number seventeen are held in the Three Towns, and there has therefore been of late a general indisposition to grant any more warrants for Lodges in that district. The claims for the institution of a second Service Lodge was, however, immediately recognised, and the warrant was promised even before the petition of its founders was presented. Only seven names are attached to the warrant:—Major Michael Tracy R.A., Prov. G.S.W. of Devon P.P.G. Sec. of Jersey and the new W.M., Col. J. Phillips C.B., R.M.L.I. (S.W.), Sergeant-Major Alfred Revill R.M.L.I. (J.W.), Staff-Serjeant G. Huxtable R.M.L.I., D. Cross P.M. and Treasurer 1205 P.P.G.T., W. Powell P.M. and Secretary 1205, and Major C. B. G. Dick. But the Lodge opens with eighteen founders, including Quartermaster N. Page R.M.L.I., S. Jew P.P.G.T., Major P. W. Watts Royal Irish Regiment, Lieut. W. Jamieson Royal Irish Regiment, Quartermaster-Sergeant FitzReger, Captain H. M. Hatchell Royal Irish Regiment, Major J. Wall R.A., Dr. S. T. O'Grady Surgeon R.N., Lieut. H. Bowman R.A, Captain Kelly R.A., and Lieut. W. E. Donohue R.A. As a larger attendance of brethren was anticipated than could be accommodated in any of the Masonic Lodge rooms in Stonehouse, the ball room of the St. George's Hall was fitted up as a temporary Lodge room for the occasion. It was handsomely draped with flags, ornamented at intervals with glittering stars formed of military weapons, and the vestibule and stairways were adorned with flags, shrubs, and plants, presenting a very attractive appearance. The business commenced with the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge by R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington M.P., Prov. G.M., who was well supported by his Officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly formed Bro. G. C. Davie the P.G. Secretary announced that certain brethren having obtained a warrant desired to be constituted into a regular Lodge in ancient form. The P.G. Master desired the P.G. Secretary to read the warrant, which was from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England (the Prince of Wales), duly signed and countersigned. The founders of the Lodge were then called up, and signified their assent to the Officers named in the warrant. An oration on Masonry was then delivered by the Prov. G. Chap. Bro. the Rev. R. Tyacke, after which the Lodge was placed in its proper condition, covered with white satin and dedicated. The appropriate psalm was beautifully rendered by the choir, and the P.G. Chaplain and P.G.M., with the further assistance of the choir, having completed the dedication, the Lodge was uncovered. The ceremony of consecration followed, in which the Consecrating Officers were Bro. the P.G.M., Bros. S. Jones as D.P.G.M., Major Tracy Prov. G.S.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon Prov. G.J.W. and Rev. T. Tyacke P.G. Chap. An anthem, sung by the choir, followed. The P.G.M. Viscount Ebrington then declared the Lodge duly constituted and dedicated. The final benediction was pronounced, the grand honours were given, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The P.G.M. having vacated the chair, the Prov. G. Sec. Bro. Major G. C. Davie presided, and in an admirable manner carried out the duties of installing Bro. Major Michael Tracy R.A., the W.M. designate, as the W.M. of the Western District United Service Lodge. Bro. D. Cross was chosen as Treasurer, and Bro. S. Jew P.P.G.T. was elected as the representative of the new Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. Propositions were then announced of three candidates for initiation and six as joining members, among the latter being Captain G. S. Strode Lowe, Major St. Clair, of the Western District (St. Luke's Lodge, Edinburgh), and Bro. E. Binding, 202 (of H.M.S. Royal Adelaide). The Lodge was then closed. The Officers of the new Lodge appointed and invested were:—Bros. Major Tracy R.A. W.M., Major Watts I.P.M., Colonel Phillips C.B. S.W., Sergeant-Major Revill J.W., Surgeon O'Grady R.N. Chaplain, Staff-Sergeant Cross Treasurer, Superintending Clerk W. Powell Secretary, Lieutenant Page S.D., Major Dick J.D., Lieutenant Donohue R.A. I.G., Lieutenant Bowman R.A. D.C., Staff-Sergeant Huxtable A.D.C., Lieutenant Jamieson and Captain Kelly R.A. Stewards, Gidley Acting Tyler. In the evening the foundation banquet was held at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, where about ninety of the brethren dined together. Bro. Viscount Ebrington presided. An excellent band provided from the Royal Marine band was in attendance. Viscount Ebrington and several other brethren were obliged to leave early by train, and on the Prov. G.M. leaving, the chair was taken by Major Tracy. Several songs, toasts and recitations were given.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been fixed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for Tuesday, the 14th August next, at Ringwood.

We learn from a German contemporary that the Emperor William is strongly prejudiced against Freemasonry, and has, in consequence, never joined the Craft, unlike his father and grandfather, who were both distinguished Masons.

The first petition for constituting a Military Lodge abroad, under the Grand Lodge of England, was in 1728 from Fort William, in Bengal, and in the following year a similar petition was granted by the Grand Master the Duke of Richmond, to open a Lodge of St. John's, at Gibraltar.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held under the banner of the Chicheley Lodge, Thrapston, in the Exchange Hall of that town, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Around the walls of the room, which presented a beautiful appearance, hung the banners of the ten Lodges in the Province, and they were further adorned with red baize, while the floor was almost entirely covered with carpet. Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.L., R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Past Grand Standard Bearer, presided. The following were appointed to fill the various offices of the Province during the ensuing year:—

Bro. H. J. Powys	Senior Warden
T. Emery	Junior Warden
Rev. S. W. Wigg	Chaplain
J. U. Stanton	Treasurer
H. T. Smith	Registrar
F. H. Buckle	Secretary
J. W. Beasley	Senior Deacon
J. T. Parker	Junior Deacon
E. P. Monckton	Superintendent of Works
G. Ellard	Director of Ceremonies
Major Turner	Assistant Director of Cers.
J. Snow	Sword Bearer
Flick, Currall	Standard Bearers
H. Bulford	Pursuivant
H. C. Clarabut	Organist
T. Cook, Dean	Tylers

It was announced that Lord Euston would preside at the Festival in February next, in aid of the Institution for Aged Masons, and the earnest hope was expressed that all Masons would heartily co-operate in order that its success might be assured. Business over, divine service was held at the parish church, to which the brethren walked in procession from the Corn Exchange, the open Bible being borne by Masters Harry Simpson, Harry Parsons, Clephan Hambling, and Henry Siddons. The Rev. S. Kingford (rector of Thrapston), and Bro. the Rev. J. Jenkins took part in the service, at the close of which Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg preached an eloquent sermon, from Ecclesiastes xii., 14.

He said that although in these days attendance at Divine Service was unnecessary to vindicate their reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, or to repel the charge of irreligion sometimes brought against their ancient fraternity, yet it was a wise and seemly custom to spend a portion of the time at their disposal in prayer to the Most High. Freemasons used to be charged with enmity to religion, and a desire to subvert the commonwealth, but they were taught as one of their primary duties to obey the laws of the country in which they resided, and to act upon the purest principles of morality and virtue. It was true that now and again the charge of excessive indulgence in social pleasures was brought against them, and that they were sometimes even charged with being wine-bibbers and gluttons; but happily every year enabled them to meet those charges with a more and more emphatic denial. True, there might be sometimes a member who disgraced the fraternity by his un-Masonic conduct, but no one would condemn Freemasonry because he found a member whose actions were as much opposed to the principles of their Institution as they were to morality and religion. Their doors were firmly shut to all who were known to be transgressors of the fundamental laws of God or man, and no one was admitted who denied the authority of the Ruler of the Universe, or who did not believe in the resurrection from the dead. The preacher next referred to the mystery with which the proceedings of the fraternity were surrounded, and to the fact that vows of secrecy and fidelity were required from each candidate, and said there was nothing in Freemasonry incompatible with any man's moral, civil, or religious duties. Bro. Wigg also intimated that it was for no childish reasons that the Masons had adopted their peculiar dress. A tree was known by its fruit, but some of the fruits of Freemasonry, perhaps the most rare and precious, must ever be hidden from the world. The pious duties of visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction were not neglected by members of the fraternity, their schools for orphan boys and girls, and their Institution for aged and decayed Masons being liberally supported, and provision was also made for the widows of deceased members. There were no rules to compel subscription, but each member was prompted by the higher, the royal law which was characteristic of Freemasonry, the law of charity.

During the singing of the last hymn, a collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities, and of the St. James's new organ and site fund. The banquet was provided in a marquee erected in a paddock at the rear of the White Hart Inn. Brother Butler Wilkins presided, in the absence of Lord Euston, who was compelled to leave Thrapston during the service, to attend the reception of the Duke of Cambridge by the Duke of Grafton. The Queen and Craft having been enthusiastically and musically honoured, the Chairman submitted the M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., and this was received with like heartiness. Bro. Orford next happily gave the M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, and Bro. Buckle submitted in felicitous terms the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Right. Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., and the W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins P.G.S.B. He spoke of Lord Euston's untiring exertions on behalf of Freemasonry, and paid a high tribute to Bro. Wilkins' invaluable services to the fraternity. The Chairman appropriately replied, explaining the absence of Lord Euston, thanking the members for the kindness they had shown him in the past, and spoke of the earnest manner in which Lord Euston was endeavouring to promote the interests of the Craft. He also spoke of the excellent manner in which the visitors to Thrapston had been treated by the members of the Chicheley Lodge, although they were so small in number, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them, to the Rector, to the Churchwardens, and the Choir, and to all others who had contributed to the success of the day's proceedings. Bro. Rogers, rector's churchwarden, replied. Brother Fisher proposed the Grand Officers of the Province, present and past. Bro. the Hon. J. Powys made an appropriate response. The remaining toasts were the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, namely, the Girls' School and the Boys' School, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the Visiting Brethren, the W.M. and Brethren of the Chicheley Lodge, No. 607, and the other Lodges in the Province, the Ladies, and the Tyler's to all poor and distressed Masons. The balance-sheet of the Masonic Benevolent and Grand Lodge Fund, which was passed at the annual meeting, shows that there was a balance in the bank on 31st December 1887, of £67 2s 10d, which, added to £700 mortgage on Masonic buildings, Northampton, gives a total for the Provincial Fund of £767 2s 10d.

PROV. G. LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Thursday, the 28th of June, under the banner of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471. There was a large gathering, the ten Lodges comprised in the Province being all represented. The Prov. Grand Master Right Worshipful Bro. Charles Lyne presided, supported by Captain Homfray Past G.A.D.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other present and past Provincial Grand Officers. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Marmaduke Tennant Deputy Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division South Wales, R. Vassar-Smith D.P.G.M. Gloucester, John Mason Past Prov. G.D. Middlesex, George Reckuell P.M. 1728, W. Wray Morgan P.M. 211, &c. The members of the Silurian Lodge met at 11·30, when the W.M. regularly opened his Lodge. At noon the Provincial Grand Master was formally announced, and Colonel Lyne opened Prov. Grand Lodge, when the minutes of last meeting were received and adopted. The Treasurer's financial statement showed that a substantial balance stood to the credit side of the account, and it was unanimously accepted by Prov. Grand Lodge. The several returns presented by the various Lodges through the Provincial Grand Registrar evidenced that Freemasonry was pursuing an eminently satisfactory course, while Bro. Homfray's Charity Report for the past twelve months congratulated the brethren on the success attendant on their Charity Organisation. This stated that for the greater convenience of keeping the necessary accounts, and more particularly to ensure greater stability, the associated Provinces, viz.:—Bristol, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Somersetshire, Eastern Division South Wales, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Monmouthshire had now combined under the style of the Western Provinces Charity Association, with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Captain Homfray as Chairman, and Bro. William Nott P.P.G.W. of Wilts as Secretary. The Province had now three lads being educated at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, and three girls at the sister Institution at Battersea Rise, while one aged brother

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was receivingan annuity of £40 and one widow £32 from the Benevolent Institution. A grant of £50 had been received from the Board of Benevolence for the widow of a brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, a most indefatigable Mason, who had left his widow with a large family totally unprovided for; it is proposed to undertake the election of one of these children to one or other of the Schools. For this, continued monetary support is urgently requested to increase the voting power of the Province. In this connection we may add that Captain Homfray has accepted a Stewardship for the Boys' School at the Festival to be held in 1889, and he earnestly invites the co-operation of Stewards from the various Lodges throughout the Province. The Prov. G. Treasurer Bro. W. Pickford P.G.S.B. was thanked for his past services, and unanimously re-elected to the post, the duties of which he has so zealously administered during past years.

Later in the day a presentation of an oil portrait was made to Bro. Pickford, who has held the post of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the last quarter of a century. This portrait, which is an excellent likeness, was executed by Mr. Villiers. A silver plate affixed to the frame bears the following inscription :—

"Presented to Worshipful Bro. William Pickford Past Grand Standard Bearer England, P.M. No. 471 and P.P.S.G.W. Mon., by the brethren of the Province, for his 25 years' faithful services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, at the P.G.L. banquet at Newport, (Coronation Day) 28th June 1888."

The re-appointment of Captain S. G. Homfray as Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then confirmed, and the Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested, as follow :—

Past Grand Jubilee Honour.—Worshipful Bro. W. W. Morgan, M.D., Past Senior Warden.

Bro. C. H. Oliver jun. P.M. 471	...	Senior Warden
Nicol Bradley W.M. 2221	...	Junior Warden
Rev. D. Wilks 471 ...	...	Chaplains
Rev. J. Osman 818 ...	...	
William Pickford P.G. St. Bearer		Treasurer
Charles Cullum W.M. 1429	...	Registrar
Alfred Taylor P.M. 1429	...	Secretary
W. Peil W.M. 457 ...	...	Senior Deacon
E. J. Whitley W.M. 471	...	Junior Deacon
S. W. Yockney W.M. 2186	...	Superintendent of Works
C. E. Parsons W.M. 683	...	Director of Ceremonies
C. L. Phillips W.M. 1098	...	Assistant Director of Cers.
W. Edwards W.M. 1562	...	Sword Bearer
R. Edmunds W.M. 1258	...	Standard Bearer
E. G. R. Richards 471 ...	...	Organist
W. Charles W.M. 818 ...	...	Assistant Secretary
A. Miller 2186 ...	...	Pursuivant
W. F. Stevens 471 ...	...	Stewards
Frederick Phillips 1429	...	
D. F. Pritchard 2221 ...	...	
Stanley Callaghan 2186	...	
D. M. Llewellyn 1258 ...	...	
L. Preece 818 ...	...	Tyler
H. Fletcher 471 ...	...	Assistant Tyler

After a few complimentary remarks from the Provincial Grand Master as to the satisfactory way in which the Masonic work of the Province was being conducted, the brethren marched in procession to Holy Trinity Church. They were headed by sixteen sons of members of the Silurian Lodge, bearing banners, under Bro. W. Stevens Grand Steward, and were followed by the Hungarian (Cardiff) Band. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Osman, and the lessons read by the Rev. D. Bowen. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. Wilks (vicar), Grand Chaplain, from Leviticus xix. 18: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." We have pleasure in appending the full text of our eloquent brother's discourse :—

Brethren, when three years ago I had the privilege of addressing you from this place, I placed before you a few thoughts on the Fatherhood of God, and endeavoured to show that when the Creator of all things in heaven above and the earth beneath, condescended to call us and all mankind His children, He intended to express towards us all the tenderness and love which the human relationship of parent and child implies; and more, for it is even possible for a father to neglect his son; "yea, even a mother," whose love for her offspring is of all human affections the strongest, "may forget her sucking child that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb"; but our Father in heaven will never forget us His children. If we, Brethren, could but realize this fact; if we could but hold fast by this truth; if we could but firmly believe that He orders every event and circumstance of our lives, is indeed our Father who loves us more dearly than any earthly parent can, this doctrine would have a practical power that would influence our whole life; and would encourage us to go with confidence to the throne of grace in every time of need: and would throw a light upon our path, and bring a joy into our hearts far beyond all expectation. If God is our Father; if we are the children of one common parent, then it necessarily follows that we are Brethren. The universal Fatherhood of God implies the universal brotherhood of man. This brotherhood is wide as the human race. Every one born of woman has a claim upon me as a man and a brother, and I am taught in the revealed will of God to love him as myself, and to be as ready to do a kind act as to receive it. Every true Mason acknowledges this, and he very naturally inquires what is my duty to my brother-mason? What is my duty to my brother-man? An answer to that important question is contained in our text. The Great Architect of the Universe—He before whom we daily bend the knee; and to whom we as His creatures are responsible for every action of our lives, gives us the command to love our neighbours as ourselves. And here you will observe He does not give us minute directions for the regulation of our conduct towards our fellow man. To have attempted that would have burdened us with a mass of rules impossible of application to the ever varying circumstances of life. He does a simpler, and a far more effectual thing than that. He supplies us with a grand principle for our guidance—a principle capable of universal application, and that will never leave us in doubt, as to what is our duty. Love is the great motive by which God is actuated in all His dealings with us; love must be the motive by which we should be actuated in all our transactions with each other; and the measure of that love must be equal to the love we have for ourselves. Here then in one brief sentence we have summed up the whole duty of man to his brother-man. And who of us who has ever endeavoured to grasp the fulness of this commandment; who of us who has tried to put it into practice has not stood in despair before it. How can we by any possibility have, not only towards our relatives and friends and those who love us, but to every child of man without distinction, a feeling which can be described as love? If man's nature were still what it was when it came out of its maker's hand; if man had retained the divine image in which he was created, then he would see in God all the qualities which naturally excite his admiration and love in their perfection, and would be drawn more powerfully towards God than towards any creature; in a word he would love God supremely. And if men were still perfect it would be natural to feel towards our fellow men that interest, sympathy, attraction, and friendly disposition which we call kindness, i.e., the feeling which it is natural to feel towards our kind. Then it would have been an easy matter to observe the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves. But unfortunately man has not retained his innocence; the divine image has been obliterated, and man has fallen from his first estate; and so great has been the change in his whole nature, that instead of loving God *more* than self, and loving his neighbour as himself, his degenerated nature is to dread God, and to hide himself from Him, and to shrink from his fellow man rather than to be drawn towards him. This being so, how is possible for one to obey the command to love his neighbour as himself? He cannot do so as long as he remains in his unrenewed state. Alienated from God, he is also alienated from man. The first thing necessary is a change of nature. The old sinful nature must be destroyed and a new nature imparted. Every Master Mason has been taught this in a most striking manner, for I take it that the object of that most impressive ceremony in the sublime degree is not merely to lead the candidate to a contemplation of the closing hours of his existence, but to teach him in a manner never to be forgotten, that there should take place in him a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness; that every thing in his nature that is false, and dishonourable, and sinful must die, and be buried; and that there must be a resurrection unto a new life—a life of truthfulness and honour, of integrity and uprightness, regarding a brother Mason's welfare as his own. God does not lay on His creatures impossible duties, and a little thought and consideration will show us that this commandment is not after all so difficult as it appears at first sight, and that it is observed more widely than we are apt to think. We have constantly brought under our notice instances of strong love for others. Was there ever for instance a woman who did not love her child more than herself? It is true that we do occasionally meet with such a person; but then we regard her as a monster who is devoid of the better instincts of her nature. Again, what father does not think more of the welfare of his child than of his own? But it may be objected that these are natural instincts, and are limited by consanguinity. If we, in obedience to a law of our nature, think more of the wellbeing of others than of our own, does not that go far to show that it was natural for man as he came forth from his maker's hands, and before he was contaminated by sin to love his neighbour as he loved himself? But do we not find outside the family circle many instances of this love? Is there no such thing as friendship? And who is there that will not deny himself to assist his friend? But here again the objection may be made that friendship is a mutual advantage, and it may be alleged that if I help my friend to-day it is because I hope to have his help to-morrow. Let us then turn our attention outside the family circle, and the caprices of friendship, and see whether we cannot discover instances of pure and unselfish love. Do we not now and again find men making enormous sacrifices for the benefit of strangers of whom they know nothing, and from whom they expect nothing? Have we not heard of men who, at the peril of life have plunged into water, or rushed into a house on fire to rescue a stranger's life? Have we not read of men on board a sinking ship calmly standing aside that the women and children might find safety in the boats? All these show us the possibility of carrying out the golden rule of loving our neighbours. And what has been the design of this ancient society of which we have the honour to be members, but of making it easy for us to obey the Divine command: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The formation of ourselves into one great Society; the constant meeting of men of different callings in life on equal terms, and the acknowledgments of our common brotherhood, have done and are doing much to bind us to each other in the bonds of love. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," says the Psalmist, "for brethren to dwell together in unity." This is a great feature in th

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Craft. No one can attend any of our Lodges without finding himself drawn by deep and genuine kindness towards his fellow Masons. The love thus cultivated remains a power that time cannot weaken, and constantly manifests itself in active charity, which is the glory of Freemasonry. A Mason in distress appeals to his fellow Mason for help with confidence, knowing that his appeal will be carefully and kindly considered, and be met by a ready and ample aid, for he is appealing to men who are swift on foot to help, aid, and execute benevolence to a brother Mason, and who have learnt to exercise that charity which has the approbation of heaven and earth, and which, like its sister mercy, is twice blessed; for it blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.

The collection after the sermon was in aid of some of the local charities. It realized the sum of £8 18s 6d. During the service in the church a heavy storm arose, and as it was still raining at the time when the procession should have made the return journey to the Masonic Hall it was wisely decided the brethren should abandon the idea of marching back together, consequently cabs and tram cars were requisitioned, much to the satisfaction of those who dreaded the evil effects resulting from wet clothing. On re-assembling, the further business of Prov. Grand Lodge was transacted, and Lodge formally closed. The banquet was supplied by Bro. Dean, at the Westgate Hotel; the menu was well carried out, and the entire service gave immense gratification. Col. Lyne makes an excellent President on all occasions, but at this meeting he was at his very best, and the hours passed away most agreeably. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations.

CONSECRATION OF ROGERSTONE CHURCH.

THIS interesting event, occurring as it did the day following the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire, was made the occasion of a very pleasant day's outing for a great many of those who attended the meeting at Newport, on Thursday, the 28th ult. It appears that Lord Tredegar, who is never backward in rendering assistance where the comfort and convenience of his tenants and neighbours is concerned, had not only presented an admirable site for the erection of the building, but had presented the handsome sum of £500. A liberal response was made by those interested in the matter and accordingly the foundation stone was laid by his Lordship the Bishop of Llandaff, on the 18th August last. The church, which is dedicated to St. John, is designed in the decorated or 14th century Gothic style of architecture, and provides accommodation for about 300 persons. The outer walls up to the plinth level are faced with local red sandstone, with Cross Keys stone quoins. Above this level the walls are faced with Cross Key stone, having box ground, Bath stone dressings and tracery. A centre aisle runs through the church, the pavement being of tesselated tiles, and on either side there are open seats in polished pitch pine. The roof is also of pitch pine, open framed to the ridge, with richly moulded and wrought iron trusses in each bay. One of the features of the building is the immersion font for baptisms, arranged with framed coverings for seats over the same during ordinary service. The church is cruciform to the extent that on one side of the chancel is the organ chamber, and on the other vestry and porch. The main entrance to the building is in the south-west corner, while there is a second entrance in the porchway on the northern angle. The choir stalls are situate in the chancel. The architect was Bro. F. A. Johnson, of Newport and Abergavenny. The builder was Mr. Charles Miles, of Newport, while the total cost of the church has exceeded £2,000. The 11·15 a.m. train from Newport conveyed a large number of passengers to Tydee, close to the station of which pretty little hamlet the church has been erected. Through an oversight, a slight delay arose before the formal commencement of the proceedings, but as the day was a fine one, the time passed pleasantly enough, in agreeable conversation on the several features of interest in the immediate neighbourhood. Shortly after half-past twelve a procession of surpliced clergy, about 15 in number, with the Lord Bishop at their head, entered by the main doorway. The right rev. prelate, who was preceded by the Registrar of the Diocese in wig and gown, was met at the doors by the Rev. J. Jones, Right Hon. Lord Tredegar, Messrs. E. Steer, E. Davies, R. Stratton, C. R. Seys, and other gentlemen, who had appended their signature to a legal document setting forth the circumstances under which Lord Tredegar had presented without consideration a site for the building of the Church, an act on his part approved by Charles Octavius Swinnerton Morgan and Sir Geo. Walker, two of his trustees. The petitioners humbly prayed the Bishop to consecrate the new Church. The right rev. prelate having repeated the words "The prayer of the petitioners is granted," led the procession up the aisle. Arrived at the chancel the Registrar read the terms of a document consecrating the church, which was then handed over to the Bishop for signature. A special form of service was then proceeded with, the clergy and choir doing all in their power to add to the solemnity of the proceedings. The Bishop of Llandaff preached, and took for his text a portion of John xxi, 18, "Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me." In the course of an eloquent address he traced the leading incidents in the life of the Apostle Peter from the time when he witnessed the miracle of the Saviour in the large draught of fishes. Yet this miracle as witnessed by Peter, was only one of the numerous ones performed by Christ. His congregation were aware of the zeal and devotion with which Peter after his conversion preached the doctrines of Christ, and also how he fell by denying his Saviour as predicted by Him thrice before the cock had crowed twice. The denial by Peter of his Master was the hour of Satan's triumph, but the triumph after all was brief. After the lapse of time and Peter had again worked with zeal, what must have been his feelings when the Master addressed him in the words of his text, "Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me." His congregation would notice that the title of Peter the apostle had been dropped, and that the Saviour addressed him as Simon. Yet the reply of Simon proved that he had passed through a fiery furnace, and came forth purified—"Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." The Saviour did know it, for he at once replied "Feed my sheep." After explaining the life of the Apostle, the right rev. prelate remarked that that was a noteworthy day to churchmen throughout the entire kingdom, and particularly noteworthy to those residing in the immediate locality, in consequence of the consecration of the beautiful church in which they were then assembled. He thanked God that whatever the state of the Church had been in the past, it could not now be said that its members were not feeding Christ's lambs. Let them look at the work of the Church. During, comparatively speaking, a few years, a sum of £30,000,000 had been spent in the erection of schools where religious teaching was inculcated. This had entailed heavy sacrifices, for the work had been rendered harder than it would otherwise have been by certain laws passed by the Legislature. Yet he thanked God that Churchmen in their love for Christ had willingly made those sacrifices. Let them look again to the mission work of the Church of England. Among the heathen the work of rescue was proceeding at a rapid rate, and Colonial Bishops were being created wherever their services were most required. With the Home Bishops no less than 150 of these would assemble at Canterbury on the day following. That day's ceremony, too, supplied further proof that the diocese of Llandaff was by no means lagging in proving the vitality and earnestness of the Church. A love of Christ had kindled a love for human souls, and the wealthy by giving freely to the erection of churches such as that opened that day showed that they were by no means indifferent to the spiritual wants of their poorer neighbours. He prayed God the building would be appreciated, for worshippers therein would find when they sought favours at the Throne of Grace that they would not be sent away empty. In conclusion the Bishop appealed to the residents in the neighbourhood to attend with regularity, thereby showing their appreciation of the generosity of those who had been the means of securing the erection of the church. At the conclusion of the first service luncheon was partaken of in a large marquee erected close to the church, where about 150 ladies and gentlemen sat down. The toasts submitted were "The Queen," "The Bishop and Clergy," "The Donors of the Building Fund," and "The Architect and Builder." At the afternoon service the Ven. Archdeacon Bruce preached, while at the evening's service the Rev. J. C. Llewelin, vicar of Trevethin, was the officiating clergyman. In the course of the day's proceedings many complimentary remarks were made as to the way in which Bro. Johnson had performed his work as Architect; and Mr. Richard Stratton, an influencial member of the Building Committee, on behalf of his confréres, spoke in the highest terms of his assiduity, ability and care.

Saturday last, the 30th ult., was gala day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it being what is popularly known as "Old Pupils' Day," and advantage was taken to open the place generally to visitors. About sixty old pupils attended during the day, and they were received about three o'clock by Bro. Frank Richardson, Chairman of the month, with Bros. Sir John Monckton, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Charles Hammerton, J. H. Matthews, Edward Letchworth, of the House Committee. The whole of the Albert Hall programme was gone through, the exercises and marching being performed on one of the lawns, which had the most pleasing effect. Amongst the guests were Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere Prov. Grand Master for Worcestershire, the Rev. Prebendary Whittington, Bro. Berridge, the Rev. Hayman Cummings, Dr. Purchase, Bros. Charles Cheston, Herbert Jackson, George W. Rush, Charles W. Stephens, &c. At the end of the proceedings Sir Edmund Lechmere and Prebendary Whittington (the latter not a Mason) addressed the children and expressed the great gratification they had experienced in seeing them so proficient in all their work, the Prebendary particularly remarking upon the excellence of the music and recitations.

The annual festival of the St. John's Lodge recently took place in the Victoria Hall, Dursley, when Bro. Major-General Vizard was installed Worshipful Master for the second year in succession. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Visitors from most of the neighbouring Lodges were present. After the ceremony the banquet took place at the Old Bell Hotel.

Freemasons of the district of Bexhill will be interested in learning that application has recently been made for a warrant for a Lodge at Bexhill, the necessary preliminaries having been attended to.

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SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1893, Carshalton.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to the W. Bro. William Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, "Westcroft," Carshalton, Surrey, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Carshalton.

Down Trains from London Bridge 12·50 and 2 o'clock p.m., arriving at Carshalton 1·26 p.m. and 2·50 p.m.
" " Victoria 1·5 p.m. arriving at Carshalton 1·34 p.m.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge 9·2 p.m. and 10·34 p.m., arriving at 9·40 and 11·15 p.m.
" " " Victoria 9·14 p.m., arriving 9·50 p.m.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at Two o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. W. Pile P.Z., "Westcroft," Carshalton, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m.

Down Train from London Bridge, 12·50; arriving at Carshalton, 1·26.
" " Victoria, 1·5; arriving at Carshalton, 1·34.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge, 9·2 and 10·34 p.m.; arriving at 9·40 and 11·15.
" " " Victoria, 9·14; arriving at 9·50 p.m.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 14th July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 9th July.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6·30 precisely, Members paying 10s, and Visitors £1 1s.

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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
Past Grand Senior Warden of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, on Saturday, 7th July, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Sword Bearer,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 21st June 1888.

Brethren to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Lodge must leave by train for Edgware Station, Great Northern Railway:—Moorgate, at 12·50; Broad Street, 12·48, arriving at Edgware at 1·43. Edgware is about 2 miles from Stanmore. All passengers will change at Finchley. Or by London and North Western Railway from Euston to Harrow:—Euston, 1·40; arrive at Harrow, 2·11. Harrow Station is about 3½ miles from Stanmore.

Brethren must look to July Time Tables to see if there are any alterations in these trains. Conveyances will meet the trains at Edgware and Harrow Stations. By Edgware is the most direct route.

Banquet at the Abercorn Hotel at 5·30. Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

N.B.—Brethren intending to remain for the Banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G. Secretary, with a remittance, *not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of July*, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

There will be a short service at the Parish Church at 4·45 p.m.

MORNING DRESS.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

The M.E. Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.
PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 14th July, at three o'Clock p.m. precisely.

By command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Standard Bearer,
Prov. G. Scribe E.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E.
30th June 1888.

The Banquet will take place at the Greyhound Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6s 6d each, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. Grand S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 11th of July, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

Trains leave Waterloo 1·50; 2·10. Arrive at Hampton Court 2·32; 2·48.

MORNING DRESS.

Provincial Grand Officers are requested to be punctual in their attendance.

INSTALLATION
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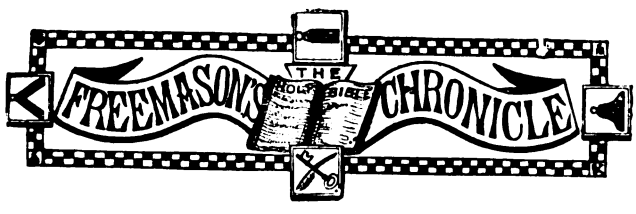
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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Friday, the 29th ult. Previous to the opening of Provincial Chapter, the new Chapter recently formed in connection with Lodge Unity, No. 71, was consecrated, the imposing ceremony being most ably performed by the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk the M.E. Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Prin. Soj., assisted by Comp. William Clarke P.G. Assistant D. of C. There was a large attendance; amongst the Companions who signed the presence book, in addition to the Grand Superintendent, were Comps. William Clarke, W. Armstrong, J. B. Fraser, James M. Harvey, Hugh W. H. Elwes, N. Tracy, Edward Smith, J. W. French, A. J. Cubitt, B. P. Grimsey, S. Snow, Arthur E. Smith, Edward J. Bonfellow, Henry C. Pratt, B. R. Bryant, Frank Ellen, George H. Grimwood, Walter Diver, H. Harvey George, George John Paine, Chris. H. Hayward, George Francis Crane, &c. During the ceremony of consecration Comp. J. B. Fraser acted as H., and Comp. W. Armstrong as J. The petitioning Companions present were:—G. F. Crane, H. W. H. Elwes, N. Tracy, and Frank Ellen. After the ceremony, which was performed in faultless style, the Grand Superintendent installed Comp. G. F. Crane P.P.G.J. Suffolk P.Z. 100 and 1631 as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. W. H. Elwes P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk M.E.Z. 1631 as J., Comp. George Cooper H. elect, being too ill to be present. Prov. Grand Chapter was then held under the banner of the newly-consecrated Lowestoft Chapter. The Board of General Purposes presented their report, which showed that R.A. Masonry was making very satisfactory progress in the Province. The finances were also in a satisfactory state. The Board recommended that 10 guineas be given to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas to the Boys' School. The report was adopted. Comp. W. Boby was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers as under:—

Comp.	H. W. H. Elwes	H.
	J. B. Fraser	J.
	N. Tracy	S.E.
	J. Napier	S.N.
	H. Harvey George	P.S.
	W. Pead	First A.S.
	G. H. Grimwood	Second A.S.
	W. Boby	Treasurer
	E. Smith	Registrar
	C. Hayward	Sword Bearer
	S. Snow	Standard Bearer
	W. Clarke	Director of Ceremonies
	F. W. Bray	Organist
	S. Knight	Janitor

After Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a banquet was provided.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of East Anglia was held at Chelmsford, on Saturday, 23rd June, under the banner of the Chelmer Lodge, No. 342. The Provincial Grand Mark Master Lord Henniker presided; and the brethren present included Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W., N. Tracy P.M. 70 Prov. Grand Secretary, Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 145, George Graveley P.P.G.Sw.B., James P. Lewin P.M. 342 and 145 P.P.G.J.W., Andrew C. Durrant P.M. 342 P.P.G.S.B., T. Winniatt Smith P.G. Organist, E. P. Sutthery P.P.G.S.D. Sec. 342, J. T Bailey W.M. 145, G. W. Pascall Treasurer 345 and 145, J. R. Jarvis J.W. 342, F. W. Imbert Terry S.W. 377, Frank Quilter J.O. 145, Andrew Durrant D.C. 342, T. J. C. Cramphorn 342, Samuel Baker 342, F. H. Meggy 377, F. C. Atkinson J.D. 70, George Gold 70 P.G. Tyler, &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened and the Provincial Mark Master saluted with the honours peculiar to the degree, the reports from the various Lodges in the Province were made by their respective W.M.'s, and were very satisfactory. The Provincial Grand Secretary presented the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that the roll of Members and Lodges in the Province showed an increase in number, and there was a balance of £25 3s in hand, as against a balance of £18 last year. The Board recommended a grant of five guineas towards the Mark Benevolent Fund, and also suggested the appointment of an Assistant Secretary at an honorarium of £2 2s a year. The Provincial Mark Master congratulated the brethren on the increase in the membership, and pointed out that the increase was even larger than was indicated by the report, which only carried them up to the end of last year. The total membership was now 327, against 300 last year. Considering that the Province did not cover a populous district, his Lordship thought he might say the report showed that Mark Masonry was making good progress. With regard to the suggested appointment of an Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, he might say that some time since Bro. Tracy intimated to him that his duties in connection with Masonry made such a heavy demand upon his time that he should be obliged to relinquish some of them, and suggested that some other Brother should be selected as Grand Secretary of the Province of East Anglia. That was a suggestion of which no one in the Province would approve; they could not afford to lose one of the best officers the Province had ever had, and he was happy to state that Bro. Tracy had expressed his willingness to continue the office if the Provincial Grand Lodge adopted the suggestion of the Board of General Purposes, and appointed a Brother to act as Assistant Secretary. He was sure the Lodge would be unanimous in voting the small sum that was asked for—and a much larger sum if it were needed—in order to keep Bro. Tracy in the position he now held. In moving the adoption of the report he could not help expressing his regret at the absence of his good friend and Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who had an important Masonic engagement in London and was exceedingly sorry that he was unable to be with them. With regard to himself, Lord Henniker said he extremely regretted that he was unable to be at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Ipswich last year—most of his brethren knew the reason which prevented him, it was a reason which now became a very sad recollection to him, the whole of his time last year was devoted to one whom to know was to love. He was, by the Queen's gracious command, in waiting during the whole of the summer on the late Emperor of Germany, than whom there was hardly a more earnest Mason. He was sure they all felt the deepest sorrow at the loss which the German Empire and the whole world had sustained by his death, and their sympathies as Mark Masons would go out very strongly from their hearts to the bereaved Empress and her sorrowing family. In conclusion, his Lordship thanked the Chelmer Lodge for the way in which they had received Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his regret that the state of his health would not permit him to take part in the festival after the closing of the Lodge. Bro. Colonel C. E. Bignold P.G.S.O., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Province, and the other Officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master, as follows:—

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Bro. J. C. Chittock W.M. 92	...	Senior Warden
A. C. Durrant I.P.M. 342	...	Junior Warden
J. N. Green W.M. 112 ...	...	Master Overseer
F. Hallows P.M. 205 ...	...	Senior Overseer
F. W. Imbert-Terry S.W. 377	...	Junior Overseer
Rev. S. Maude 105 ...	...	Chaplains
Rev. G. Abbott 317 ...	...	
J. T. Bailey W.M. 145 ...	...	Registrar
N. Tracy P.M. 70 ...	...	Secretary
G. F. Crane W.M. 317	...	Senior Deacon
R. L. Thornton S.W. 112	...	Junior Deacon
G. S. Wright W.M. 205	...	Inspector of Works
J. C. Norman 70 ...	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
E. Sparke Sec. 105 ...	...	Assistant ditto
Wilson Metcalfe S.W. 342	...	Sword Bearer
E. H. Jennings S.W. 334	...	Standard Bearer
G. C. Morant Org. 377	...	Organist
H. J. Wright S.W. 70	...	Assistant Secretary
O. Papworth Secretary 334	...	Inner Guard
T. R. Jarvis J.W. 342 ...	...	Stewards
G. W. Pascall Treasurer 342	...	
F. P. Sutthery Secretary 342	...	
G. Gould Tyler 70 ...	...	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Senior Warden said he was commissioned by his Lodge to invite the Provincial Grand Master to hold his annual meeting for 1889 at Norwich, promising that they would do all in their power to make the meeting a success. Lord Henniker said since he had had the honour to preside over this Province, he had made it a rule to hold his annual meeting in rotation in the four Counties of which the Province was composed. Next year it would be the turn of the county of Norfolk, so that he should have great pleasure in accepting the cordial invitation of the Walpole Lodge. As regarded the date of meeting he could not, of course, fix it positively now; but he thought that somewhere about Whitsuntide would be a more convenient time than June. Bro. Thos. J. Ralling expressing his regret that Lord Henniker was unable to stay to the banquet, said he was sure the Provincial Grand Lodge would desire, before his Lordship left them, to tender him their sincere thanks for his presence, and to express the hope that he might soon be fully restored to health. Bro. Lewin, as the oldest Past Master of the Chelmer Lodge, seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried, and briefly acknowledged by his Lordship. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel where they dined together, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 319.

THIS Lodge held their installation meeting in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Benjamin Knight, the W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Installing Officer, Bro. Lane. The W.M. invested his Officers for the year as follow:—Bros. Peprell I.P.M., Prust S.W., Taylor J.W., Crossman M.O., Wills S.O., Hill J.O., Taylor Treasurer, Lane Secretary, Searley Reg. of Marks, Morgan S.D., Taylor J.D., Brooks Organist, Lanzell D.C., Gorwyn I.G., Willard Steward, Newton Tyler, Hill Chaplain. The brethren subsequently dined together in the banquet-room of the hall, Bro. Taylor catering.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

ON Thursday, 28th ult., the members celebrated the annual Festival of St. John the Baptist, and the occasion was rendered specially interesting from the fact that the Right Hon. Lord Brooke Provincial Grand Master, honoured the Lodge by his presence, the first time his Lordship had visited the Lodge since his installation, at Colchester, in 1883, by H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany. There was a large attendance of members and brethren to meet his Lordship, and the whole proceedings passed off with great *eclat*. His Lordship attended the Show of the Exeter Agricultural Society in the morning, and left at 2·30, reaching Colchester at 4·7. He was met at Colchester Railway Station by Bros. Hennemeyer and Welch P.P.G. Wardens, and escorted by them to the Lodge Room, where he was received with the honours due to his rank. The business of the day commenced with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Quilter S.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by the outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. George Harrison P.M. 1828. The following were appointed and invested Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Geo. Harrison I.P.M., Horsman S.W., Ablitt J.W., Rev. W. Morgan Jones Chap., Cobb Treas., Ralling Sec., Jones S.D., Williams J.D., Haward Ives D.C., Osmond Org., Harold Francis I.G., Wright Stwd., Munson Tyler, Wright Asst. Tyler. Bro. George Harrison was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Rev. John J. C. Turner proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M. for his kindness in visiting the Lodge, alluding to the time that his Lordship was installed at Colchester, when he won the hearts of all the Masons of the Province of Essex. Bro. Grimes seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Ives; and, having been carried by acclamation, Lord Brooke thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which he had been received in the Angel Lodge. He had been looking forward to the pleasure of coming, and he congratulated the Lodge upon the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Harrison. In his Masonic experience he had never seen it better performed than now. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Harrison for his services; remarking that after the commendation of the R.W.P.G.M. he need not say anything to ensure for the vote the support of the Brethren. The S.W., Bro. Horsman, seconded the proposition, and it having been carried by acclamation, Bro. Harrison returned thanks. He said he had only completed his duty as W.M. by installing his successor. Bro. Welch feelingly alluded to the sad event that took place in the Lodge at the last meeting, when Bro. Frederic Wright was seized with illness during the ceremonies, and died within 24 hours. He proposed that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to Mrs. Wright and family the sincerest condolence of the Lodge with them in the affliction that had befallen them. The W.M. seconded the proposal, which was unanimously carried. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and about sixty brethren later on dined together at the Cups Hotel, a splendid dinner being well served by the Manager, Bro. Chas. Edwards. In the course of the evening the health of the R.W.P.G.M. was proposed by the W.M., and his Lordship in responding again spoke of the pleasure which it had given him to be present on the occasion. He was well aware of the high position the Angel Lodge held as the senior Lodge of his Province; and also of the continued support the members of it had given to the great Masonic Charities. He called attention to the fact that the Lodge had given the light to several distinguished Masons; referring especially to Bro. John Mann, who he was glad to see present, and who he knew did good service to Masonry in the Province, as Secretary to one of his (Lord Brooke's) predecessors, Bro. Bagshaw. He also mentioned the name of Bro. Ralling, who was well known amongst them as a devoted Mason. His Lordship subsequently proposed the health of the W.M., wishing for Bro. Quilter a happy and successful year of office. Later in the evening his Lordship left the Lodge, amidst the plaudits of the Brethren, and returned to town by a train at 9 p.m. A capital musical programme was rendered by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Sparling, Coombs, and Masters Nunn and Siggers; and Bro. Frank Smythies contributed two or three masterly solos on the violin, which was much appreciated by the Brethren. It should be mentioned that, previous to his entering the Lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. was presented with a handsome button-hole bouquet by Miss Fanny Quilter, the little daughter of the W.M.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 104.

THIS Lodge held their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 20th *ult.* The party, numbering 40 members and ladies, drove in a brake with four horses from Stockport, at noon, their destination being Disley, *via* Adlington and Pott Shrigley, and by special permission of Col. Legh the conveyance was allowed to pass through Lyme Park. The hall, grounds, and gardens were inspected and duly admired, after which the party proceeded to the Ram's Head Hotel, Disley, where a sumptuous tea was provided by Mrs. Winterbottom, who was rewarded by a hearty vote of thanks. The remainder of the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner, the party leaving shortly after nine o'clock, all being delighted with the trip, which was considered one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held by the Lodge.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when Bro. T. W. Read was installed as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation was very impressively performed by Bro. Fraser. Having been duly installed, the W.M. invested his officers as under:—Bros. William Balls S.W., William Purser J.W., W. Cocks Treasurer, Rev. Robt. Owen Davies Chaplain, J. Martin Secretary, William Ebbage S.D., J. Angel James Peck J.D., Rev. J. H. Pilkington Organist, W. Brunger D.C., Charles Goodwin Steward, J. Marjoram Tyler. The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, and was well served by Bro. Sewell. The newly installed W.M. (Bro. T. W. Read) presided, and was supported by the whole of the Brethren mentioned above. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Prov. Grand Master the W.M. alluded to the fact that Lord Henniker was a member of the Fidelity Lodge. Bro. the Rev. R. Owen Davies proposed the Deputy Prov. G. Master (Rev. C. J. Martyn) and the rest of the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers present and past. Bro. Minter responded for the present, and Bro. Carley for the past Officers. Bro. J. Martin proposed the Worshipful Master of the Fidelity Lodge, and expressed his confidence that during Bro. Read's term of office the Masonic work would be done in a way which would reflect credit on himself and honour on the Lodge. The W.M. in response said he regretted that the honour of being elected to the chair had not fallen upon some brother who had not previously occupied that position, but as the choice of the brethren had fallen upon him, his best endeavours would be devoted to the advancement of the interests of the Lodge. Before sitting down he proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. the Rev. R. Peck, who responded in a neat and amusing speech. Bro. the Rev. R. Peck next proposed the Installing Master, Bro. J. B. Fraser. He said the excellent and impressive manner in which Bro. Fraser had discharged his duties on that and previous occasions showed that he was a most admirable Mason. Bro. Fraser in reply said it was now twenty years since he first made the acquaintance of the Fidelity Lodge. During those years a great many good and true Masons had disappeared, but he rejoiced to see that others had taken their places, who would prove an element of strength to the Lodge. It had given him great pleasure to instal for the second time such a worthy Mason as Bro.

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eved a very prosperous future was in store for the Bro. S. G. Carley proposed the Masonic Charities. upon charity as the backbone of Masonry. The stitutions—the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Institution were doing a great and good work. Bro. whose name was coupled with the toast, in response ecent Centenary Anniversary of the Girls' School, brethren for the liberal manner in which he was went up as a Steward at the Festival. On that amount subscribed by the county of Suffolk was h Lodge Fidelity sent up £64 1s. In addition to emen had promised to subscribe one guinea each e Fidelity Lodge stood second on the list of all the vince of Suffolk, the only one which beat them of Wales at Ipswich, which sent up a brother large sum of £144 odd. Other toasts followed. some excellent songs were given by Bros. J. J. C. A. Bales, Purser, and others.

ONSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

tallation meeting of the members was held on , at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. inary business (presided over by Bro. Blaneum was taken by Bro. Roberts W.M. The presenta- ar Dow for installation was made by Bros. Evans e impressive ceremony was admirably performed rts the retiring Master, to whom a cordial vote equently given. The following were the officers illiam R. Roberts I.P.M., E. R. Latham S.W., D. Pedersen P.M. Treasurer (re-elected for the fifth Secretary, H. P. Cowell Organist, J. Phelan .D., A. Gunn I.G., P. Roose, E. R. Makin and rds, J. L. Houghton P.M. D.C., I. Turner P.M. Tyler. Before the business was concluded the ed with a handsome jewel in recognition of his o the Devonshire. Bro. Casey served an ex- a musical programme was given by Bros. Williams, Gabrielson, West, Barker, Kirkham, and

JOHN'S LODGE, No. 673.

llation of the above Lodge was celebrated on the e Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. The Parker, was presented for installation by Bros. arke, the ceremony being performed by Bro. er then proceeded to invest his officers for the nder:—Bros. Stillings S.W., Mallabar J.W., wlinson Sec., Callow D.C., Stewart S.D., Roberts W. H. Williams and Jones Stewards, Ball (re- brethren afterwards dined together.

ERBY LODGE, No. 754.

llation meeting was held on Wednesday, the the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, when there was nce. Bro. W. Stephenson W.M. presided. Bro. for installation by Bros. Ballard and Cain, and atisfactorily performed by Bro. Joseph Sharples hen proceeded to invest his colleagues in office . Stephenson I.P.M., C. W. Higson S.W., T. H. ge Beeken P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Clayton raser S.D., William Gosling J.D., C. G. Groves n S.S., F. Roberts jun. J.S.. S. S. Heath A.S., .M. D.C., and W. Hudson Organist. Bro. M. lected Tyler. Before the Lodge closed, the W.M. ed the I.P.M. with a beautiful Past Master's

UREPER LODGE, No. 787.

anniversary of this Lodge was held on Friday, t the Public Hall, Belper. From forty to fifty nt Bro. Bennett was installed Worshipful Master , the investiture of Officers being performed by .M. The Worshipful Master elected his Officers uthern S.W., Wheatcroft J.W., Handley Secre- eaum Organist, Hunter I.G., Stanhope Tyler. t was held at the Lion Hotel, when toasts were hren attended from Ripley, Derby, Matlock, and

ARVON LODGE, No. 804.

thly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, t, at the Freemason's Hall, Havant, and being he installation of the W.M., a good attendance W.M., Bro. John J. Head, of Biscombe, opened the usual preliminaries, he proceeded to instal llan Hodgson Wood, the ceremony being very carried out. The new Master then proceeded ng as his Officers, viz., Bros. H. G. Tuck S.W., ., E. Good P.M. Treasurer, J. Collings P.M. Bascombe P.M. D.C., W. P. Bowles S.D., J. T. s I.G., J. Leader Organist, J. M. Godfrey and rds, W. Blackmore Tyler. There were also art P.P.G. Pursuivant, T. Francis P.P.G.J.W., M., A. Dunn, G. Pannell, W. Laing, Knight, A. Best, A. Borrow, W. H. Small, ewett W.M. 342, A. G. German W.M. 1069,

ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

THE annual meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 26th ult., to instal Bro. H. Haynes S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing officers were:—Bros. C. Watson, Thomas Goodall, John Allen, James Dugdale, and H. Best. Among the Board of Installed Masters were Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., S. Jew, E. Aitken Davies, John Moysey, T. W. Cornish, H. Gellman, James Osborn, J. Crosley, C. Tozer, George Hickey, E. A. Lean, J. R. H. Harris, J. Gidley, W. Lavers, Coath, J. J. Meadley, and W. Amos Staton. The Officers were invested as follow:—Bros. Hickey I.P.M., Lieutenant R. O. Polwhele, R.N., S.W., Nicholls J.W., Rev. A. Bailee Chaplain, Allingham Treasurer, Osborn Secretary, Launder S.D., Wilcocks J.D., Govier I.G., Weight D.C., Coombes A.D.C., Newton Organist, Watson A. Organist, Ellis S.St., Farthing J.St., Huxham 1st A.St., Worth 2nd A.St., Ellis 3rd A.St., and Harvey Tyler, Watson Representative Com. of Petitions. The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189 P.P.G. Chaplain, presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as R.W.P.G.M. of Sussex by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of England, at Brighton, 23rd June 1886; also a framed photo lithograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., formerly R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall. By a motion proposed by Bro. C. Watson P.M., and seconded by Bro. T. Goodall P.M., it was unanimously decided that the acceptance of Bro. Lemon's gift should be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge, and he was also thanked for his valuable present. A telegram was received and read from Bro. John Baxter, of Leamington (formerly of this Lodge), wishing the W. Master and Brethren every prosperity and happiness during his period of office. On a motion duly proposed and unanimously carried, Bro. J. Baxter was elected an honorary member. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Bosworthick's, Marlborough-street, for the annual banquet, at which upwards of eighty were present, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. Haynes, assisted by his officers.

SUN AND SECTOR LODGE, No. 962.

THE annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Workington, on the 20th ult. There was a large attendance. Bro. Dr. Charles M'Kerrow was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. His officers were appointed as follow:—Bros. Dickinson S.W., Anyon J.W., the Rev. E. M. Rice Chaplain, Paterson Treasurer, Wood Secretary, Ashmore S.D., Simons D.C., Mackay J.D., Cooper Organist, Warwick I.G., Johnston Tyler. The Rev. A. F. Curwen was elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

ST. PETER LODGE, No. 1024.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, when Bro. Arthur Barratt J.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro Edmund Gowers P.M. P.P.G.Org. The Officers for the year were appointed as follow:—Bros. W. H. De Cess I.P.M., Sadler S.W., Gower J.W. Rev. H. Venn Ellis Chaplain, Sansom Treas., F. G. Green Secretary, F. Gowers Organist, Dibben S.G., Clover J.D., Finch I.G., Gowers and Bright Stewards, Huxtable Tyler. The Secretary stated that a most kind letter had been received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.), expressing his great regret that owing to pressing engagements in London he was unable to be present at the meeting. Bro. H. J. Sansom the respected Treasurer of the Lodge, who was kept away by indisposition, wrote from his bed, congratulating the W.M. upon his election to office, and the Lodge upon having such a Master to preside over them for the ensuing year. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gowers for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony, and in so able a manner. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. E. Gowers returned thanks, and expressed a hope that some other Brother would get up the ceremony by the time another Installation meeting came round, as he had already performed the duty three or four times. Bro. Gowers then, in felicitious terms, proposed "That the hearty congratulations of the Lodge be given to Bro. Thomas J. Ralling on the occasion of his promotion to Grand Lodge honours." Bro. Gowers said Bro. Ralling was well known to them, and they had frequently met him as P.G.Sec., but this was the first occasion on which he had come amongst them since the Grand Master had conferred upon him the well-deserved honour of the Grand Lodge purple. They all congratulated Bro. Ralling, and their feelings were, he was sure, shared by the whole Province. Bro. F. G. Green Secretary, as one who had known Bro. Ralling for many years, asked to be allowed to second the motion. Bro. Ralling expressed his thanks for the very kind vote of the Brethren, and remarked that the Lodge of St. Peter was the first Lodge he visited after his appointment as P.G.Sec. in 1877. The election of a Brother to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee then took place, and Bro. Edmund Gowers was unanimously re-elected. The Lodge was then closed, and about 40 Brethren adjourned to the King's Head, where a first class banquet was well served by the hostess. The toasts were interspersed with some excellent vocal music by Bros. Osmund, E. Gowers, Coombes, F. Bird, and Masters Nunn and Siggers.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—IMPURITIES OF THE BLOOD.—To insure health it is absolutely necessary that the fluids and solids of the body should be kept free from those impurities which are continually getting into the system through erroneous living, unwholesome atmosphere, or disordered stomach. The only safe

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 JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

MONDAY, 9th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
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 Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Duke-st., at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
892—Meridian National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1170—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Bandgate, Masonic Hall, Shan[illegible]e
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, [illegible]erbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hote, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 427—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 10th JULY.

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).
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
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)
557—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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1054—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, Canary Town, at 7.30. (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)
1697—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1838—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1960—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne o' Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stanley, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1317—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1417—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Juden, 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. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
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. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—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, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 158 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1966—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
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
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sincerity, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666—Prudence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
709—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Egbert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
872—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—Lewisos, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Hampton, Cheltenham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1177—Dudjeon, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Leeds
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 12th JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Inst. Lecture)
144—St. Luke, White Bear, 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.)
701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
738—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Walworth Sq., Walworth New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
1196—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)

, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
astle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
ington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
on, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
orkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
heaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
way Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
h, Green Dragon, Stepney
asons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
derick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
rd, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
don, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, (Instruction)

h Street, Cowes
ic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
emasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
lphi Hotel, Liverpool
ic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
Castle Hotel, Preston
wn Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
nic Hall, Caroline Street, Brighton, Sussex
ck, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
onic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
vate Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
rcial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
on Hotel, Accrington
rgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
ee Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
Hotel, Bala
c Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
l Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
Arms, Towyn
yal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
Hotel, Cheshill
ng's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
onic Hall, Northampton
ester's Hall, Whitstable
Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
sonic Hall, Southport
St. Giles Street, Norwich
ic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
e. George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 13th JULY.

nprovement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
ortland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
ess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
ar and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
ells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
rtugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
gers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
n Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
adbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
minster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
. (Instruction)
mprovement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
reemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Port and Hope, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst)
C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
adquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
mond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
orchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
lington, W. (Improvement)
n and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
5 High Street, Croydon
y, 33 Golden Square, W.

emasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
d Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
tmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
ate, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
mbly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
sonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
uction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
eemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
nic Hall, Poole
hn, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop
Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

ATURDAY, 14th JULY.

rt Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
shire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
mers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
165 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
ock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
n, Leytonstone
Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
or Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Harp, Hendon

Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM PHELPS.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Wm. Phelps, Past G. Registrar Nottinghamshire, who died somewhat suddenly on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd ult., at his residence, Carisbrooke House, the Park, took place on the 26th ult., at noon, in the General Cemetery, Nottingham. The deceased gentleman was a well-known Freemason, and there was a large gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, and also of the members of his own Lodge, the Carnarvon, No. 1909, of which he was the much respected Treasurer. Bro. W. Phelps was initiated in 1873, in the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, and was W.M. in 1879. He was one of the founders, in 1881, of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, and was Treasurer of the Lodge until elected W.M. in 1884, after which he again returned to his old office of Treasurer. He was one of the promoters of the Carnarvon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1886, of which he held the office of H. at the time of his death. He was appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of St. Albans, to the post of Prov. Grand Registrar in December 1884. He took a very active and personal interest in the three great Masonic Charities, the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Benevolent Institution, he having acted as Steward at their Festivals, and was a Life Governor of each. The members of the Carnarvon Lodge and other Freemasons formed in procession at the entrance to the General Cemetery at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock, and followed the hearse and mourning carriages when they arrived from Carisbrooke House. The service in the chapel and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Baldwin Brindley. A beautiful wreath from the Carnarvon Lodge of Freemasons, and many choice wreaths from relatives and friends was placed upon the coffin. After the service at the graveyard, the Rev. Bro. T. E. Cleworth, Chaplain of the Carnarvon Lodge, delivered a short oration. A Masonic salute was afterwards given by direction of Bro. R. C. Wills P.G.D.C., and the brethren dropped the customary sprigs of acacia.

A short time since the English brethren at Johannesburg applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a charter under the English Constitution. It is now announced that a reply has been received from the Grand Lodge unfavourable to the granting of the charter. The Grand Secretary states that His Royal Highness the Grand Master cannot see his way to depart from the rule laid down, not to grant charters to Lodges out of British Jurisdiction. It is hoped, however, says the *East Province Herald* that the representations which Past Masters Keith and Crowe, from Pretoria, will make, and the petitions which they will lay before the Grand Lodge, will induce His Royal Highness to re-consider the matter. Another contemporary says it will be the cause for much regret should the English Freemasons of such an essentially English town be shut out of communication with English Freemasons, and compelled to affiliate themselves with Lodges under the jurisdiction of other Constitutions.

TWO NOTABLE LODGES.—Washington Lodge, No. 21, and Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, both of New York City, are two of the most influential and prosperous organizations of Symbolic Masonry that can be found within the jurisdiction. The names these bodies bear are in themselves an inspiration. The brethren of Washington Lodge have a justifiable pride in the fact that this organization is named after the father of his country—he who was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen—and whose connection with Freemasonry brings him specially near the hearts of all true Craftsmen. The members of Lafayette Lodge rejoice in what the name of this organization suggests, of noble manhood, patriotism, and devotion to Masonic interests. The first-named body, at

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE annual festival of St. John the Baptist was kept by the members of this Lodge, on Monday evening, the 25th ult., when a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Grover at the Ilfracombe Hotel. Brother Grover had apportioned off a large coffee-room for the use of the brethren, and the arrangements to further their convenience was everything that could be desired. After dinner the loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the W.M. Bro. Albert St. Paul. A most interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to Bro. S. Jones, of Exeter, of a handsome silver salver, which had been subscribed for by the Officers of the Lodge on the occasion of his acting as Installing Master for the 21st year in succession. The presentation was made by Bro. St. Paul W.M., who referred in appropriate terms to the excellent services which Bro. Jones had rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in general and to the Lodge Concord in particular. In reply, Bro. Jones said: It is with no ordinary feelings that I rise on the present occasion to offer my most sincere thanks to you, Worshipful Sir, for the too flattering manner in which you introduced my name to the assembled brethren, and them for the cordial manner in which the toast has been received. I fear I must fall back on a somewhat time-worn expression when I at once state that at the present moment it is somewhat difficult for my mouth to give utterance to words which can adequately express the feelings which lie deeply in my heart. I cannot but feel some emotion when I look around this table and see how few there are left of that band of fast friends who met just twenty-two years ago to-day, when I was instituted into the chair, Sir, which you now so worthily fill. Of that number two only are left—my old and esteemed friend Bro. Richard Lake and myself. I cannot but feel that the words you have addressed to the brethren concerning me are due more to the kindly feelings which I believe are entertained towards me here by my many friends than from any merits of my own, or for any services I have rendered, as I know the obligations rest on my side, for it has been in Ilfracombe and among Ilfracombe friends I have spent so many happy pleasant days during so many years. For the very handsome present with which you have this day honoured me I shall ever feel grateful, serving as it will to cement stronger, if it were possible, the tie that binds me to this Lodge, in the welfare of which I have ever taken a deep interest. It was with feelings of pride and satisfaction I had the pleasure of joining in the opening ceremony of your hall a fortnight since. It is a Lodge-room which I venture to assert is not only an acquisition to the town of Ilfracombe, but also an ornament to the Province of Devon, and reflects great credit on the brethren, Captain Ivimy, and others who have worked so hard to bring this work to completion, but especially to our worthy Brother P.M. Catford, for the Masonic zeal he has shown in devoting such a large portion of his handsome structure to the purposes of Masonry. I can assure you it will be with great gratification I shall to-morrow take this token of your esteem and confidence and Masonic regard to my home, when I am sure it will be welcomed by my dear wife and family with feelings of pride, but especially so by my two eldest sons, both of whom I am glad to state are members of our Order. The eldest was initiated the day after attaining his majority, and the second one very shortly after, and to one of whom it will in the ordinary course descend as a heirloom, and serve, I sincerely trust, to perpetuate for many years to come those feelings of universal regard and esteem which have existed between my Ilfracombe brethren and myself. Prior to the banquet Bro. Jones installed Bro. St. Paul as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the latter duly appointed and invested the Officers to serve under him.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1151.

THIS Lodge celebrated its twenty-first anniversary on Thursday, 28th ult., when Bro. R. Courtenay was installed W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Rev. G. Ross and Bro. Bailey. Bro. Ross, who through his great age is unable to attend Lodge oftener than once a year, received a hearty reception. The W.M. invested his officers as follow:—Bailey I.P.M., Rundell S.W., Couch J.W., Bennett Treasurer, Baker Secretary, Ross Chap., Searle S.D., Ivey J.D., Trembath and Parkyn Stewards, Burgess I.G., and Elliott Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the New Inn, where a capital banquet was served.

MARWOOD LODGE, No. 1244.

THE celebration of the annual festival took place on the 3rd inst., at Redcar, together with the installation of Bro. George Smith, the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. James Hogg in a impressive manner. The W.M. subsequently invested the Lodge Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. George Hood S.W., Tennant J.W., Featherstone S.D., Blowitt J.D., Harrison Secretary, Hornsby I.G., Herbert Tyler. There were several visiting brethren present from neighbouring Lodges, including Middlesborough and Stockton. The banquet was afterwards held at the Coathams Hotel, the W.M. presiding, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. S. W. Keene was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, at a meeting held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Wednesday, 20th ult.

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FOR many years past the Freemasons of Thirsk have marked a "red-letter day" in their calendar devoted to out of door enjoyments. On the 28th ult., they, in company with several ladies, visited Raby Castle, the ancient seat of the Nevilles, now the property of the Duke of Cleveland. The party proceeded by morning train to Darlington, where they turned on to the Barnard Castle line, and after passing Piercebridge got out at Gainford Station, were conveyances were in readiness to convey them to Staindrop. The drive was through Selaby Park, the old seat of the Brackenburys—Sir Robert Brakenbury, who was killed at Bosworth, being mentioned in Shakespeare's Richard III. On reaching Staindrop the church was visited, which is remarkable as being the burial place of the Nevilles. Its foundation dates from the time of Canute, and the fabric was restored in 1849. Close by the church is the entrance to Raby Castle, a noble seat, especially interesting to the archæologist, as it presents to-day a perfect example of a 14th century castle, complete in all its parts. Having inspected, by the courtesy of the steward, Mr. W. T. Soarth, the hall, gardens, and pleasure grounds, the visitors returned to the Queen's Head Inn, and after a sumptuous repast drove to Winston Station, returning to Thirsk by an evening train. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. W. Coltman P.M.

EMULATION CHAPTER, No. 40.

THE members assembled at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 18th ult., when the ceremony of installing Comps. Russell M.E.Z., Hennah H., and Marwick J. was ably performed by Comp. Robinson P.Z. The M.E.Z. invested Comps. Pearce S.E., Jordan S.N., the Very Rev. Dean Currie, D.D., P.S., Hughes 1st Assist., Allen 2nd Assist., Rossiter P.Z. Treasurer, Duke P.P.G.S.B. P.Z. Dir. of Cers. The business of the Chapter at an end, the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Irish Exhibition.—The idea of assisting poor Irish peasants by the aid of the Fancy Fair, which is to occupy the Old Irish Market place—itself one of the most interesting features of the Exhibition—has brought together a remarkable combination of ladies who are ready to give their services in selling at these mimic shops. Every stall has been taken, and among those ladies who will sell and preside are the Marchionesses of Salisbury and Londonderry, Lady Arthur Hill, The Countess Spencer, the Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. Gladstone, Miss Balfour, Lady Harcourt, The Countess Bective, Lady Charles Beresford, Marchioness of Waterford, Countess of Leitrim, Marchioness of Headfort, Countess Cavan, Countess De La Warr, Countess of Romney, Baroness Bolsover, Lady Hayter, Lady Inchiquin, Lady Westbury, Lady George Hamilton, and many others. The four days of the Fancy Fair have now been definately settled—viz., July 17, 18, 19, 20, and there is every prospect that it will be one of the brightest and most successful events of the season.

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MASONIC CHARITIES OUTSIDE THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

I. THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

IN commencing a series of articles under the above heading we are actuated by a desire to place on record as complete a summary as is possible of what is actually being done by those associated with the Masonic Order in the discharge of that all-important principle of Freemasonry—the practice of Benevolence. It will also be our endeavour to show what is accomplished in various parts of the country, and by comparing different results to arouse a desire for activity in those quarters which are now behindhand, and a spirit of emulation among those already working in the good cause. To those who have passed a few years of activity among our Masonic Lodges, or who have had special opportunities of judging of the numerous and widespread organisations of the Order, it may not be necessary to say much to prove that the Charity of the Brotherhood does little more than commence with the support accorded to the three great Institutions of the Craft; but there are others who know little of the working of Freemasonry outside their own particular Lodge or district, and others again—particularly those who have not sought admission to the Order, or who are not eligible to become members—who do not even know of the existence of any Masonic Charity Funds outside those of Grand Lodge, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. To these latter we may at once say there is hardly a district in England but has a particular Fund or Committee of Benevolence, working in the name of Freemasonry, with the hope and desire of alleviating the distress which seems inseparable from the human race, and which is as prevalent within the Order as outside it. We believe no attempt has yet been made to gather particulars of these outside Charities into a collected form, and in now undertaking the task we are alive to the fact that it is useless to even hope our record will be a complete one; it would be impossible to arrive at anything like a true return without inquiring into the inner working of every private Lodge in the Kingdom, for however elaborate a list of public funds might be, it must not be forgotten that a large number of Lodges and Chapters have Benevolent or other Funds of their own, especially established and devoted to the cause of Charity, and from many of which grants are made from time to time throughout the year, which are only known to the members of the Lodge or Chapter concerned, and which could never be even estimated for a general summary. Besides this there is hardly a Lodge but at some time or the other is called upon to spend a portion of its funds in the exercise of benevolence, and in justice this ought to be included in our summary, but for reasons already given it is quite impossible to enumerate the various amounts, or even give an estimate of what they come to in the course of a year. It must therefore be understood that the particulars we supply under this heading refer only to such Funds as may be described as being of a public character; contributions to the three great Institutions of the Craft, as well as individual or private Lodge benevolence being in no way included in our returns.

In giving the premier place and starting our summary with the Mark Benevolent Fund a few words of explanation seem to be necessary. We are aware the work accomplished by this Fund may be regarded as somewhat insignificant when compared with what is going on in various districts of England to which we shall refer later on, but the Mark Benevolent Fund is essentially a cosmopolitan one—its benefits being open to all Mark Master Masons under the English Constitution, as well as to their widows and orphans. If it is not doing as much under its three branches as a National Fund might be expected to accomplish, viewed in comparison with what is going on in some of the larger Provinces, it must be remembered the Mark Fund is of modern foundation, its earliest records only going back to the year 1869, when its first Festival was held, and its objects were of even more limited extent than at present.

The Mark Benevolent Fund is divided into three branches:—the Benevolent, the Educational, and the Annuity, and all contributions received are equally apportioned between the three sections.

The Benevolent Branch, for relief and benevolence, is under the control of the General Board, who have discretion in regard to the disposal of all amounts under £20; sums above that requiring confirmation by Grand Lodge. After deducting a share of the expenses of the Fund, &c., and paying the various grants which have been authorised from time to time, there remained a balance on this branch of the Fund at 31st March last of £2,238 19s 3d, of which amount £2,000 was invested.

The Educational Branch has for its object the education and clothing of the children of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at grammar or other schools in the vicinity of the parents' or guardians' residences. At the present time thirteen boys and thirteen girls are being educated by annual grants from this Fund, and by a vote of Grand Mark Lodge on 30th November 1886 each child receives annually a sum of £5 to procure necessary clothing, so that, taking into consideration the various amounts which are being paid for tuition, the total annual outlay in this section is about £400. After paying all outgoings up to the end of March last, there remained a balance on the Education Fund of £2,334 2s 7d, of which sum £2,200 was invested. We have already said the number of pupils receiving the benefits of this Fund

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is now twenty-six, while the actual sum expended during the half year ending March last for Education Fees amounted to £125 3s 5d, but as this amount was expended on behalf of twenty-four pupils—the number then on the Fund—the average cost per child may be set down at £10 8s 7d per year, which, with the £5 allowance for clothing brings the cost per child up to £15 8s 7d per annum, an outlay which, in the opinion of some, does as much good as the total expended on a child at either the Girls' or the Boys' Institutions. But perhaps this is hardly the place to discuss the merits or demerits of the respective systems which are adopted by the different Charities.

The Annuity Fund was established by vote of Grand Mark Lodge on the 1st December 1885, when the amount of £1,000 was voted as a nucleus. Its object is to grant Annuities of £20 each to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and £16 each to the Widows of Mark Masters, after election by the subscribers. At the present time there are four Annuitants on the Fund—all males—the payments to whom amount to £80 per annum. At the close of the last half year's accounts the balance on this Branch amounted to £2,805 1s 8d, of which £2,700 was invested.

We may, then, summarise the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund as follows: one-third of the receipts are set aside for the relief of urgent cases of necessity; one-third goes to an Education Fund; and the remaining one-third to an Annuity Fund. There are at the present time twenty-six children reaping the benefits of the Education Fund, at an annual outlay of some £400; and four aged Mark Masters each enjoying an Annuity of £20 a year. Add to this that there is a balance in hand of £7,378 3s 6d (of which £6,900 is invested) and we have the result of a Fund which has only been in existence since 1869, but which, it must be conceded, has done, is doing, and gives ample promise of accomplishing in the future an immense amount of good. As a proof of the rise and increasing popularity of this "Outside Charity," we give the following particulars of the nineteen Annual Festivals which have been held in connection with the Fund:

Year.	Chairman.	No. of Stewards.	Amount realised. £	s	d
1869	Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A.	6	97	2	8
1870	The Earl Percy, M.P.	6	53	4	10
1871	J. C. Parkinson	12	85	8	0
1872	Col. Sir Francis Burdett	13	117	0	0
1873	Col. J. Whitwell	13	141	15	0
1874	Sir Edmond Lechmere, Bart.	13	91	19	0
1875	W. R. Callender, M.P.	18	176	11	6
1876	Lieut. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.	13	96	15	0
1877	The Earl of Donoughmore	18	221	9	0
1878	Lord Skelmersdale	26	371	4	0
1879	Lord Arthur Hill	31	537	8	0
1880	Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.	30	550	9	6
1881	Lord Henniker	22	346	17	0
1882	Earl of Kintore	34	553	11	6
1883	Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart.	37	710	12	0
1884	Major J. Woodall Woodall, J.P.	48	832	19	0
1885	Lord Egerton of Tatton	87	1721	16	6
1886	Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P.	113	1534	10	6
1887	Earl Amherst	157	2207	4	9

While it will be seen from the above figures that the growth of this Charity has been gradual, it must also be apparent that the last three years show a wonderful increase on any of their predecessors, while evidence is not wanted to prove that this exceptional increase will not only be maintained in the future, but will continue to swell as year by year the celebrations come round. For the Twentieth Annual Festival of the Fund, which will be celebrated on the 25th inst., there are already enrolled the names of one hundred and sixty-three Stewards, the will dine at the same tables. It is hoped that the appeal which will then be made to members of the Order will be as heartily responded to as have been those of former years, and that the net result will be equal to anything yet accomplished, so that the funds of this "Outside Charity" may be so far increased as to allow of its work being continued in the future as successfully as it has been done in the past. We may add that since its foundation in 1869 the sum of nearly £2,400 has been distributed in furthering the objects of the Fund. Thirty-six children have already reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch—at a total cost of £1,195 3s 5d—while, as we have already shown, the present outlay under this head is nearly or quite £400 per annum. Further than this, the Annuity Branch of the Fund is pledged to the payment of £80 a year in the form of Annuities, all of which amounts have to be met from the amounts voluntarily subscribed by the members of the Order year by year in connection with the Anniversary Festivals of the Fund.

Having thus reviewed the rise, progress and present position of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a few words may be said in regards to its internal management, and the mode in which its benefits are distributed. The Benevolent Branch is available for the immediate relief of cases of distress, and is distributed by the General Board, subject in certain cases to the confirmation of Grand Lodge. The Educational Branch is available for children of both sexes, and its benefits are decided by election—by means of voting papers issued by the Board—whenever the number of applicants is in excess of the number of vacancies. The days of election are the first Thursdays in April and October of each year, but as up to the present time it has been found possible to relieve every candidate put forward, it has not yet been necessary to hold an election. No applicant is considered eligible unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Mark Lodge under the English Constitution for a period of not less than two years. The age for admission ranges from eight to thirteen, and the benefits cease on a child reaching the age of sixteen years. Among the conditions which have to be observed in order that the grants may be continued is one that calls for a Quarterly Report of the progress, conduct and health of each child assisted, such report to be submitted to the General Board. The Annuity Branch is available for aged and decayed Mark Masons and their Widows, the benefits being determined by election, on the first Thursday in May of each year, provided there are more applicants than can be relieved, but in this Branch, as in the Educational, it has not yet been found necessary to have an election. Candidates for the Male Fund must not be less than sixty years of age, and for the Widows' Fund not less than fifty-five years. In the former case the Brother must have been a registered Mark Master Mason for ten years, and a subscribing member to a Lodge for at least five consecutive years of that period, unless he be so afflicted as to permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood, in which case concessions in regard to age, &c., are allowed. No brother having an income of £40 per annum, or who is in a position to provide for himself, is eligible, and if any annuitant shall at any time become possessed of an income of £40 per annum, independently of his Annuity, the General Board has the power to reduce or suspend the Annuity, according to the circumstances of the case; while any one who shall incumber his annuity, anticipate the payment thereof, or by improper conduct render himself unworthy to be continued on the Fund may be

Widows' Fund, but she may be placed thereon without election provided the Board is satisfied her case is eligible and deserving. Much the same rules apply in the case of Widows as those to which we have just referred. The limit of income from other sources is in their case fixed at £30 per annum, and upon an annuitant marrying her annuity at once ceases. In both cases the annuities are payable quarterly in advance, provision being made for the attendance of the recipient at the Office of the Grand Lodge, or the forwarding of a certificate by those who are unable to personally apply, every care being taken that the sums granted shall reach those for whom they are intended as speedily, and with as little trouble to the recipients as is possible.

Such are the brief details of a Fund which we have put at the head of the Masonic Charities outside the three Institutions. We consider it a record of which Mark Master Masons have every reason to be proud, and considering it is the outcome of but nineteen years' working, and that too among a limited section of the English Brotherhood, it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of those who have supported it. We trust the Fund will continue its career of prosperity, and that it may always be possible for those who have the conduct of its affairs to do as they have hitherto done,—relieve every case regularly brought forward without entailing either the expense or anxiety of a contested election. If it is found possible to do this the members of the Mark Degree will have at least one important matter to congratulate themselves upon, while those whose circumstances in life may necessitate their making an appeal will have occasion to bless the subscribers and the men who, less than twenty years back, conceived and firmly established the Mark Benevolent Fund.

MASONRY'S WORK.

Extracts from an Oration by Rev. I. F. Stidham, at the Dedication of the Masonic Hall in New Britain, Connecticut, 17th March 1887.

EVENTS teach lessons. The Operative Masonry of three thousand years ago had marked characteristics. There was uniform conscienciousness of work. For the temples of their gods they wrought like gods; their work was eternal for eternal beings. Even in their roads, bridges and aqueducts, there were no shams, and on their temples no meretricious ornaments. Architecture has been called frozen music, and much admiration has been expended by travellers on the ivy-mantled towers and castles of the old world. Architecture now is hypocrisy in stone. As man builds only for man who looks only on the outward appearance he veneers, building only for the present. But not so when builders were priests, and building was a religion. Go to the still existing monuments of ancient Operative Masonry; and from the Pyramids of Egypt to the last stone on Westminster Abbey; and every structure, in part and in whole, is consciencious and enduring. The foundations are sure and the corner-stones are tried. The very mortar has hardened into a creed of Masonic honesty. They tied the stones together in every monumental pile by a bond which meant eternal unity. The test of the square, the plumb and the level reveals the care, the patience and the security of their work. Masonic thought and feeling have ever aspired. The pinnacles of pagodas in the Orient, the utmost point of the cross that surmounts and sanctifies old Saint Paul in London, bear witness to this. As you enter Westminster Abbey the very breath seems to be taken from you upward, with the ascending heights of column, arch and roof. Mountain peaks that seem to prop the skies are loftier than the towers and spires of man's buildings; but while God's power is seen in the one, man's praise is seen in the other, and God loves that most which loves Him most. The work of the past was characterised by honesty, by exalted feelings and fraternal unions. * * * * *

Freemasonry has a mission. It were stupid to suppose otherwise. That which has withstood the vicissitudes of time—has overcome persecutions—that which stands at the head of secular beneficent societies; which has erected magnificent temples at great cost, for its dwelling places—which has enrolled in its membership, and has commanded the deference and respect of a multitude of men of highest mental culture, and highest religious character, must of necessity have a mission, worthy of, and proportionate to, the time, and brains, and money which it annually expends. The history of Masonry is the history of its accomplishments, and those accomplishments are the history of its character. I glory in that history. I am proud of the friends it has gathered to its side. I am more proud of it for the enemies it has made. Masonry does not consist in signals and pass-words, in ritualism and regalia; these outward things are but incidental. It has a broader and deeper significance. It is not a political Order; its members are of every political shade of thinking, and the Order exists under every variety of civil constitution. Strictly speaking, it is in no sense a secret society. I trust that my statement of this fact may comfort many persons to whom this has been a sort of hideous nightmare, and I also trust that this public statement will not lay me liable to the horrible wrath of those terrible men called Masons, but whom you know, ladies and gentlemen, as your husbands and brothers and friends. Now that I have made this statement, though I be drawn and quartered, shot out of a cannon, blown up with dynamite, burnt in coke, simmered in an inquisition frying pan, and allowed no monument to record my many and truthful virtues, as these Masons are said to be doing all the time, I stick to my statement, and I bid you look into the innocent faces of these husbands, present and prospective, of yours, and fearlessly tell me if you think it possible that such men as these could harbour in their childlike and transparent bosoms anything so fraught with disaster to the confidence reposed in them. Nay, a thousand times, nay. Should you lay your hand upon the heart of any of these "childlike and bland" brethren (the married ones, of course, I mean) you would find, as a travelling phrenologist solemnly said, after examining my head with great care, "Nothing there." Its times and places of meeting, its members, its acts and purposes, are known to all intelligent people. Its principles and purposes cannot fail to be known, for they have been proclaimed by press and pulpit, sounded from the housetops and emblazoned along the streets. Its history has been written and given to the world, and its deeds of charity recognised by all generous men. In fact, Masonry is in the full blaze of publicity.

I have said that this is not a political institution; nor is it a religious institution, strictly. It is not a church, it has no theological system, and yet it is practically religious. For while, in no sense, does it claim to be a substitute for the church, it has ever stood the advocate and defender of the principles of Him whose name and nature is light. In a word, its object, ends and aims are open to the public. Those who uphold and perpetuate this Order, as you repeat their names by the thousands, will not be pronounced by their fellow citizens as lacking either in sense or honesty.

Americans are full of rush; they allow themselves little recreation; they are noted for looking sharply to the main chance; and nowhere under the sun will any Order go to pieces faster than in America, if there be no valid reason for its existence, proportioned to the time, labour and cost necessary to its maintenance. Mummery, affectations of value, secrets, are vulgarly supposed to be the real factors in our history; but the average American is a constitutional kicker; no one will resent more warmly than he an imposition; and no one is more prone than he to smash all about him, when he is made the subject of folly. This Order has never made any secret of its principles or of its practices. There is no hiding in a corner. Its temples are in the principal streets of the cities and villages of the world. Along every by-way of the world you will meet men in all employments, and in all professions, who will, as proudly as ever the old Roman boasted of his citizenship, avow themselves one of this great Fraternity. It has no place for the man who is ashamed of it. King or subject, lord or serf, rich or poor, all must knock alike, all must enter alike, all must stand on the level floor of universal equality.

We meet upon the level here, though from every station come,
The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from his home;
The one must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
The other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

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We take the wand of the magician to-day to touch your spirits and awaken them, to look with new eyes upon this great palace, the vast and wondrous Alhambra, which rises in such splendid proportions and pierces the heavens with its spires. Every stone which has entered into the structure has been tried by the level and the square, and found worthy. The carvings which cover it from foundation to spire, as light and as airy as the winter's frost on the window pane, was wrought by skilful fingers of expert workmen, from the designs traced on the trestleboard of the great Architect of the Universe, to whom be the glory of it all.

"Hail! royal art! in humble zeal
The Mason greets the gladdening sway;
'Tis thine to teach the heart to feel,
And thine to bid his hand obey.
'Twas wisdom fashioned, 'twas strength thy temple raised,
And beauty o'er the fabric blazed."

The stones of the temple are, belief in God; the immortality of the soul; loyalty to government; patience; temperance; justice; the brotherhood of man. In wisdom, strength and beauty it has risen, a poem in jewels, frozen music. The materials of the structure are not of wood and hay and stubble, nor even of gold and silver, perishable things, but of immortal mind. Whether coeval with the creation, as some enthusiastic brethren would have us believe, or whether it originated at the building of King Solomon's temple, as our traditions indicate; or, as some students of its antiquity affirm, had its rise from the societies of Operative Masons and Cathedral Guilds, makes but little difference to us. Friend and foe are compelled to concede—and the memory of man runneth not to the contrary—that its genesis is lost in the mists of antiquity, but its beauty is not affected by its age; like the angels in the sepulchre of Christ, they were as young men—its youth is perennial.

If my wand has not failed me, I bid you see yet more—see the white-winged spirits who have gone from this temple over the earth, dropping blessings with every beat of their burnished pinions upon the homes and hearts of the world. Their names are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. They call us from study and from labour to listen for the sigh of some heavy heart, to go where the orphan weeps, or where any calamity of soul or body is wearing away the life. From this grand base of fraternity we have moved outward in all directions, as the astronomer from the diameter of the earth's orbit goes forth with a measuring line among the stars. The clasped hands are a symbol of the fact of Masonry.

We are so constituted that we cannot live without fraternity. Man is social. His life is a longing for fellowship. There is, now and then, a man who spends his time hunting for the "rapture on a lonely shore," but ordinarily we sigh for kindred friends, envying no hermit his barren and lonely cell. In the sunshine of faithful, loving hearts—in the assurance of love and esteem, the best traits of men are developed, and the purest enjoyments known. Take away pleasant companionships, and life is very barren. Who of us, who knows what heart-hunger is—and who does not know it?—but has learned to value the blessings of love? To those who walk a wearisome path in loneliness, who return from the day's battle hearing no welcome, who endure pain and sickness without the support of affectionate attentions—into such cheerless lives comes the flash of the silver wings, and the thrill gives strength and courage to the despondent life. The temple, the home of the angels, has strength. There is a moral support which is given by numbers. Once in a long time you may find a man strong enough to stand alone, but in the struggle against ignoble ideals, and ignoble men; in the effort to promote the welfare of communities; in the conflict to establish the equality of rights; in the grand endeavour to further humaneness of feeling and thought and action, we need the force of numbers.

But the mission of the angels is not yet told. The grandest distinction of this institution is not in the vast and growing numbers, scattered throughout all lands, nor in its splendid list of the names of men who are honoured in every walk of life; not in the coffers of heaped-up wealth; not in its beautiful and instructive rituals; but in its practical fellowship and practical benevolence. The good it does, the sorrow it relieves, the widow it befriends, the orphan it educates—this is its glory—the glory of sustained, systematic relief. That it has done a great work is true, and none the less true because silent. Great forces are generally silent. The light which opens the sleeping rosebuds into bloom is the mightiest of all forces, it works the most marvellous transformations without a jar, without a sound; and when, as Everett says, "the everlasting gates of the morning are thrown wide open and the lord of day, arrayed in glories too serene for the gaze of man, begins his course," kissing the waves of grand old ocean and pressing its lips to the clinging dew-drop, tinting the flowers with delicate and beautiful colours, and with its gladdening rays filling the world with a flood of light and life, its footsteps have no echo. The building of Solomon's temple represents in beautiful symbolism the work of our Order. In silence the structure rose. No sound of workman's hammer was heard therefrom. In the caverns underneath the city the workmen wrought out the skilful designs of the Master. And to-day, in those same caverns, can be seen the chippings on the floor and the smoke-stains the workmen's torches left upon the walls. The multitude that thronged the city in those golden days saw the structure rise in glorious beauty, but they knew not the marvellous cunning of him whose designs were daily drawn upon the trestleboard, nor did they see the work of those whose skill wrought out the Master's designs and shaped each stone for its place. The multitudes saw only the results. The processes were hidden from their eyes. All true work, however much it may be wrought far from the sight and applause of men, will have its revelation, and by so much its vindication. The life which stands forth conspicuous among men, commanding their attention, compelling their regard, as what men of common mould little think of, unseen forces which shaped its career. The various Masonic organisations are annually expending vast sums of money for charitable purposes, without noise, without the sound of trumpets or the waving of banners. The real beauty of Masonic charity is its *silence*. To be fraternal is to be benevolent. True relief is only to be found in brotherliness. Its works will not grieve, but sooth and calm, and the depth of divine, as well as human love, will best be found in silence. For, after all, God is the discovery of silence. No magnificent rhetoric has held Him to the soul's gaze. He is not so near to the finest spirits in the shriek of the wild tempest as in the sighing of the zephyr—He is farther away from the sensitive soul in the bursting artillery of the storm than in the dying music of a falling leaf.

The third element in the mission of Masonry is found in the fact that it presents to our minds the character of perfect manhood—that it holds up before its disciples an ideal man—true to God, true to his country, true to his neighbour, true to himself; and endeavours so to portray the beauty and consistency of such a walk and life, that we may be led to imitate it, and fashion ours in accordance therewith. Masons gather all this into one word—*truth*. Veiled in allegory, sparkling in symbol—as well as by plain precept—it attracts the attention and reaches the hearts of those who have crossed its threshold. It is always saying, as Wolsey to Cromwell, "Be just and fear not; let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's." Wrong and error die; true principles are eternal.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are her's;
But error wounded writhes in pain,
And dies amid her worshippers.

Like the diamond, Masonry has gathered truth, the light, down deep in its heart, and rays it out from every one of its hundred facets. The present Pope of Rome published a bull against us not long ago. He calls us the "City of Satan." He says: "The plan of secret societies is no longer a mystery. It is a struggle against the church, and the various Popes have properly excommunicated Freemasons." He, the Pope, says, "The dangerous doctrines are, that men have all the same rights, and are perfectly equal in condition that no one has a right to command others; that it is tryanny to keep men subject to any other authority than that which emanates from themselves; that the origin of all rights is in the people or in the state, which is ruled according to the new principles of liberty; that there is no reason why one religion ought to be preferred to another—that all are to be held in the same esteem." To all of which the genial Bob Burdette says: "Well, now, that may be very dangerous over in Europe, but it sounds all right over here. We believe that this United States government is founded on these very Masonic principles. If that is all the Pope has to say

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against the 'Free and Accepted Masons,' then we, an impartial outsider, neither a Pope nor a Mason, shout 'Long live the goat!" and back him against the bull, to win every time. Back him head first, too, as that's the way the goat backs most effectively. And, by the way, in Ireland, which we believe is a Catholic country, and outside of Ireland certain Irishmen, whom we believe to be Catholics, are bravely fighting with their mouths, and laying down their lives, in their minds, for these very same principles of liberty, equality and the reign of the common people. 'The horns of the goat seem to be exalted.'"

The mission of Masonry has this further: that all true inspiration, all sustained and effective effort, must be founded on the Bible. Sad emblems of mortality warn him, by all records of the past, to be true. Along the path of his life Masonry sends her winged spirits, her ministering angels to walk with him; at his death-bed to fold their wings and stand; to wipe the death damp from his brow, and whisper of the glorious land beyond, of everlasting mountains, of flower-besprent vales, of perennial fountains, of eternal fraternity, of infinite benevolence, of perfect truth.

That mission has not ended. As it goes along with the man to his grave, so will it go along with humanity until it shall close its career. To you, my brethren, it is given, in part, to complete this mission. Often let us ponder what we Masons vowed to do, when prepared at our altars:

> "We assumed the solemn vow:
> Foot and knee, breast, hand and cheek,
> Let them oft our duties speak."

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FRIENDLY BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 609.

IN the Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast, on the 25th ult., the members and their friends were entertained to dinner by Bro. Wm. Kerr W.M. There was a very large attendance. After the dinner, which was served in excellent style, the Chairman proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received, the assembly *singing* "God Save the Queen." The Three Grand Masters was proposed and duly honoured, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was heartily sung. The Chairman next proposed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. Bro. T. Nesbitt, in responding, said he was glad to be able to report that the various officers were discharging their duties efficiently. He knew that for a long time past a great amount of labour and perseverance had been exercised by the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers in strengthening the Institution and removing from it everything that did not tend to promote its welfare. The Masonic Province of Antrim was a large one, and recently Grand Lodge Instructors had been appointed to inspect the various Lodges, and their reports were very encouraging. As they had all seen in the newspapers, a Masonic Hall at Glenarm was dedicated on Saturday. The brethren there had not sufficient accommodation, and they built this hall. All the members of the Institution would be glad to hear that it was free of debt. He held that the places in which Freemasons met ought to be their own, and the Glenarm brethren had set a good example which might be followed even in the metropolitan Masonic district of Belfast. He trusted before long that that hall would belong to the Lodges which met in it. The Masonic body was progressing satisfactorily, not merely in point of numbers, but in point of organisation and discipline, philanthropy and charity. He congratulated Bro. Kerr on the position he occupied as W.M. of that Lodge, for in No. 609 were some of the best Masons in Belfast. The Chairman said they had now come to the most pleasing part of the programme, and that for which they were chiefly met. That Lodge had a right to feel proud of Bro. William Brown. He was well known and exceedingly popular among the Masonic brethren of Belfast, and had the members of that Lodge gone outside of it to the members of other Lodges for subscriptions they could have covered Bro. Brown with gold watches. He would ask the Secretary to read the address. Bro. Frame then read the address. The presentation consisted of a splendid gold watch. Mrs. Brown was also presented with gold bracelets. Bro. Brown, who was very heartily received, having read his reply, said his heart was too full to permit him to speak at any length. He was greatly obliged to the Brethren for their kindness, and he had especially to thank the Committee who had conceived and carried out that presentation. He had associated with them for many years in the past, and he felt that time had been usefully spent. Their moments together had been very pleasant, and they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had helped on the good work of charity. He tendered his warmest thanks to the ladies for their presence, for without them the meetings would not be so enjoyable as they were. Their meetings partook of the social character, and as they had heard already, Masonry was prospering. Great evils had disappeared, but Masonry continued and grew stronger than ever in the 19th Century. That was a proof that there was good in their Institution, and that it commended itself to this as well as to past ages. He was sure that their Lodge would continue to prosper. The Chairman proposed Our Poor and Distressed Brethren, which was well received. Bro. Hutton responded. He said it required no eloquence to commend the Masonic Charities to the members of 609. They were always ready to respond in a tangible way when called upon; and if they looked at the report of the Widows' Fund they would find that Lodge third on the list. There was no time at which they should be so willing to help their poor and distressed brethren than on an occasion like that when they were enjoying themselves, and they would shortly have an opportunity of contributing to that purpose. The poor they always had with them, and it was the glory of Charity that it extended the right hand of fellowship to those who needed sympathy and support. There were two Charities connected with Belfast Masonry, which were well sustained. Their Order was progressing, and he hoped it would continue to do so. Bro. Hugh Doey also responded. He said it was not necessary for him to say anything to that Lodge about their duty to charities. They were there as guests of Bro. Kerr, and there was no way they could show their respect for him better than by subscribing liberally to the charities. A few days ago, at a charity dinner for the English Masonic Girls' School, the sum of £50,500 was raised. He trusted that the members would continue to support the charities as they had done in the past. Bro. Kennedy also addressed the meeting. During the evening an interesting programme was performed by the following:—Miss Bell, the Misses Kerr, Miss Browne, Mr. William Irvine, Bro. R. T. Mahood, Mr. Scott, and Bro. W. Curran. Miss Moore acted as accompanist to the satisfaction of all.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 154.

ON Thursday evening, 21st ult., the brethren met in their club-room, 75 Upper Arther Street, Belfast, for the purpose of making a very handsome and valuable presentation to Bro. John Grey, P.M. of that Lodge, on the occasion of his departure from Belfast. Bro. Grey has for a number of years held the position of resident Secretary for the Scottish Widows' Fund in this town, and now leaves to occupy a similar post in Bristol, and the members of his Lodge, on learning of his intended change of residence, were determined to embrace the opportunity of presenting him with a suitable souvenir of their fraternal esteem and appreciation. The Worshipful Master (Bro. John Martin) occupied the chair, and, having feelingly and appropriately introduced the subject, called upon the secretary to read the address, which was handsomely illuminated, Masonic devices being introduced into the border. The W.M. then presented Bro. Grey with a very handsome sterling silver dinner and dessert service, contained in cases bearing suitable inscriptions, and the recipient having read his reply, the Chairman called upon the brethren present to toast the health of the guest of the evening, Bro. John Grey, P.M. of Lodge 154. He referred in highly eulogistic terms to the manner in which Bro. Grey had always discharged his Masonic duties, and to the deep interest he had evinced in the wealth and prosperity of Lodge 154, and concluded by wishing him and his family every prosperity in the country to which by the exigencies of commercial requirements they have been transferred. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Grey responded in a very touching and eloquent speech, in which he expressed his sincere regret at being obliged to separate from the members of his mother Lodge, in which he had spent so many happy hours, and from those pleasurable Masonic associations which, wherever he might go, would always remain fresh in his memory. The toast of the Past Masters of Lodge 154 was next given and duly honoured, and was responded to by Bro. W. J. Johnston, J.P., the senior member of the Lodge, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

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NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY LODGE, No. 597.

THE above Lodge held a special meeting on Friday, 29th ult., the Right Worshipful Master Bro. D. G. Drysdale in the chair, supported by his office bearers. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, passed to F.C., and raised to the sublime of M.M., when Bros. Sligh and Leckie were raised to that degree. The Lodge was then advanced to that of Mark Master, when the following brethren of St. Margaret's, No. 548, South Queensferry, were advanced to that degree with the object of enabling them to work the Mark in connection with 548:—Bros. Falconer R.W.M., Robb S.W., Bovan, J. G. Robb, M'Gregor, M'Allum, M'Donald, Lynch, Russell and Cumming. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Drysdale R.W.M. 597 in his usual impressive style, ably assisted by Bro. Syme S, after which the R.W.M. and S.W. of 548 received honorary affiliation. The R.W.M. of 597 in congratulating the brethren on receiving the degree of Mark Master, at the same time expressed his thanks on behalf of Lodge 597 for the very kind manner in which they were entertained by the members of Lodge 548 whilst recently on their annual excursion, and hoped that the links formed that night would still make the two Lodges more closely united. Bro. Falconer, in replying for himself and Bro. Robb, thanked the Lodge for the honour conferred on them, and in a few well-chosen remarks wished Lodge 597 every success. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at Sittingbourne, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst P.G.M., who was assisted by Bro. James Smith Eastes D.P.G.M., and a number of brethren representing the whole of the Lodges in the Province. The Lodge was held at the Crescent-street School Rooms, under the banner of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings held at Dartford and Maidstone, the latter for the purpose of conferring Jubilee Grand Honours, were confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were taken as read. The esteemed Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. B. K. Thorpe P.M. 709, P.G. Stand. Br. England, was re-elected with acclamation, and that brother returned thanks. The following brethen were then appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. J. Harris P.M. 1273	Senior Warden
S. W. Shaw P.M. 1965	Junior Warden
Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, M.A., P.M. 1209	Chaplains
Rev. W. H. Bond, M.A., P.M. 1273	Chaplains
B. K. Thorpe P.M. 701 P.G.St.B.Eng.	Treasurer
A. Spencer P.M. 1063 P.G. Sword Bearer England (re-appointed)	Secretary
John Burton P.M. 874	Registrar
Thomas D. Hayes P.M. 913	Senior Deacons
F. W. Underdown P.M. 133	Senior Deacons
C. C. Walter P.M. 1208	Junior Deacons
W. W. Woodruff P.M. 1206	Junior Deacons
John S. Anscomb P.M. 503	Superintendent of Works
J. C. Biggs P.M. 77	Director of Ceremonies
John F. Solly P.M. 784	Deputy Director of Cers.
William Elliott P.M. 1854	Asst. Director of Cers.
George Kennedy P.M. 1536	Sword Bearer
Thomas W. Wallis P.M. 483	Standard Bearers
E. B. Moody W.M. 1967	Standard Bearers
William Tice P.M. 31	Organist
William Jude P.M. 1063	Assistant Secretary
Edward Ayre P.M. 2099	Pursuivant
John S. G. Ranger P.M. 184	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Wootton P.M. 127	Stewards
W. J. Smith P.M. 199	Stewards
Lewis B. Biggs P.M. 1050	Stewards
W. H. Marcoolyn P.M. 1209	Stewards
F. Wood P.M. 1973	Stewards
Daniel Grinsted P.M. 1692	Stewards

Thirty pounds was voted to each of three distressed applicants, two members of the Province, and one member's widow. Twenty-one pounds was voted to each of the following Lodges, Nos. 1965, 1967, 1973, for the Boys' School, Girls' School, and Benevolent Institution, and £21 each for Nos. 1464, 1531, 1536, 1678, 1692, and 1725, for the Girls' School; 250 guineas was voted to the list of the P.G.M., who represented the Province at the late Girls' School Festival, when the Lodges of the Province subscribed 1000 guineas to purchase a Perpetual Presentation to that School, which, added to the P.G.M.'s list, made up a grand total of £1323.

A motion, moved by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, that in future the Prov. Grand Secretary should find two sureties in the sum of £250 each, was carried with two dissentients.

The Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to St. Michael's Church, kindly lent for the occasion by the rector, where the Rev. H. Venn, M.A., the Prov. Grand Chaplain preached an eloquent sermon.

On re-assembling, Provincial Grand Lodge passed votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Venn and the managers of the Schools for their kindness in placing the church and schools at the service of the brethren; also to the authorities for the use of the Town Hall for the banquet, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The roll of Lodges in the Province having been called over, the majority were found to be represented. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and reports of the Audit and Charity during the past year by Bro. J. F. Hepburn, and also with the state of the financial affairs of Provincial Grand Lodge. He was about to propose for election to that office a brother whom he was sure would perform the duties quite as satisfactorily as his predecessor had done. He believed Bro. Spratling was well known to the brethren present, and he had much pleasure in proposing him for election as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Hepburn, was carried unanimously. Col. Burdett, in re-appointing Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp as his Deputy, paid a high tribute of praise to that brother, who had not only relieved him of great responsibility, but was enthusiastically beloved by all in the Province. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follow:—

Bro. Colonel Blunt	Senior Warden
T. C. Walls	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Lindsay	Chaplains
Rev. Evan Jones	Chaplains
— Spratling	Treasurer
W. Sweetland	Registrar
F. J. H. Woodward	Secretary
W. Maple	Senior Deacons
H. F. Ring	Senior Deacons
G. Gregory	Junior Deacons
R. Roy	Junior Deacons
C. J. Shoppee	Superintendent of Works
G. S. Elliott	Director of Ceremonies
T. H. Nott	Deputy Director of Cers.
E. W. Warner	Asst. Director of Cers.
F. J. Perks	Sword Bearer
W. C. Williams	Standard Bearers
W. Seward jun.	Standard Bearers
Ed. Dalzell	Organist
W. H. Lee	Assistant Secretary
W. Beavis	Pursuivant
F. Chandler	Assistant Pursuivant
Edmund Yates 771	Stewards
Dr. J. W. Oswald 1415	Stewards
Alfred Lingard 1691	Stewards
Dr. H. W. Seager 2183	Stewards
E. Monson jun. 1194	Stewards
C. S. Buck 1702	Stewards
J. Gilbert	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master, in investing Bro. T. C. Walls as Grand Junior Warden, said that brother had already served the office of Prov. G.S.B., but he had worked so hard in the Province for several years past that he could do no other than reward his excellent services by promoting him to a higher office. He should not regard this as a precedent for the future, but it afforded him great pleasure to invest Bro. Walls as Prov. G.J.W., and was confident the appointment would meet with the approbation of the brethren. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, £15 15s was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions. The Wardens and Bro. W. Maple were elected members of the Audit Committee, and Bros. J. Tickle, W. A. Scurrah, and W. H. Lee re-elected to the Charity Committee. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hepburn for his services as Prov. G. Treasurer during the past year. The Secretaries of Lodges in the Province were urged by the Prov. Grand Master to send in returns of their respective Lodges as complete as possible to Bro. Henry Lovegrove, and thus assist in the compilation of the next issue of the Provincial Calendar, compiled by that brother. The Prov. Grand Secretary having announced the receipt of several letters and telegrams from brethren, expressing regret for non-attendance, and other routine business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then went in procession to the parish church, where a short service was held and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. Rev. John Lindsay, D.D., Prov. G.Chap., who took for his text 1 St. Peter, chap. ii., verse 17: "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." A collection was made for the Parochial Schools, which resulted in a total of £6 1s 2d. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast at the Abercorn Hotel, when the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

On Friday, the 6th instant, Bro. Alderman Savory entertained the children of the Royal Masonic School for Girls, together with members of the staff, at his country seat, Buckhurst Park, Ascot.

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By command of the Provincial Grand Master, the annual

STALLED MASTERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

instant, over one hundred brethren assembled ion) at the Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Hull, aring a lecture, delivered under the auspices of Masters' Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. B. England P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Secretary is the d Bro. W. Tesseyman P.M. P.G. Supt. Works greatest interest had been shown in the subject otes of British Freemasonry: a Retrospect of much as the lecture was to be delivered by the storian—Brother Wm. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of Egypt, P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall. Amongst the re:—Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue P.G.J.W., Walter rer, T. Oates P.G. Assistant Secretary; G. L. (Mayor of Hull), M. Haberland, A. King, Geo. on, John Walton P.P.G.D.'s; W. D. Keyworth m. Gillett P.P.G.St.B., C. S. Lane P.P.G.D. P.P.G.D.C. Devon, Winter P.P.G.St.B. Norfolk, , R. R. Hawley W.M. 250, J. Chappell W.M. M. 1010, M. M. Westerby P.M. 294, James . Watson P.M. 2069, and many others. Bro. orshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and tion with the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge hich I have the honour to preside, a series of ven by eminent members of the Craft, to the instruction of our Hull brethren, and, as we with the consent of the most famous of all liver an address, we deemed it would be a wise public night, open to all brethren who would company, and, accordingly, the W.M. of the kindly and most readily given his permission, f the Installed Masters' Lodge is held in the titution whence it originated. These few words that we are assembled. We are met to-night, to welcome our distinguished Brother W. J. Senior Deacon of England, whose Masonic lore s in the cause of the Craft are well known steads, and will be gratefully remembered so flourish, for its literature can never die! He f not the very first, to divest the history of the y which it had been covered for centuries, and ud scholarly industry to explode many foolish ns as to its antiquity and pretensions; and thus f the Craft upon an equally respectable and ith other subjects of archæological inquiry, een continued, many and important works have y pen, and multifarious are the magazine and which he has added to our stores of knowledge, loyen amongst Masonic authors. Bro. Hughan ing to the pleasure he felt in visiting Hull, and other brethren, with whom he had corresponded and seeing again his very old friend Brother ple and life he was first induced to think of o. He then proceeded to refer to the steps by d to his present conclusions respecting the Its history commenced within the 14th century. gends of the Craft relating to earlier periods, legends, and too much importance has been ere were Masonic assemblies at York, which rking Masons and gentlemen or speculative d Elias Ashmole and others as persons of this th century. He referred to the old Charges, erved in the British Museum and elsewhere, of Freemasonry in the fourteenth and fifteenth xamples of these interesting rolls were dis- ban. These early records proved that then a Christian character, and the meetings con- ion of the Holy Trinity. Religious and loyal Masons. Records of Scottish Lodges from st. The oldest Scottish charges were clearly . The secrets, signs, and words were explained, ed. It was proved that so long since as 1670 elected and used by speculative brethren. The subject of legal litigation in Scotland in 1714. l eavesdropper were explained. It was not emier Grand Lodge was formed, and from that rees" in Masonry has been known; the Royal at a later date. There were several Grand and 1813, when the United Grand Lodge was nited Grand Lodge of England put the reli- masonry on the broad basis of requiring from the Order an acknowledgment of his belief in , therefore, as free to Masonry as Christians, many zealous and able Masons among the hommedans, Hindoos, and Parsees had also

The influence of Freemasonry, under the Lodge of England, was felt wherever British ere known, and it was a beneficent influence e and prosperity and the brotherhood of man- India was as beneficial as it was great. Many ts were referred to, and after speaking about it

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Henry W. Hunt, Stephen Richardson, James Stevens, John Glass, John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., Alfred Williams, Robert Berridge S.G.D., C. H. Webb, Geo. Mickley, Geo. Everett, W. H. Saunders, H. Sutherland, David D. Mercer, A. E. Gladwell, W. Pass, H. Venn, James Moon, Joyce Murray, Andrew R. Motion, H. J. Strong, J. Rayner, Alfred J. Dixie, C. Weeden, H. Homewood, George Gardner, and F. Binckes P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Committee took into consideration the various petitions, to the number of 17, which were laid before them, the result being the acceptance of them all, and the names of the candidates were ordered to be placed on the list for the election in October next. The number of vacancies for October was declared at 20, to be increased to 22 if the Quarterly Court should so decide, and the list of candidates at 77. Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court, on the 27th inst., having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding. The following is the notice of motion given by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D. Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, namely:

That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Patron and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purpose of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treas. of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. H. Maudslay P.G.D., A. H. Tattershall, James Brett P.G.P., W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, William Smith, Joseph Freeman, Samuel Brooks, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. H. Perryman G.P., C. J. Perceval, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., John Bulmer, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Major A. Durrant, Charles G. Hill, J. Dixon, C. F. Hogard, Geo. Mickley M.B., Harry Cox, W. J. Murlis, and James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the House Committee of the Boys' School for permitting the band of that Institution to attend at Croydon on the occasion of the recent Stewards' visit. The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a late annuitant for half her husband's annuity having been granted, two petitions (one male and one widow) were considered, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

We remind our readers that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Surrey will be held on Wednesday next. Further particulars will be found elsewhere.

A complimentary Benefit Matinée has been tendered Mr. W. W. Kelly, of the Princess's Theatre; it will take place on Tuesday, 9th August. The programme will be exceptionally strong and consist of miscellaneous items of London successes. Numerous popular artistes have already volunteered their services.

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SURREY.

Prob. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1882, Carshalton.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to the W. Bro. William Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, "Westcroft," Carshalton, Surrey, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Carshalton.

Down Trains from London Bridge 12·50 and 2 o'clock p.m., arriving at Carshalton 1·26 p.m. and 2·30 p.m.
" " Victoria 1·5 p.m. arriving at Carshalton 1·34 p.m.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge 9·2 p.m. and 10·34 p.m., arriving at 9·40 and 11·15 p.m.
" " " Victoria 9·14 p.m., arriving 9·50 p.m.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at Two o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. W. Pile P.Z., "Westcroft," Carshalton, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m.

Down Train from London Bridge, 12·50; arriving at Carshalton, 1·26.
" " Victoria, 1·5; arriving at Carshalton, 1·34.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge, 9·2 and 10·34 p.m.; arriving at 9·40 and 11·15.
" " " Victoria, 9·14; arriving at 9·50 p.m.

PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Greyhound, Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 21st July 1888, when all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 4·30 o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective ranks.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,
WM. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.P.G.S.W., &c.
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

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2nd July 1888.

Banquet at 6 o'clock.

By a resolution of the Committee of General Purposes, the price of the Dinner Tickets has been reduced to 15s, including wine, the Provincial Grand Lodge to pay the difference.

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Greenock ...	5 38	7 18	8 0	9 5		7 5	8 30	10 43	2 46
Oban ...	9 20	—	—	4 45		—	12 23	2 0	4 50
Perth ...	6 40	—	—	8 45	6 35	6 50	8 15	11 10	2 20
Dundee ...	7 35	—	—	9 30	8 20	8 20	9 40	11 55	2 55
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Inverness ...	—	—	—	8 5	11 30	11 50	2 15	6 5	10 5

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ROYAL ARCH.

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IAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

eeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on the 10th asonic Hall, Durham. There was a large ncipals and other officers. The Chapter m by Comps. J. Horsley, W. Coxon, and g as Z., H. and J. The Most Excellent ndent of the Province (Sir Hedworth .) was received by the Chapter standing. ement presented by the P.G. Treasurer on) showed a balance of over £33 in hand. were voted to the Royal Masonic School e Institution for Aged Freemasons and 16s was voted to the Durham Masonic The roll of chapters was called, and the by the various principals were of a satis- The Provincial Grand Superintendent, in referred to the satisfaction which the ed him, and briefly alluded to the position and wished them every success. The afterwards appointed by Sir Hedworth Supt. as the officers for the ensuing

P.G. Treasurer		H.
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n -	-	Standard Bearer
- -	-	Director of Ceremonies
- -	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
- -	-	Organist
Pattison	-	Assistant S.E.
- -	-	Janitor

SHE CHAPTER, No. 1099.

his Chapter held their annual meeting on the 4th nic Hall, Home-park, Stoke. The Principals elect nps. Thomas May as Z., Henry Rogers H., and Comp. E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.Reg. was the ssisted by Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon . Stanbury P.P.G. St. B., with a Board of Past lowing Officers were invested :—Comps. Gilman lon P.S., Foster 1st A.S., Stanton 2nd A.S., Staton O., Sprague D.C., Olver St. B., Yeoman Janitor. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon pre- with a pair of miniature hand-painted R.A. somely framed. The panels bear the inscrip-

pter Huyshe, 1099, H.R.A., Stoke Dameral, by V. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 494, 2022, I P.P. 3rd G.P. 4th July 1888.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND LODGE.

19th inst., was a red letter day in Mark

by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford R.W. D.G.M.M. as the M.W. G.M.M in the chair. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was then duly installed Prov. G.M.M. of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and appointed his Officers, as follow :—

Bro. H. Jeffs P.G.I.G.	-	Deputy Master
O. Shellard P.M. 243	-	Senior Warden
J. Balcomb P.M. 10	-	Junior Warden
W. R. Porcher P.M. 10	-	M.O.
J. Marchant P.M. 243	-	S.O.
Dr. Gregory Treasurer 10	-	J.O.
Rev. Dr. Lynes P.M. 340	-	Chaplain
W. L. Bain P.M. 10 (elected)	-	Treasurer
J. Davies P.M. 243	-	Registrar
G. Norman G.D. P.M. 10	-	Secretary
C. Coldwell I.P.M. 243	-	Senior Deacon
E. Lea W.M. 218	-	Junior Deacon
W. Forth P.P.D.G.M.	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. C. Ferris P.M. 218	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
T. E. Gandy 10	-	Organist
W. R. Felton P.P.G.M.O.	-	Steward
H. Phillips	-	Tyler

Grand Lodge having been resumed, the M.W. G.M.M. in the chair moved, and Bro. Canon Portal seconded, an address of condolence to the M.W. G.M.M. the Prince of Wales on the death of the Emperor Frederick, this being the first meeting of Grand Lodge since that deplorable event. Grand Lodge then retired, and on the motion of the R.W. Prov.G.M. seconded by Bro. Shellard Prov. G.S.W., an address was voted to Bro. John Walker, in recognition of the services he had rendered to Mark Masonry during the nine years he had ruled the Province—six years as Deputy, and three years as Prov.G.M.M. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren subsequently dined together, under the presidency of the Marquis of Hertford, in the handsome dining-hall of the Lodge.

PROV. G. LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 2nd instant, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon G. R. Portal Provincial Grand Mark Master, who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.M.O. of England, Bro. Matier Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the following present and past Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.—Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, F. Newman, G. F. Lancaster, F. Powell, A. R. Holbrook, D. O. Hobbs, M. E. Frost, Rev. A. M. Walker, Rev. H. J. Mason, R. Dampier-Child, Gordon Miller, R. Cullingford, C. Reynolds, H. P. Holley, H. Stone, W. Green, Rev. J. N. Palmer Past Grand Chaplain England, J. B. Atkinson, S. Clarke, A. Dashwood, H. Crisp, J. Conner, E. E. Street, J. C. Airs, J. W. Willmott, F. Sanders, R. J. Turney, J. Donne, Dr. F. V. Paxton, J. E. Buck, J. Westaway, H. J. Guy, &c. Satisfactory reports were presented of the progress of Mark Masonry in the Province, and it transpired that the number of advancements during the year was double that of the year preceding, and all the Lodges appeared to be in good working order. The Lodge of Economy at Winchester, which had been in abeyance for many years, has been resuscitated through the zeal of Bros. Loveland and Le Feuvre, the latter of whom has accepted the office of W.M. for the year. The Lodge resolved unanimously again to recommend the Rev. Canon Portal to the Grand Mark Master for appointment as the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick was also unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, a resolution being at the same time affirmed, thanking him for his past services, and sympathising with him in his serious illness. On the proposition of the Rev. Canon Portal, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it was agreed to place this amount

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Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	Deputy Master
G. J. Tilling	Senior Warden
Colonel Yeatman Biggs	Junior Warden
J. Westaway	M.O.
S. Salter	S.O.
F. Sanders	J.O.
Rev. E. H. Elers	Chaplains
Rev. A. M. Walker	Chaplains
C. Waters	Registrar of Marks
C. W. A. Jellicoe	Secretary
W. G. P. Gilbert	Senior Deacon
H. P. Holley	Junior Deacon
J. Van Marle	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Borrow	Director of Ceremonies
N. Solomon	Assistant Director of Cers.
J. T. Thackara	Sword Bearer
J. Leftwich	Standard Bearer
J. T. Antill jun.	Organist
R. F. Osborne	I.G.
Commodore Markham, R.N.	Stewards
Barlow	Stewards
Burchett	Stewards
Savill	Stewards
Exell	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Mark Master thanked Bro. Tilling for the zeal and attention with which he had, during the past eight years, carried out the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall. The banquet was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the Rev. Canon Portal presiding.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

THE members held their annual installation meeting, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thomas Allison W.M. elect and investing the Officers for the ensuing year, on Monday, the 2nd instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven. The Lodge was opened promptly at one o'clock p.m. by Bro. Thomas Studholme W.M., assisted by his officers and members, and visitors from all the Lodges in the West. On the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, was invited to the seat of honour, and performed the ancient ceremony of installing a chief in a way which stamps him at once a master of the art; he was assisted by Bro. J. Barr. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz.:—Brcs. Thomas Studholme I.P.M., Cant S.W., George Starkie J.W., Johns Treasurer, Spencer Broadbent Secretary, Hinde S.D., Thompson J.D., Thomas Mitchell D.C., Cook Organist, Macsen I.G., Thomas Richardson Tyler, Musgrave and Gaffney Stewards, and Thornburrow Almoner. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, and the usual compliment from the many visitors, who were in the majority, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, repaired to the banquet-hall, where Bro. G. W. Roll, of the Black Lion Hotel, had a spread awaiting them which fully sustained the past catering of Ye Black Lion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received; with a few capital songs and recitations. The old Lodge 119 holds its premier rank in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, as in ancient days "When George the Third was King."

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held on the 9th instant, at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, when the W.M. Elect, Bro. F. R. Thomas, was installed. Bros. J. Ward, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and A. S. Hendry were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Ward I.P.M., Moulder S.W., Surgeon S. T. O'Grady, R.N., J.W., Lemon Chaplain, Bayly Treasurer, Hendry Secretary, Dr. Harrison S.D., Stawell J.D., Dunsterville D.C., Dunsterville A.D.C., Pike Org., Stirling Graves I.G., Geach, and Paymaster Mills, R.N., Stewards, Gidley Tyler. Bro. A. S. Henry was elected the Charity Steward, and the Rev. W. Lemon the Representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. Five guineas was voted to the Masonic Boys' School, London, and five guineas to the Girls' School. In the evening the annual banquet was held at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Bro. F. R. Thomas presiding.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

AT a meeting held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport, the W.M. Bro. J. J. Meadley presided. Bro. J. Lyne was the Master of the Lodge in 1868, and since then has been the Treasurer; Bro. R. Cawsey was the Master of the Lodge in 1879, and since then he has been the Secretary. During those periods they have enjoyed the full confidence of all the other Officers and members, and to their untiring exertions must be attributed the success of what is now one of the largest Lodges in

MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of the Masonic fraternity took place on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when the members held their annual festival. It is now six years since this Lodge, so intimately connected with Liverpool history, held its centenary, and it still continues to keep on the line with the other Lodges of the City, being not only numerous in membership, but prosperous in its finances, the past year having resulted in gifts of nearly £80 to the various Charities, leaving a substantial balance, at the same time, in favour of the Lodge. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pye, who was numerously supported. The W.M. elect, Bro. Spurr, was presented by Bros. Dr. Kallett Smith and James White, and the first part of the installation was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Pye, who was afterwards ably supplemented by Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, and the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Pye I.P.M., Hewson S.W., Davidson J.W., Hayes Treasurer, Shacklady Secretary, Ewart Organist, Bridge S.D., Neale J.D., Bush I.G., Brown, Routledge, Roberts, and Saunders Stewards, White D.C., Ball (re-elected) Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for the effective rendering of the ceremony. Bro. Casey (house steward) afterwards catered admirably for the brethren, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, accompanied by a valuable gold watch, with a chaste suite of jewellery, set in rubies, for Mrs. Pye, given by the individual members.

ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 850.

THE annual festival was held at the Town Hall, Ashborne, on Monday, the 2nd inst., the festival of St. John the Baptist (the day appointed for the anniversary). There was a good attendance of visiting brethren. The principal ceremony of the day was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Bond, which was ably performed by Bros. Donegani W.M. and Percy Wallis P.M. P.P.S.G.W., after which the W.M. appointed the Officers of the Lodge, as follow:—Bros. Rigby S.W., Twigg J.W., Littleton Treasurer, Howell Secretary, Davenport S.D., Lytle J.D., Beardmore D.C., Tatt Organist, Wither I.G., Farmer and Marple Stewards, Brambles Almoner, Brown Tyler. The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Green Man Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The usual toast list was proceeded with, in the course of which the health of the newly-installed Master was drunk with much enthusiasm.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 893.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 9th inst., at Millbrook. The W.M. Elect, Bro. John Duckett, was installed. Bros. J. D. Pearn, J. A. Bersey, and W. B. Barne were the Installing Officers. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Pearn I.P.M., Marchant S.W., Price J.W., Rev. R. F. Frazer-Frizell Chaplain, Carne Treasurer, Bickford Secretary, Stanton S.D., Shear J.D., Nicol D.C., Veale Org., Wilton I.G., Cundy and Evens Stewards, Fisher Tyler. The annual banquet was held in the evening, at the Commercial Hotel. Bro. J. Duckett presided.

HOWE AND CHARNWOOD LODGE, No. 1007.

A LARGE party of the Leicester Freemasons, with their wives and lady friends, had a most enjoyable picnic on Tuesday, the 19th ult., under the auspices of the above Lodge, which is held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, but most of the active members of which reside in Leicester. The party, about sixty in number, left Leicester for Loughborough by the 11·30 a.m. train, first-class saloon carriages having courteously been provided for them by Mr. Michie, the station master. At the Loughborough station they were met by carriages, which conveyed them to the Bull's Head Hotel, where Mr. Widnall had provided a most *récherché* lunch, and where they were joined by some of the Loughborough brethren and friends. After the luncheon carriages were in readiness to convey the party to Longcliffe, affording a delightful drive *vid* Dishley, through Garendon Park, and pass the Sneepshed quarries. The weather, though somewhat dull and threatening in the early morning, cleared up beautifully before noon, and was throughout the remainder of the day all that could be wished, not too hot, yet sufficiently warm to suit even the most delicate. At Longcliff, the magnificent display of rhododendrons, now in the very height of their splendour, tempted to short pleasant strolls, after which there was an informal, but very refreshing rustic tea, and then a dance on the greensward, to the tunes of an excellent string band, which accompanied the party from Leicester, and which played a capital selection of music at short intervals during the day in addition to the dance music. The committee, to whom everything was entrusted, and to whom the most unqualified praise is due for the admirable manner in which the whole of the arrangements were carried out, consisted of the following brethren: Bros. R. L. Gibson, T. F. Corcoran W.M., E. Chapman, C. Oliver, E. P. Steede, C. J. Wilkinson, and Geo. C. Oliver. Bro. Marshall was a most active and assiduous host, sec. After the dancing the carriages were again in readiness, and another most charming drive through Woodhouse Eaves, Beaumanor Park, and Woodthorpe, brought the party back to the Bull's Head Hotel, and to those who know any thing of Mr. Widnall's catering on such an occasion it is needless to say that the spread provided was a thoroughly good one, and the tasteful decoration of the tables added to the enjoyment of the numerous company. The dinner, like the luncheon, was served in the market room, in which the meetings of the Lodge are

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d, interspersed with excellent singing, with music
d the company returned in saloon carriages to
hey arrived shortly before eleven o'clock, having
y's enjoyment.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

estitare of Officers in connection with this Lodge
n the 4th inst., in the Temple, Hope-street, Liver-
nce of a goodly company. The Lodge, which is
rs old, possesses an enviable record, and contri-
not more, to the Masonic Charities, in proportion
erhaps any other Lodge in the Province of West
T. W. Edwards, the retiring W.M., presided at the
ge. Bro. M'Donnell, the W.M. elect, was presented
Bros. T. W. Edwards, retiring W.M., and W. Long-
remony was ably performed by Bro. T. K. Hughes.
erwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year,
Edwards I.P.M., Hughes D.C., Squire Chapman
.W., Thornton J.W., M'William Secretary, Napton
.D., Glendinning I.G., Broadbent, Barnett, and
s, Ball (re-elected) Tyler. After the Lodge was
ven dined together in the banqueting hall,
yal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In
proceedings the W.M. presented to Bro. Edwards
ewel, on behalf of the Lodge.

DELITY LODGE, No. 1256.

of Bro. John Edmondson as Worshipful Mas-
at the Bull Hotel, Poulton, on Tuesday, the
attended by a large number of brethren. The
ly installed in the chair of King Solomon by
cre. Bro. Goodacre performed the ceremony in
ved highly interesting and instructive, not only
of Past Masters assembled from the Fylde
the Provincial Officers of West and East Lan-
distinguished Irish brethren present. The Past
mbered 30. After the installation the officers of
nly invested with the collar of their respective
cer was addressed by Bro. Winn. The address
ven by Bro. Halliwell, that to the Wardens by Bro.
d that to the Lodge generally by Bro. Winn. The
of the officers:—Bros. Edmondson W.M., King
Longbottom J.W., Westwell S.D., Parkinson
Ferguson J.S., Davies Treasurer, Riding Sec.
Winn Steward, Roe Organist, Lockwood I.G.,
The banquet was thoroughly in keeping with the
ted the highest credit on Mr. and Mrs. Catterall.
ished significant proof of the flourishing con-
ory in the metropolis of the Fylde, which seems
an attraction for Blackpudlians, but for many of
e portion of the inhabitants of the rural portion
was evinced by the brethren present from
Larbreck, and Great Eccleston. The brethren
idently not unmindful of their duties to Masonic
and their own Province, as during the past
ted no less than 35 guineas. The brethren
lar subscriptions to other charities this year. In
ening an interesting presentation took place, Bro.
puted to hand to Bro. W. Bond a valuable,
gnition of his services to the Lodge as W.M.
ented by Bro. G. L. Seed with the sum of
ify him as a Life Governor of one of the Masonic
l handed the sum over to the P.G.S., to be de-
ncashire Allpass Benevolent Institution for the
sed Freemasons. Fidelity Lodge is in a most
—it has 55 members—and under its trained
Edmondson, it is likely to prosper still more in the
ndson is considered by all connected with Masonry
thoroughly proficient in the working of the
ring the evening interesting speeches were made
ethren, but what delighted the company most
given by Bro. the Rev. T. T. Higgins.

NARD LODGE, No. 1258.

5th ult., the installation festival was held. The
p.m., under the W.M. Bro. J. Holloway and his
attendance of brethren. At 3:30 Bro. Captain
lon., W. Pickford P. Grand Standard Bearer of
officers and brethren of the Provincial Grand
room, and the ceremony of installing Bro. R.
sful Master for the ensuing year was ably gone
ring Master, assisted by Bro. Rev. D. Bowen.
rs were appointed:—Bros. Captain D. R. Jones
Dr. Essex S.D. Captain H. J. Parkhurst J.D.,
ns I.G., Griffiths and Watkins Stewards, Dr.
f Ceremonies, Hartley Feather Sec., Haskin
owen Chaplain, and Johnson and Winkworth
ndolence and sympathy with the friends of the
right was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to
er. The Lodge was duly closed with harmony.
ired to the Crown Hotel, and dined, under the
newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr.
he evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts
nded to.

ENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

F. Watson, assisted by Bros. G. Sellick P.M. 1550, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550 and J. R. Lord P.G. Treasurer. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Watson I.P.M., Reed S.W., Titherley J.W., Philp Treasurer, Goodall Secretary, Beer, B.A., S.D., Mutten J.D., Evans I.G., Rowe D.C., Budge Asst. D.C., Cridge Senior Steward, Chapple Junior Steward, Phillips Tyler, Kevern Rep. Comm. of Petitions and Mutton Charity Steward. The brethren of this Lodge intend having an excursion to-day (Saturday) to Kitley, and, by the permission of Mr. Baldwin Bastard, will visit the celebrated cavern, afterwards proceeding to Fiecte House, returning in the evening to partake of a high tea at Bro. Robin's, Yealmpton Inn, Yealmpton. They will leave Plymouth at one o'clock p.m. prompt.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE annual Installation Meeting was held in the Masonic rooms, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The following brethren were installed in office for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. V. P. Freeman:—Bros. W. Hosken W.M., C. Mitchell S.W., H. S. Martin J.W., E. A. Head P.M. Treasurer, A. M. Betchley P.M. Secretary, H. Histed S.D., G. Wilson J.D, F. J. Baker I.G., S. M. Woolgar Organist, J. Chitty Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. (Bro. G. D. Woolgar), as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The Lodge gratefully accepted from Bro. Woolgar a magnificent silk banner, worked with the Sackville Arms, together with an address. The annual banquet followed; it took place at the Dorset Arms Hotel, and the catering of Mr. P. Tracy was thoroughly satisfactory. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN emergency meeting was held on Saturday last, the 7th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present: Bros. W. M. Stiles Treas. and I.P.M., acting as W.M. in the absence of Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G. Supt. Works Middlesex, who was attending the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Stanmore; J. Thom S.W. and W.M. elect, Fraser J.W., A. H. Scurrah Sec., G. Lewis S.D., H. A. Nottingham J.D., W. W. Langley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Org., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., H. M. Parsons W.S., Whiting Tyler, and several other brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. H. Dickey I.P.M. Royal Savoy Lodge, and Newman, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Stansell answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Scurrah, who had then arrived, took the chair as Worshipful Master, and raised Bro. Stansell in due form. Bros. Henry Monson and J. Hedley Gunn answered the usual questions leading to the second degree and were passed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Harry Crouin and Mr. H. W. Lawrence, and was found to be unanimous in their favour. The latter gentleman, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry. After routine work, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Brethren afterwards assembled at Bro. Warner's hospitable table, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. In proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Stiles acting I.P.M. said:—Our W.M. very much regretted being absent to-night from the first part of the work, owing to his attendance at the Middlesex Prov. Grand Lodge, but we know that while absent he was on thorns to be with us, and by dint of energy he managed to reach us in time to perform the third ceremony. We are much indebted to our W.M. for what he did in connection with the foundation of our Lodge, and we are still further indebted to him for the excellent and praiseworthy manner in which he has carried out the duties during the past year. He has spared no pains to ensure the comfort and happiness of every one of its members. We shall never get a better, and our future Masters will feel that they must carry out their duties in the way that our first Master has carried out his. Bro. Scurrah is the right man in the right place; he has our heartiest thanks for the excellent work he has done. The W.M. on rising to respond was most enthusiastically received. He said:—Brethren, I have once more to thank you most heartily for the way in which you have received and honoured this toast. In one way I feel sorry that the reins of government are going out of my hands. You have made my task such a happy one, and my Officers have so well supported me in my endeavours, that I retire somewhat reluctantly from the office of your W.M. But, at the same time, I rejoice that I am yielding my position to one who will endeavour to carry on the work to your satisfaction. I again thank you for your kindness to me during my year of office—kindness which I shall ever remember. The Hendon and its members will always be very dear to me, and if I have occasion to choose between it and any other Lodge with which I am connected I fear that my choice will fall upon this Lodge. The Initiate, responding, stated that he was much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. The W.M. Elect, the Officers, and the Visitors, were severally given; the W.M. thanking Bro. Wheeler the Organist and the Choir for their services, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. These toasts were responded to by Bros. Thom W.M. Elect, the J.W., and other Officers. Bros. Dickey and Newman replied for the Visitors. The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, contributed to by Bros. F. W. Hearn, Dobbs, Wheeler, Monson, W. M. Stiles, Gunn, and A. M. Parsons. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence,

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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, 14th JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 1425—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 16th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Mark t Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwel Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemason's Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brigshaw
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
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
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—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—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
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, Charing Cross, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1429—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, 222 Goswell Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hebrew, Three Crowns, Nag's Head, Whitechapel
1559—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2025—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
2035—Invicta, Gravesend Town Hall, Gravesend, at 8. (Instruction)
2049—Wandsworth Common, Swan Hotel, Wandsworth Common, at 8. (Inst.)
2061—Duke of Connaught, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
2067—Wimbledon, Rose and Crown, Wimbledon, at 8. (Instruction)
2084—Chiswick, Duke's Head, Chiswick, at 8. (Instruction)
2092—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth, at 8. (Instruction)
2093—Clapham, Plough Hotel, Clapham Common, at 8. (Instruction)
2094—Stanley, Stanley Arms, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
2097—Sydenham, Greyhound Hotel, Sydenham, at 8. (Instruction)
2098—Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's Bush, at 8. (Inst.)
2099—Wandsworth Common, Spencer Arms, Wandsworth Common, at 8. (Inst.)
2100—Finchley, Bald Faced Stag, Finchley, at 8. (Instruction)
2101—Hornsey, Queen's Head, Hornsey, at 8. (Instruction)
2102—Tranquillity, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
2103—Duke of Connaught, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 88 Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 193 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Cale Cross-road, Bailey
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
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
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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
M.M. 389—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Horse, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
819—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
709—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
741—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barnsbury-road, N. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
872—Whittington, Red Lion, Popham's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1611—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1932—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1941—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Jones Street, Mayfair, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Commercial Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—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
255—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Ottawa
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Ottawa
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Duncannon-street, Strand
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
487—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
681—Faith, Dover's Inn, Openshaw
901—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
994—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
983—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
952—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Tewkesbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1070—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1095—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1246—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1331—Brighouse, Masonic Room, New Bridge-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atherton, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 119 Norton Hill-road, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1461—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsham
1608—United Mariners, Masonic Hall, Plymouth
1614—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Ewanrigg, Fox Hotel, Cockermouth
1642—Cook Verity, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1702—Hervey, White Hart, Bishopsgate-street, E.C. (Instruction)
1838—Mawhinney, St. Anne's Masonic Rooms, Belfast

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R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 19th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Virtuvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
146—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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1340—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Rooms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, at 8 (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
340—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
347—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
[illegible]—Argyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1104—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1330—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1376—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1547—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1572—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th JULY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1096—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)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1542—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
209—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portugal Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Stadburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
469—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
598—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1086—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)
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. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Dryden, Aire-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

DEFRAUDING THE FREEMASONS.

At the West Kent Quarter Sessions, on the 5th instant, before the Hon. J. S. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., William Ellison, 62, engine-driver, pleaded guilty to having obtained 5s by false pretences from Joseph Henry Jewell, with intent to defraud, at Westerham, on 14th June last. Mr. Denman, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the prisoner on the day named went to Mr. Jewell, the Secretary of the Amherst Lodge of Freemasons, and represented himself to be a Mason, mentioning several Lodges from which information could be obtained. He also stated that his wife had been confined at Riverhead, that she was there with three boys, and that he was so badly off he did not know how he was to get to Aldershot, where he was due with his engine. Mr. Jewell gave him 5s. Subsequent inquiries proved that the prisoner's statements were perfectly false, and that he was an impostor. Superintendent Waghorn informed the Court that the prisoner had been previously convicted of vagrancy, and he had since found that he had committed similar frauds to that with which he was charged. The prisoner was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

We extract the following from a book by W. Trant (Paul, Trench and Co, Paternoster-square) on "Trade Unions:"—

ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

Even so early as the time of Canute, associations under the name of "guilds" were established for religious purposes. Similar Brotherhoods afterwards developed into combinations of merchants for mutual assistance and protection, and were followed in the fourteenth century by "Craft guilds," which, as their name implies, were unions of handicraftism—the principal guild being that of the weavers. The very essence of the guilds was mutual support, mutual protection, and mutual responsibility. They were, indeed, the first friendly societies. These guilds gradually extended their influence beyond the limits of particular trades, and ultimately became far more powerful than the municipal corporations of the present day. The notions of the members of the guilds were of a very exclusive nature in regard to the admission of members. No villains were permitted to join them, and all freemen who were proposed had to be duly elected. The noblest of all the guilds of the Middle Ages was undoubtedly that of Masons. This Brotherhood arose from the circumstances in which the travelling builders of the Middle Ages found themselves placed. "They were brought together from distant homes to be employed for a considerable time on such great works as our mediæval churches and cathedrals. Near the rising structure on which they were engaged it was necessary that they should provide for themselves a common shed or tabernacle." This was the original Masons' "Lodge." Before all things it was necessary that Masons should be "Free and Accepted." The entrance into this guild, as indeed in all others, was, in accordance with the spirit of the times, surrounded by mysterious rites and ceremonies, and all such societies had their peculiar lore and traditions. Their original intentions have long ago been disregarded. All that remains of the Masons' guild is the now fashionable Order of "Freemasons," and the others the rich livery companies of London and the guilds of elsewhere, who now spend their dying moments, as they inaugurated their existence centuries ago, at dinner.

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THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual picnic in connection with the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., the locale being the Dukeries, Nottinghamshire. The members, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, arrived at Worksop at 9 o'clock, where they partook of breakfast at the Lion Hotel. Justice having been done, the party left Worksop for Clumber, the mansion of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle. After viewing the house and lake from the bridge the party proceeded to Thoresby, the mansion of Earl Manvers, and had the gratification of inspecting one of the most beautiful and finished modern residences in England. On driving from Thoresby to the Major Oak, the woodland prospects were delightful. On alighting from the carriages the green sward was quickly transformed into an elegant refectory—to the gratification and enjoyment of 36 hungry and thirsty souls. Time flies, the horn was sounded, the glades of merry Sherwood are left behind, and they were hurrying through the Park of Welbeck, until they halted at the "Larder of the famous outlaw," Robin Hood. There the company were enlivened by the song of "The Carrier Dove," sung in excellent form by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson. Proceeding onward Welbeck Abbey was soon in sight, with its grounds and gardens, its subterranean passages, and magnificent buildings. After taking a rapid survey of the wonders of Welbeck Abbey, the mansion of his Grace the Duke of Portland, the road to Worksop was again taken, where, thanks to mine host of the Lion, an excellent dinner was provided on arriving there, which was presided over by Worshipful Master Bro. W. B. Dyson. Dinner over the W. Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were drunk with musical honours. The W.M. then in felicitous language gave the Ladies, and coupled the name of Bro. Wm. Brown I.P.M., who responded for the fair sex. The last toast, the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, was then proposed, and right heartily received, to the strain "For he's a jolly good fellow." The W.M. thanked the ladies and brethren for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner, and said that their thanks were also due to the organiser of the trip, Bro. James Kay, who carried out all the arrangements in a very satisfactory manner. The party then wended their way to the station, when after a pleasant railway journey the northern metropolis was reached at 10 o'clock, after a most brilliant day's outing.

PICNIC OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON the 7th inst., about thirty brethren of this Lodge and their friends participated in the annual summer outing. Amongst those who availed themselves of this pleasant interlude were W. Bro. Trevor and Miss Trevor, the Rev. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain of England, the Rev. Bently, and several clerical friends, Bro. Scott Young Secretary, Bro. Fretwell S.D., Mrs. and Miss Fretwell, Bro. Butterworth I.G. and the Misses Butterworth, Bro. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, Bro. Howard, Bro. Smithson, who acted as Hon. Sec., and to whom, to a great measure, is due the success of the occasion, Miss Smithson, Bro. Hood, Bro. Begbie Abbott, Bro. Smith, the Misses Banks, &c. The day was gloriously fine, and the party mustered in high spirits at the station, where carriages had been reserved on the N.E. Railway. The party, on reaching Harrogate, found open conveyances waiting to convey them to Snaresbro', viâ Plumpton Rocks. The drive was through a beautifully diversified country bright with the hues of summer. At Plumpton some time was spent in inspecting the exquisite scenery which is to be found here, and also in wandering through the well kept gardens. On reaching Knaresbro', the grounds at Conynham Hall, the seat of Mr. B. T. Woodd, were visited, they having been thrown open to the visitors by their owner with characteristic courtesy. The old church was next visited, and the brethren and friends enjoyed a rich musical treat through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who officiated at the organ. By this time tea was ready and admirably served by the host of the Elephant and Castle. After tea Bro. Dr. Smyth in felicitous terms moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Smithson for the manner in which he had carried out the arrangements. He also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many ladies present, whose kindness and vivacity so materially added to the pleasures of the day. The W.M. (Bro. Tudor Trevor) cordially endorsed what had been said, and heartily welcomed all who had joined their festivities. One lady had told him that since her husband had been made a Mason he had been a better man. It was good to have the ladies in their midst occasionally, for it showed them that their husbands and brothers knew how to enjoy themselves in a rational manner. When they saw a Mason misconducting himself he urged them to remember that it was not the system of Freemasonry that was to blame, but poor human nature. A good Mason could not but be a good man in every relation in life. Bro. Smithson in a few well chosen sentences assured the brethren and ladies that he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been at by the evident enjoyment of all who had participated in the day's excursion. A move was then made for the Castle, the beautiful grounds of which were much enjoyed; afterwards an hour was spent on the river. Several of the brethren and ladies visited Holy Trinity Church, when, through the extreme courtesy and kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rumsil, the beautiful edifice was thrown open for their inspection. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson gave another rehearsal on the beautiful organ, and Mrs. Baily, who possesses a rich contralto voice of great power and beauty, materially added to the enjoyment of those who had been fortunate enough to join this section of the party. Soon afterwards the whole of the party united and left for Leeds, which was reached in safety about 10:30. Thus closed one of the happiest days in the history of this Lodge, and one the memory of which will long be cherished. Both brethren and visitors were unanimous in their expressions of delight at the success of the excursion, and the hope was expressed, especially by the ladies, that no long period would be allowed to elapse ere the next picnic.

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ROYAL ALFRED CHAPTER.

ON Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, Bro. Williams was installed M.W.S. of this Rose Croix Chapter. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Gill, the retiring M.W.S. The following Officers were afterwards appointed:—Compe. Vile P., Chaffin 1st G., Samson 2nd G., Shepherd G.M., Gill R., Bond C.G., Rev. R. Bailey Recorder, Elworthy Treasurer. The usual banquet subsequently took place, under the presidency of the newly-installed M.W.S.

The summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will take place on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at Croydon.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, held at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, has adjourned for the summer recess. The meetings will be resumed at the end of October next.

We learn from a contemporary that the Hungarian Freemasons have been holding a mourning Lodge in honour of the Emperor Frederick. In expressing condolence with their German brothers, who have suffered an irreparable loss by His Majesty's death, they laud him in the following terms:—

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THE PROPOSED BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

IN our last issue we published the terms of a proposition which the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys intend to submit to the supporters of the Institution at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Friday next, the 27th inst. It is difficult to say which is the best course to adopt in regard to this proposition, which invites the Grand Registrar of England (V.W. Bro. F. Philbrick Q.C.) to associate with himself such members of the Craft as he may think proper, for the purpose of inquiring into the discipline and administration of the Charity. There is much to be said both for and against the appointment of this Commission of Inquiry, and we are of opinion the supporters of the Institution will do well if they carefully consider the *matter from* its several points of view.

In the first place, the House Committee are of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation should be undertaken, in order to answer certain charges which have recently been brought against the management. Of course they do not recognise in the least that the charges are in any degree well founded, and there are some who will say they are attaching too much weight to these charges—which, in all important respects, have been made anonymously—in thus advocating an inquiry. We say that in all important respects the charges have been made anonymously, because we must except the statement which has been put forward by Bros. Greatbach, Hammersley, and other Staffordshire brethren, and a copy of which appears in the advertising columns of our present issue. This consists of an analysis, showing the expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the past year, as compared with that at other Institutions during the same period. It is not our intention to here criticise the figures therein shown, but we have little doubt that in this case, as in most others, figures can be made to prove anything. At first blush it would appear from this statement that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is the most extravagant Charity in the Kingdom, and while we cannot for one moment doubt the sincerity of the brethren who have compiled the table, we think it is apparent they started with a specific object in view—to prove the expense of the Boys' School—and selected their illustrations accordingly. Are there no Institutions of a similar character whose expenditure exceeds that of the Boys' School? and are there not special features in connection with that Charity to account for much of the excess which is here pointed out? We think there are, and there are many subscribers to the Institution who are of the same opinion. No doubt the House Committee are adopting the more manly and straightforward course when they ask for a Committee of Inquiry to answer their anonymous slanderers,—the signed statement of Bro. Greatbach is not here included,—but why should the Institution be put to the expense, and its friends to the trouble of an inquiry, just to satisfy two or three objectors, whose case has been tried and tried again, always with a result favourable to the management of the Institution? The origin of all this trouble is a strong exemplification of the difficulties which may arise from a comparative trifle. Some months back a lad was excluded from the School, for good and sufficient reason. His friends have brought the matter before every tribunal open to them, and have always been defeated; they have not, however, accepted their discomfiture with a good grace, for some of them, at least, have departed from legitimate tactics in favour of anonymous libel and slander, with the result now before us. It is, then, mainly to answer the anonymous attacks of these objectors, and to re-open the question of this lad's exclusion, that the present action is deemed desirable. If this is all that could be said on the matter we should strongly urge on the Quarterly Court the desirability of rejecting the proposition, as being the most forcible way of expressing confidence in the management of the Institution, and disgust at the underhand practices of its detractors, but perhaps it may be well to look at the matter from another standpoint.

The men who have made these anonymous attacks no doubt know what their object is, and they are aware they have only to make disturbance enough to excite some attention—especially as they regard neither truth nor honesty in the statements they choose to circulate. Unfortunately there are many men who have read their circulars, who, lacking time or desire to sift the matter for themselves, are content to consider there must be some amount of truth in the statements put forward; others seem to go out of their way to prove there is actually a basis for complaint, never for one moment evincing a desire or an inclination to suggest the contrary. It is because these two classes are so numerous that others who consider all is satisfactory are willing to allow an inquiry, and no doubt if the result is as they expect, the money spent over such inquiry will prove a most profitable investment. Indeed we may say that an impartial and thorough investigation is bound to benefit the Institution, as, if there is really anything wrong it will be found out, and if all is right there will be a strong reaction in favour of the Charity on the part of those who now regard it with suspicion. Such being the case it is politic for us to advise the appointment of the proposed Commission, but in doing so it should be distinctly understood that the objects of the inquiry are to investigate the general working of the Institution, and not the particular events which led to the exclusion of a lad towards the close of last year. If this inquiry is needed it is required for all, and not for an individual case, and on such lines it must be conducted if it is to result satisfactorily.

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There are other matters in connection with the Masonic Charities—or at least the two Educational Institutions—besides their actual cost, which might well form the object of special inquiry, and notably among them is the question as to who is eligible for the relief they afford. In the case of the Benevolent Institution there is a well defined limit, which precludes any one in receipt of an income of £40 a year from becoming a candidate, while another law gives the Committee of Management the power of suspending or reducing an annuity if at any time the Annuitant becomes possessed of an independent income of £40 a year. These figures apply to the Male branch; on the Widows' side the limit in each case is £30 per annum, and as a consequence the subscribers to the Benevolent Institution are in the position of knowing exactly the class of candidates they are providing for, and the position in life of those who periodically receive the annuities which the Institution dispenses. Why cannot some such limit be adopted in the case of the two Educational Institutions? At present it is possible, as we have often pointed out, for the child of a widow comparatively well off not only to secure, but to retain a home in one or other of the Schools. Indeed it has been decided that the possession of means is not a bar against admission, provided the mother can be described as not in such good circumstances as was formerly the case. We have previously argued against this ruling, but it still holds good, and we do not think there is any wish among the supporters of the Institutions to alter it. It is not for us to say what is or is not the desire of the subscribers, there are the rules, and if the general body of supporters felt they needed addition or amendment we suppose alteration would be regularly proposed, but it certainly seems an anomaly to us, as it is to others, that persons apparently in possession of a fair share of this world's goods should be allowed to secure for their children a home in one or other of the Masonic Institutions, and to retain the benefits of free education, clothing, and maintenance, no matter what good fortune may subsequently attend their efforts. We have no objection, as we said years ago, to see even children of the nobility educated at the expense of the Craft, provided that it is the nobility who provide the funds for so doing, but as the rules at present stand we do not think they allow of a fair distribution of the benefits among the class which provides the bulk of the money. We are aware that those who think no limit should be enforced in the case of the Schools, as is the case with the Benevolent Institution, have a very strong argument in support of their view. It is very certain that no candidate can be admitted without securing a certain number of votes, and if any widow can collect a sufficient number, either personally or by her friends, that is a definite proof that a large number of subscribers consider the case worthy of assistance. It is to be presumed that those who acquire votes in exchange for their personal donations know the class for whom they intend the relief, and this argument certainly appears to remove all objection against the admission of well-to-do candidates, but it does not deal with those who, after the election of their children, become possessed of means sufficient to meet all their requirements. It may be said that where good fortune does attend the mother of a Masonic pupil she might be expected to withdraw her child from the School, but experience proves that fortunate mothers do not consider this a part of their duty. Should not the subscribers then take the matter in their own hands, and reserve the right of calling for the removal of any child whose parent's position has materially altered since her petition was

thing but gratifying references which have recently appeared in the outside press, where strong comments have been made in regard to a child at present under Masonic care.

MASONIC THOUGHT.

"Thought to the man that never thinks may seem
As natural as when asleep to dream;
But reveries (for human minds will act),
Spacious in show, impossible in fact,
These flimsy webs that break as soon as wrought,
Attain not to the dignity of thought;
Nor yet the swarms that occupy the brain
Where dreams of dress, intrigue, and pleasure reign."

To rightly understand Masonry there must be thought—careful, painstaking thought. It is a sad fact that there is too much superficial Masonry, too many

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Where dreams of dress, intrigue and pleasure reign."

and not enough careful meditation upon the great truths taught in the several degrees. In our day there is too great haste to make Masons. A candidate is initiated, passed and raised, and before the beautiful allegories of symbolic Masonry are in the least appreciated, he is hurried through the Chapter into the Commandery and the Consistory, and when he is through he boasts the possession of thirty-two degrees, possibly, without having thought of the object of one of them. The Maltese Cross dangles from his watch-chain, the ring ornaments his third finger, and he is a full-fledged Mason—full of degrees, but of very little else. He meets his Brethren on the tessellated floor, passes them in the middle chamber, attends the beautiful ceremonies in the Master's Lodge, without realising that there now exists, or should exist, a bond of union that death alone can sever; that he has assumed the keeping of his Brother, and should be thoughtful in the discharge of this duty.

Four things, Max Muller says, are necessary in thought—"sensations, precepts, concepts, and names." These he calls "the constituent elements of thought." Thinking is an exercise of the mind. The sense must be aroused, an impression must be made, we must perceive in the mind that something exists, we must conceive it possible, and in order to do so we must name the article, and then we have thought. How few attempt to analyse thought, to think of thinking, to realise what it is! We can never thoroughly enjoy anything without a knowledge of what it is. It must have a name, else it has no existence to us. We must conceive its existence, perceive its beauties, and feel its influence. There may be a sort of sentimentalism which is for the time agreeable, but there is no real downright enjoyment in anything superficial, neither is there much good to be got in that way. The great treasure houses of the earth lie buried deep in the mountain side. That which appears on the surface only indicates what may be obtained below by hard work, patience, and perseverance. The growth of knowledge is necessarily slow.

A man cannot jump at one bound into a profound mathematician. The school boy must plod along day by day, patiently studying letter by letter and studying with thoughtful reverence at the feet of his teachers. Much of the trouble in the world—aye, the most of the trouble and sins—come from careless thoughtlessness.

Thought reveals the hidden beauties of any study, as the pick and spade reveal the treasures in the bowels of the earth. Each day some new truth is discovered to the thinker. Every day some new jewel is revealed to the digger. In Masonry the same rule applies. Thought, meditation (not parrot-like memorizing on the degrees, one after the other) will disclose beauties never dreamed of, and the one who will think this will surely be led to a better life. Masonry will thus become a portal through which he will pass to the more glorious, noble edifice erected by the Grand Architect of the Universe Himself, and will lead to a practice of those virtues that will be a sure passport to the ineffable glories of the eternal Grand Lodge on high. Without thought—careful, painstaking thinking, Masonry is a myth, and the time spent in it is

Masonry is a beautiful system of morals. Do we obey its teachings? Think.

Masonry commands a brotherly love. Do we exercise it? Think.

Do we in reality practice all the lessons, so ennobling, so elevating, that the Lodge inculcates? Think.

Oh, for a thinking Fraternity, that will take time to understand the many truths that lie buried beneath the beautiful allegories of the degrees!—*Jacques, in N.Y. Dispatch.*

TOM'S MASONIC LESSON.

THOMAS BEAUCHAMP was a "good fellow," and, like many another such a man, was a Mason, or supposed he was. He had been regularly proposed and elected, and had taken his degrees in due and ancient form. Nor had he stopped with the Lodge, but had had the pleasure of becoming a Royal Arch Mason, in name, at least, and proudly wore on his watch chain the cross which is the commonly accepted emblem of a Knight Templar. Had any one asserted, in the hearing of Mr. Thomas Beauchamp, that he was not a Mason, that gentleman would have deeply resented the statement, and regarded it as a deliberate insult, yet there were some of the lessons of Fraternity which he had not learned, but which, fortunately for him, and for the world, there was to be a way provided for him to learn.

Thomas Beauchamp was a lawyer; an excellently educated man, full of energy and vigour, and attentive to business. He had been so fortunate as to win in several cases of great importance; had given advice of much worth to two or three men who were rich, influential and appreciative, and by the harmonious actions of all these causes had been rapidly winning his way to both fame and fortune. However pleasant and self-satisfying this had been to him, it was not to continue so far as his supposition as to Masonry was concerned.

One afternoon, when Tom had been unusually busy, and was somewhat worried and annoyed, his friend James Jones entered the office. He was not a Mason, though he had a high, and very just and accurate opinion of the Fraternity. He was a member of the church where Tom attended, not as a member, but merely as a hearer. "I want your subscription to help us purchase an organ for the church," said Mr. Jones, getting straight to the reason for his call, for he knew how busy Tom usually was, and how valuable his time must be.

"How much do you wish?" demanded Tom, equally as brief and *business-like* as his friend.

"*I think* you should give fifty dollars, at least," replied Mr. Jones.

"I cannot afford it," said Tom, shortly and rather curtly.

I'd like to know why not. You can afford a fine house, fine horses, books, amusements, and—"

"Yes," interrupted Tom, "I know all that, but one must have those things in order to move in the circle in society to which I belong. Really, the bills I got last month would astound you. I'll give twenty-five dollars, and it is, as circumstances are, absolutely all I can afford."

"You used to be much more liberal, Mr. Beauchamp," said Jones.

"I know it, and I know, too, that in those days I had fewer ways in which to spend my money. Besides, I go to church so seldom now that—"

"I wish you came oftener, much oftener, as you would be welcome, and—"

"Freemasonry is good enough religion for me," stoutly said Tom.

"Is it? I do not think that Masonry is religion at all. Are you sure it is?" Jones replied.

"I am sure that any man who lives up to the teachings of Freemasonry will be as nearly perfect as it is possible for a man to be."

"I'll not dispute that. I am not a Mason, not because I am not heartily in accord with the principles I believe it inculcates, but simply because I have never yet found myself so situated financially that I thought I had the right to take the money for the purpose of joining. Not being a Mason, I am in no situation to warrant me in giving an opinion regarding what you have just said, but, how many of you live up to the principles you mention?"

"I don't know. No one, I suppose quite does, but that isn't the question. I'm very busy to-day, and cannot devote time to such a discussion. I'll subscribe the sum I mentioned, and, some time, when I am not quite so busy, I'll consider the whole matter thoroughly, and answer you fully." He put his name on the subscription list, wrote his check for twenty-five dollars, and handed it to Jones, who then withdrew.

Tom tired himself over one legal document, worried over another, nodded over a third, and was just thinking to himself how close the room was, and how sleepy and stupid he was getting, when something strange happened. A gentleman entered his office noiselessly, crossed the floor silently, and had seated himself at the table, just opposite Tom, before the latter observed him. The new-comer was one of the most remarkable men that Tom had ever seen. His face was long and sallow. His eyes were black as coal, but seemed full of strange and shifting light, as though there were fire in them. He had a huge moustache, as dark as hair ever was, waxed finely to a couple of upturned points. A long tuft of hair, depending from his pointed chin, lengthened out his face more than anything else could possibly have done. He wore a tall silk hat, which he did not remove during the entire interview, yet beneath its brim Tom could not fail to see that the luxuriant growth of hair was combed into two curious little hillocks just over the temples. He was dressed in sombre black, from head to foot, and wore a long ulster, which must have swept the floor when he walked. He had on fine black kid gloves, which he retained on his hands during his call. Remarkable looking in every respect, there was nothing which one could well have honestly criticised in his appearance, unless it were his feet, which, judging by the size and shape of his boots, it seemed must be deformed. The stranger placed a small valise upon Tom's table and looked at the lawyer as though waiting for him to speak. So Tom began: "To whom am I indebted for the honour of this call?"

"Call me D," replied the visitor, very gruffly.

"And may I ask, Mr. D, what your business with me is? I am very busy, and have no time to spare just now."

"Are you a Mason?" asked the gentleman in black, in a very doubtful tone.

"I am," replied Tom, proudly, and he caught at his showy watch charm, and jingled it, though I suppose he did that unconsciously.

Mr. D drew back a little from the table, and seemed nervous and excited. "Please don't do that," he muttered; "that thing would burn me if it touched me; don't you know that? I wonder that it don't burn you!"

"I don't understand you, Mr. D," Tom replied, questioningly.

"Exactly, and I don't understand you, either. I came in this afternoon to see if it was possible to do so. You say you are a Mason? I am going to see whether you have lied to me or—"

"I don't believe I'm very well posted," interrupted Tom, anxiously, and a little shamefacedly. "The fact is, I have not attended Lodge very often, and—"

Mr. D laughed, and, when he had recovered his breath, said, "You didn't take me for a Mason, did you?"

"Yes, I supposed you were, as else you would not have interested yourself in my Masonic associations and actions," said Tom.

"Oh, no indeed. I know nothing about Masonry, excepting what I've found in this little book," D replied, and he opened his valise and took out a copy of "The Freemason's Monitor," with a variety of tools, all of which he placed upon the table. He then continued: "I heard you were a Mason, but I doubted it. I had an idea that you were an eligible candidate for admission into an Order to which I belong, but as no *good Mason* could belong to that, I thought I'd come and satisfy myself."

"But, Mr. D, why may not a man belong to Freemasonry, and to your Order as well?"

"Because, my good fellow, it is the province of Masonry to build up, and it is the province of my Order to tear down, to destroy, to degrade, to ruin. What are the working tools of an Entered Apprentice?"

"The twenty-four-inch gauge and the common gavel."

"How do *you* use them?" Mr. D inquired, with emphasis and significance.

"I don't think I understand you, and I cannot really say," Tom replied, not a little disconcerted.

"Shall I make a suggestion?" Tom assented. "You use the twenty-four-inch gauge for ignoble and inglorious purposes. Emblematical of the day, you divide your day into *two unequal* parts. You find a half dozen hours for the service by means of which you gain your living, and thrice that time for excess and luxurious living. For God and a distressed brother you find nothing!"

"Sir," said Tom, indignantly, "I protest against all this."

Mr. D smiled. "Will you kindly let me see that document lying by your elbow?" Tom shook his head and tried to keep it from his visitor; tried to put it out of sight, but all his efforts were in vain, and Mr. D took the document and opened it. "A mortgage, isn't it?" he asked, and something in his tone made Tom's heart sink within him. He bowed his head in silence, and doubted if he could have said anything, even if his life had depended on it. "A mortgage," continued Tom's visitor, "and securing a note at a very high rate of interest. Five hundred dollars would satisfy the debt, while the property is worth at least four times that, and yet you are going to foreclose your claim, are you not?"

"Of course I am," said Tom, sullenly, and rather against his will. "What would you have a man do, if it were any of your business?"

"I may make it my business, my dear fellow, before I am done with you. This debt is one you could afford to lose, so far as that is concerned, but there is no danger of your having to lose it. The interest has always been paid promptly, and the principal will be paid eventually, if you will only wait patiently. What are the working tools of a Fellow Craft?"

"The plumb, the square, and the level," replied Tom, promptly and unhesitatingly.

"Please explain their symbolic meaning," said D, with a piercing look.

Tom opened his mouth, and he heard the words spoken, but he could hardly believe that it was himself who was speaking. His heart protested, vainly, against the words he uttered, but he went relentlessly on. Never had he imagined that words could be so perverted and misused: "The plumb permits us to walk proudly, giving heed to neither God nor a humbler brother, squaring our accounts with the unfortunate by means of the pitiless square of the law, and—"

Mr. D laughed. "You're frank, my dear fellow, to a most praiseworthy degree, though little else about you is praiseworthy. There is no doubt that you live up to what you have said. I think this mortgage is against the estate of a deceased Freemason, and for his widow to pay it, at once, would be to take food from the mouths of his orphan children, and— But enough of that! What is the use of the trowel?"

"I cannot say," stammered Tom, "and I think I never knew."

"I know you never did," said Mr. D, savagely, as he arose to his feet and seated me ass the table until his hot breath fell upon Tom's face. "I know you never did. Who ever knew you to further friendship and accord when you could coin money out of men's contests? Who can think of brotherly love and of you in the same connection, you impudent, self-sufficient, time-serving fellow?" Mr. D paused for a moment, as though to get breath. Then he reached over, caught Tom by the collar, and dragged him slowly up over the

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table, at the same time saying slowly and significantly, "You are no Mason, no matter how many degrees you have taken, and you never will be. The Order which pulls down, and builds not up again—the Order which destroys, and puts nothing in the place of that which is ruined—the Order which magnifies self, and which never heard of fraternity—that is the Order for you, and this very night you shall be initiated therein." Tom struggled violently, cried out incoherently—*and awoke.* Mr. D and his visit had been only a dream!

The fire was out, the room was cold, and it was already twilight—a twilight which was rapidly darkening into night. Tom put away the mortgage; wrote a letter to his debtor, generously giving her more time, and then burned, without opening and re-reading it, a letter of a different tenor which he had written earlier in the day. "Thank God it was only a dream," he said, gratefully, as he hurried along the street, "but such a dream—such a dream!" he added, with a shudder. "Thank God it was only my other self, my better self, that attacked and humbled me, instead of being what it might have been! Thank God that I have not been a bad man, and that now I shall not be; thank Him that His heaven-sent vision found me at the parting of the ways—at the crisis of my life."

Tom called upon James Jones on his way home, and handed him another twenty-five dollars. Mr. Jones seem astonished. "I suppose you abided by your decisions," said he. "What induced you to change your mind?"

Tom laughed, which spoke well for the salutary effect of the lesson he had received, and he pleasantly replied, "A little thoughtful consideration of the principles of Freemasonry."

"I've been saving money for some time," said James Jones, suddenly, "with the intention of applying for admission to the Masonic Fraternity. I am going to try to be a Mason, and I hope I can gain acceptance. Will you get me a petition and recommend me?"

"I will," said Tom, and then, as he walked slowly and thoughtfully homeward, he said to himself: "I have had an escape, to-day, which I will never forget. Jones is going to *try* to be a Mason, and so am I!"—*Voice of Masonry.*

Obituary.

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BROTHER T. LIDSTONE.

THE remains of Bro. T. Lidstone, one of the oldest members and a Past Master of Hauley Lodge, No. 797, were interred in the family vault at Townstal, Dartmouth, on the 4th instant. Brother Lidstone was also Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works Devon, and Surveyor of Dilapidated Buildings for the Diocese of Exeter. Under a dispensation from the M.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon, Brother Viscount Ebrington, the brethren appeared in Masonic clothing. The funeral procession, which was a very long one, contained a large number of Freemasons of Hauley and other Lodges. The Revs. J. S. Exell and S. Scragg were the officiating clergy. There was a very large number of wreaths, crosses, &c., among which was a handsome Masonic wreath from members of Hauley Lodge.

BRO. W. CULLIS JUN.

THE funeral of Bro. W. Cullis junior took place on Friday, the 6th instant, at Hereford Cemetery, and was attended by a large following of friends and acquaintances who wished to pay this tribute of respect to his memory. The deceased, who was the eldest son, was in business with his father at Hereford, as a builder, but he was well-known in this and the adjoining counties long before his father removed here from Tewkesbury, having usually been in charge of the many contracts entered into this district by his father's firm. The coffin, which was made by some of the workmen employed by deceased, was of oak, with brass furniture. It bore a brass plate, on which were the words: "William Cullis, born 22nd June 1848: fell asleep in Jesus, 25th June 1888." Twenty-four wreaths and seven floral crosses, which had come from all parts of the country, were placed round the grave. One was "In loving memory and in deepest sympathy from the workmen at the yard." A deputation from the Palladian Lodge, of which the deceased had been a member for some years, took part in the procession, and, as usual, bore sprigs of acacia, which they dropped in the grave at the close of the service. The burial service was read in an impressive manner by the Rev. H. P. Prosser, Vicar of All Saints.

At the usual meeting of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, held at the New Hall, Chippenham, on Tuesday, 10th inst., the brethren presented Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Wilts, P.G.W. England, with an address in commemoration of his attaining his year of Masonic jubilee.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE annual convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The usual formalities having been complied with, the roll of Chapters in the Province was called over. The draft bye-laws submitted by the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of preparing them were received and adopted. The Audit Committee's report was also adopted, and the Auditors were appointed for the ensuing year, Comps. Tickle, Gregory and Scurrah being elected, and Comps. Webb, Lee and Walls being nominated by the Grand Superintendent.

The following were appointed the Provincial Officers for the year:—

Comp.	R. H. Thrupp	Second Principal
	J. Tickle	Third Principal
	J. F. H. Woodward	S.E.
	Dr. G. W. Marshall	S.N.
	C. Soppet	Treasurer
	A. Haig Brown	Registrar
	J. Batting	Principal Sojourner
	H. Bentley Haynes	First Assistant Sojourner
	W. A. Scurrah	Second Assistant Sojourner
	Henry Clark	Sword Bearer
	W. G. Kentish	Standard Bearer
	E. G. Lewis	Director of Ceremonies
	G. J. Jones	Asst. Director of Cers.
	W. H. Lee	Assistant S.E.
	G. J. Dunkley	Organist
	J. Gilbert	Janitor

Letters regretting absence were announced from several Companions, and Provincial Grand Chapter was closed. Many of those present subsequently dined together under the presidency of the Provincial chief.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE Annual Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at the Public Hall, Carshalton. The Companions assembled at two o'clock, under the banner of the Mozart Chapter, No. 1929, and the attendance was larger than we recollect ever seeing at previous meetings of Grand Chapter in this Province. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, the M.E. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., through illness, Comp. Frederick West P.G.A.S. Prov. G.H. presided as M.E. Superintendent. Amongst those present were:—

Comps. C. H. Woodward Prov. G.J., H. J. Strong P.Z. 452, S. P. Catterson 452, Jno. Rhodes 452 P.P.G.Org., H. M. Hobbs P.Z. 2094 P.P.G.D.C., S. Lambert 1556 P.Z. P.P.G.R., A. Saxelby 463 P.P.G.Reg., D. P. Cama P.G. Treas., R. T. Elsam, J. S. Fraser P.Z. 214, H. E. Vickers J. 1556 P.P.G.Org., George Price Prov. G. Treas., H. J. P. Dumas P.P.G.J. Surrey, A. H. Jeffery P.Z. 452 P.G.Std.Br., J. H. W. Rogers 452 P.G.R., W. P. Morrison Dorking Chapter, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D.C., C. A. Smith G.P.S. 114, W. W. Morgan, W. W. Lee 1524, P. Hicklin P.Z. 1149, W. Chapman S.W. 889, D'Arcy J. Blackmore J. 370, Theodore G. A. Burns P.S. 370, E. H. Gale Crowdy 370, Hugh Dumas S.N. 410, J. K. R. Cama 1503, Thos. Clark H. 1524, Michael Christian M.E.Z. 860, Geo. S. Horsnail 2096, W. H. Hawes P.S. 463, F. Cambridge P.S. of W. 96 Prov. G. Org., W. Stevenson Hoyte 1728, T. C. Walls M.E.Z. 1929, Jas. W. Baldwin 7, H. J. Lardner P.P.G.S.B., H. E. Turner 1149, C. J. Pettit 889, R. E. Catterson 548, A. E. Taylor P.P.G.S.B., W. Parker 1851, W. Tarn P.S. 889, G. Moorman J. 889, H. Cox 463, G. Yaxley P.Z. 463, Francis Carter P.S. 7, H. C. Leigh Bennett P.P.G.J., H. Burgess S.E. 1556, H. G. Thompson P.P.G.A.S., A. W. Wells P.P.A.S. P.Z. 1556, M. E. Levey S.W. 2096, J. O'Connell A.S. 1851, &c., &c.

After Provincial Grand Chapter had been formally opened the roll of Chapters in the Province was called, and each was found to be adequately represented, while the attendance of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers clearly showed Royal Arch Masonry was firmly established in the Province of Surrey. The minutes of last annual convocation having been duly confirmed, the Reports of the Finance and Audit Committee was presented. This showed that although at the corresponding period last year a small amount was due to the Treasurer, there was now a balance in hand of something like £14, while the number of registered Companions was steadily on the increase. Comp. George Price was unanimously re-elected

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Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the other collars were distributed as follows :—

Comp.	Frederick West	H.
	H. M. Hobbs	J.
	C. Greenwood	S.E.
	W. Pile	S.N.
	A. Saxelby	Registrar.
	D. Blackburn	P.S.
	H. H. Shirley	1st Assistant.
	J. S. Fraser	2nd "
	P. Hicklin	Sword Bearer.
	J. M. Collins	Standard Bearer.
	W. Youlden	Dir. of Cers.
	W. Chapman	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
	F. Cambridge	Organist.
	R. Potter	Janitor.

In addressing the Companions the Acting G. Superintendent stated that General Brownrigg deeply regretted his inability to attend their meeting. He was much gratified at the satisfactory manner in which the Royal Arch Degree was being worked in the Province. The thanks of the Companions were eminently due to the Mozart Chapter for the perfect arrangements that had been made for the reception of Prov. Grand Chapter. Shortly afterwards Prov. Grand Chapter was formally closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE arrangement, inaugurated last year, that the annual meetings of Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter should be held the same day seems to have met with universal approval; consequently we were not surprised to find a large gathering of members of the Province had accepted the invitation of the Wallington Lodge, which on this occasion had undertaken to provide the necessary accommodation for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren met at three o'clock, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, V.W. Bro. Frederick West P.G.D., who was supported by

Bros. T. H. Ranson P.M. 1790, J. W. Cunningham 463, Alfred Bishop P.M. 1892, D. R. Wise S.W. 452, Frederick Hullett S.W. 1981, T. Long P.P.G.D.C., Percy Hine 1892, F. T. Ridpath I.P.M. 2096, J. W. Bastono P.M. 1861, Joseph Pollard J.W. 1826, Edward Nathan S.W. 1982, A. H. Salter 1892, John Hughes S.W. 2222, David Hughes P.M. 901, Daniel Hughes P.M. 901, R. Williams 2146, E. J. Madeley J.D. 2120, Z. King P.G.S.W., H. Burgess P.P.G.S., Ralph Nevill P.M. 1395, H. G. Bailey W.M. 1920, James Packham 3, J. Nixon Horsfield 2146, Robert G. H. Goffin 1372, Alfred Lamb W.M. 410, W. Macmillan 2146, C. H. Adkins 2146, George Frasler 2146, John Drewitt P.P.G.A.P., J. Rewcastle Organist 1892, W. E. Fenn I.G. 1556, John Collins P.M. 1861, W. Harwood 1892, James Burrell 2146, A. Wilson W.M. 2146, S. Hewett J.W. 2146, Douglas W. D. Young 2146, George Gilbey 2146, R. Sebastian Hart P.P.G.S.D., Francis P. Hill S.W. 2146, Reginald Piper W.M. 1872, J. Wigg 1395, C. W. A. Trollope P.M. 1826, Thomas Daysh 1564, W. S. Brunsden 2101, W. J. Kemp P.P.G.P., G. Macrow 1714, C. K. Heather 416, C. Anderson P.M. 1046, R. Colbron P.M. 355, F. J. Woodin W.M. 1861, H. E. Stenning 2095, J. Ashburner 2095, G. J. Eady, M.D., P.M. 2095, G. H. Chapman W.M. 1556, John Chambers P.M. 1556, J. J. Slade W.M. 1347, B. J. Smith 1892, J. H. King 1872, G. E. Todd 2146, W. L. Poundall 253, W. Dix 2120, W. R. Crowe P.M. 190, V. A. Ferguson 1893, M. Dodge 2101, W. T. Pitchers 2101, Thomas M. Head 2146, W. W. Wakeford I.G. 2146, Alfred Gibbs 2101, Michael Christian 860, E. A. Chichester 1149, W. E. Williams P.M. 162, Francis Carter I.P.M. 1892, H. T. J. Dumas P.M. 410, J. Leot 2146, J. W. Manley 1892, H. C. Horndle W.M. 1826, H. A. Howe 1362, C. J. L. Kipsley P.M. 1981, George White P.P.G.S.W., W. Lane 1326, H. J. Strong, M.D., P.G.W., C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W., A. C. Greenwood Secretary 410, E. Crutchloe 1892, Fountain Meen P.M. 1920, J. Bond 889, Geo. Moss 1851, J. J. Wright 1981, A. E. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works, Jno. O'Connell S.D. 1851, C. J. Pettit 889, T. C. Walls Prov. G. Warden Middlesex 1503, Hy. Wilson P.M. 1204 P.P.G.J.W. Worcester, Jno. Jennings 2146, Thos. Johnson 2146, R. E. Catterson 1981, G. A. Spoules P.M. 416, C. S. Dumas J.W. 410, R. Killick W.M. 1362, C. Mason Smith W.M. 416, W. Lucas 1638, C. Hogg S.W. 1872, T. G. A. Burns I.P.M. 370, E. H. Gale Crowdy 2020, H. T. Challacombe J.D. 1149, J. B. Tomkinson 2146, W. Chapman I.P.M. 889, Jas. Andrews 1892, G. W. Filmer W.M. 1892, G. Moorman W.M. 1638, J. K. R. Cama S.W. 777 Org. 2216, W. Vincent P.M. 1861, H. E. Turner P.M. 1149 P.G.S.B., J. H. Sumner 1638, W. Drewett W.M. 889, Chas. Gardner 889, C. C. Gibbes P.M. 1872 P.P.G.S.D., W. H. Sharp 889, N. Goodchild Treas. 2216, E. C. Mulvey W.M. 2216, Chas. Sheppard Sec. 2216, Thos. Clark J.D. 2216, H. J. Lardner P.P.G.O., Geo. Ralling 51, Jno. T. Geen P.P.G.S.B., H. E. Vickers D.C. 1556, F. Page, Jno. Knight P.M. 1046, A. Tite, J. Latham 463, Geo. J. Dunkley P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, H. D. Aslett 1892, E. Iron P.P.G.D., J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.S.B., D. P. Cama P.G. Treas., A. F. Asher P.G.P., W. J. Kemp P.P.G.P., D'Arcy Blackburn P.G.S.D., W. P. Morrison P.P.G.R., W. Lane P.P.G.S.B., Jno. Drewett P.G.A.P., Thos. Long P.P.G.D.C., E. C. Greenwood P.G.Steward, N. E. Turner P.G.S.B., Jno. Rhodes P.P.G.O., Geo. Yaxley P.P.S. Works, N. Soulby P.P.G.R., H. C. Leigh Bennett P.P.G.S.W., J. K. Pitt P.G.S.B.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. All the Lodges in the Province were represented, and the report of the Finance Committee showed the funds were in a flourishing condition, while the number on the membership roll showed a substantial increase, the names of over 1000 brethren now standing on the register. The Finance Committee recommended Prov. G. Lodge to make the following grants from its funds :—20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Male Fund), and 10 guineas to the Female Fund of the same Charity; this Committee also recommended a grant of 10 guineas towards a fund now being created for the restoration of Carshalton Church. The members of Prov. Grand Lodge unanimously adopted these several recommendations. Bro. George Price was cordially thanked for past services, and re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, an office he has now held for upwards of 30 years. The acting Prov. Grand Master then stated that General Brownrigg had requested him to say how much he regretted his inability to be with the members of his Province on this occasion, and announced that he (Bro. West) was to be confirmed in his appointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Officers were then invested, as follow :—

Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer	Senior Warden
H. M. Hobbs	Junior Warden
Lord Victor Seymour, E. Chichester	Chaplains
G. Price	Treasurer
C. Greenwood	Secretary
John Knight	Registrar
Dr. Eady, C. W. A. Trollope	Senior Deacons
G. Anderson, J. Chumley	Junior Deacons
R. Nevill	Superintendent of Works
A. Bishop	Director of Ceremonies
R. E. H. Goffin, H. J. Lardner	Assistant Directors of Cers.
G. W. Filmer	Sword Bearer
J. J. Locke, W. Chapman	Standard Bearers
Fountain Meen	Organist
A. C. Greenwood	Assistant Secretary
G. Moorman	Pursuivant
H. A. Gibbs	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Drewett, James Hill, G. H. Sprules, R. Piper, George Moss, J. J. Ridpath	Stewards
R. Potter	Tyler

Amongst incidental matters we may say announcement was made that the fund to commemorate in some tangible and permanent form the great services done in the Province by the Deputy Grand Master the late Bro. Charles Greenwood—who for nearly thirty years had held the office of Provincial Grand Secretary—had now reached 100 guineas. Doubtless this amount will be still further increased, and ere long we anticipate steps will be taken to ascertain how this fund can be disposed of to the best advantage, in furtherance of the purpose for which it has been subscribed. After some few other matters had been considered, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. A service had been organised at the Parish Church, Carshalton, and the brethren were now invited to attend the same. The sermon was preached by the Wor. Bro. Lord Victor Seymour, who took for his text :—

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. iii. 11.

It has sometimes been suggested that the society of Masonic brotherhood, if not actually offered as a substitute for Christianity, at least tends to obscure, by throwing into the background, the great brotherhood which Jesus Christ came to form. And the relationship of Freemasonry to Christianity must always be a subject of consideration to every thoughtful Christian who has lately become a Mason, or is thinking of offering himself as a candidate. Are not the ties which bind us as members of Christ, we ask, all sufficient? Why then do we need another brotherhood? And these are questions which we ought to ask ourselves as Christians. We should be very wrong if we entered into a society of any kind which in any single particular would lessen the importance of membership with Christ, either in our own sight or in that of others. And since these are questions that we ought to ask ourselves, we ought assuredly to be able to answer them. To attempt then at giving these answers, at

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least in outline, to point out the relationship the Masonic Craft has to Christianity, seems to be my duty as a minister of Christ, and in this holy place this afternoon, during the few minutes in which it is my privilege to address you. And first I would point out that Freemasonry has for ever been the handmaid of the Christian Church, at least in this land. It is said that St. Alban, who in the beginning of the fourth century became Britain's first martyr, presided over a Masonic council. The present Dean of Lichfield, from whose sermon on a similar occasion to this I get much information, also mentions a tradition that St. Augustine took Freemasonry under his protection. That missionary, when he came over from Rome towards the close of the sixth century, found Christianity at a low ebb. He seems to have perceived at once that the Masonic Craft would be of great use and power to him in carrying out his mission; and it is said that to this policy we owe the foundation of no less than four cathedrals, one being that of our own diocese, the others Canterbury, St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. Three centuries later we find Freemasonry was connected with the name of Athelstan, who encouraged the translation of the Bible into the vulgar tongue, and also for the monasteries which he built. It is said that English Freemasonry owes more to him than any other, and that a Lodge still exists in York which traces its origin to him as founder. It is noteworthy, though it is not surprising, that the kings whose reigns were famous for church building efforts, were all patrons of Freemasonry. Edward the Confessor in 1041, when Westminster Abbey was rebuilt; Henry III. when the foundation of the present abbey was laid; Edward III., when William of Wykeham founded Winchester; and Henry VII., when the first stone of the chapel at Westminster, which bears his name, was laid. For the last two centuries Freemasonry has ceased to be an operative brotherhood, but, none the less, has been ever active, especially of late years, in the encouragement of church building and restoration. This brief enumeration of facts will at least show to us in the light of history that Christianity has little cause to suspect Freemasonry, but on the contrary, we who are to-day so justly proud of the great piles of Architecture which grace our land and give homes to our religion, have every reason to look gratefully to the Order which has had so much to do with their erection, and has proved so loyal a handmaid to the church of Christ. And Freemasonry may say to-day what Christopher Wren said of St. Paul's Cathedral, "*Circis monumentum circumspice.*" But we must look deeper. The Masonic Fraternity has a higher purpose for its association than that of building churches. It is a grand moral conception; in a strictly true sense it is a religious society. A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral laws, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A man is therefore bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided that he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Freemasonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy medium of conciliatory friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. Now, brethren, I fully grant that some of these sentences might seriously disturb our attachment to the Craft, and, indeed, trouble our conscience if we did not recognise the ancient origin of Freemasonry. If this association were of modern origin it might appear to be setting itself up as a supplement to Christian society. It might appear to say that Christianity had failed to be the centre of union, and so Masonry does so instead. But it is not of modern origin; and so far from posing as a supplement, it poses as a parable of Christianity. The age which gave birth to the Masonic Order was the age wherein appeared that greatest parable of God's greatest design for men. The Temple of Solomon was, like the old Jewish tabernacle before it, a parable that was to prepare men's minds for the reception of God's counsels when the time came for them to be revealed. A parable is, as you all know, an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It is not necessary that that story be told by human lips or by human writers. A parable may be manifested in some work of what we call nature, or in some beautiful work of man; and so we may be sure that the great Temple of Solomon was not by accident a parable; it was formed and fashioned by God Himself, in order that it might be for that age an earth's story with a heavenly meaning. Every detail of the building and of the worship was devised by the Great Architect, with the special purpose that it might lead on His children to look for that which was to be revealed in the fulness of time, and to lift up their hearts from the things of earth to that great spiritual temple which the Great Architect was going to give them in the body of Jesus Christ, born of Mary. And is not this position in which we find ourselves to-day the same as that occupied by Hiram of Tyre and his brother Masons. Are we not still rearing up a parable which is to teach men of love, of fellowship, of duty? Are we not laying down the foundation of Jesus Christ (and other foundation can no man lay), the foundation which He laid in His Sermon on the Mount, of universal love, of doing to others as we would be done by, of absolute purity of thought and of deed, of trust in the Heavenly Father, the Great Architect of the Universe. Are we not by our association, in its reverence for the first master, with its emphasis on the loving fellowship which sons of God should have one to another, with its [illegible] fearful because more unearthly penalties. Yes, brethren, our Masonic Craft is a parable. May God the Holy Ghost bless it to us by unfolding its meaning more and more vividly. Alas, that it is not always so, the old parable which God gave intended to educate them—to open their minds to revelations, to excite their curiosity. They were to ask themselves, what mean ye by these signs? What is meant by the sin offering, the burnt offering, the peace offering? What is meant by all the details of the building of the temple, the corner stone, the Holy of Holies, the veil. This was God's purpose, but they lost the opportunity. They were so taken up by the earthly story. They so enjoyed this part that they never cared to ask God to interpret it. All this is most true, but we may also add, A man cannot be a good Mason unless he is a good Christian. He may be generous, he may be loving and dutiful to man, but he will not be pointing out Him who was to be the light of the world, and therefore not worthy of the Craft which for centuries has been a parable of Christ. And now, brethren, my task of speaking of the relationship of Freemasonry to Christianity is ended; it has been hurriedly done—that was a necessity; it has been very badly done, that was inevitable, I knew, when I began. I hope that I have spoken as a Mason. It now remains for me to thank the Great Architect for bringing us together to-day to praise His Holy Name. And so when Christ appeared, when He spoke as it was natural for Him to speak of the Temple which is His body; when He spoke of Himself as being with the Father for all Eternity, who Himself was architect, and had fashioned the world and that very Temple; I say when He came to speak of this parable, and had a right to expect that they would understand Him, He found them stupid, earthly, and the only result these words, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up again." The only result of it all was that they brought these words as an accusation and a proof that he was worthy of death. How sad this was. How sad it will be if this beautiful Craft of ours should share the same fate; that we should be so taken up with the study of Masonic art as to forget the striving to enter in at the straight gate which art is pointing us; and it is in Christ alone that we can enter into that gate. It has been often said—If a man is a good Mason he must be a good Christian.

The arrangements for the banquet had been entrusted to our energetic brother Alfred Verdon, of the Greyhound Hotel, and his catering gave unqualified satisfaction to the large number of Companions and Brethren who had taken part in the day's proceedings. Bro. Frederick West presided, and a very full toast list was entered upon, but the exigencies of the train service and the exceptionally heavy nature of the day's work produced a natural sequence,—many were compelled to take their departure ere the proceedings were finally brought to a conclusion. However, everything passed off satisfactorily, and universal approval was given the brethren of the popular Wallington Lodge for their exertions, several of the speakers especially complimenting Bro. Wm. Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer for the zeal and assiduity he had personally displayed in furthering the preliminary arrangements.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF FORFARSHIRE.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire was held in the Operative Lodge Hall, Overgate, Dundee. Substitute Grand Master Brother Campbell jun., of Stracathro, presided; Bro. D. Henderson acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Kinnear as Junior Warden. A letter was read from the Hon. Frank Lyon, resigning his office, and expressing his regret that he could not continue to discharge the duties of Provincial Grand Master. The Rev. Bro. Crabbe, Brechin, moved that the best thanks of the Province be accorded to the Hon. Frank Lyon for his services during the past six years, and that Bros. Berry and the Secretary be asked to prepare, sign, and transmit a minute to that effect. This motion was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Herald, Arbroath, in moving the nomination of Bro. James Berry, Dundee, as successor to the Hon. Frank Lyon, as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, said he had known Bro. Berry for a long number of years; indeed, since he had the honour and pleasure of being connected with the Grand Lodge. Bro. Berry had been known par excellence to have taken the position of leader amongst them. During the reign of several Grand Masters Bro. Berry had been the right hand man, and from expressions he had heard from Past Masters, he knew

that work, he had ever been ready to render good service to the Grand Lodge. He had attended nearly every meeting, and he had the honour of being the convener of the principal and most responsible Committee in the Grand Lodge. They knew that the finances of the Grand Lodge had required in late years a deal of attention, but now they were in a better position. They had now an annual revenue to dispose of, and it required a financial master to administer the income in a profitable way. Bro. Buik seconded the motion. Several brethren from Arbroath, Brechin, and Forfar said the nomination of Bro. Berry would give the utmost satisfaction. The motion was then unanimously agreed to. Bro. Berry having entered the hall, the Chairman announced that it had been unanimously agreed that he should be nominated to hold the post of Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire. Bro. Berry said he was deeply sensible of the honour the Provincial Grand Lodge had done him by this unanimous vote. If the nomination were approved by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, nothing would give him greater pleasure than to accept the office, and to do his best, as he had hitherto done, for the Craft in Forfarshire. He referred to the improved position of the Craft throughout Scotland, and intimated that they might soon look forward to the time when the Grand Lodge would be able to do something towards the assistance of the poorer members in their declining years. He again thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him. On the motion of the Secretary, the Provincial Grand Lodge offered its congratulations to the Substitute Provincial Grand Master on his marriage and return to the Province. Bro. Campbell, he was sure, under the tuition of the new Master, would prove a most excellent Depute. Bro. Henderson seconded, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. Bro. Campbell returned thanks for the kind way in which the motion had been received by the brethren. This was all the public business.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Southport. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Kilby W.M., who was supported by a large number of brethren. The Worshipful Master-elect, Bro. T. E. Chamber, was presented by Bros. P. J. Whitehead and Hunter P.M. The installation ceremony being effectively and impressively performed by Bro. Joseph Fowles-Roberts P.M. P. Prov. G.A.D.C. of West Lancashire, and followed with interest by the whole of the members present. The newly elected W.M. then proceeded with the investiture of Officers for the forthcoming year, viz.: Bros. Chambers W.M., Kilby I.P.M., Ashby S.W., Sharrock J.W., Roberts Treas., Whitehead Sec., Boyce D.C., Megson S.D., Hollis J.D., Latimer Chap., Bryan Org., Ripley I.G., Wordern, Wood, and Gough Stewards, Rockliff Tyler, and Kirkbridge Assistant Tyler. The W.M., Bro. T. E. Chambers, in the name of the members of the Lodge, then presented Bro. Kilby, the I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which was suitably acknowledged. The Lodge business having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where Bro. G. Rockliff supplied a capital repast, which was partaken of by a large number of the Craft, which included many visiting brethren. On the removal of the cloth, the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. T. E. Chambers, who proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were drank with enthusiasm and with musical honours. The toast list was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Bros. J. F. Roberts, J. Hesketh, T. Whitehead, T. E. Chambers, R. H. Johnson, S. Boyce, J. Leyland, and W. Platt.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

THIS flourishing Lodge, the only one at the South-end (formerly the De Grey and Ripon), held its annual meeting on the 11th inst., in the tastefully decorated Masonic Hall, North Hill-street, Liverpool. Bro. Hartley Wilson W.M. presided. The attendance of visitors was large and influential. The W.M. elect, Bro. Hughes S.W., was presented by Bros. Nickson P.M. and George P.M., and the installation ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Hartley Wilson W.M., after which the Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Wilson I.P.M., Phillips S.W., M'Farlane J.W., Williams P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Chatham Secretary, Rankin S.D., Blair J.D., Cowell Organist, Lloyd I.G., Glover S.S., Bridges J.S., Williams A.S., Jones A.S.; Bro. Chenin was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. Hoogate P.M. appointed D.C. During the dinner proceedings that followed Bro. Hartley Wilson I.P.M. was presented by the W.M. Bro. Hughes with a P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, and a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, supplied by Bro. Phillips. Amongst those who took part in a pleasing musical performance were Bros. Hughes, Phillips, Higinbotham, Rowlands, Williams, Kirkham, Jones, Lane, Davies, and Williams.

LIVERPOOL LODGE, No. 1547.

THE annual installation of this Lodge, originally formed for the convenience of brethren concerned in the governing bodies of this city, was held yesterday at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was well attended, as might be expected from the fact that several well-known citizens have passed through its chief offices. The chair was taken by Bro. Jonathan Parry W.M. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. Jessop) was presented by Bros. Caddock P.M. and Hignett P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Councillor Duncan jun., in the able manner which might be expected from his experience in Masonry. The following were afterwards invested as Officers:—Bros. Parry I.P.M., Isaacs S.W., Stephenson J.W., Parker P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Montgomery Secretary, Stephenson S.D., Leake J.D., Getty I.G., Killip S.S., Haynes J.S., Eaton A.S., Watson Organist, Caddock P.M. D.C. Bro. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. Parry), on behalf of the Lodge. The installation was held at an unusually early hour, in order to allow the members, visitors, and their lady friends and relatives to have a trip in the country. By the kind permission of the Earls of Sefton and Derby they drove in four-in-hand drags through Croxteth and Knowsley Parks to Woolton, where dinner was served in excellent style by Bro. Stephenson, at the Elephant Hotel, and a most enjoyable "out" was the result.

MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1629.

THIS flourishing Lodge held its annual pic-nic at Lymm, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., and the members and their friends, numbering about seventy, spent a most enjoyable day. After having a substantial dinner and tea, well catered for at the Plough Inn, foot races, dancing, and bowling for prizes, given by the members of the Lodge, were well contested for. There was also a ladies' flat race; while a ladies' pianoforte playing contest was well contested, and won by Miss Bagnall. The party afterwards returned by wagonettes to Warrington, thence by train to Liverpool, arriving well pleased with their day's outing at 10·20. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Bros. Dr. Limerick W.M., Pitts S.W., Naylor P.M. Treasurer, Brebner Secretary, Stirzaker P.M., Ingham Dir. of Cers., Tarbuck I.G., &c.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

AN emergency Chapter of this body was held at St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when the chair was occupied by Fratre William Brown E. Preceptor. There were also present Fratres J. T. Seller Constable, A. H. McGachen Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar, W. B. Dyson Sub-Marshal, George Simpson P., M. Millington P., C. Pallisor P., and others. Amongst the Visitors were Fratres H. E. Cousans P. 143, and H. C. Pickersgill 114. Companions W. N. Cheeseman 1611, and W. H. Attlay 512 were received and proclaimed members of the Order, the chair work being done by Fratre T. B. Whytehead, and that of Sub Marshal by Fratre Willliam Brown. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Fratres met in the refectory and partook of a plain dinner, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 27th day of July 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By W. Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., P.G.D. Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, namely:—

"That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Pat., and Dep. Prov. G. Master of Essex), be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purposes of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court."

2. By W. Bro. C. H. WEBB, V.P.:—

"That Law No. 71 (empowering the Committee to make grants not exceeding £10 in each case, in aid of Boys after obtaining engagements), be rescinded—and subject to the above being carried—to move,

3. "That the number of Candidates to be elected at the Election in October next be increased from 20 to 25."

4. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, Q.C.:—

"That the Second Paragraph in Law No. 51, viz., 'That this Rule is not to apply when the subscribing Member dies within three years from the date of his Initiation,' be expunged."

To receive and approve a list of Seventy-Seven Candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Twenty, or—in the event of the Notice of Motion by Bro. Webb, as above, being adopted—Twenty-Five Boys shall be elected on Friday, 26th October next.

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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, 28th July 1888, 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, to consider substituted plans for the New Buildings (which may be seen in the Secretary's office), and to consider Notices of Motion, as under:—

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee.

"That a gratuity of £35 be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the School, for the purpose of being married."

By Bro. J. S. EASTES, P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Kent.

"That the Court accept the sum of One Thousand Guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the Centenary of the Institution, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one Girl to the School, to be called the 'Jubilee' Presentation, the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of Kent for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West Yorkshire to this Institution."

By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, V. Pres.

"That the following addition be made to Law LV. after the word 'livelihood' in the sixth line, viz.:—'In any of which cases the Father must have been a subscribing Member of a Lodge for *Three* years.'"

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Analysis of Expenditure in the year 1887 at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as compared with that during same period at the Commercial Travellers' Schools, London Orphan Asylum, British Orphan Asylum, and the Yorkshire Society's Institution. Compiled, from the published accounts, by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, I.P.M. Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, P.G. Supt. of Works Staffordshire.

Verified by Bro. Alderman E. J. Hammersley, Public Accountant and Auditor, Hanley.

	Masonic Boys' School 258 Boys.		Commercial Travellers' School 217 Boys and 124 Girls.		London Orphan Asylum 496 Children.		British Orphan Asylum 118 Boys and 98 Girls.		Yorkshire Society's School—84 Boys.	
	Gross Expenditure.	Average cost per Child.	Gross Expenditure.	Average cost per Child.	Gross Expenditure.	Average cost per Child.	Gross Expenditure.	Average cost per Child.	Gross Expenditure.	Average cost per Child.
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Education and Maintenance of children outside, or Outfits on leaving Institution ...	124 7 0	0 9 8½	223 19 0	0 13 1½	485 3 8	0 19 7	86 0 0	0 8 0	—	—
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Rates and Taxes...	530 18 5	2 1 1½	315 16 3	0 18 6½	293 9 9	0 11 10	87 2 10	0 8 0½	106 6 9	1 5 4
Miscellaneous	2167 14 8	8 8 0	1420 11 5	4 3 4	2891 15 10	5 16 7	1415 0 4	6 11 0	62 5 6	0 14 10
Repairs and Renewals ...	501 19 9	1 18 11	249 13 0	0 14 7½	976 14 9	1 19 4½	613 16 7	2 16 8½	51 5 0	0 12 2½
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ABSTRACT, SHOWING AVERAGE COST PER CHILD FOR THE YEAR.

	£ s d
Masonic Boys'	50 16 0
British Orphan Asylum	37 5 4
London Orphan Asylum	36 2 1
Commercial Travellers'	29 14 6
Yorkshire Society	25 7 1

NOTE.—The Expenditure at the London Orphan Asylum was unusually heavy, in consequence of an outbreak of sickness. The average cost per head at that Institution in previous *seven* years was £31 8s 7d.

In the printed Accounts for the Masonic Boys' School for above-named year it is shown that the average cost per boy had only been £41 13s 10d, but the actual cost was £50 16s, exclusive of any charge for rent, although £94,650 has been expended on the establishment at Wood Green.

E. V. GREATBATCH,
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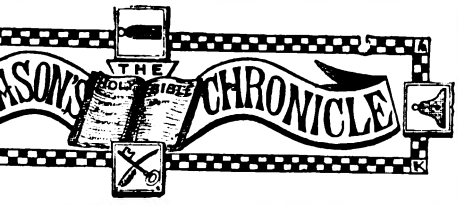
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ditor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—After perusing the three reports of ati Lodge, I came to the conclusion that Bro. e Steinmetz Theory is decidedly the best paper aid Lodge during the first three years of its vertheless, I find that our good Bro. Speth can and as no one seems disposed to find fault with ly compelled, as it were, to point out his error; page 131, of the Quatuor Coronati Proceedings,

Bauhütte of the 4th of February 1888, appears ed to the 'Verein Deutscher Maurer,' and the .' . . . We extract one paragraph because it In speaking of the older organization, the writer following merits, viz., but pre-eminently the to England (of Bro. Findel) which not only of the York Charter (Krause's MS. so-called) and torical results, but was, above all, the impulse d England to the study of Masonic History, and llectual movement which resulted in the writings von, Gould, and others."

ie adds,

ing to witness our worthy brother pluming himself

Bro. Gould was in China in 1860-1865, and his contributions to the Masonic Journals date from 1858, in which year also he published two Lectures read before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia, and the Inhabitants' Lodge, Gibraltar, respectively. Findel's History (German edition) could have had no influence on them, as neither brother reads the (German) language, and his English edition is dated 1869, by which time Hughan was well known . . . and we think a glance at our Masonic periodicals will prove to our brother that there were Masonic Students in England before he visited us, during his visit, and afterwards. Lyon had established his reputation as a Masonic Antiquary and Scholar on a firm basis, by (not to speak of minor efforts) his history of Mother Kilwinning, in 1862, &c."

Bro. Speth however further adds,

"That Bro. Findel's services to Masonic study have been great, we shall be the last to deny, but he really must not claim the credit of having been the founder of our present British School of Craft writers, &c."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Speth, it seems that he knows less of English Masonic literature of the seventh decade of this century than he does about German Masonic literature in general. Bro. Findel visited England in 1864, and we believe (says Bro. Speth) that he never saw either Hughan or Gould. Hughan was not initiated before 1863 and began to publish Masonically the next year. . . Bro. Gould was in China in 1860-1865, and his contributions . . . date from 1858, &c., all which is doubtless true. But the question is, how much are the Masonic writings of Bros. Gould and Hughan of that period worth? I confess that I never saw the productions of Bros. Gould and Hughan referred to by Bro. Speth, but I venture to say, that if the said writings referred to Masonic history, they must be *decidedly faulty*: that is, their knowledge of Masonic history must have been then derived exclusively from the writings of Anderson, Preston, Oliver and Co. In short, I firmly believe that our two distinguished English brethren, before they read Findel's History of Freemasonry, were as much steeped and enveloped in the then foggy state of Masonic history as I was.

But, says Bro. Speth, "Findel's History (German edition) could have had no influence on them (Gould and Hughan), as neither brother reads the German language, and his English edition is dated 1869, by which time Hughan was well known."

But in the first place, the first English edition of Findel's History of Masonry appeared (not in 1869 but) in 1866. And second, the name of Findel was known to English Masons certainly as early as 1861. Thus, in the "Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror," vol. 5, pages 61 and 62, there is a great deal written about Findel's new History. In vol. 6 of the said Journal, page 232, Findel was attacked by a fanatical high degreer, viz., H. M. Shuttleworth 30°, because Findel ridiculed all kinds of high degrees. On pages 269, 270, the late Bro. Woodford defended Bro. Findel, and referred to the high degrees as the result of charlatanism. See also pages 311-12, a reply to Woodford, and on page 322, there is a reply to Woodford by Matthew Cooke 30°, and on page 386 another reply or comment by Δ. In vol. 7 of the said Masonic Magazine, on page 401, there is something about Findel's History. In vol. 8 of the said Magazine, Bro. Speth will find controversies which Findel's History gave rise to, on the following pages, viz., 23, 43, 61, 84, 85, 86, 87, 101, 105, 121, 128, 141, 146, 190, 206, 401. The last I believe was a Biography of Bro. Findel, and on page 465 is a paragraph headed, "Antiquity of the Rose Croix degree," and the writer says,

"Allow me to protest against such sweeping assertions as those of Bro. Findel, when the merest tyro knows that in England it was practised in another form centuries before. Our bigoted brother will next assert that there is no proof before 1760 of the existence of the Templar Order.—Δ."

Now, all the above discussions took place in 1862, hence Bro. Hughan had ample means, before he wrote Masonically, to learn some facts from Bro. Findel's History.

Next I refer Bro. Speth to Bro. D. M. Lyon's preface to the 1869 edition of Bro. Findel's History; this itself ought to satisfy any one that Bro. Findel revolutionised Masonic history. In short, it is my firm belief that if Findel's History had never appeared, that Bros. Gould, Hughan, and Speth too, would have floundered to-day in the same ocean of darkness as Bro. Findel's predecessors, as well as his high degree antagonists did. Bro. Findel is therefore fully justified in claiming that his History, "ushered in the intellectual movement which resulted in the writings of Brothers Hughan, Lyon, Gould, and others."

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 26th June 1888.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The figures which have been compiled and published by Bro. Greatbatch, I.P.M. of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, surely are a very serious charge against the management of this Institution. He openly states that the average cost per Boy was £50 16s, whilst the management state the cost to have been £41 13s 10d. Either one allegation or the other is untrue, and it is due to the Subscribers to know upon whose shoulders the inaccuracy rests. Bro. Greatbatch's statement is not an anonymous one, and if his figures have no foundation in fact the management can readily bring him to book. The annexed letter from W. Bro. Frank James, who is an authority upon such matters, from the fact that he has laboured long and zealously in the interest

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vinces of a similar purpose. Unless more economy is practised it is to be feared that the tendency will be for each Province to provide for its own children locally, which must have a very detrimental effect on the finances of the Institution at Wood Green, which would much be regretted.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. TUNNICLIFF, W.M. No. 418.

ALDRIDGE, NEAR WALSALL,
20th June 1888.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged to you for the printed analysis you send me, showing the enormous expenditure on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as compared with four other Institutions of a similar character: to my knowledge you might easily have extended the comparison to the Clergy Orphans' School, the Licensed Victuallers', and many others. I have long been of opinion, frequently expressed in our Province, that there is gross extravagance, not to use a stronger term (which I am by no means sure could not be justified), in the management of this Institution. I have over and over again advocated, sometimes against my better judgment, a continuance of support in the hope that reform would come from within, but confess I am losing faith in that expectation, and I am glad to find that you propose to circulate the paper you have sent me in the surrounding Provinces. I trust it will have the effect of arousing our subscribing brethren to a thoughtful consideration of the subject. To say nothing of the enormous expenditure (I believe between £70,000 and £80,000) on the School, Land, Building, &c., which is sunk and gone, I want to know WHY the average cost per child should be greater, *considerably greater*, than similar Institutions, and hitherto I have failed to get an answer to that inquiry. My conviction is that it ought to be less. The machinery for collecting the funds is ready to their hands: the Province of Stafford has not cost them one farthing for collection since we established the Charitable Association, and others are like ourselves. I feel confident that the time is approaching, and not far distant, when some very stringent measures will have to be taken,—it cannot be allowed to remain as at present, a gross Masonic scandal.

I have lately seen an anonymous statement circulated in reference to the internal condition of the School. I make no reference whatever to it, whether true or untrue I know not, nor does it affect the view of the question we take. I only hope that a good cause may not be injured by an inexcusable means of conveying information.

In conclusion I desire to say that you have my best wishes for success in your endeavour to bring about a radical reform in the management of the School.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FRANK JAMES, P.M. 539.
P.D.P.G.M. for Staffordshire, and a V.P. of the R.M. Institutions for Boys and Girls.

W. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, Stoke-on-Trent.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LEOPOLD LODGE.

THE second of the Masonic year's season of installations was witnessed in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, South Australia, on Thursday, 17th May, in connection with this Lodge, which was the first consecrated under the South Australian Constitution. Considerably more than 100 brethren of all ranks of the Order attended. The South Australian Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. H. M. Addison P.D.G.M., P. Sansom P.S.G.W., C. Knight G.D.C., J. G. Jenkins, M.P., S.G.D., and several other Officers. The District Grand Lodge of the colony of Victoria had present Bro. D. N. McLeod P.P.G.S.D., and all the Blue Lodges within the city and suburbs (including also the Irish Constitution) were represented by their Officers. The Master-elect, Bro. W. Burnet, was installed by Bro. W. J. Sowden, the Retiring Master, with the assistance of Bros. Knight Grand Director of Ceremonies, Cate Deputy-Director, and J. G. Jenkins, M.P., Grand Senior Warden. Other brethren who took prominent parts in interpreting the ritual were Bros. Addison, Sansom P.M., J. E. Thomas A.G.S., Bowen P.M., and Kemp P.M. G.J.D. At the close of the ceremony the newly-installed Master invested his Officers, of whom the following is the list:—Bros. W. J. Sowden I.P.M., J. P. Jones S.W., Rev. S. Lenton J.W., Rev. G. E. Rowe Chaplain, J. Bouse Treas., T. L. Sykes Sec., J. S. O. Allen S.D., G. Bond J.D., J. S. McCloughry I.G., J. Shakespeare Org., J. G. Jenkins D.C., M. Wilks, J. White, W. Smith and W. Brindal Stewards. The W.M. then, with complimentary expressions, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Sowden, a handsome Past Master's jewel, wrought in gold, and the I.P.M. took the opportunity given by the usual response to hand to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Sykes, also on behalf of the Lodge, a golden Past Secretary's jewel, as a recognition of valued service. In both cases the gifts represented the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren. Later in the evening a Masonic banquet was held.

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MARK MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE annual Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon assembled on Tuesday, in the Masonic Hall at Reading, under the banner of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, of which Bro. H. Creed P.P.G.I.G. is Worshipful Master, and the event proved particularly attractive and successful, the programme for the day embracing a trip on the Thames, to which a number of ladies in different parts of the Province had been invited. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at twelve o'clock by the popular Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, supported by the acting Deputy P.G. Master (Bro. Edward Margrett, P.P.G.W.) and other P.G. Officers. In consequence of indisposition, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, was absent, and the circumstance was feelingly alluded to more than once in the course of the day's proceedings. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Thomas J. Pulley P.G.S.D.) called over the roll of the Provincial Grand Officers and also that of the Lodges in the Province. It appeared that each Lodge was well represented. The Provincial Grand Secretary's annual report was of a satisfactory nature, showing that Mark Masonry continued to make steady progress in the Province. Bro. Shepherd P.G.D. P.P.G.S.W. then addressed the brethren, speaking in eulogistic terms of the valuable services the Provincial Grand Master had rendered Mark Masonry, and nominating his Lordship as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. Bro. W. Ravenscroft P.P.G.J.W., in complimentary language seconded the motion, which was cordially adopted amidst much applause. Lord Jersey in reply said he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the honour they had once more bestowed upon him by nominating him for the office of Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years, and he also felt grateful to Bros. Shepherd and Ravenscroft for the kind words they had used in reference to him. He felt that he was not deserving of them, and that he had not been so good a Provincial Grand Master as the Province had deserved. There had been many things he had been unable to attend to as he could have wished, but the brethren had all been very kind in looking upon his failings with a friendly eye, and they had always treated him with the greatest kindness and forbearance. He felt that the success of Mark Masonry in his Province was not in the least due to the Provincial Grand Master, but to the exertions of the Provincial Grand Officers, and he could not forbear acknowledging his obligation to the able and indefatigable Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Stephens), and also to their energetic Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Pulley), who had been the greatest possible help to him. Bro. Pulley had always rendered him great assistance and performed all the real work, and he had also had the advantage of the help of other Officers, who had done their best in their respective Lodges to keep Mark Masonry prosperous and popular in the Province. To those Officers, much more than himself, was credit due for any advance Mark Masonry had made in the Province.

The P.G. Master then proposed, and Bro. John Bance P.M. seconded the re-election of Bro. Tomkins P.M. as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The election was perfectly unanimous, and Bro. Tomkins acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Margrett referred to the coincidence of the Royal Arch Chapter of Berks and Bucks meeting on the same day as the Mark Grand Lodge, and moved the following resolution:—"That this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge expresses its hearty and fraternal greeting to the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Berks and Bucks meeting this day." This was seconded by Bro. Tomkins and unanimously adopted. Bro. Williams Scribe of the Provincial Chapter, thanked the Mark Grand Lodge for passing such a fraternal resolution. The P.G. Secretary read a telegram he had received from Bro. Drinkwater, Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble under the banner of that Lodge on the occasion of their

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G. Saxby 225	... ...	M.O.
E. Horne 247	... ...	S.O.
W. Graham 27	... ...	J.O.
Rev. A. R. Pritchard 235	...	Chaplain
J. Tomkins 225	... ...	Treasurer
W. E. Beal 257	... ...	Registrar of Marks
W. Ravenscroft 235	... ...	Secretary
W. C. Long 235	... ...	Assistant Secretary
W. Hickie 235	... ...	Senior Deacon
P. Colville-Smith 55	... ...	Junior Deacon
S. O. Mavrojani 55	... ...	Inspector of Works
C. Slaughter 235	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
F. J. Shipp 247	... ...	Asst. Director of Cers.
F. Bacon 247 ...	... ...	Sword Bearer
E. A. Beckett 257	... ...	Standard Bearer
G. H. Sherwin 235	... ...	Organist
Hugh Kidd 27	... ...	Inner Guard
W. E. Staniford 235	... ...	Stewards
E. M. Challens 225	... ...	
R. Parks 235 ...	... ...	
E. A. Speechley 257	... ...	
W. Hemmings 235	... ...	Tylers
G. Norwood 247	... ...	

In investing Bro. Ravenscroft with the collar of P.G. Secretary, the noble Earl expressed the great regret he felt that the office would no longer be held by Bro. Pulley, but he was sure Bro. Ravenscroft would do his best to fill Bro. Pulley's place. His Lordship subsequently adverted at some length to Bro. Pulley's resignation, and expressed the satisfaction all must feel that although he had relinquished the office he had held for the past nine years with so much advantage to the Province and credit to himself, they would still have his presence and support in the Province of which he had indeed been the life and soul. Bro. Pulley had spared neither time nor trouble in doing anything he possibly could to further the cause of Mark Masonry, and make his post as Provincial Grand Master as easy and agreeable as possible, and it was only right he should take the first possible opportunity of tendering his warmest thanks to Bro. Pulley for his past services, and assure him of his great personal regard for him and his hope that his health would soon become thoroughly restored. When a brother worked as Bro. Pully had done he deserved *the highest* encomiums and the warmest thanks of all of *them*, and it gave him great pleasure to move the following resolution :—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge conveys to W. Bro. T. J. Pulley its cordial thanks for the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent developement of this Province, and expresses the hope that by the blessing of the G.O.O.T.U., he will speedily be restored to health." His Lordship said he was sure the resolution expressed the feelings not only of all the brethren present, but also those of many of Bro. Pulley's friends in the town and neighbourhood of Reading. Bro. Tomkins seconded the proposal, remarking there could not possibly be a more active, energetic and painstaking Provincial Grand Secretary, or one who had the interest of Mark Masonry more at heart than Bro. Pulley, and it was a source of great regret to them all that he had felt compelled to resign that distinguished position. They hoped, however, that he would long be spared to take an active part in the proceedings. The resolution was then put and carried unanimously. Bro. Pulley in reply assured the brethren that what he had been permitted to do had been a labour of love from the commencement, and it had given him great pleasure to see the Mark degree, in which he took such a deep interest, become so prosperous in the Province. He heartily appreciated the kind expressions which the P.G. Master and Bro. Tomkins had used in reference to him, and he sincerely thanked the brethren generally for the cordial manner in which they had accepted the proposal. Bro Shepherd then proposed and Bro. F. J. Ferguson P.M. seconded the following resolution :—"That in recognition of the services rendered to Mark Masonry in this Province by W. Bro. T. J. Pulley in the office of Provincial Grand Secretary during nine years, a presentation shall be made to him, and that the following brethren be appointed the Committee for the purpose : The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M. of each Lodge in the Province, W. Bro. W. W. Ridley P.M. 235, Prov. G.W., W. Bro. Edward Margrett P.M. 235, P.P.G.W., Treasurer and Secretary." This resolution was also carried *nem. con.* The P.G. Master then acknowledged the cordial reception given to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the officers and brethren of the Leopold Lodge. Shortly afterwards the business was brought to a conclusion, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form. Lord Jersey and the brethren subsequently drove to Caversham, where they were joined by a number of Craft Masons and a large party of ladies. Four steam launches provided by Mr. Bond were in waiting, and in these the party proceeded up the river almost as far as Streatley, returning to the Roebuck Hotel at Tilehurst at half-past five o'clock. The aquatic trip, which had occupied upwards of three hours, was greatly enjoyed, the weather being all that could be desired. An excellent banquet, provided by Mr. Noyes, was partaken of beneath a tent erected on the lawn, overlooking the beautiful valley of the Thames. The company numbered upwards of 120, and the proceedings were enlivened by the performance of the Reading Town Band. The P.G. Master presided, and dessert having been introduced the usual Mark Mason toasts were honoured. The company sang the National Anthem after the toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry, and God bless the Prince of Wales after that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The P.G. Master prefaced the toast list by expressing the great pleasure which he, in common with all the brethren, felt in seeing so many ladies present, and he regarded it as a proof of the gallantry and prescience of the members of the Lodge to whom they were so much indebted for the completeness of the day's arrangements. Bro. F. J. Ferguson proposed the health of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers present and past, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd Grand Chaplain of England, who, in responding, spoke of the rapid strides which Mark Masonry had made during the past few years. He congratulated the Berks and Oxon brethren on the extremely pleasant day they had spent, and also upon the fact that they were favoured with the presence of so many Sister Masons, which he considered would largely tend to popularise Masonry in their sight. He also congratulated them upon the admirable rule of the P.G.M. Lord Jersey. The P.G. Master then proposed a special toast, namely : the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province of Berks and Bucks, who had honoured them with their presence on this occasion. Bro. R. Bradley, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England appropriately returned thanks. Bro. Shepherd, in complimentary language, proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, which was drunk with much enthusiasm. Lord Jersey briefly returned thanks, and proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Stephens, and the Provincial Grand Officers present and past, for whom Bro. Margrett returned thanks. Bro. Tomkins gave the toast of success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was acknowledged by Bro. Flanagan P.M. Bro. the Rev. A. R. Prichard Provincial Grand Chaplain proposed the health of the Ladies, for whom Bro. Body and Bro. Jackson severally responded. The company thereupon rose and began to disperse on their homeward journies, after spending one of the most delightful days ever experienced in Freemasonry. The Officers and Brethren of the Leopold Lodge provided light refreshment in the ante-room at the Masonic Hall before proceeding to Caversham, and they did their utmost in every way to promote the comfort and enjoyment of all.

ELLIOTT LODGE, No. 169.

AT the annual meeting, held at Caroline-place, Stonehouse, on the 5th inst., the W.M. elect Bro. J. J. Facey was installed. The Installing Officers were Bros. F. Crouch and H. R. Langmead, with a full board of Past Masters. The Officers invested were Bros. George Perkins I.P.M., Wilson S.W., Jacobs J.W., Gurney M.O., Williams S.O., Tucker J.O., Cross Treasurer, King Reg. of Marks, Gidley Secretary, Maddock S.D., Holmes J.D., Harcourt I.G., Gidley Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, where the annual banquet was held.

We hear that the request of the petitioners for a local Lodge, to be called the Rye, to be held at Peckham, has been granted. The W.M. designate is Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, a P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. Bro. Dewsnap is also a P.Z. of the Joppa Chapter, and is now M.E.Z. of the Duke of Cornwall Chapter.

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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 JULY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Rhurs Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, Greyhound, Richmond
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1328—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 23rd JULY.

23—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Davey-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1460—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 24th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, 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 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)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
1861—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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
141 -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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.15
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)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Town, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lisburn
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1788—Creaton, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1069—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—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. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
310—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, [illegible] (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1065—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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 26th 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)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1349—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
1390—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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 8 (Inst)
1754—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire 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)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
233—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
244—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
245—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hashington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Beetham-gate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cubbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
960—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staffs
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Ferrers, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1425—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1458—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hollywood, West Timperley, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 434—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 1099—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
854—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Mydde'ton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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

463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2010—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1393—Harrer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 713—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 184—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
1196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanafield, Todmorden

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We copy the following interesting letter from the *Glasgow Evening News*:—

BROTHER W. J. HUGHAN'S LECTURE ON "THE RISE OF MASONIC DEGREES."

"SIR,—the intimation of the important lecture on the above subject in yesterday's "Evening News" calls for more than a passing notice. It dealt with a very interesting subject, from an historic point of view, and the gentleman who handled it is one whose name is known throughout the world as standing in the first rank of Masonic historians. Freemasonry has existed for hundreds of years, operative Masonry for thousands of years. There were Apprentices, Fellow-Crafts, and Master Masons hundreds of years ago, yet Bro. Hughan asserted in St. Mark's Masonic Hall, before a large number of brethren, on the 10th inst., that there were no Masonic degrees in existence until the beginning of last century—namely, about A.D. 1717 or thereby. What existed before then were Masonic grades, the Apprentices, Fellows and Masters being all on a level as regards secrets, for in a number of the old Lodges it was a law that so many Apprentices had to be present at the due admission of Masters and Fellows. Hence there were three grades of members, not three degrees, with special ceremonies and secrets for each degree. What the old Masonic secret word was amongst the Lodges before A.D. 1717 we do not now know, nor, as Bro. Hughan observed, what their secrets or ceremonies exactly were. The old Freemasons were Trinitarians before 1717, as their charges abundantly testified, but when the new system of speculative Freemasonry was instituted in London, in 1717, Freemasonry became cosmopolitan. Its watch-word was the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The first Masonic Grand Lodge in the world was the Grand Lodge of England, formed in 1717, and no Masonic "Grand Master" existed before then. The pseudo-Masonic historians of last century, to fill up their books, were not particular as to facts, but dealt largely in fictions, interpolations, and alterations. This is now abundantly proved by the labours of the Masonic historians and critics of the last twenty-five years. Previous to 1860 Freemasons, generally speaking, that believed the ceremonies and secrets of the then Craft degrees, had existed for hundreds or thousands of years, the majority dating from the building of Solomon's Temple. It was difficult to prove this on documentary evidence, but the excuse was ever ready that the old documents were lost! It so happens, however, that modern research has discovered many of these old records, and the old Masonic charges, and the old Lodge minutes, written long before and up to A.D. 1717, prove that up to that date modern Freemasons and our system of degrees did not then exist. The oldest Masonic minute of the 3rd degree in the world, yet discovered, is dated 1725, and it is in connection with a musical society to which only Masonic Master Masons were eligible. The Kilwinning Lodge, styled by some the "Mother" Lodge of Scotland, seems to have had no Master degree until 1737, and then it got impregnated with the new Freemasonry from England. There was no Grand Lodge or Grand Master in Scotland until 1736, when the former was formed—after a visit from some London brethren—and the latter was elected then. In Kelso the Lodge there first heard of the Master degree in 1754—as this was 18 years after the formation of the Scottish Grand Lodge there does not seem to have been much Masonic communication between Edinburgh and Kelso, or else news travelled slowly. There were no daily newspapers, telegraphs, or telephones in those days. The Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, has minutes going back to 1598, and the Aberdeen Lodge minutes back to 1670, but these go to prove Bro. Hughan's assertion that there were no Masonic degrees before 1717. The three degrees of Craft Masonry are therefore now about 171 years old—possibly three years or so younger, especially the third degree. What are called the higher degrees rose some time after 1717, the first of them probably about 1740, about which time Royal Arch Masonry was started. Then there was the degree known as the Royal Order of Scotland, and in the latter half of last century the Masonic Knights Templar degree was concocted, and so on with many others. While the Freemasonry of the three Craft degrees gloried in being cosmopolitan, the highest degrees were sectarian. The Grand Lodge of Scotland does not recognise the latter. Bro. Hughan received a hearty vote of thanks for his very interesting and instructive lecture. Several of the brethren present expressed themselves as being in entire accordance with the lecturer, while one or two had a difficulty in realising how all this could be. The latter, however, must recognise the duty of getting "more light" upon the subject, and so be able to distinguish between the true and the false, the real and the fanciful, and be able to show to the world that Freemasonry has something better now-a-days to recommend it than an imaginary antiquity."

I am, &c.

VERITAS VINCIT.

Glasgow, 12th July 1888.

EXTRAORDINARY CATERING.—The purveyors of the dinner given on Saturday, the 14th instant, to the French Mayors in the first story of the Eiffel Tower in Paris had to provide for 3,000 guests, and there has been a good deal of "tall talk" in the French papers concerning the magnitude of the banquet. But it sinks into insignificance before the luncheon provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond in June 1880, when the Royal Albert Dock was opened, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other royal and illustrious personages. At this meal 4,000 persons were provided for, which is 1,000 in excess of the French gathering; 500 waiters and 100 cooks and carvers were engaged in serving the guests, the tables put end to end would have extended to over a mile and a half; more than 4,000 dishes were on the board; while 24,000 forks and spoons, 12,000 knives, 12,000 glasses, and 15,000 plates were used on the occasion. When we add that the dessert consisted of 5 cwt. of grapes, and 2,000 baskets of strawberries, to say nothing of other fruit, it will be seen that catering for a vast number of people is not one of those things they manage better in France.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devon will be held at Rose Ash, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 2·30 p.m. The business to be transacted is of a peculiarly interesting nature, as besides the ordinary adoption of reports, election of Treasurer, appointment of Officers, and so forth, the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S.) will lay the corner stone and fix the key stone of the arch of the new church which is being built on the domain of the late P.G.M. (Lieutenant-Colonel J. Tanner-Davey, J.P.)

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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WILL LIVE AND LABOUR.

THERE is an enthusiasm among the Craft that awakens the most pleasant emotions and inspires one with great hope for the future; and I am prone to believe that this devotion to Masonry is the result of a conviction that our institution is a powerful aid to man in subduing his passions and improving himself in those virtues which adorn and solidify character. Masonry lives triumphant in spite of all its powerful opposition. It never proselytes, but pursues the even tenour of its way, practising its well-known virtues, and exerting a moral influence in the world; an example worthy of acceptance and imitation.

Masonry has ever been the hand-maid of education and intellectual progress; and its mission is to improve and enlighten the understanding; to instil into the mind principles of art, science, morals, religion and behaviour, and it has been a leader in developing the mighty interests of the world—and for daring to presume and keep alive the stimulus of intellectual desire, the shafts of hate and disappointed ambition have been hurled at her with demoniac fury.

The cosmopolitan character of our noble institution must necessarily include minds as diversified as are the members comprising it; but the toleration with which it grants both religion and politics, prevents the breeding of discussions in behalf of either. Why should we permit the selfish passions of men to taint or mar the fair form of this time-honoured edifice, reared and sustained upon the corner-stone of fraternal virtue? Masonry has withstood the persecutions of its opponents and the anathemas of ecclesiasticism. Its influence pervades all classes and conditions of men. The spirit of progress has been thoroughly aroused through its teachings.

Although the modern Craft are purely speculative, our ancient brethren were practical architects and builders, as well as speculative philosophers. The philosophy of Freemasonry, its morals and its dogmas are so little understood, and, indeed, so little regarded, that there are scores who outwardly assume the garb of a Mason and trappings of the Templar without any higher aim than pastime.

The great antiquity of this venerable institution leaves us almost in doubt as to its origin as a distinctive organisation—as we are taught that our Order was old when the Christian era began; and long anterior to any authentic or well established date in Masonic tradition. May our banners, inscribed with the grand old motto, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," inspire courage in the hearts of all free men, and cause dismay in the ranks of their adversaries. Let us infuse into the world about us those elements which make society more charming, and which will continue to us, a nation, noted for its bravery, its gentleness, its culture and magnanimity.

It must be a gratification to every member of the Craft to feel and know that Masonry stands pre-eminent, above and beyond all other fraternal societies; particularly when we so frequently hear that a new society, full of gilt-edge titles, has been thrust upon the community, and publishes promises of sword and feathers immediately for the novitiate. Some of them finish, and uniform in one night, any number of so-called "Knights, Wise Men, Nobles and Presidents," and other high dignitaries; and on occasion of Masonic funerals crowd themselves to the front, expecting to be allowed to act as pall-bearers and take prominent place in the procession, demanding that they be permitted to take part and assist in the ceremonies. I regret to say that in a few instances Lodges have acceded to their urgent and clamorous demands, and allowed them to intrude and assist in the Masonic ceremonies. I most sincerely trust that hereafter the rulings of the Grand Lodge on this subject will not be forgotten by the Masters and the Fraternity, and any Lodge or Master guilty of such un-Masonic offence be speedily and properly disciplined. The performance of the solemn services required by Masonry over the remains of a brother is Masonic labour, and the Lodge so engaged is performing Masonic labour, and must have absolute and complete control and cannot permit any but Masons in good standing to take any part therein.

Masonry will continue to live and labour on, as long as distress prevails and sorrow is uncomforted; wherever error exists and truth needs vindication, until the climax of its efforts culminate in one universal dominion of love and charity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—"The Shadows of a Great City" was revived last Monday for a fortnight, and has been well received during the week. Of the stirring incidents in the drama we have on more than one occasion spoken, so that we have now only to deal with those who are entrusted with the several parts. Nearly the same caste has been got together as that which first portrayed the play, the principal exception being Miss Grace Hawthorne, instead of Miss Mary Rorke, as Helen Standish. Miss Hawthorne is most effective, and gains the sympathy of her audience at the earliest opportunity. Her last act is full of force, and capitally carried out. Mr. J. H. Barnes is once more the Tom Cooper, while George Benson and Abe Nathan find careful interpreters in Messrs. W. L. Abingdon and Harry Parker. Mr. Harry Nicholls is intensely amusing as Jim Farren, while Miss Cicely Richards makes a kind-hearted Biddy Roonan. Mr. Bassett Roe's detective is good, and Miss Bertie Willis is powerful as Annie Standish. The mounting of the piece is all that could be desired. On the 29th inst. Miss Hawthorne will produce "The Still Alarm," by Joseph Arthur.

Vaudeville.—The success of "Joseph's Sweetheart" continues unabated, and judging from appearances the piece will continue in the bills for some time to come. This is hardly to be wondered at when we take into consideration the charming way in which Mr. Buchanan's play is acted by Mr. Thorne's admirable company. All work with a will, with the result that the play goes smoothly from beginning to end. Miss Gladys Homfrey is now a capital Lady Booby, while Miss Bessie Harrison is natural as Mrs. Adams.

"The New Actress," a one-act drama, by Edwin Drew, and "Re-United," a one-act comedy, will be produced at the Athenæum, Tottenham Court-road, on the 24th instant.

In consequence of the success of Mr. S. Jerrard's dramatic recitals at Steinway Hall, he has been engaged to appear in the French Chamber, St. James's Hall, on the 30th instant.

The annual summer entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, took place on Tuesday, when a number of those interested in the charity attended. The company first partook of tea, and then spent a pleasant hour with the residents of the Institution. The amusements of the evening was under the direction of Bro. Arthur Coombes, who provided a most enjoyable musical programme. He was assisted by Bro. W. Wright, M. Ryan, Coombe James, Percy Phillips, Grice, Barnard and others. Some of the visitors contributed to the harmony, the Misses Terry, Miss Cotter and Miss Strong being to the fore in this respect.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence took place on Wednesday, the President and two Vice-Presidents presiding. The recommendations made at the last meeting having been confirmed, the new cases, of which there were thirty-four, were considered. Two petitions were dismissed, and the others relieved as follows:—One recommendation of £100, one of £75, three of £50, six of £40, and eight of £30; together with six grants of £20 each, two of £15, four of £10, and one of £5, making a total of £1000.

We learn that the distinction of honorary membership, accompanied with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, has been conferred on Bro. R. F. Gould by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in recognition of his invaluable services to the Craft, by the publication of his History of Freemasonry.

It is gratifying to know that the brethren who are interesting themselves in securing the election of Bro. George Everett to the position of Grand Treasurer of England are receiving promises of support from all parts.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Excellent First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, has appointed the Rev. Charles William Spencer Stanhope to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for the Province of Cheshire.

Bro. L. G. Langdon, of the Joiners' Company, has been presented, by the members of the Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, with a handsome timepiece, in recognition of his services as Secretary for a period of nine years. The presentation was formally made by Bro. J. Paul.

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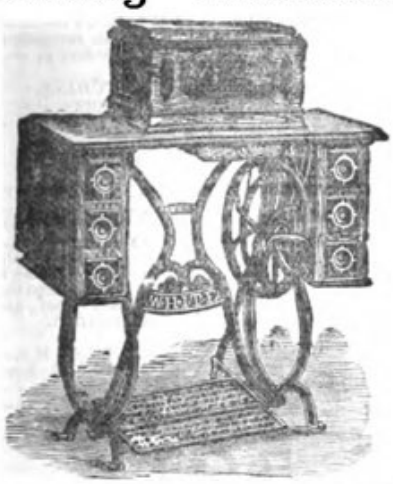
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SILENT WORKERS IN FREEMASONRY.

AMONG the many who attempt to form an opinion of the influence of Freemasonry, or who seek to measure the power it exercises in the world at large, there are few who pay a proper regard to the silent workers in its midst, or who give sufficient credit for what is being quietly done by those within its ranks, without show or ostentation of any kind. Too often the opinion of a critic or of a laudatory writer is based on his particular experience of Freemasonry, without any attempt or desire to ascertain the views of others, and even where a little trouble is taken to secure a just verdict it not infrequently happens that the only men studied are those we may describe as the more energetic members of the Craft, brethren who take the lead in their particular circle, so far as outward appearance is concerned, and who, by pushing themselves forward on every *possible* occasion, seem to be the leaders among their *fellows*. Such men are frequently but poor specimens of the true Freemason, and hence it is that any opinion formed on the basis of their doings is often most unreliable when considered in association with the whole Craft.

In this respect we imagine Freemasonry stands in much the same position as everything else. The real backbone of the Order consists of those who keep steadily plodding along, neither making an undue prominence of their association with the Craft, or omitting to practise its principles whenever an occasion may arise. Such men are sincere in their desire to benefit by the teachings of Freemasonry, and it is impossible for them to be associated with the Order without reaping the reward they seek, while it seldom happens they remain long members without finding opportunities of testing the usefulness of its lessons. They are silent workers in the world, and when they obtain admission to Freemasonry they only acquire a readier means of exercising the trait we may describe as part of their nature; but for all this Freemasonry is very proud of their association, and it owes much to their perseverance and earnestness. On the other hand, we find men whose object is far less praiseworthy, and others again who bring discredit on Freemasonry, simply because they never properly work for the good of the Order. They may rise to a prominent position in the Craft, but their reason for doing so is far removed from the true dictates of Freemasonry. They seek to make use of the Craft rather than try to benefit by its lessons. They have a desire in life; and to attain it, or with the hope of bringing it within easier reach, they join Freemasonry, and then make no scruple of using the Order for mercenary or other unworthy purpose. We seldom, if ever, find such results among the silent workers, indeed it would be of little avail for one of this class to endeavour to make use of Freemasonry —which in this country, at least, may be said to have little power in the great concerns of state or general business—for the simple reason they would not have sufficient experience to turn it to account to any appreciable extent.

The silent worker in Freemasonry may certainly be said to be in the majority among the members of the Craft, and this is accounted for from the fact that in most cases seven-eighths of the members have little to do but attend the regular meetings of their Lodge, listen to what is going on, vote on the one or two subjects which are brought forward, and then adjourn for an hour or two's social enjoyment. And yet what a vast amount of good is accomplished by these same brethren. If they are silent with their work they are at least practical, and if they get through their duties without any apparent exertion, they see that what they do undertake is for a good purpose.

These silent workers in the Masonic fold offer an insurmountable barrier to those who urge that promotion in a Lodge should always go by seniority. They are often content to remain simple Master Masons year after year, and when their turn for office comes round they seem to dread undertaking the duties attached thereto, lest it should force them from the enjoyment of their rest. It often happens that such men express a wish to be passed over in regard to appointment to office, and for years they remain without a collar, unless it be that in the absence of a regular officer they act as deputy. On such occasions they prove themselves efficient in the duties required of them, and give further illustration of the fact that it is not always those who make the most show who are the best at a task. In many other ways the silent worker may make his presence felt, but it is in regard to the whole system of Freemasonry that his influence must be gauged. It is true that the energetic bustling members of the Order do much, but if they were left to themselves for a season or two they would soon find out the truth of remarks made earlier in this article, that the silent worker is the backbone of the Order. Such being the case we think that every encouragement should be offered to men who prefer to adopt this particular method of procedure, in direct opposition to those who strive to make as much show and excitement as possible, but who, more often than not, utterly collapse after a very brief display of their brilliancy.

MERCENARY MOTIVES.

SELFISHNESS is the porter that stands at the gate of many profane mansions, but the Craft strenuously endeavours to exclude him from the precincts of Freemasonry. No one can knock at the portals of a Masonic Lodge who has not first formally abnegated this "leprosy of the age," this "alcohol of egotism," and freely and voluntarily declared that he is not actuated by mercenary

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or other improper motives, in seeking a knowledge of the mystery of Freemasonry, and association with the great company of those who have aided in some degree to render it illustrious. The ancients had their household gods, their Lares and Penates, but many a man in our day, and in all days, has worshipped himself, has made self a "household god." Spenser styled Mammon "the greatest god below the skies." It ministers more to self than any other creature comfort, and in this generation is more than equal to a patent of nobility. Edgar Allen Poe put this thought in telling phrase when he said: "The Romans worshipped their standard; and the Roman standard happened to be an eagle. Our standard is only one-tenth of an eagle—a dollar—but we make all even by adoring it with tenfold devotion." All this tremendous force and power Freemasonry has to contend with. It strives to discharm its foe, but sometimes this foe pretends to throw away its weapon, and to embrace the principles of its opponent, for the purpose of entering his ranks as an ally. Such a foe in friendly guise is most dangerous, and yet Freemasonry cannot always keep him out of the mystic circle. All the Craft can require is that the applicant should state the principles which actuate him in seeking Masonic light, and formally deny that he does it from low, selfish or mercenary motives, and be able to stand the test of a critical examination of his character.

We remember to have heard of one who, when asked at a certain juncture in whom he put his trust? replied, "In the Delaware County Bank." He no doubt told the truth, which is more than some do. To all such, however, we would mention Dr. Holmes's advice: "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust." Money is an excellent servant, but a dangerous master. You may use it, but you should never allow it to use you, for "if you make money your god, it will plague you like the devil."

The very genius of Freemasonry, the weight of its every precept and organised practice, is *against* this household god, selfishness, this idol, the golden calf. Masonry is not cheap, but dear, in a monetary point of view, and it is so on principle. It is not for the indigent, but for those who have to give. During and after their initiation they are habitually taught to contribute of their time, their talents, their personal services, their money. The selfish Freemason is a contradiction in terms; he is a gigantic lie. He is so in spite of his higher nature, in the face of the Craft, in contradiction of his own explicit professions before he was made a Mason. And yet such men and Masons exist. More would exist, were it not for the mighty power of the symbolic teachings of Freemasonry. Not a few applicants, self-stultified on the very threshold of the Fraternity, after being admitted into it are almost unconsciously lifted up to its own high level. They came into it from selfish motives, but were so dazed by the unselfish charitable features of Freemasonry that they became assimilated to its likeness, and soon learned to despise the low motives which led them to such high ground. The level of the Fraternity became their level. But such, unfortunately, is not always the case. There are some Brethren, we say it with shamefacedness, who always gambol before and gamble with their idol—mammon; and regard everybody, even a Brother Mason, as their legitimate prey. The borrowing fiend in the Craft is one who should be laid low with the scythe of expulsion. He is a delusion and a snare, a liar and the father of it. He is a thief in disguise. He would assume the livery of heaven to serve the devil with. He does assume the clothing of Freemasonry to defraud the confiding and defenceless. He would give his word as a M.M. or the pledge of the fifth libation, that his motives are honest, and his word truthful, and yet he—this money-fiend, this abnormal Freemason, this lackey of selfishness and worshipper at the shrine of Mammon—ever has his eye on the pocket-book of his friend and Brother! Does any one ask, Can such things be? To this we reply, Was there not a Judas among the Twelve? Did not He who spake as never man spake include among his Apostles a thief? Was there any *place* in Christianity for such a one? No more is there a place in Freemasonry for a mercenary member of a Lodge—for he is not a Freemason, except in name. He is a blight on the Fraternity, and if he has eluded the watchfulness of the Tyler, the Pursuivant, the Committee on his application and the test of the ballot box, and has entered by the front-door of Freemasonry, the sooner he is ejected *via* the back door, by expulsion, the better for the Craft and for his demerits.

No one, not even the enemies of the Craft, can fairly charge the Fraternity itself with fostering selfishness and deceit. The admonition of Freemasonry is—Give, give, give! Give yourself and your money; give your time and your talents for the performance of its work; give your money, as long as you live, for its stated needs and its abundant charities. The flight of no time absolves you from these duties as a Freemason. If you be a Past Master or a Past Grand Master, you *are more*, you *know* more, you *owe* more. "Freely ye have received, freely give." The Craft practises on the precept of Lord Chancellor Bacon: "Money is like manure, of very little use except to be spread." We spread it by means of our Lodge charities, our organised charity funds, and our Masonic Homes. We do not hoard it, nor worship it, but beneficently use it. We send it before us to do our charitable bidding, remembering Shakespeare's precept: "If money go before, all ways do lie open;" and that weightier admonition of the First Great Light in Masonry—"Charity shall cover the multitude of sins." A mercenary Mason is a contradiction in terms, and the Brother who is justly so styled should abjure either his absorbing selfishness or his Freemasonry.—*The Keystone.*

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	C H Driver	15	15	0
	James Moon			
	A F Godson, M.P. (see Worcestershire)			
	Thos Cubitt (see No. 1)			
	R Loveland Loveland (see Hants and I. of W.)			
	Rev Hayman Cummings (see Kent)			

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Grand Masters	Bro Rt Hon Lord Saltoun	31	10	0
Grand Stewards	Bro George Powell	10	10	0
Old Kent (T.I.)	Bro J E Anderson	17	17	0
1	Bro George Kenning	5	5	0
1	Thomas Cobu }	20	10	0
1	Thomas Cubitt }			
8	Henry Von Joel			
363	Robert Grey	5	5	0

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Bro	B R Bryant	12	12	0
	Jabez Church	5	5	0
	F R W Hedges	5	5	0
	Samuel Kelly	5	5	0
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	Frederic Graves	10	10	0
	C F Matier	15	15	0
	C S Lane	5	5	0
	Col A W O Saunders			
	Dr W H Kempster	10	10	0
	Henry Massey	3	3	0
	Geo Lambert	5	5	0
	John Ramsey	5	5	0
	Alfred Madell			
	James Willing	5	5	0
	Lieut-Gen C W Randolph	10	10	0
	J T Briggs	5	5	0

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27	Bro M H C Palmer			
225	Geo Saxby	10	15	0
235	Henry Crane	20	0	0
247	H O Crane }	25	0	6
247	Capt G P Airey }			

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The Province	—Pierrepont Harris	55	12	6

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The Province	—Henry Stocker	50	0	0
Lodge				
319	Bro John Lane	10	10	0

DORSETSHIRE.

The Province	—Sir R N Howard	10	10	0

EAST ANGLIA.

Bro	H P Hay	5	5	0
The Province	—J P Lewin	21	0	0
Lodge				
112	Bro J R Green	30	0	0
334	E H Jennings	15	15	0
377	Geo Cooper	5	5	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Province	—Baron de Ferriéres	10	10	0
Lodge				
10	Bro Geo Norman	5	5	0
218	John Naysmith	5	5	0
218	Edwin Lea	10	10	0
340	W C Heane	5	5	0

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The Province	—R Loveland Loveland	22	11	0
Lodge				
17	Bro Gordon Miller	10	10	0
54	Henry Stone	15	15	0
62	J R Hooper-Rastrick			
125	Chas Waters	10	10	0
320	Rev J N Palmer	10	10	0
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ISLE OF MAN.

Craft Lodge				
323	Bro G C Heron			

HERTFORDSHIRE.

	Bro John E Dawson	2	2	0
The Province	—Felix S Kuyvett	10	10	0
Lodge				
241	Bro C E Keyser	15	15	0
354	F T Bennett	10	10	0
354	A R Carter	5	5	0
366	J R Cocks	6	0	0
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KENT.

	Bro Rt Hon Earl Amherst	10	10	0
	Horatio Ward	11	11	0
	Jas Smith Eastes	10	10	0
	F Hughes-Hallett	5	5	0
Lodge				
129	Bro George Page	12	12	0
226	E Palmer	24	0	0
255	Rev T Robinson	21	0	0
294	Albert Escott	10	10	0
309	Rev H Cummings	6	6	0
322	Walter Harper	3	12	0
390	R J Emmerson	15	15	0

LANCASHIRE.

	Bro A H Jefferies	5	5	0
	W J Thompson	5	5	0
The Province	—J E Lees	15	15	0
Lodge				
St. John's	Bro G Galloway	13	2	6
	E G Harwood	5	5	0
	W Forrest	5	5	0
	John Kenyon	15	15	0
Lebanon,	Bro R Young	31	10	0
32	William Jaffery	10	10	0
34	J M Sinclair			
146	Capt C H Garnett	20	0	0
156	J W Edwards	10	10	0
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	Bro A Woodiwiss	5	5	0
	Geo Fletcher	5	5	0
	Percy Wallis	5	5	0
The Province	—W J Freer	21	0	0
Lodge				
302	Bro H C Okeover	31	12	6
353	G M Bond	5	15	6

LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Province	—Bro Jack Sutcliffe			
Lodge				
117	Bro H E Consans	10	10	0

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The Province	—Bro L G G Robbins	29	18	6
Lodge				
3	Bro G H Wilkinson jun	24	3	0
5	C Y Holdgate }	20	10	0
5	E M Lott }			
7	P A Scratchley	19	19	0
104	M Mildred	10	10	0
114	J Cates Collier	13	13	0
114	J K R Cama	26	5	0
144	Philip Saillard	22	1	0
181	W Fisher	14	14	0
223	H J Lardner	5	5	0
224	Ralph Clutton	10	10	0
234	S P Catterson	13	13	0
239	S B Wilson	13	3	0
251	F R Hales	11	11	0
284	J D Birkin	5	5	0
315	J Larkin			
315	J H Lane	12	0	0
331	W Woodward	34	13	0
350	George Graveley	5	5	0
355	W A Scurrah	8	8	0
361	Rt Hon Earl Euston	61	8	6
385	Harry Tipper	10	10	0

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Lodge				
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Lodge				
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The Province	—Bro R B Cater	16	16	0
Lodge				
177	Bro Rev J A Lloyd	15	15	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province	—Rev W Randall, D.D.	2	2	0
Lodge				
318	Bro A F Warrillow			

SUSSEX.

	Bro C W Hudson	5	5	0
The Province	—Bro H W G Abell	12	15	0
Lodge				
75	Bro Joseph Belcher	30	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Bro	The Most Hon. The Marquess of Hertford	26	5	0
	J Collingwood Onions	5	5	0
	G R Arter	10	10	0
	Edward Mallard			
	Henry Fisher	10	10	0
The Province	—T H Smith	31	10	0
Lodge				
Howe,	Bro Chas Fendelow	5	5	0
115	W Hillman	5	5	0
174	G W Hardy	5	5	0
	F H McCalmont	25	5	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

The Province	—Bro C L Mason	5	5	0
Lodge				
Old York,	A F FitzPatric			
53	Bro F Cleeves	16	10	6
58	H S Holdsworth	5	5	0
111	George Hill			

WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Province	—A F Godson, M.P.	5	5	0
Lodge				
59	Bro W B Williamson	11	11	0

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14	Horatio Ward (see Kent)			

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Matier (T.I.)	W J Cunliffe	5	5	0
Lodge				
16	Bro Augustus Harris			

SCOTLAND.

2	Bro C H McKay	5	5	0
	Col Patrick Stirling	10	10	0

IRELAND.

Bro	J H Goddard	2	2	0

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Suffolk Freemasons was held at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under the banner of the Stour Valley Lodge. It is now eight years since a similar gathering was held in this borough, and no effort was spared by the brethren of the entertaining Lodge to ensure the success of the meeting. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, presided, and was supported by the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the following visitors:—Bros. J. Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B. England, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; W. P. Spalding 88, P.P.G.S. of W. Cambs., and J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The following Prov. Grand Officers answered to their names:—

Bros. C. J. Grimwade P.M. 332 P.G.S.W., the Rev. R. Peek P.M. 555 P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.M. 376 P.P.G.J.W. P.G.S., C. W. Grimwood P.M. 1224 P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Clarke W.M. 114 P.G.P. England P.G.D. of C., W. Minter P.M. 555 P.G.S.B., H. J. Wright P.M. 936 376 P.P.G.P. P.G.A.S., E. J. Sherman W.M. 959, T. W. Read W.M. 555 and W. Cocks P.M. 555 Prov. Grand Stewards. The Past Provincial Grand Officers in attendance included Bros. Wm. Boby P.G. Standard B. Eng. P.P.S.G.W., W. P. T. Phillips P.P.G.S.W., F. Wheeler P.P.G. Reg., Jos. F. Hills P.M. 1224 P.P.G.J.W., Frederick Wheeler P.M. 1224 P.P.G. Reg., F. W. Jennings P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S. of W., Charles H. Vincent P.M. 1823 P.P.G Reg., Jas. M. Harvey 936. P.P.G.J.W., E. Dorling P.M. 959 P.P.G. Sec., W. W. Walesby W.M. 929 P.P.G.S. of W., V. D. Colchester P.M. 114 P.P.G.S.D., George Abbot P.M. 225 P.P.G.S.B., Jas. Napier P.M. 225 P.P.G.J.D., C. Townsend P.M. 959 P.P.G.S.W., George Henry Grimwood P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Smith P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S.B., B. W. Syer P.G. Tyler.

In the absence of Bro. Crane, Bro. Boby acted as P.G.J.W. All the Lodges in the Province, except the Apollo, St. Margaret's, and St. Andrews, were represented. On the motion of Bro. Boby, seconded by Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, Bro. E. P. Youell was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers. He said he did not intend to go through the form of investing his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, because he held the office at pleasure, and he was sure it would be the pleasure of the Lodge that he should hold it for many years to come. The other Officers were then invested as under:—

Bro. H. C. Pratt 1224	Senior Warden
W. Diver 305	Junior Warden
Rev. B. B. Syer 1823	Chaplains
Rev. J. Beck	Chaplains
E. P. Youell 1631	Treasurer
H. M. Hartcup 929	Registrar
N. Tracy 376	Secretary
H. Gedny 1663	Senior Deacon
E. W. Nunn 1592	Junior Deacon
E. J. Sherman 959	Superintendent of Works
W. Clarke 114	Director of Ceremonies
W. Pearson 936	Assistant Director of Cers.
R. C. Stanford 388	Sword Bearer
— Collins 81	Standard Bearers
J. L. Brooke 225	Standard Bearers
J. S. Turner 1452	Organist
H. J. Wright 936	Assistant Secretary
J. Hunt 376	Pursuivant
J. Warren 332	Assistant Pursuivant
W. I. Mason 1224	Stewards
— Dalston 1224	Stewards
C. W. Lord 1224	Stewards
B. W. Syer 376	Tyler

The Board of General Purposes in their report said they had again the pleasure of congratulating the Province on the marked improvement that had taken place, not only in the financial position, but also in the numerical strength during the past year. The returns showed a total of 905 members, as against 879 last year. The statement of liabilities and assets showed a balance of £40 13s 4d. The Board recommended that the sum of £10 10s be voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions. On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, seconded by Bro. Boby, the report was adopted. At three o'clock the brethren formed in procession and marched to St. Gregory's Church, where Divine Service was held. The handsome edifice had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by Miss Mason, sister of the W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge (Bro. Dr. W. I. Mason), under whose direction the whole of the arrangements were made. The prayers were read by the Rev. T. L. Green and the Rev. — Colborne. Mr. Thomas Elliston ably presided at the organ, and the musical portion of the service was efficiently conducted by Mr. John Bruce. The solo in the *Magnificat* was taken in splendid style by Mr. Double, and Sir Arthur Sullivan's anthem, "Hearken unto me, my people," was very cleverly sung by the choir, the solo being well taken by one of the young choristers (Ostler). The *Magnificat* was sung to Garrett's service in F, the Psalms, Canticles, and Chants to Lamb, Stainer, and Helmore. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain Bro. Rev. B. B. Syer, from the text Acts vii. 47 and 48. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Harvey read the seventh annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which stated that Suffolk had this year beaten all previous records, having contributed to the Charities no less than £1,110 17s. Bro. W. Clarke, in an eloquent speech, moved the adoption of the report, and said as Masons they must all feel proud of the grand results which had been achieved during the past year. The D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren upon the present state and future prospects of Masonry in the Province. He thought the reports which had been read showed that they were making satisfactory progress, and he was pleased to state that not only had they increased in numbers, but many good and earnest Masons had been found amongst the latest additions to the Province. During the past year he had had the opportunity of visiting several of the Lodges, and he had been very much pleased in nearly every case with the way in which the work had been done. The report which Bro. Harvey had just read relative to the Masonic Charities was also very gratifying indeed. He had always looked upon the Masonic Charities as the most important work they had to attend to, and it was most satisfactory to know that those Charities were so well supported in the Province over which he had the honour of presiding. He was grateful to Bro. Harvey for having taken up the work so successfully started by Bro. Boby, and so energetically carried on by Bro. Grimwade. After a brief allusion to the loss which the Province had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Barber, whom he described as an excellent Mason, the P.G.M. said he understood that there had been some little soreness in the Province with reference to the place at which the Prov. Grand Lodge was held; he understood that some of the East Suffolk Lodges felt they had been rather slighted. He assured them that he had no such intention. He desired, as far as possible, to consult the wishes of the various Lodges, but he wished it to be understood that it was a prerogative of the Prov. Grand Master to decide upon the place at which Prov. Grand Lodge should be held, and he could not allow brethren to question that prerogative. He did not think there ought to be any soreness in the matter. Prov. Grand Lodges had been held in East Suffolk several years in succession, and he thought it was almost time they came on the other side of the county. Addressing the P.G. Officers, Lord Henniker reminded them that the purple was in every case given in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of Masonry. It was a most difficult matter to properly apportion the several offices, and there were times when he should be glad if it were in his power to confer higher offices on some of the brethren whom it was his privilege to invest. This was particularly the case with reference to the present Prov. Grand Pursuivant, who had done excellent work for the Craft, but he hoped all the brethren who had been invested would look upon the honour as a recognition of their services by the Prov. Grand Lodge. In conclusion, the P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Stour Valley Lodge for the way in which they had entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge, to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his excellent sermon, and to Bro. Grimwade for his past services as Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association. The D.P.G.M. seconded, and Bro. W. P. T. Phillips supported the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a first-class banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. George. The Prov. Grand Master presided, but was obliged to leave before the toasts were reached in order to resume his duties as Lord in Waiting on Her Majesty the Queen. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and in felicitous terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. Boby responded for the Grand Officers. In proposing the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the D.P.G.M. spoke of his lordship as one who was anxious to discharge his duty to the Craft, and as one who was permanently fitted

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position he held as head of the Province. M. next proposed The Masonic Charities. id, was the distinguishing mark and charac- emasonry. They had present with them that esentatives of two of the great Masonic the persons of Bro. Terry and Bro. Binckes, devoted their lives to this great cause. Re- he recent Centennial of the Girls' School, llection which was made on that occasion, £50,600, was a thing altogether without he history of Charitable Institutions. Bro. nam) was coupled with the toast, responded practical speech, in which he congratulated upon the fact that during the past 12 d sent up as much as £1,100 towards the ities. He replied at some length to some harges which had recently been made with e administration of the Charities, and con- e more closely their affairs were scrutinised, roughly convinced the whole Craft would be s at the disposal of the Charities were nomically administered. Bro. Binckes, re- behalf of the visitors, whose health was e D.P.G.M., congratulated the Province on and increasing prosperity, and referring to ival of the Boys' School, complimented the odge upon the large muster by which it was n represented, and upon the handsome pecu- which the W.M. Dr. Mason was able to the Funds of the Institution. He charac- acks which had been made on the adminis- he Charity as altogether unwarranted, unjustifiable, injudicious, and mendacious, were in all probability started by some cious spirits, who wished to see the Institu- to the level of a pauper school. Other . The musical part of the evening's pro- nder the superintendence of Bro. George s assisted by Bro. Brockbank, of Norwich e contributions to the programme were very Brq. Thos. Grayston, Bro. G. E. Barwell,

TICES OF MEETINGS.

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OF THE NILE LODGE, No. 264.

of Thursday, the 5th inst., the brethren of this Lodge formed in 1788) and a number of visiting brethren asons' Hall, Park-road, Batley, to celebrate the xistence, when about forty brethren sat down to a lter Brearey W.M. presided, and was supported e Mayor (Bro. Joseph Jubb Parker P.M.), Bros. P. Parker, and other brethren of rank. During interesting paper, by Bro. J. W., Bailey P.M., was torical account of the Lodge from its foundation at undred years ago. A hearty vote of thanks was Bailey for his very valuable and interesting

HILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

a large and influential gathering of brethren, veral P.M.'s of other Lodges as visitors, and ge Officers, at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on installation of Bro. T. Floyd Norris, the retiring he ceremony of installation was ably performed M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G. Deacon of England. On the I.P.M. (Bro. Dunsford) it was unanimously of condolence be forwarded by the Secretary to late Bro. E. L. Collins, Surgeon, of Bridgewater, cavement. The W.M. appointed and invested low:—Bros. J. T. Dunsford I.P.M., Raikon S.W., , Rev. E. A. Sandford Chaplain, J. Burnett Fry Wade Secretary, Dr. H. M. Kemmis D.C., J. J. W. Stilling J.D., Tyler I.G., H. M. Marsh Or- ard Tyler, Bros. T. M. Reed and C. J. Lott stomary banquet took place under the presidency dinner served up by Bro. Keshaway was of a on.

VOLENCE LODGE, No. 666.

was held on the 11th inst., at Prince town, for appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Gray, I.P.M., E. M. Ellis S.W., J. Geake J.W., G. E. Alexander Treas., W. Holdstock Sec., C. Whiter S.D., J. Weeks J.D., R. Baker I.G., W. Shopland Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Derby Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Rowe, who was personally thanked and complimented on the admirable manner in which he catered for the brethren. Bro. Johns presided, and there was a large attendance. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and Bro. Major Tracy P.G.S.W., responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Provincial Officers of Devon, spoke of the P.G.M. as a good and trusty Mason, and one who always had the real interests of Freemasonry at heart. His lordship never lost an opportunity of doing what he could to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic Charities, and his desire to do good in that, as well as in other directions, permeated, he believed, the whole of the provincial officers and Masons generally in the province. Masonry and Masons always aimed at doing good, and in this respect they had an excellent example in a Provincial Grand Master who was second to none in England. Bro. Kinton Bond P.P.G.D.C. also returned thanks, remarking that it said a great deal for Freemasonry that even on the wilds of Dartmoor the desire to do useful Masonic work was as strong and earnest as in the great centres of industry where the need of such work was far more strongly felt. Responding to the toast of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and our Sister Province, Bro. Roseveare P.P.G.S. Works, said the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe enjoyed the confidence, esteem, and affection, not only of Freemasons, but of all who knew him. He was a nobleman in the very best sense of the term, and as a man and a Mason there was nobody who excelled him in popularity. The toast of the Worshipful Master was drunk with great cordiality, and Bro. Johns in acknowledging it said he recognised how great was the responsibility of the work that he had undertaken, and he hoped to so discharge his duties as to justify the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. Several other toasts were given and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and recitations, to which Bros. Tracy, Bond, Roseveare, Lavers, Matten, Whiter, Robinson, Orchard, and other brethren contributed.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THE annual installation festival in connection with the above named Lodge is ever regarded as an important fixture in the local annals of the Craft. Founded in 1866, No. 823 holds a deservedly high reputation in the Freemasonry of South-west Lancashire, a Province second to none in the entire Kingdom. With a membership close upon a quarter of a thousand, the Everton is enabled during the course of a year to give vent to its benevolent aspirations in no uncertain manner, and as may be supposed the amounts given to Masonic Charities are liberal. A large number of well-known citizens have successively filled the Worshipful Master's Chair during the last 28 years, and there is every indication that the Lodge will continue to uphold, for some years at least, its popularity as one of the most successful branches of Masonry in this part of the country. The year just closed has been eminently satisfactory from a financial point of view, for after dispensing in charity a sum closely verging upon three figures, the Treasurer has a substantial balance in hand and at the bank. The Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge also shows that the balance in the bank has, under the careful Stewardship of Bro. J. M. King P.M., increased from £119 to £175, and that the amount invested is about £150. The investiture never fails to attract a great number of members and visiting brethren, and the attendance on the 17th inst., in the Masonic Temple, was fully equal to that of former years. Bro. R. W. Gow, the retiring W.M., was well supported at the opening of the Lodge. After ordinary business had been transacted, Councillors W. J. Lunt and John Holding presented the W.M.-elect, Bro. Maddox, for installation, the ceremony being very capably performed by Bro. Gow W.M., assisted by Bro. Holding. The new W.M. subsequently invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Gow I.P.M., Milne S.W., Britton J.W., Councillor W. J. Lunt Treasurer (re-elected for the 22nd time), Mantle Sec., Kite S.D., Guilbert J.D., King I.G., Jones S.S., Spencer J.S., Turner A.S., Millington A.S., Ewart Organist, Councillor J. Houlding D.C. W. H. Ball was elected and invested as Tyler, for the 23rd time. After the Lodge had been duly closed the members and their invited guests dined in the large banqueting-hall, Bro. J. Casey, the House Steward, proving an excellent caterer to the requirements of the "inner man." During the after proceedings Bro. Maddox W.M. presented Bro. Gow I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. J. M. King P.M. later on handed to the same recipient a P.M.'s apron and case, as well as a beautiful album, containing an illuminated address and photographs of many of those connected with the Lodge. These presents, subscribed for by the officers and members, were suitably acknowledged by Bro. Gow. The annual picnic in connection with 823, will take place at Chirk, in North Wales.

EMULATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE members of the above Lodge, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., held their annual picnic in very fine weather. At the [illegible] starting the clouds showed threatening, and no doubt this prevented several friends being present to enjoy the beauties of Oakwood Park, Shropshire, the seat of Lord Hill. The Park is well known for its beauty of situation and extent, and the visitors thoroughly

Bros. A. H. Hallwood W.M. Chairman, W. H. Bicknell Treasurer, W. Metcalf Sec., were complete and satisfactory in every detail.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Holding, as I trust I always shall, a lively and vivid recollection of many happy hours we have spent together in seeking for green fields and pleasant places, I desire to send you a few rambling "notes" as to a recent visit I paid to a locality with which I know you are familiar. In your journal a few years back you had something to say about the Clydach Valley, and the many features of interest it presents to those tourists who are not afraid of footing a rough road, and who at the same time possess the physique and energy to do a little climbing. As you are well aware I have known the Clydach district for nearly thirty years, and have recollections of its surroundings that I can meditate on with satisfaction, while at the same time my experiences have not always been of so agreeable a nature. Still, in this life we must take the ups with the downs; it only remains for us to endeavour to make our burdens as lightsome as we can, and whenever it lies in our power so to adjust the weight of trouble our neighbour has to carry that he may not have to fall wearied by the wayside. Well, then, let me without further preface tell you that on the occasion under notice I made Abergavenny my headquarters. Now, Sir, when you and I first visited the Clydach together there was no railroad to take us on to Brynmawr; if you had to visit that now bustling place you must "post" it, or exercise your pedestrian powers, unless you were content to be jostled almost to death in a farmer's cart, which in too many cases was not redolent with the scent of roses. Now things have materially changed; the London and North Western Railway Company, which some twenty years back acquired by purchase the single line of railway constructed by the late Crawshay Bailey, I mean the line connecting Abergavenny with Brynmawr, have added a second line of rails, and the system is now, and indeed has been for years, in full force. Trains run at short intervals during the day, and those who desire it can break their journey at either of the three stations, viz. Govilan, Gilwern, or Clydach—whichever may suit them best for the special locality they desire to inspect. With respect to Abergavenny, so much has been written about it during the last two centuries that I need scarcely add a word; I will therefore merely say to those who have never visited this pretty little township that it is surrounded by some of the finest scenery in the world, while as regards its railway facilities no district could be better serviced; it is literally accessible from almost every important district in the United Kingdom. Well, Sir, if you will permit me, I will at once proceed to the extreme point I have started to touch upon, and ask your readers to accompany me to Brynmawr. Now Brynmawr, as you leave the railway station, does not present an inviting aspect, it has a sterile and barren appearance as regards vegetation, but has also every indication of a bee hive in full vigour. But let me quote from a few "Local Notes" kindly placed at my disposal:—"The town is on the confines of Brecnshire, where the parishes of Llangynider, Llanelly, and Llangattock, in Brecnshire, and Aberystruth, in Monmouthshire, meet. It is built on a hill, and is the highest town in South Wales, being 1,200 feet above the level of the sea. It is situated about half-way between Merthyr and Abergavenny, distance from London 170 miles. The land, which is composed of various strata of coal and mine, is owned by the Duke of Beaufort, who receives an annual rental for the same. On its sides run the rivers Clydach and Ebbwy-Fychan. The former, at times running down at a mighty speed, empties itself into the Usk, near Abergavenny. The latter, after swelling various ponds, finds its way to the Channel near Newport, while the Ebbw and Moelfryn Mountains stand out in bold relief on the outskirts of the town."

However, it is only with Brynmawr in connection with the Valley of the Clydach that I now have to deal, and therefore beyond mentioning the fact that it has many features of interest worthy of inspection in its immediate neighbourhood, I will not say more than that its old name was Gwain-yr-Helygan, the field of willows, and that in olden days the Ancient Britons here held their courts and councils. Now let us repair to the eastern suburb of the town; it is here that the charming Clydach has its rise. The first feature of interest to which I may direct your reader's attention is the Pont Harry Isaac Fall. You, Sir, know it well, and you will agree with me that any attempt to describe its beauties must result in failure. With the sun's rays full upon it its glisteuing sprays glint like diamonds. While in wet seasons the fall of water is naturally of a grander character,—the supply never fails, even during the driest summer. Next we come to the delightful "Fairy Glen." Well, I never yet met a Welshman who claimed Shakespeare for a fellow countryman, but every student will admit that our immortal bard knew a great deal about Wales, and when we hear it asserted by men for whose opinions we entertain every respect that Shakespeare had the Fairy Glen in the Clydach Valley in view when he outlined the scene for his play of the Midsummer Night's Dream, we feel bound to attach some importance to the fact. But of this something might be said by the present Rector of Merthyr, a gentleman who knows more in reference to the legends of the Clydach Valley than perhaps any one living. In any case the tourist will never regret a visit he may be induced to make to inspect the "Fairy Glen." The next feature of interest we come across in tracing the source and progress of the river is the Fynon-is-Vaen Springs. Here the water, icily cold, bubbles up in a large circle; here may be seen, at all seasons of the year, the poor, the maimed, and the halt, freely using these cooling waters medicinally. A second spring, at this spot, possesses—so it is currently believed—especial curative properties for dimness of sight, and for many diseases the human eye is subject to. Whatever virtues these waters really possess I am unable to decide, but I have personally benefited by their use in a case of severe sprain, when lotions innumerable had failed in reducing the inflammation consequent thereupon. For drinking purposes also the water is excellent. It acts as a mild aperient, but is very pleasant to the taste. The next feature of interest to which I would draw attention is the Clydach Rapids. Your readers must remember that when starting from Brynmawr I stated we were at the highest point in South Wales; we have now proceeded some three miles, but the downward tendency has been a rapid one, consequently when we are asked to inspect the "rapids" we can promise them something worth looking on. Next we come to the Shady Dell; here the tourist can rest, and if he has exhibited forethought can strengthen his inner man with refreshment, which by this time will doubtless be found acceptable. Then, forward, for the Rocky Pass and Caves, several of which latter are to be found hereabout. To those who seek adventure I may say that these caves can be traversed for considerable distances—some assert for miles, but for this I cannot personally vouch. However, those who desire to learn for themselves can do so. Let them, however, be accompanied by trustworthy guides, men accustomed to

"Tear in the dark at the earth's heart's core."

Such guides can be secured, and indeed we recommend all who may visit this interesting locality to avail themselves of those who know its special characteristics. We next come to the Sylvan Glade, where ferns of infinite variety abound. Here the river becomes somewhat more steady in its course, and here it may be fairly said to be available for other purposes than mere motive power. Hereabouts, spots may be selected where a grateful bath may be secured without danger of being driven against pieces of jagged rock. We are now in sight of the Clydach Station, and by this time, if we have done justice to the many features of interest brought under notice, we may feel inclined to mount the steep ascent which constitutes the roadway to Clydach Station and there take train, with a view to completing our journey by rail.

Sir, if I can find time I will endeavour to give you, in a future letter, a few particulars as to other inducements offered to Tourists who may feel inclined to visit these parts. There is ample railway accommodation; the North Western Company offer their patrons special facilities. Quarters can be secured at perhaps one-fourth of the charges made at so-called fashionable resorts, while good trout and salmon fishing can be had by those who affect the gentle art. With these advantages, to say nothing of the really bracing air of the mountains, I yet hope to live to see the Clydach Valley better patronized by those who at present, year after year, prefer to spend their money amongst foreigners, who have learned to look upon all tourists as legitimate game for plunder.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GWILLYM.

P.S.—I may add that our good friend James F. Neat, of Beaufort Street, Brynmawr, has kindly promised to recommend qualified guides to any party of Tourists who may write to him. You well know the interest Mr. Neat takes in this matter; how energetic he has ever been, in erecting seats, in making suitable foot-paths and providing a bridge, in order to make the springs accessible. May he long be spared to continue the good work he so heartily enters upon.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st 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 18th April to the 17th July 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter - -	735 2 11	Purchase of £502 10 3 2½% Consols @ 99¾	499 7 5
„ Unappropriated Account -	200 13 7	Commission	0 12 7
Subsequent Receipts-	387 17 6		500 0 0
		Disbursements during the quarter -	308 10 7
		Balance - -	313 19 7
		„ Unappropriated Account -	201 3 10
	£1323 14 0		£1323 14 0

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

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

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1st. From Companions George Frederick Bevis as Z., Thomas Tufnell as H., John Lind as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, Portsmouth, to be called "The Portsmouth Temperance Chapter," and to meet at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

2nd. From Companions John Hands Paine as Z., Thomas Lambert as H., Walter Smith as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 1795, Albury, New South Wales, to be called "The Combermere Chapter," and to meet at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kiewa-street, Albury, New South Wales.

3rd. From Companions Horatio T. Griffiths as Z., Thomas Robert Oakley as H., Frederick Atkinson Powell as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, Monmouth, to be called "The Loyal Monmouth Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth, Monmouthshire.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received memorials from the Companions of the undermentioned Chapters praying for Charters authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, date of Charter 14th March 1788.

The Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, date of Charter 11th August 1769.

These memorials being in form, and the respective Chapters having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committe recommend that the prayers thereof be granted.

The Committee have further to report that the vacancy as Trustee of the Fund of Grand Chapter occasioned by the lamented death of the late Companion Colonel John Creaton, President of the Committee of General Purposes, has been filled up by the appointment of Companion Robert Grey, the present President of the Committee.

The Committee have also to report that a memorial has been received from the petitioners for the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, London—a Charter for which was granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter on 2nd May last, but which Chapter has not been consecrated—praying that, in consequence of the departure of the Z. designate to resume his duties on the West Coast of Africa, the Principals named in the Charter may be changed as follows, viz.:—Companion Lennox Browne to be Z., Companion Ernest Luxmoore Marshall to be H., and Companion Emile Bebnke to be J.

The Committee under the circumstances recommend that sanction for such alteration be given.

The Committee have also received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Harmony Chapter, No. 156, from the *Hoyahe* Masonic Temple, to the new Masonic Buildings, No. 1, *Princess*-square, Plymouth.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th July 1888.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

In accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceeding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End Offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and passengers can obtain tickets at any hour for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 4th August, the Company will run in duplicate, the 9·0, 11·45 a.m., 3.0, 5·0 and 9·0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12 noon and 5·45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 9·0 a.m. and 5·0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8·55 a.m. and 4·55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Thursday, 2nd August, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 8·5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8·5 a.m. on Saturday, 4th August, reaching Exeter in 5¼ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system. Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the stations on the Metropolitan, District and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley and other riverside resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap through tickets are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Adelphi.—During the interval that has elapsed since "The Bells of Haslemere" was withdrawn, Messrs. Gatti have certainly done wonders in the way of decorating their theatre. Not only has it been renovated throughout, but the electric light has been laid on, both behind and in front of the curtain, with the result that the theatre is now beautifully cool. Besides thus studying the comforts of their patrons Messrs. Gatti have provided a play that is sure to become as popular as any of its predecessors. "The Union Jack," a drama in four acts, by Messrs. Henry Pettitt and Sydney Grundy, is based on ideas which have been used many times before, but they are handled in such a way that a most stirring and interesting play is the result. We have had the military and the naval element introduced before, but it is of rare occurrence the two services are successfully combined in one piece. In "The Union Jack" we have heroes both naval and military, while the low comedy scenes are most happily conceived. Fancy a girl flirting, before the very eyes of her soldier love, with a sailor, who unmercifully chaffs the soldier because he dare not come off his beat. The first acts are the more powerful, and are written in masterly style, while the ending has been greatly improved upon since the first night. It is to be regretted, however, that such a thorough-faced villain as Captain Morton should be killed in the third act, for by that time the audience has got used to his ways, and expects something further from him. This, however, is not a fault, in fact there are few to find with the piece. It appeals to the hearts of both pit and stalls alike, while its patriotic sentiments are thoroughly relished—by the gallery especially. The story is not new, but is served up in a fresh way, the leading incidents being as follow:—Ruth Medway, who is an orphan and has no one to protect her except one brother, who is at sea, is betrayed by a Captain Morton, who, after ruining her, deserts her. On Jack's return, Ruth, in a prettily written scene, tells him what has happened, and he swears vengeance. Jack goes to Aldershot to try and find the villain, who, with the help of Sir Philip Yorke strives to place the blame on Jack's friend, Lieutenant Stanley. The latter stoutly denies the charge. Captain Morton coming on the scene at this moment Ruth tells Jack that he is the man, with the result that Jack strikes him, and is imprisoned for so doing. Jack is tried by court-martial, and while the jury are deliberating, he jumps through a porthole and escapes, only to turn up at the house of Sir Philip Yorke, where Jack meets Ethel Arden, whose acquaintance he has already made. She tells him that she loves him and begs him to escape, but he refuses until he has seen Captain Morton. The latter at this time enters, and Ethel leaving them, Jack asks Morton for Ruth's address, which he refuses, but is forced to give it up. Yorke sees the struggle, and smarting under Morton's persecution, stabs him and blames Jack. Ethel has, however, seen the murder, but she is confined to the house by Yorke, who has got a warrant out for Jack's arrest. How Ethel escapes, to be found on the road in the snow by Jack; how they fly in Yorke's trap, which he leaves at the toll-house while he searches for Ethel; and how Yorke's villainy is brought home to him is shown in the last act, with the result that all ends happily, with the prospect of three weddings. We have already mentioned the amusing passages by the soldier and sailor and their lass, while some pretty scenes are also allotted to Lieutenant Stanley and Ivy Arden. Foremost amongst the actors stands out Mr. Charles Cartwright, whose Captain Morton is a most artistic piece of acting. Every line, every word, every expression has some powerful meaning, while his cool and cynical bearing is in holding with the character. Mr. Cartwright has seldom, if ever, done better work that this. Mr. William Terris, as Jack Medway, has one of those melodramatic characters that Adelphi audiences like him in. He delivers his lines with telling effect, and early becomes a great favourite. Mr. J. D. Beveridge has done better than Sir Philip Yorke, but he makes a capital tool for Captain Morton. Mr. Laurence Cautley is fresh and vigorous as Lieutenant Stanley, while Mr. J. L. Shine, as Peter Fly, the sailor, has nearly all the low comedy to himself, which he makes good use of. He is, however, well backed up by clever Miss Clara Jecks and Mr. Dalton Somers. Miss Olga Nethersole scores a most emphatic success as Ruth Medway, her confession to her brother being most realistically rendered. Miss Millward is powerful as Ethel Arden, and lends Mr. Terriss good aid, while Miss Helen Forsyth is a pretty Ivy Arden. The other parts are in good hands. A special word of praise is certainly due to Mr. William Sydney, who has produced the piece in magnificent style, the scenes being most realistic.

Toole's.—Mr. Lionel Brough's short season at this theatre is proving a great success, which is hardly to be wondered at, considering the amusing and interesting play that has been produced. "The Paper Chase," a three act farcical comedy, is by Charles Thomas, and although the plot is easy to see through, the author has built up an interesting dialogue, that causes roars of laughter throughout the three acts. Of course many of the situations are led up to by absurd mistakes, but the author has done his work well. The whole play rests on the loss of a receipt for curry, and the hunt for this piece of paper is carried on throughout. Of the acting we can speak highly. Mr. Lionel Brough has got a part that suits him admirably, and he does not fail to make the most of it. As deaf Mr. Bushy Mr. Brough has enormous scope for his peculiar ways, and he does not miss a single opportunity. Mr. E. W. Garden is fairly amusing, while Miss Kate Phillips and Miss Helen Leyton work well for the success of the piece. Some pretty love scenes are well acted by Mr. E. D. Ward and Miss Margaret Brough. We advise our readers to witness this amusing play.

"The Still Alarm" will be produced at the Princess's on Thursday next, the 2nd August, instead of the 29th instant, as announced in our last issue.

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Glasgow (Central) ...	4 10	6 0	7 0	7 55		5 35	7 0	9 17	12 15
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Oban ...	9 20	—	—	4 41		—	12 23	2 0	4 58
Perth ...	6 40	—	—	8 45	6 35	6 50	8 15	11 10	2 20
Dundee ...	7 35	—	—	9 30	8 20	9 4	11 55		2 55
Aberdeen ...	10 0	—	—	3 5	9 55	9 55	12 0	2 15	6 40
Inverness ...	—	—	—	8 5	11 40	11 50	2 15	6 5	10 5

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J. THOMPSON, General Manager, Caledonian Railway.

July 1888.

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SATURDAY, 4th August. At 8·5 a.m., For **Ilfracombe, Exeter**, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, **Plymouth**, Penzance, &c., to return following Monday, Monday week or fortnight.

At 10·45 a.m., For **Newbury**, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, **Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth**, &c.; to return following Monday week or fortnight.

At 11·30 a.m., For **Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham**, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Manchester, **Shrewsbury, Chester**, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c.; to return 6th or 9th August; and for Witney, **Evesham, Cheltenham**, Worcester, Malvern, &c., to return 9th August.

At 7·35 p.m., For **Bath, Bristol**, &c.; to return 6th, 7th, or 13th August.

At 12·15 p.m. for **Bath, Bristol**, Weston-super-Mare, **Bridgwater**, Minehead, **Taunton**, &c., to return following Monday, Monday week or fortnight.

SUNDAY, 5th August. At 8·10 a.m., For **Gloucester, Cheltenham**, &c., to return same day, or on 6th or 9th August.

MONDAY, 6th August. At 6·15 a.m., For **Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham**, Wolverhampton, &c., to return same day, or on 9th August.

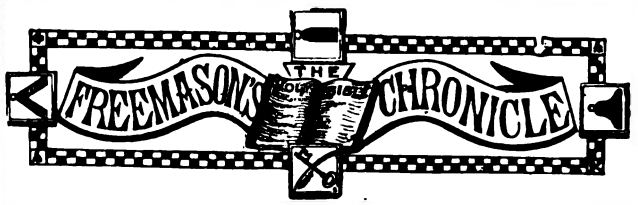
At 6·40 a.m., For **Bath**, Bristol, &c., to return same day, or on 7th or 13th August; also **Gloucester, Cheltenham**, &c., to return same day, or on 9th August.

At 7·40 a.m., For **Reading**, Pangbourne, Swindon, &c., to return same day.

At 8·30 a.m., For **Reading**, to return same day.

For Fares and Return Times, and for particulars of Excursions from Westbourne Park, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, Latimer Road, Uxbridge Road, Kensington, Victoria, and Stations on West London Line, &c., see small bills, obtainable at the Company's stations and following offices:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 28 Regent Street, 29 Charing Cross, 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside, where tickets will also be issued.

HY. LAMBERT, General Manager.



MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Saturday last, the 21st instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, where every effort was made by the proprietor, Bro. F. C. Moufiet, to make the gathering a successful one. The Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Wor. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, and he was supported by:

Bros. F. Davidson D.G.M., Capt. W. E. Stewart S.W., H. White J.W., Rev. Jas. Hutchins Chaplain, C. Hammerton Treasurer, W. G. Brighten Secretary, J. K. R. Cama J.D., D. E. Biddlecombe Organist, J. H. Hawkins I.G., John Larkin, A. G. Fidler, W. Vickers Stewards, and John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst other brethren who signed the attendance book were Dr. W. H. Kempster G. Steward, G. J. Dunkerley P.G.Org., J. Rhodes P.G.Org., D. P. Cama P.G.S.D., H. M. Appleton P.G.S., Thos. Clark P.G.S.D., J. M. Klenck P.G. Reg. P.G. Sec., L. G. G. Robins G.Std., C. F. Hogard P.G.Std.Br., G. H. M. Bridges P.G.J.W., A. H. Scurrah Reg. 355, C. Fountaine P.G.S., C. J. Axford W.M. 4, G. Graveley P.G.S.B., J. S. Cumberland P.G.O., S. C. Dibdin P.G.O., F. Laurence P.G.O., J. Owens 234, H. Kempton D.C. 331, H. E. Vickers, M.D., 198, W. W. Call, Tyler P.M. 357, R. Dakers I.P.M. 333, S. P. Catterson W.M. 234, J. H. Clare W.M. 199, J. Barnett jun. S.O. 315, J. Delves 350, J. T. Briggs G.Std.Br., T. Edmondston P.M. 333, J. Hill J.D. 333, B. R. Bryant P.G.Std.Br., G. Gregory S.W. 355, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 355, W. M. Stiles P.M. 355, H. Dickey J.W. 355, J. F. Saunders 133, E. Morbey S.O. 355, W. Potter M.O. 234, M. J. Rowley J.D. 355, H. Burgess W.M. 198, G. Dickinson S.D. 355, J. Powdrell Org. 355, Dr. Ferguson S.W. Era, C. J. Knightley Sec. 355, C. Quennell Sec. 144, J. L. Tamburini, C. M. Braden, R. W. Byford W.M. 350, W. C. Dickey S.D. 357, F. Eastwood S.W. Clapton, P. Saillard W.M. 144, J. H. Lane 315, Col. Mahone, W. Tomson, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been regularly opened the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were saluted. The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 12th July 1887, were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Secretary then proceeded to call the roll of the Lodges, and to give particulars as to the several returns made by their respective Secretaries. Bro. Brighten's efforts in this regard had resulted most satisfactorily; of the Thirty-three Lodges comprising the Province thirty-two had supplied the necessary details, while in the remaining

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instance one of the representatives of the Lodge in question explained that he had just undertaken the duties of Secretary, but had not yet had the whole of the papers transferred to his charge. He hoped, however, to be in a position in another week to comply with the requirements of the Prov. Grand Lodge. This announcement was received with enthusiasm. The total number of members on the Register now stands at 707, while to this has to be added the list not yet to hand. The Treasurer's Financial Statement showed that the Receipts (including balance in hand at last meeting) amounted to £158 17s 10d; the balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge, after all expenses had been defrayed, now stands at £94 12s 2d, an increase of £17 8s 7d over that of last year. There is also a balance in hand to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, instituted especially for the relief of distressed Mark Master Masons of the Province, amounting to £22 5s 8d. The Report was unanimously adopted, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master now explained that the time had arrived when the Provincial Grand Master should be nominated for a further term of service. Sir Francis Burdett during the long period he had been at their head had so zealously exerted himself that he felt assured the brethren one and all desired he should still retain the reins of government. Sir Francis Burdett said he had now held the office of Provincial Mark Master for eighteen years, and if he were again elected for a further term of three years some among them might think he was monopolising the office. Still, at the same time, he greatly appreciated the compliment, and if they should re-elect him he would continue to do the best in his power for their welfare and comfort. Bro. Charles Hammerton Provincial Grand Treasurer was thanked for his services during the past year, and re-elected for the ensuing twelve months. After Bro. Hammerton had gracefully acknowledged the compliment, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was confirmed in his appointment and the Provincial Grand Officers invested, as follow:—

Bro. L. G. G. Robbins	Senior Warden
A. J. Bristow	Junior Warden
Philip Dakers	M.O.
J. L. Mather	S.O.
J. W. Hobbs	J.O.
Rev. J. Hutchins, Rev. Cooper-Smith	Chaplains
W. A. Scurrah	Registrar
W. G. Brighten	Secretary
T. P. Staley	Senior Deacon
J. Larkin	Junior Deacon
W. Fisher	Superintendent of Works
H. M. Appleton	Director of Ceremonies
C. Slater	Asst. Director of Cers.
C. Fountaine	Sword Bearer
A. G. Fidler	Standard Bearer
H. H. Shirley	Organist
D. Ferguson	Inner Guard
P. Saillard, — Clare, — Tyler, W. F. Potter, F. K. Hales, Colonel Bircham	Stewards
J. Gilbert	Tyler

The next business was to appoint a Steward on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on application being made as to whether any brother present would offer his services, the new Senior Warden Bro. L. G. G. Robbins responded. The Provincial Grand Lodge then voted £10 10s from its funds to head Bro. Robbins's list. This grant was liberally supplemented later in the evening, and Bro. Robbins, though only undertaking the functions at the eleventh hour, was enabled to take up £30 on Wednesday. Bros. J. M. Klenck, P. Dakers, H. White and P. A. Scratchley were the four members added to the regular officers who will form the Committee for General Purposes. This completing the business, Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed. The banquet was well served and the wines did credit both to "mine host" and to the "selectees." On the removal of the cloth Sir Francis Burdett, who was in capital health and spirits, gave the Loyal toasts with his accustomed geniality. With the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Mark Officers was associated the name of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who in the course of his reply expressed his gratification that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex would be represented on Wednesday, the 25th instant, when the Deputy Grand Master the Marquess of Hertford would preside at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. On behalf of the Grand Officers generally he thanked those present for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. Capt. Stewart proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and in responding Sir Francis said that though perhaps he, to some extent, had suggested that it was desirable he should retire in favour of some younger man, he felt equal to a good amount of work yet. He had experienced great pleasure in being present on that occasion, and as long as he had health and strength he should continue to take an interest in Masonic work. The next toast was a combined one, it included the Deputy Grand Master, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. After full honour had been done it, the three brethren referred to rose to reply. Bro. Davidson expressed the gratification he and his confrères had experienced by the heartiness with which the brethren had received them. He trusted they might all be spared to meet on future occasions. It was the rule that they should alternate their meetings—one year in Surrey, the next in Middlesex; it would be the turn of Middlesex next time, and he hoped they might have an equally satisfactory gathering. Bro. Hammerton took a retrospective glance, and related some particulars as to the relative cost of the entertainments of past years with that of the present. Bro. Brighten said that with respect to the disbursements of their funds they had been especially careful, and as a result, although at one period of their history they were in debt, they were now in much better circumstances. Their Provincial Grand Lodge was well appointed, and there was a goodly balance in hand. He trusted this happy state would long continue. To the toast given in honour of the Mark Benevolent Fund Bro. Robbins replied, and cordially thanked those who had contributed to his list. For the Visitors Bro. Morgan replied, and shortly afterwards the Tyler closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, was held at Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151. In the absence of the P.G. Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel F. R. Sewell presided; with Bro. J. Nicholson P.M. P.G.S.D of England as D.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Gardiner P.G. Treasurer read a statement of the accounts for the year, which showed a good balance to the credit of the Province. On the motion of the P.G.M. in the chair, supported by Bro. Collin, the Earl of Bective was unanimously nominated as Grand Master of the Province for the ensuing three years. Bro. James Gardiner was again elected P.G. Treasurer; and the following brethren were then appointed and invested the Grand Officers for the year, viz.:—

Rev. E. M. Rice P.M. 282	Senior Warden
J. Dickinson P.M. 151	Junior Warden
Bryce Craig P.M. 216	M.O.
J. Eden P.M. 282	J.O.
Rev. James Anderson Chap. 213	Chaplain
J. Gardiner P.M. 151 (elected)	Treasurer
E. B. Penrice P.M. 151	Registrar
G. Dalrymple P.M. 216	Secretary
Dr. James I. Lace W.M. 216	Senior Deacon
Thomas Brakenridge W.M. 213	Junior Deacon
J. H. Braithwaite 195	Inspector of Works
James Black W.M. 229	Director of Ceremonies
W. Carlyle 282	Asst. Director of Cers.
Sergeant-Major Lockyer 60	Sword Bearer
John Jenkinson 282	Standard Bearer
J. Smith Organist 151	Organist
J. Kendall S.W. 151	I.G.
Quarter-Master Wright 60, W. D. P. Field J.W. 213, Dr. J. F. Muir Registrar 213, Thomas Atkinson J.W. 229	Stewards
John Gordon Tyler 216	Tyler

Bros. Nicholson, Collin, Atkinson, and Cray were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes. It was agreed that ten guineas be voted to Bro. Gardiner's Stewardship on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund; and ten guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was carried, as a recommendation to the R.W. P.G.M., that the next annual Prov. G. Lodge

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be held at Frisington, under the banner of the Henry Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together at the Star Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Sewell.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

THE twentieth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the Marquess of Hertford Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Mark Master. His Lordship was accompanied by the Marchioness of Hertford, and was supported by a large number of Mark Masons. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith, under the direction of Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., and then the Chairman proceeded to submit the usual toasts. He first proposed the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was duly honoured and followed by the National Anthem. Then came the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, a sentiment which met a warm reception from the assembled company. The third toast on the list was the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, with which was coupled the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. With this latter was associated the name of the Rev. Canon Portal, who, in acknowledging the toast, said that, owing to the peculiar circumstance that the Grand Masters of the Mark Degree in England only held office for three years, they had a triennial rejuvenescence, if he might so express it, on their throne, and every three years there was a fresh outburst of zeal and vigour and of interest in the Degree. The consequence was that the Grand Masters had among them erected a structure, of which none of them need be ashamed. At any rate, five of the Past Grand Masters had presided from time to time at Festivals similar to this, and he was quite sure that as time rolled on those who ascended the Grand Master's throne would, as those of the past, use their utmost exertions in support of the interest of their important Degree. Baron de Ferriéres proposed the Grand Officers Present and Past. Every Degree in Freemasonry depended very much upon the efficiency and zeal of those who commanded. He was sure the members of the Mark Degree appreciated the zeal which the Grand Officers showed. All present must have agreed with the words of Canon Portal—that they had built up a Degree of which none of them were ashamed. They were all very proud of the Mark Degree. Whenever they saw a man enter the Mark they might be sure he was a good Mason, for he did not stop there; he wished to enter every Degree, and to find out the depths of the secrets of Freemasonry. The name he was going to mention in connection with this toast reminded him of one who was an instance in point. He had to couple with the toast the name of Lord Euston, who, they all knew, was every inch a Mason, and aspired to all the Degrees. He had entered the Royal Order of Scotland, and was determined to go on. Like Alexander of old, who regretted that there were no more worlds to conquer, Lord Euston would by-and-bye regret there were no more Degrees for him to join. Lord Euston said he was sure that all the brethren who had attained to Grand Office felt that they were getting on, and the more they got on the more they wanted to. He thought that any one who went into Masonry approached it first from curiosity. When they found it was a good, charitable, brotherly Institution, they liked it and loved it for the good it did. After that they tried to get on for the sake of doing good in the cause, and nobody liked to stop at the bottom of the ladder. Nobody would be worth calling a really good Mason if he did, because every one was ambitions, and the man who was not was one who sat down and let things go just as they might, and did not throw his heart into the work he took up. All the brethren present took an interest in Masonry. For himself, he might say he was a very keen Mason. When he looked round the hall he saw a number of Grand Officers, Present and Past, many of them from his own Province. The Chairman's Province of Warwickshire was well represented, and they could not say the Provincial Grand Masters were not backed up most heartily and cordially in the good work they were trying to perform. Canon Portal said the toast he had now the honour of proposing was one which deserved all the attention the company might be pleased to give it. The Brother whose health he was going to submit had not by any means arrived at those heights on the ladder of the Mark Degree to which he hoped to live to see him attain. But he had at any rate arrived at the top of their ladder that night, because he had been good enough to take the chair at their Festival. He (Canon Portal) had the pleasure, years ago, to preside at the first of these Festivals; everything must have a beginning, and he had the honour of presiding at that beginning. He found upon looking at the list that they then had five Stewards and collected £97. They were very pleased with themselves on that occasion. He would not tell them how many Stewards they had that night, or how large the collection was, because if he did he should encroach on the speech of their Chairman; but he would say that if envy was a Masonic virtue, or a Masonic vice, he should envy his Lordship the brilliant assembly he saw around him; but as he could not envy him he contented himself with congratulating his Lordship most heartily on that most distinguished gathering, and if the noble Lord had a claim to their most hearty thanks for having come among them in the genial way in which he had to preside over the meeting, they owed him double thanks when they remembered it was owing to his coming that they were honoured and graced with the presence of Lady Hertford. The Marquess of Hertford, in response to the toast, said he would start by observing that he cordially agreed with the words that fell from Lord Euston first, and then from Canon Portal, that a good Mason should not be content to stop where he was, but should always be trying to get to the top of the tree. He cordially reciprocated those sentiments, and could assure the company that he had every intention to go on and learn as much of Masonry as he possibly could. He trusted his past record had shown he was keen about Masonry, and took the greatest interest in his work. It had given him great pleasure to have the honour of presiding that evening. The brethren would now allow him to pass on and propose what he might call the toast of the evening, prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund. His Lordship said he did not think it a very difficult task for any one to come there that night and propose this toast. He had only to look around and see the large number who had attended, and when he thought of the large numbers all over the country represented by those present, all of whom were doing their best to work for the Mark Benevolent Fund, he felt prosperity was already assured. Canon Portal had told them of their small beginning compared with what they were now. They started in the year 1869, when there were only five Stewards and a sum of £97 2s 8d was collected. The Mark Benevolent Fund did not pretend to compete with the three great Masonic Charities of which all knew, but at the same time, to begin with, Mark Masonry was in its infancy compared with Craft Masonry, and was not nearly so numerous as they, while he thought he might say Mark Masons were not nearly so numerous as they intended to be. They could not attempt to get together large sums. He thought that such a sum as was got together only the other day for the Girls' Masonic School certainly had never been equalled, and although it did not do to prophesy, he should say it would be long before it was ever surpassed. They could not attempt to compete on such a scale as that; but they did claim for the Mark Benevolent Fund that it was doing a vast amount of good with the limited sums at its disposal. Perhaps he might say for the benefit of the ladies, who were not so well acquainted with the objects of the Fund, that it is divided into three parts, one third being given for the relief of the most urgent cases of necessity; another third for the Educational Fund, and the other third for Annuities. At the present time they were assisting twenty-six children from the Educational Fund at a cost of something over £100 a-year, which he believed represented a trifle over £15 a head. They had not large sums like Craft Masonry, but they endeavoured to assist in the education of their children in as practical a way as possible. Some of them might remember what he said on the last occasion he had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Mark Lodge and talking of the Benevolent Fund. He said he thought they were dispensing it in a very practical way—they assisted the parents to pay for the education of their children, but at the same time they did not take away the authority of the parent. They did not relieve the parents from the respon-

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sibility they had for educating their own children, but endeavoured to assist them to do so to the best of their power. Now, Mark Masonry he believed and hoped was progressing every day, and they were glad to see it; but they must remember that the more Mark Masonry progressed the more likelihood there was of their Fund being called upon to educate the children of the poorer Mark Masons and the heavier would be the demands on the Annuity Fund. Therefore he asked them to recollect that when they saw they were only educating 26 children and had only four old Mark Masons on the books for the Annuity Fund, that it was simply because the Fund had not been started many years; the demands on it were likely to increase every year. Consequently he hoped that no one would relax his efforts to keep up the good Charity in every way he possibly could. Canon Portal had told them of a small beginning. That was only 19 years ago, and the Fund had gone on steadily increasing year by year till last year there were no less than 157 Stewards and no less a sum than £2,207 4s 9d collected. They would hear presently from their worthy Secretary, Bro. Matier, who worked very hard, and who did such excellent work for this good Charity, the sum collected that night; but he was glad to tell them there were 163 Stewards, the largest number ever yet seen at one of their Festivals. He had alluded to the large sum collected for the Girls' Charity. That alone, he thought would be quite enough to make those who were working that night feel pretty well certain that there would be a good deal of difficulty in drawing money out of Masonic pockets. That large sum of £50,500 came out of Masonic pockets and it was a pretty good haul. Therefore, nobody need be surprised to hear that night that a less sum than last year was forthcoming. But he looked upon the number of Stewards, 163, as most satisfactory, because it showed that a larger number of Mark Masons all over the country were taking an interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and he felt certain that the numbers having now got up to such a pitch they would never decrease, but that the Mark Benevolent Fund would always be represented in that room, or wherever else its Festivals might be held, by Stewards from all parts of the country. He thanked them for the way they received the toast of his health, and asked them to drink with him with extreme heartiness, success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, coupling with the toast the name and health of Bro. Matier, whom he now asked to announce the result of the Steward's efforts. Bro. Matier, Secretary of the Fund, said he could not unfold to the company a budget the same as was unfolded by Bro. Hedges on the occasion of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He could not say this had been the largest amount ever contributed; but he had to congratulate the meeting and the Marquess of Hertford on his being the Chairman when there was one of the largest amounts ever subscribed. As his Lordship had already told them, there were many reasons why the amount which he had to announce that night was not larger. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which every Mason was most justifiably proud, had obtained a great and unqualified success on the celebration of its Centenary, and he only hoped that when the Centenary of the Mark Benevolent Fund took place—he supposed none of those present now would be present then—the Secretary of that day would be able to make the same announcement, Bro. Hedges had made, that it was the greatest and most splendid success ever realised in Freemasonry. Bro. Matier then announced the subscriptions, of which we give details elsewhere. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the health of those brethren who had served on the Board of Stewards that day, and who had so excellently and energetically contributed to the success of the evening. Brother Matier had looked somewhat downhearted about his list not being so large that night as it was last year, but when they considered the circumstances, he thought the Board of Stewards were to be congratulated exceedingly upon the success they had achieved. They had had a somewhat uphill game to play, and he thought they had played it most successfully. They had brought up a very handsome amount to this excellent Charity, and they who were accustomed to the working of these things knew what an immense amount of labour was involved in getting up the amount; they knew the hours of the night a Steward had to devote to the completion of such excellent work, and he therefore thought they should be acting very improperly that night if they parted without recognising the merits of those meritorious brethren in getting this exceedingly large sum, and coming before the Festival with such lists in their hands. He would couple with the toast the name of a well-known and highly esteemed brother, Charles Driver, the President of the Board of Stewards, who, with great energy and ability, had devoted himself to the work. Bro. Driver, in reply, said every one was impressed that night with the kind feeling which had prompted all the speeches. The Stewards had been this year not so fortunate as they were last year with the lists they brought up; but it was not for want of hard work on their part. They all admitted that circumstances over which they had no control had given to one great Charity this year large success, and probably that strongly affected not only this meeting, but other meetings of a kindred nature; but when they knew how the Stewards were assisted by other Stewards—Bros. Williams, Very, and Church, all members of the General Board—and other distinguished past Mark Masters, it was not at all to be wondered at that they had this year a success, and he conidered a very great success indeed—that they had this year, under all the disadvantages he had mentioned, succeeded in getting the second largest amount collected in any one year. The work the Stewards had done had been a work of pleasure, and was one they had all interested themselves in, and they might be depended on on all future occasions for doing the utmost in their power to advance the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He trusted that next year, when they would start on equal ground with the other Charities, they would show a larger amount than they had shown this year. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment paid the Stewards. He hoped they felt those brethren had done the best they possibly could do for the Fund, and that they intended to do so as long as they were Mark Masters. Lord Saltoun said he was very much taken aback at being asked to propose the next toast, but nevertheless he felt it was a very great honour conferred on him, which they would all confess when he told them that the toast was that of the Ladies, who had so kindly graced the meeting, and who, he was perfectly certain, when after this they knew what the Charity was with which they were at that moment connected, would on future occasions use their utmost endeavours to forward its interests, and do all in their power to make next year and following years the subscriptions even larger than they were that night. It was very difficult to speak for the ladies, but speaking for themselves (the Masons), he was perfectly certain that the ladies attending a meeting of this sort added to its pleasure, to its beauty, and to its success. He hoped the ladies would accept a humble apology from himself for not being a more capable exponent of their value. Bro. Randall responded, after which the Marquess of Hertford proposed the Visitors. Masons were always hospitable, and therefore liked to see visitors at their gatherings. He hoped the visitors that night would go away impressed with the merits of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and would do what they could to help it in the future. Sir Lionel Dayrell replied. In uttering words of thanks, which came from his heart, he felt he was expressing the feelings of the rest of the guests. They thanked the brethren most heartily for having invited them to be present at their festive board, and for their excellent entertainment. They also congratulated their hosts on the munificent sum collected. The visitors would go away thoroughly impressed with what they had seen and heard, and he would further say that the pleasure that had been afforded them would not be the pleasure only of that night, for they would carry away with them most pleasant recollections that would be stored in their memories. The company then adjourned to the drawing-room, where a concert was given.

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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 JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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. (Inst)
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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 30th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
1180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 31st JULY.

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)
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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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)
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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
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)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 118—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard

WEDNESDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, [illegible] at 8. (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugger, [illegible] at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, [illegible] (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, [illegible] (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, [illegible] at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—[illegible] (Instruction)
813—New Concord, [illegible] N. (Instruction)
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902—[illegible] St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
1175—[illegible] (Instruction)
12[illegible] (Inst.)
1[illegible]—Westbourne, George Inn, [illegible] (Instruction)

1604—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. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30 (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-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
591—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, [illegible] (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, 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)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, 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. 258—Amicabilous, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd 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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1582—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
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)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
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765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, [illegible], at 8. (Instruction)

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708—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In
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1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1146—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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1287—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1543—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Lodge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2058—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Pendragon C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—St. Lawrence, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Instr).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
91—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
455—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, [illegible]
537—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
869—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1065—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1565—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1582—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1587—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1661—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
1843—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Stockport, [illegible]
1864—Tonforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Tonforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 4th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1506—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2042—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mount, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WELLINGTON.

A MOST important and imposing gathering of members of the Masonic fraternity took place at the Provincial Buildings, Custom-house Quay, on the 28th May, to witness the installation of Bro. Sir Harry Albert Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island of New Zealand. It will be remembered that in the early part of 1887 Bro. C. J. Toxward, who has held the office of D.G.M. since the death of Bro. Sir Donald McLean, in 1879, signified his intention to resign that important position, and recommended as his successor the worthy Brother who was installed. The selection met with the approval of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also was a most popular one with the numerous Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Wellington District Grand Lodge. It is therefore not at all surprising that such a large assemblage of Masons should have been present, not only on account of the imposing ceremony, which is an unusual one, but more especially to show their respect and loyalty to the newly appointed District Grand Master, whose ability and honesty of purpose have stamped him as a leader of men.

Long before 6·30 p.m. the Provincial Buildings were crowded with members of the Craft, who, on arrival, were received by the Stewards, and shown to the various reception rooms. The arrangements were most complete in every respect, and no confusion or hitch took place, although there were fully 360 persons present. The old Provincial Council Hall, in which the ceremony of installation was performed, and in which, curiously enough, Sir Donald McLean was installed, was appropriately decorated with Masonic emblems and drapery, and had a most imposing effect.

The New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, being the oldest Lodge in the colony, was tyled at 6·30 p.m. After the P.M. had stated the business of the meeting, District G.M. Bro. Toxward and most of the visiting Grand Officers were admitted in due form, and the Degree of Installation was conferred on Bro. Sir H. Atkinson, the D.G.M. Designate. This part of the ceremony was ably undertaken by Bros. Toxward and Wilson, P.M.'s, and Bro. Robertson, the latter being P.M. of Wellington Lodge, 1521 E.C., of which Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson is a member. After this had been done D.G.M. Bro. Toxward, accompanied by the D.G.M. Designate and Visiting Grand Officers, retired, and all the Visiting Brethren and Lodges were then admitted. The following Lodges were represented, viz.:—New Zealand Pacific, Mount Egmont, Tongariro, Masterton, Wellington, Victoria, Sir Donald McLean, Greytown, United Manawatu, Heretaunga, Abercorn, St. John's, Rangitikei, Fielding, Ngamotu, St. Mark's, Marton, Ruapehu, Ruahine, Victory, Golden Bay, Forest, Waitohi, Ulster, Waterloo, St. Andrew's, Leinster, Southern Cross, Marlborough, Lodge of Unanimity, St. Andrew Kilwinning, Foxton Kilwinning, St. Augustine, and many others.

When representatives of the above Lodges had taken their places, D.G.M. and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island of New Zealand, were announced and received in due form. The District Grand Lodge was then opened by Brother Toxward D.G.M., and the following distinguished representatives of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges were received in a proper Masonic manner, viz.:—Bros. Sir F. Whitaker Prov. G.M. of Auckland, S.C., accompanied by his Grand Officers, Dr. A. J. Johnston D.D.G.M., H. J. H. Elliot P.A.G.S., J. Jack P.G.C., and others, Bros. H. Thomson D.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C., Graham D.G.M. of Auckland, E.C., Sir Robert Stout Past D.D.G.M., and Fish D.D.G.M. of District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., the Rev. James Hill D.G.M. of Canterbury, S.C., R. C. Hamerton representing the Prov. G.L. of Auckland, I.C., Robertson representative of the Grand Orient of Italy, &c.

Apologies were received from the D.G.M. of Otago, E.C., and Westland, E.C., all other District and Provincial Grand Lodges being represented.

The patent appointing Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson to his office, issued under the hand of G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was then read by the D.G. Secretary, and the R.W. D.G.M. Designate was introduced and presented in a manner befitting his rank by the D.G.M.'s of Canterbury and Auckland.

The Installing Master then proceeded to obligate and invest in a most impressive manner, and immediately on Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson taking the chair, a proclamation was made, preceeded by a flourish of trumpets, and succeeded by grand honours in Masonic form. Addresses were given by Bros. H. Thomson D.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C., and Rev. — Pinge D.G. Chaplain, and congratulations were heartily tendered by all representatives of other District and Provincial Grand Lodges.

Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, who on rising was received with applause, in returning thanks for the great honour which had been conferred on him that evening, said that although he had been connected for many years with the Craft, yet his duties had been so numerous and exacting that he had been unable to attend to Masonry as he should have liked. Still, although he had not taken an active interest in Masonic matters, he had ever had the Craft at heart, and would endeavour in the future to give more time to the good cause. He thanked all those who had selected him to fill the important office of District Grand Master, and trusted that he would be able to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner, so as to merit the confidence reposed in him. He also said he intended to visit every Lodge in his District, so as to see their requirements, and would in every way further benevolence, which was one of the Masonic virtues.

The Grand Lodges then retired, and the District Grand Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. The District Grand Master and his Officers then left the hall, and the Worshipful Master of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge closed the proceedings at 9 p.m.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which consisted of anthems and instrumental music, was carried out in a very efficient manner by Bro. G. Robertson Organist, assisted by a powerful orchestra of twenty instruments, and this contributed in no small measure to the success of the proceedings.

An adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, in Boulcott-street, where the brethren sat down to supper.

After ample justice had been done to the repast, the toasts were honoured.

Some capital songs were given by the brethren, and the proceedings from beginning to end were most successfully carried out, and reflected great credit on all those brethren who were entrusted with the management of affairs.

ROSE CROIX.

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CORYTON AND ROUGEMONT UNION CHAPTER.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, on Thursday evening, 12th instant, Bro. John Lane was installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. W. Bennet Maye P.M. W.S. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers:—W. B. Maye Prelate, G. J. Pepprell 1st Genl., J. P. Heath 2nd Genl., S. Jones Treasurer, John Stocker Recorder, James Jerman G. Marshall, William Taylor Raphael, Henry Stocker D. of C., R. K. Norris Herald, H. B. Stark Organist, Henry Shuter Outer Guard. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Masonic Club.

Miss Fairman has designed and worked a handsome banner for the Stratford Lodge. The foundation, which is of dark blue silk, is richly emblazoned with gold thread, the scroll pattern entirely surrounding the figure of Bishop Maurice, Bishop of London, at the time of the Norman Conquest. The arms of the county, a hart crossing a ford, is beneath the figure of the bishop, and above in gold embroidery is the name and number of the Lodge.

The brethren of Lodge 76, Longford, have decided to erect a Masonic Hall, in Longford, in memory of the late Right Hon. Colonel E. R. King Harman, M.P.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held at Chard, on the 22nd August, and will be attended by the Earl of Carnarvon Prov. G.M.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

"There are no fits of caprice so hasty and so violent as those of society. Society, indeed, is all passions and no heart. . . . The public, without waiting to think or even to inquire after the truth, selected as genuine the most false and the most flagrant of the libellous narratives that were circulated. . . . . The public, in short, fell into a passion with their darling, and, ashamed of their past idolatry, nothing would satisfy them but knocking the divinity on the head."

THE Royal Masonic Institution for Boys may be said to rest at the present time under a cloud, and it is only on the basis of the above remarks—quoted from one of England's most gifted novelists—that we can understand the action which is being taken in regard to its management. Truly the members of Masonic society may be said to have recently shown—and are still showing—to what extent they can carry their fits of caprice. The darling of a short time since seems to be assailed on all sides; while some of the foremost of its supporters appear to have fallen into a passion, and, ashamed of their past *idolatry*, they are seeking satisfaction by knocking *their* divinity on the head. We need not ask if such procedure is anything like wise; if we did, we should not expect a satisfactory answer, for, in the words given above, society is all passions and no heart. On this account, then, it would be absurd just now to argue as to the desirability of all that is being said or done, while it would be equally useless to appeal to the better feelings of those who are taking the lead. All we can do is patiently to wait until the passion is over, and then, perhaps, some good may result from the severe and heartless measures which now appear to be in favour. In the meantime, however, we should not be fulfilling our duty if we did not refer to the various actions which come under our notice.

We need hardly repeat the already well-known account of the origin and progress of the opposition which has sprung up within the last few months against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Suffice it to say that at the present moment there appears to be a strong, wide-spread feeling of discontent in regard to its management, and more particularly the management of its finances, and until this feeling is removed or the expenditure satisfactorily explained we feel the Institution will lose much of its regular share of support, a result which would be both disastrous and very much to be regretted at the present time, when the claims on the resources of the Charity are most severe, and the need for its extension is generally admitted.

On Friday of last week the regular Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, and on that occasion reference was made to the grievances which are being urged against the management; indeed, that may be said to have been the principal topic touched upon at the meeting, and it formed the principal item considered. We have already referred to the proposition which Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., gave notice of for this Court; his object was to secure, on behalf of the House Committee, a Committee of Inquiry to thoroughly search into the complaints raised against the Institution. Bro. Godson regularly brought the matter forward, and after the arrangement of some details in regard to the constitution, &c. of the Committee, his proposition was agreed to. For the sake of the Institution, and to satisfy those who feel aggrieved, we hope this Committee will speedily get to work, and that the members of it may not be long in arriving at a decision; for it is evident that very little will now be done on behalf of the Boys' School, at least in many quarters, until the inquiry is brought to an end, and its recommendations, if any, are taken advantage of by those at the head of the Institution.

Before proceeding further we may devote a few lines to a consideration of our own position in respect to the difference of opinion that exists. On the one hand we are accused by those who are strongest in their attacks on the Institution of refusing to publish whatever they choose to send us; on the other hand there are some who express surprise that we should throw our columns open, and that we should have published as much as we have already done bearing on the controversy. In answer to both these sides we may say, as we have often said before, that our columns are open to any fair discussion or expression of opinion, but at the same time we reserve the right to exclude anything couched in improper language, or which is based on an improper foundation. On this ground we recently excluded a communication which was sent us for publication, but which in itself was of no moment whatever. It was based on the anonymous circular to which we have frequently referred of late, and as the statements therein contained are not authenticated, or vouched for in any way, it is absurd to pass resolutions or to frame opinions based solely upon them. We are sorry the brother who sent us the communication cannot see the matter in a proper light, and also that he is of opinion he cannot get justice from the Masonic press, but we have no hesitation in saying he is altogether wrong; firstly, in asking his Lodge to take notice of an anonymous libel, secondly in expecting the press to encourage him in so doing, and thirdly in doubting the sincerity of those who conduct the journals associated with the Craft. For ourselves,—and we believe our contemporary and those associated with the Institutions agree with us,—we think the more complete and thorough the inquiry which is undertaken the better will be the result which will ultimately accrue. We have said this before, and in repeating it we hope to remove any impression which may exist that we are desirous of hushing or ignoring any complaint put forward in a legitimate manner. Such being the case, we hope we shall hear no more of the charge that the Masonic press is biassed, or that letters or other communications opposing the Institutions

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cannot be made public through our columns. Let those who doubt us in this respect put us to the test—but in doing so they must act legitimately, and keep within the bounds of fair argument.

It is not our intention to refer at any length here to the work which is before the Committee of Inquiry, doubtless the brethren who compose it will, among them, be able to formulate a programme, and if it is sufficiently representative we have no doubt that every matter of moment will be fully and impartially investigated, but there is one point we should like to urge for the consideration of the management of the Institution; it will not be interfering with the work of the Committee of Inquiry, but if properly carried out it will materially assist in the labour of its members, and will render unnecessary much discussion and individual expression of opinion which must otherwise occur. What we suggest is, that in view of the principal complaint being in regard to the expenditure of the funds of the Institution, the House Committee call for fresh tenders for the various goods they have to purchase, and that they give the trades respectively concerned due notice, by public advertisement or otherwise, of their desire to encourage fair competition in everything required for the Institution. If these tenders are received at once, and could be placed before the Committee of Inquiry at one of its earliest meetings, with the assurance that everything had been done it was possible to do in order to ensure publicity to the desire for tenders, the ground would be cut from under the feet of those who now urge that extravagance is practised, and probably the labours of the Committee would be brought to an abrupt termination and general confidence would be restored in regard to this most useful Masonic Institution.

Elsewhere we record the proceedings which took place at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, where a resolution was passed bearing on this subject. This resolution is perfectly legitimate, and will no doubt be copied far and near so long as the question of extravagance remains undecided, and, as we have already said, we fully anticipate that support for the Institution will be curtailed, if not wholly stopped, wherever such a resolution is considered, until the work of inquiry is brought to a conclusion. Such being the case we once more urge the necessity of speedy action.

SQUARE WORK.

An Oration by Bro. Rev. A. Frank Ross, before the Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Indian Territory, 2nd November 1887.

OUR GREAT LIGHT tells us that "a tree is known by its fruits." An individual or a society is judged by the fruit produced. When a new society springs up or a new political party is organised, the first and important questions are: What does it do, or propose to do? And if it becomes known that its aim is to benefit mankind, the good and influential give their support, which is the reason that so many of our grandest men of the past were fond patrons of Freemasonry. Empires and societies often become corrupt and crumble to pieces. A curious world wonders how Masonry has withstood the lapse of time while kingdoms and nations are constantly crumbling. It is not because there is no opposition, for every black ballot makes an enemy, and every attack on corruption meets opposition. The secret of Masonry's power is its wholesome instruction, followed by its "Square Work," for no other kind of work will a true Mason do.

In this business age others may be found to cheat, wrong and defraud, but he that wears the "Square" on his breast should not dare tread such a path.

The square is our "principal working tool and ornament" and a "great light." It was used by our ancient brethren to "square their work," fitting it for the temple; but we are to use it in "squaring our actions towards all mankind," fitting our minds and hearts for that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Craft at labour without the square is thrown into confusion and its work is irregular and clandestine. So is our Masonic career outside the Lodge room a failure unless regulated by the square of virtue. Fraud would be more common if it was not for the law's protective arm, but a true Mason will never cheat another out of the value of anything knowingly, even should the opportunity be ever so good—if done at a midnight hour beyond the reach of mortal eye, that All-seeing Eye in whom we put our trust is ever looking down upon our deed. After violating our fraternal ties and sacred obligations we could never come before the Holy Altar, and see the great lights spread, without having our spirits crushed with remorse.

It is a sad fact that not all Masons always do "square work," among whom I may class the gambler, he that wants something without having earned it; a very disreputable business for any one, and especially so for one that wields the trowel. If a brother is not competent of making a livelihood otherwise the ready arm of Masonic charity will be immediately extended to his relief. The Mason who can take his hands from the Great Light to shuffle cards, throw dice, push balls or put up stakes at a horse race, has a very incorrect idea of the nature of an obligation, and is certainly very ignorant as to the requirements of our regulations. A few Masons have actually been known to run gambling houses in our jurisdiction, and it is a shame upon the Lodges that such go unpunished; shame enough to inflict an everlasting stain and hush their gavels for ever.

Temperance is one of the principal planks in the square worker's platform. We are to be temperate in all things, especially are we to shun the intoxicating cup that carries disgrace and ruin with it. He that does and admires Square Work is always mortified at the sight of a drunken Mason, but alas! how sad has it been during the past year in our own jurisdiction to see not only staggering members, but officers have tottered from the honoured places and stations of the sanctum sanctorum into the gutter, thereby paralysing their Lodges and bringing disgrace upon Masonry, and even members of the Grand Lodge at our annual Grand Communications have been guilty of *this sin*. It is a pity that men with so little control over their appetites have become engrafted into our Masonic tree, and a shame that they have been promoted to places of distinction from whence the fall draws much life-blood from the entire body. Some of our Lodges have members (so I am informed) who make a practice of getting drunk at least once a week. While I admit that this is a weakly affair, it is sufficiently strong to crush the Lodge, and divest our Order of all respectability in the locality. A thorough pruning is often essential to life and production, and the proper season is at hand.

Masonry teaches us to pray for ourselves and our brothers, that no evil may befall us while sojourning here below, but it nowhere authorises that prayer of condemnation sometimes offered by our crooked walking members petitioning God to damn his brother or his own immortal soul. Such a prayer offered by those lips that repeated that binding obligation, indited by the mind that received the good instruction, is not only sufficient to strike us down with surprise and fill us with mortification, but enough to astonish the demons of hell and make the angelic host of heaven weep. Brethren, have you forgotten that solemn charge to never mention "His name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his creator." Lodges, if you have weak brothers that cannot overcome this low habit, for the sake of your own obligations see that the edicts are abided by and do not allow those violators to go unpunished. Leniency is detrimental, almost ruinous.

Masonry is Fraternity. We of all nationalities are of the same household; tribal walls have crumbled, political chasms filled, and we are "cemented together by brotherly love, among whom there is no contention except that contention who can best work and best agree." A square working Mason will never speak evil of a brother. Should he err go and see him, "whisper good counsel in his ear," and if he cannot be reclaimed tell it to the Lodge that he may be dealt with according to our edicts, and he may then be to thee as a profane and not as a brother. With regret and shame must we admit that not all of our members are "square workers," for some circulate and even originate the most damaging and malicious accusations against the

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purest and most honoured brethren, who are not only officers of the Lodge but worthy officials of this Grand Body, by which they not only violate their most sacred obligations but steal the good name of their unfortunate victim, disable his Lodge and cause a rent in our Grand Temple.

Masonry is not Christianity, but it is a religion resting on no other foundation save the Holy Bible, without which no Lodge can work, as it is the lamp, the guide and the compass. While Masonry does not propose to save you at the final day, it does make both bad and good men better by urging upon them the wholesome code of morals. I profess to have been a Christian before knocking at the door of Masonry, yet I am free to acknowledge that her moral precepts and obligations have made me a better man.

Masonry must live on its own merits as it has no drumming agents to present its cause, therefore the necessity of Masons watching the ballot-box, and the transgressing members, so that disgrace may not strip us of our strength and life, leaving us to pine away in shame. Brethren, let us arise and stand by our laws so that respectability may be maintained.

While in Muskogee's Hall,
Let us resolve to try
To follow its true call,
Though we live or die.

We of the four Nations
Should all have but one plan,
Square work in every station,
Throughout the Red man's land.

In this temple you have wrought
Just a dozen long years,
To this altar you have brought
Your troubles, joys and fears.

Faithful Craftsmen, hold fast,
The labour will soon be o'er,
And we will be rewarded at last,
On that blessed, happy shore.

Look not here for your pay,
But in that Lodge above,
Where we'll gather some day,
By the help of God's love.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At its recent session, the Grand Lodge of Iowa elected as Honorary Members, with the rank of P.S.G.W., five foreign, and two native brethren.

My own name figures in the list of the former, and while I should be sorry, if for an instant, it were imagined that I in any way undervalued the compliment that has been paid me, there are, nevertheless, certain features in the case which cannot altogether be passed over, *sub silentio*, without some misconception arising.

That my "History of Freemasonry" has been pirated in the U.S.A. is common knowledge, and also, that the publisher was assisted in palming off his spurious wares, as genuine ones, by three *brethren* in high quarters.

One of these three brethren was Bro. Parvin, and though I accept, without the slightest reserve, his assurance that (in effect) he was himself both hoodwinked and misled, the fact still remains that the American Craft was gulled by a false statement that three of its members were severally co-authors of my work; therefore, while I appreciate Bro. Parvin's suggestion to his Grand Lodge, *much*, I should have appreciated, *far more*, a public renunciation on his part of the countenance and support given by him, however unwittingly, to the sale of a History of Freemasonry, purporting to be written by me, with the assistance of himself and others.

The action taken by the American Masonic press has somewhat bewildered me. *Everywhere* I find kindly notices of my book, but *nowhere* do I meet with any reprobation of the manner in which the result of long years of labour has been coolly filched from me by an Ohio publisher.

Indeed, the *Keystone* (Philadelphia) presents, week after week, in a flaming advertisement, a recommendation by Bro. John Simons, P.G.M. New York, to buy my History, as the repertory (so to speak) of Masonic wisdom; but at the foot thereof, there is a reference to the local agent of the Ohio publisher, so, in this case, the praise bestowed on the author is simply a ruse to promote the success of the piracy.

Thus, I am virtually being pillaged, under a colourable pretence of extolling my literary and Masonic merits, and here the familiar lines come home to me:—

"They kicked him down-stairs with such exquisite grace,
You'd have thought they were handing him up."

I am afraid there is a good deal of unreality—not to say, pure and undiluted humbug—in American Masonry, and that the profession of our trans-Atlantic brethren is in many cases much better than their practice. In my next literary venture—and I am now preparing a work on Masonic Jurisprudence—I shall hope for the protection of an international law of Copyright, for without it the English Masonic author has little mercy to expect at the hands of his brethen in America.

"Smooth words butter no parsnips," as the old proverb has it, and while I am fully sensible of the honour and distinction involved in the election to the Honorary Membership of a Grand Lodge, I sincerely trust that if any other Grand Lodge in America should examine my own claim to be considered a faithful historian of the Craft, the members thereof will place on record such an expression of opinion with regard to the way in which my labours have been recognised in the U.S.A. as may tend to render slightly less probable, in the future, any similar spoliation in the case of an English Masonic author.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

30th July 1888.

EXPENDITURE AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very pleased to see the statement of expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and at other similar Charities published in your columns, and I am of opinion its appearance there will ensure for it a more general perusal than would be the case were it privately circulated by the brethren who compiled it. I may at once say I consider it the best basis on which to urge a reform at the Boys' School, and I believe its preparation will work to the benefit of all concerned. There are, however, one or two matters appearing in the signed statement of Bro. Greatbach, and in the letter of Bro. Tunnicliff (which also appeared in your issue of the 21st July), to which I take exception. Both these brethren appear anxious to create an impression that the accounts as set out by the management of the Boys' School are misleading, and both refer to the discrepancy in the average cost per boy,—given by the Institution at £41 13s 10d, and by Bro. Greatbach's showing amounting to £50 16s. Bro. Tunnicliff goes so far as to say, "either one allegation or the other is untrue, and it is due to the Subscribers to know upon whose shoulders the inaccuracy rests." Surely these skilled accountants, and Bro. Alderman E. J. Hammersley, "Public Accountant and Auditor, Hanley," who verifies the analysis, can see where the discrepancy arises. Even to my unprofessional mind it is quite clear—and although I cannot approve of the Boys' School ignoring "rates and taxes" and "special expenditure" when they strike their average, I consider it quite unjustifiable for the other side to attempt to get up a sensation by pretending they cannot understand the accounts. If they will look at the statements from which they compiled their analysis they will at once see the amount given represents the average "ordinary expenditure," minus rates and taxes, but, as I have already said, I cannot see why those items, together with the "special expenditure of the year should not be included in the reckoning. *The actual average cost* per boy is shown in Bro. Greatbach's analysis, the Institution only gives the average on the ordinary expenditure. There is no question of untruthfulness in the respective allegations, but rather a difference of opinion in regard to what should be reckoned. I consider the Boys' School managers are the ones who err, but they evidently do so without any intention of misleading, else why do they make their accounts so clear?

Another matter I should like to have decided. Why is all this fuss limited to the Boys' School? Much the same might be urged against the sister Charity, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the accounts of which are "averaged" on precisely the same principles. That Institution could better afford the cost of an inquiry than its poorer brother, the Boys' School, but on the old principle of striking a man when he is down, I suppose the Boys' Institution will have all the kicks.

Yours truly,

A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY WHO SUPPORTS BOTH SCHOOLS.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There was one point not very clear in my letter last week which I shall be pleased if you will allow me to amplify. I refer to the means of reaching Abergavenny and the district I referred to. We who well know the neighbourhood need hardly to be told that it is easily accessible from almost ever part of the Kingdom, but there are doubtless others who are not so well acquainted with its position, and on their behalf I should like to say a few words. The London and North Western Railway Company issue Tourist Tickets from all their principal stations to Abergavenny, which town is also included in their circular tour No. 7, the other towns included in this latter being Hereford, Pontypool, Newport, Chepstow, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ross, &c. It would be useless for me to enumerate exactly what stations are in communication with the Valley of the Clydach. I would rather refer my brethren in all parts of the country to the tourist programme of the company I have mentioned, which can be had, I believe, from the chief office at Euston or at any station on the North-Western system.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GWILLYM.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE brethren of this Lodge had a most enjoyable picnic, accompanied by their wives and daughters, to Rudyard Lake, on the 19th ult. Leaving Edgeley by the 9·55 a.m. train they arrived, after a short but pleasant run, at their destination about 11 o'clock. An excellent luncheon awaited them at the Rudyard Lake Hotel, to which they did ample justice without any but nature's aids to appetite. Afterwards some repaired to the lake or archery grounds, others to ramble in the beautiful woods, now so fair and fresh in the welcome sunshine, of late so great a stranger. All were on pleasure bent, and he would have been hard to please indeed who did not enjoy this lovely day. Returning to the hotel about 4 p.m. the worthy host excelled himself in the excellent dinner he spread before his guests, who spared no effort to convince him that his elaborate attentions were not wasted. The usual loyal toasts and the health of the worthy W.M. were submitted and responded to, and the health and happiness of the ladies, of whom there was a goodly number, was honoured in right hearty Masonic style. Some excellent songs were rendered by our old friends Bro. Fred Gordon and his wife, in the way we expect them to be. They were most ably assisted at the piano by Bro. W. O. Pottit, who never fails in making himself a favourite with all; whilst happy Bro. Lissenden did his best to amuse with some really good topical and humorous songs, adding a charming concertina solo, and he quite succeeded. Those who had the pleasure of this enjoyable day have every reason to appreciate the unwearying services of the committee who conceived this "happy thought." Their best thanks are due to Bros. Cookson W.M., Jas. W. Abbot, Abm. Pemberton, and Dr. Maclean, for the able and faultless manner in which it was carried through. The unanimous parting expression at the close of the "all too short a day" was the wish for a "speedy return of our next merry meeting." So mote it be!—*Nous verrons!—Cheshire News.*

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

THE members recently held their annual picnic, their destination on the occasion being Freshfield, where they were heartily entertained by the manager of Jones's Hotel, Mr. Salisbury. The members and their lady friends left the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in waggonettes supplied by Bro. W. Pye S.W., at 12·30, and drove through Aintree to Sefton Church, which was kindly thrown open for their inspection by the vicar. The Wishing Well was also seen, after which the journey to Ince Wood, Formby &c. The weather fortunately proved fine, and a very happy and pleasant afternoon was spent, the party being under the efficient charge of Bro. A. Alexander W.M., supported by Bros. W. Pye S.W., G. Alexander J.W., A. J. Lett S.D., W. Sutherland J.D., Dr. R. H. D. Johnson P.M., R. C. Yelling P.M., H. B. Jones P.M. Treasurer, J. Alexander Secretary, J. Veevers P.M. 591, &c. The catering was excellent, and the party returned about half past ten.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE regular meeting took place at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Thursday, the 19th ultimo. There was a fair attendance of the members, Bro. C. J. Free the W.M. being ably supported by Bros. J. Stroud S.W., G. H. Clark J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, W. Hayward S.D., S. Toye J.D., E. Hill I.G., C. Schmidt W.S., H. W. Sherwin Organist, P.M.'s B. Picking and C. Patrick; also Bros. W. J. Barnes, T. Taylor, M. Doerr, A. J. Millington, A. K. Turbefield, A. Christel, and others. The following were amongst the Visitors: E. H. Dove 45, C. Kramm 879, C. Trotter 1238, E. J. Farries 1365, R. Ede 1471, T. Tyrrell 1743, E. Larney 1883, A. R. Lemaire of the John Williams Lodge, No. 2161, New South Wales. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda, which was a light one, directed the balloting for a Mr. C. R. T. Reifenstein, which proved unanimous; that gentleman, as also Mr. Robert Everett, who was ballotted for at the previous meeting, being in attendance, were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. J. Stroud the S.W. was next elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Gieseke was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Bro Bowler Tyler. The Auditors were appointed. A P.M.'s jewel was cordially awarded Bro. C. J. Free for the excellent manner he had discharged his duties as W.M. for the past year. This concluding the business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in the usual excellent manner by the indefatigable manager of the Hotel (Mr. Glover.) The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Patrick P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said the Upton Lodge never had a brother in the chair who had the interests of the Lodge more at heart than Bro. Free. He had worked very hard for the Lodge in times gone by; and he had given every satisfaction as W.M. This the brethren could amply testify. He was glad there were good signs of success for the future of the Lodge, and concluded by congratulating the W.M. on the successful termination of his year of office. Bro. Free replied; he thanked the P.M.'s for their able support during his term of office; also each officer of the Lodge for the able manner they had performed their respective duties; he was glad there were signs of coming prosperity, and trusted the hopes of the members would soon be realised; he was proud to hold the position of W.M. of a Lodge where the brethren worked so harmoniously together. The Initiates was next given, and in response Bro. Everett assured the brethren that he would endeavour to make himself an efficient member of the Craft; he was very proud of being a Freemason, and would do his best to uphold the dignity of the brotherhood. Bro. Reifenstein, in a brief speech, also thanked the brethren, and promised to try and make himself a worthy member of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured. The Worshipful Master paid a compliment to each. More especially to the brother from New South Wales, Brother Lemaire, he was pleased to give a cordial and fraternal welcome. He had come a long journey to obtain the best London medical advice for his failing sight. He (the W.M.) sincerely hoped, and indeed it was the earnest wish of every member present that Bro. Lemaire would soon derive benefit from the valuable skill of such an eminent oculist as Dr. Couper, who they were given to understand was attending him. The Visitors, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitable manner in which they had been received at the festive board. Bro. Lemaire, in response, begged to assure the W.M. and brethren that he was very proud of the honour they had done him that evening. Theirs was the first Lodge he had visited in England since leaving his native land, and he should take with him on his return a vivid recollection of the warm and fraternal manner he had been received amongst them, he being a perfect stranger. He also thanked them for their kindly sympathy, and hoped with God's blessing soon to recover from his partial loss of sight. The toast of the W.M. elect was the next on the list; this was cordially received, the W.M. congratulating Bro. Stroud on his recovery from the effects of his late accident (by which his ankle was broken); he had the hearty sympathy of every member of the Lodge. In response Bro. Strond thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been received; he assured them he felt the dignity of the coming office, and trusted that his endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair would meet with the approbation of the brethren. He also thanked them very much for their kind sympathy with him in the accident which befel him. He would strive to keep up the harmony of the Lodge as his predecessors had done, and sincerely hoped that he might live to go out of the chair with the same credit as Bro. Free, the present W.M.; if the same support was awarded him by the P.M.'s and Officers of the Lodge as had been given the W.M. he felt sure that his year of office would be both an honourable and happy one. The P.M.'s toast was next given, and was cordially received; as also was the Officer's toast. To this latter Bro. G. H. Clark responded. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close. The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent manner in which Bro. Sherwin Organist performed his duties as instrumentalist and vocalist, both qualifications being exercised in a very able manner; Bros. Free, Patrick, Stroud and Clark also rendered good service.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

THE members and friends of this Lodge have just held their annual picnic at Llangollen. Leaving Birkenhead Great Western Station at twenty minutes past nine, Ruabon was reached in an hour. Wynnstay Park and the old Church having been visited, the party proceeded by train shortly after eleven, and reached Llangollen at twenty minutes past eleven. Dinner and tea was served at the Royal Hotel, under the personal supervision of the proprietor, Bro. James S. Shaw, the entire assembly, numbering 108, expressing the greatest satisfaction with his admirable catering and attention. During the afternoon visits were made to the various places of interest, including a trip on the canal to the Horseshoe Falls, Chain Bridge, and Valley Cruci's Abbey. The return journey was commenced at twenty minutes to eight, and home was reached at a reasonable hour, after spending a most enjoyable day. The weather was all that could be desired. The arrangements were executed by Bros. H. H. Hughes W.M., and P. Lloyd I.G. who acted as Secretary.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 1390.

THE installation of Bro. W. T. Lawrence as Worshipful Master took place at Millon, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumberland, on the 17th ult., in the presence of a large number of the Fraternity. The newly-installed Master subsequently entertained the brethren to a sumptuous banquet at the Ship Hotel. Bro. Lawrence is a native of Newbury, and was for some years in Mr. H. B. Godwin's office. He left Newbury a few years ago for Barrow-in-Furness, where by perseverance he raised himself to the position he now occupies. He has for some years been Town Clerk, and holds several other public offices.

ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

THE installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Chamberlain, took place at the Lodge, Crowle, on Tuesday, the 17th ult. The ceremony was most successfully and impressively worked by Bro. H. T. Bellerby, the address at the close of the Lodge being given by Bro. F. D. Walker. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren, including representatives of Doncaster, Hull, Goole, and other neighbouring Lodges, and Bro. C. Blagbro, the well-known vocalist, from Leeds. After Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was most harmoniously spent.

DEE LODGE, No. 1516.

THERE was a large and pleasant gathering of Freemasons at Parkgate, on Thursday, the 19th ult., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Geo. B. Richmond, of Chester, as Worshipful Master. Bro. Richmond was initiated in the Dee Lodge no longer ago than the year 1881, but during the intervening period he has been such an energetic and devoted, not to say enthusiastic, member that it is not surprising he has already attained to the proud position of W.M. For the same reason it was only to be expected that there should be a large muster on the occasion of his installation. The ceremony was performed, in the spacious school-room of the Mostyn House Academy, kindly thrown open to the brethren for the purpose by the Principal (the Rev. F. Barratt), by Bro. S. W Rameden, the Prov. Grand Secretary remarking that he had never seen it better done, while the charge was delivered by Bro. Shaw.

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Bro. Richmond was presented for installation by Bro. the Hon. Henry Holbrook and Bro. W. Jones P.M. The new W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George F. Bird Immediate Past Master, John Leay S.W., J. Clarke J.W., John Morris P.M. Treasurer, Richardson Sec., Elsby S.D., Hawkins J.D., Shaw I.G., Jones D.C., Forrester S.S., Evans J.S. The next business was the presentation by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, of a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. G. F. Bird, of Bebington). In presenting it the W.M. referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Bird's services, and the I.P.M. suitably responded. The brethren then adjourned to the regular Lodge room at the Union Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was provided by Mrs. Acton, in her best style.

CEDEWAIN LODGE, No. 1594.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their installation and anniversary festival at the Lodge Room, Public Rooms, Newtown, North Wales, on Thursday, 19th ultimo, when Bro. Evan Humphreys was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the proceedings in Lodge the brethren (about forty in number) adjourned to the banqueting hall, when Bro. Humphreys took the chair, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In responding for the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers present and past, Bro. Forster P.M. P.G.S.B. claimed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales had done good work by inducing in all the Lodges increased efforts for the local and London Charities. In proposing the Masonic Charities Bro. Forster made an urgent appeal for more subscriptions, and mentioned that the Cedewain Lodge during the twelvemonths had subscribed forty guineas in this direction. Bro. Sir Pryce Pryce Jones dilated on the excellence of the Institutions, and Bro. Taylor P.M. P.P.G.S.D. instanced the practical results which followed the educational training provided at the Schools. Bro. Danily P.M. P.P.G.S.B., a member of the Committee of the North Wales Charitable Association, hoped the brethren would permit him to put down their names on his next list, and trusted that every brother would make an effort to possess at least one vote for each Institution. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen," accompanied by the Organist, Bro. Chapman.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE summer excursion and banquet took place on Saturday, the 14th ultimo, when a large party of ladies and gentlemen left Paddington Station for Slough, where carriages were in readiness to convey them to Stoke Pogis and Burnham Beeches. After visiting the different places of interest they resumed the drive to Taplow and Maidenhead. Here a steam launch was chartered, and a number of the party availed themselves of a pleasant trip. Bro. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., placed at the disposal of the members and their friends, for the occasion, his residence, Orkney Cottage, and its grounds, together with the use of his landing stage for boating purposes. The banquet was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, the Worshipful Master, John C. Duckworth, presiding, and the party returned to town, arriving shortly before midnight, having spent a most enjoyable outing.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. McKay W.M., Axford I.P.M., Cheek S.W., Surridge J.W., Lovegrove P.M. Treasurer, Scurrah P.M. Secretary, Webb J.D., Joseph and Wace Stewards, Jenkins Organist, Stiles P.M., Very Tyler, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. Poore P.M. 720, Dickey P.M. 1744, Prince S.D. 90, Hearne 2206, Wheeler Organist 2206, Hudson 2206, Dobbs 2206, Rashleigh 487, Woodward P.M. 1920, Witherington, Thom, Haworth 1201, Ross S.D. 1744, Reid 1364, Kirkaldy P.M. 1321, Medwin P.M. 1613, Leo 1897, Lone W.M. 1695, &c. The Lodge was opened in regular form and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the auditors was received, after which Bro. Cheek was installed as Worshipful Master. The following were appointed as the Officers:—Bros. Surridge S.W., Webb J.W., Scurrah Treasurer, McKay P.M. Secretary, A. H. Scurrah S.D., Wace J.D., Joseph I.G., Reece D.C., Gerrard A.D.C., Jenkins Organist, Parker and Dickinson Stewards, Very Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, and this having been acknowledged the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured, several songs being given in the meantime. Bro. Lovegrove replied on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, which he did with confidence, as he considered that no man had done more for the Province of Middlesex than he had. He felt the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy must be pleased to see the progress of the district. Bro. McKay submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom he considered would prove himself a worthy and respected occupant of the chair. Bro. Cheek returned his sincere and hearty thanks for the toast. He could not find words to express the pleasure he felt in occupying his present proud position. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had looked forward to reaching the high office he then filled, but in consequence of ill health and heavy business calls, he had almost doubted whether it would be possible to accept the office. He was now installed and should do his best to discharge the work which fell to him. He hoped to bring them five initiates at their next meeting, and perhaps others would come forward later on. He had journeyed from Switzerland to attend that meeting and hoped to be back again within a few days. He had promised to visit a Lodge there and was anxious to compare the Swiss with the English working. The Past Masters were next honoured, and all replied. Then followed the toast of the visitors, to which Bros. Woodward and Dickey responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was replied to by Bros. Scurrah and McKay, and that of the Officers by several members of that body. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, Bro. Very having previously amused the company with his recital of the adventures of "The three flies."

HOPE LODGE, No. 2153.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport, a very handsome marble clock was presented by its members to Bro. F. Powell, as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held by them. The Worshipful Master (Bro. T. Stretton), in making the presentation, in the name of the Lodge, referred in eulogistic terms to the many valuable services rendered by the recipient to the cause of Freemasonry, and wished him long life in his new position in Her Majesty's service, to enjoy the fruits of his past services, although at the same time he regretted that Bro. Powell was about to leave the locality, as his loss would be felt by many who had hitherto received the benefit of his advice and assistance, which was at all times most cheerfully given. Bro. Powell, in thanking them most warmly for their kind appreciation of his humble services said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to make himself generally useful Masonically or otherwise, in giving a helping hand to all, and rendering any assistance which lay in his power. The clock bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the Lodge of Hope, No. 2153, to Bro. Francis Powel I.P.M. P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, as a mark of esteem and respect on his leaving Gosport to take up his appointment as Lieutenant and Quartermaster, Royal Marines, Chatham."

After the Lodge business was concluded, the members entertained Bro. Powell at a banquet in the hotel.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227. — A meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday. Present—Bros. Hayward W.M., Barnes S.W., Taylor J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free S.D., Schmidt I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Patrick, Olison, Toye, J. de Sola Pinto, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Toye answered the questions leading to second degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a very creditable manner. Bro. Moss worked the second, and Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, when Bros. Olison, of the mother Lodge, and J. de Sola Pinto of the St. Mark Lodge, No. 102 (S.C.), were elected members. Bro. Barnes was appointed to preside at the next meeting, on Monday, the 13th instant, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned. For the information of brethren we are requested to state that this excellent Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday evening, all the year round (Bank Holidays excepted), at 8 p.m.

LONDON, TILBURY AND SOUTHEND RAILWAY.

THIS Company will issue cheap tickets from Fenchurch Street, Stepney, Bromley, Plaistow, Upton Park, East Ham and Barking to Southend, Rosherville Gardens and Gravesend, by all trains on Sunday and Monday, 5th and 6th August. Fares: Southend and back, 1st class 5s, 3rd class 2s 6d; Rosherville Gardens, including admission and back, 1st class 3s, 3rd class 1s 9d; Gravesend and back, 1st class 2s 6d, 3rd class 1s 6d. The ordinary return tickets for distances exceeding 12 miles will be available from Thursday, 2nd August, to Wednesday, 8th August. Tickets can be obtained at the branch booking offices, 137 Leman Street, E.; 4 Royal Exchange Buildings, E.C.; 8 Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar Square; 28 Regent Circus, Piccadilly, W.C., and at the Stations.

Another Lodge will be consecrated to-day (Saturday),—the St. Pancras, No. 2271. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, undertaking the functions of Consecrating Officer. The R.W. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.M., P.G.W., is the W.M. designate.

At a meeting, on the 17th ultimo, at the Albion Tavern, Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe was installed in the chair of the Aldersgate Lodge. The other Officers invested included Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P. and Bro. P. F. R. Saillard.

The Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., and Bro. Sheriff Higgs have accepted invitations to a meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, on Wednesday, 26th September.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be holden, under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, at the Corn Exchange, Colchester, on Thursday, the 9th instant, at two o'clock p.m. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2.30 p.m., and after business a banquet will be served at the Cups Hotel, at five o'clock.

The quarterly meeting of the Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, was held at the White Hart Hotel, Barnwood, on the 20th ult. After the business the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Mrs. Mason.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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CONSECRATION OF ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 2263.

SATURDAY, the 21st ult., was a notable day in Sheffield Masonic circles, it being the occasion of the consecration of a new Lodge. Ten years has elapsed since a similar event occured in the town. The new Lodge is numbered 2263, and its title is St. Leonard's Lodge. There are now five Lodges of Freemasons in Sheffield—Britannia, Royal Brunswick, Wentworth, Ivanhoe, and St. Leonard's, the latter having sprung out of the Wentworth. A sixth, to be called The Hallamshire, arising out of the Britannia, is expected to be consecrated later in the year. The Very Worshipful Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary was the consecrating officer, assisted by the following Present and Past Grand Officers:—Bros. Henry Smith D.P.G.M. Past G.D. as Senior Warden, William H. Brittain, J.P., Past Grand Sword Bearer as Junior Warden, Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth Past Grand Chaplain as Chaplain, Frank Richardson Past G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, J. M. P. Montague Past G.D. as I.G. There were over 100 brethren present, including 44 Past Masters. Among others from a distance were Bro. Sandeman P.G.D. of Bengal, and Bro. Herbert G. E. Greed Provincial Grand Secretary. The brethren assembled in the anteroom of the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, and walked in procession to the Lodge Room, where the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England) opened Provincial Grand Lodge, and asked the Consecrating Officer to take the chair and appoint his Wardens *pro tem.* After the opening hymn, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and gave directions for the ceremony. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the petition and warrant were read. The founders of the new Lodge are:—Bros. Henry T. E. Holmes P.M. 1239, Thomas H. Vernon, Verdon G. S. Dearden, William Edward Marples, G. H. Dunnill, Walter C. Fox, William Brown, J. Grayson Lowood, H. A. Brook, and Joseph Abson. The brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, the Consecrating Officer called upon the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Tew) to deliver the oration. Bro. Tew expressed the pleasure the brethren felt in receiving that day the Grand Secretary and other Officers of such high rank from the Grand Lodge of England, who had graciously consented to perform the solemn ceremony. West Yorkshire took that opportunity of acknowledging the compliment and of offering their fraternal regards to such distinguished visitors to Sheffield. Their presence gave special significance and interest to the new Lodge, and he trusted they would carry away to London the conviction that a most orderly and harmonious body of Masons congregated in their Masonic Hall, who were devoted to the Masonic watchwords "Religion and Charity," "Loyalty and Patriotism," and convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the certainty that the warrant he had been graciously pleased to grant, being number 2263 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, would be transmitted to the Worshipful Masters in the Chair of that Lodge pure and unsullied, as had been the warrants of the existing four Lodges in Sheffield from the year A.D. 1765 to this, the 51st year of Her Majesty's reign. In proof of the prosperity of the Craft and the attachment of the members to the principles of the Order, he mentioned that the four Lodges in Sheffield numbered 304 brethren and 66 Past Masters; to 31st December 1887 the contributions of the Sheffield Lodges to the Masonic Charities amounted to the splendid sum of £4,580. At the Girls' Centenary Festival, held last month in London, of the £50,500 subscribed West Yorkshire gave £2,600. The M.W.G.M. would feel he had no more loyal Province to the Throne, to the country, and to himself than this generous Province of West Yorkshire. Passing on, Bro. Tew said the Lodge of St. Leonard's as well as Ivanhoe, cherished in their names traces and reminiscences of Saxon, Norman and mediæval times. The Lodge of Britannia perpetuated the nationality of England and the Empire; Royal Brunswick the reigning dynasty; Wentworth the nobility of the neighbourhood, and Ivanhoe local traditions; and this last Lodge, St. Leonard's, the patron saint of England and of charity in Sheffield. He gave an interesting account of St. Leonard's life and work, in the relief and rescue of prisoners, captives, and slaves, touched upon the historic association of Sheffield with the Lovetots, the Furnivals, and the Talbots; King Henry, the fallen Cardinal Wolsey, and the hapless Queen Mary. He pointed out that one part of Sheffield was to this day known as "Spital," or "Hospital Hill," from the fact that on that eminence, in the reign of Henry the First or Stephen, was erected by the De Lovetots, then Lords of Hallam, a hospital for lepers, probably the first ever built in Sheffield, and was dedicated, as were also the churches at Wortley and Tarybergh, to St. Leonard, the patron saint of captives. He had confidence in this Lodge, that it would in practical deeds of benevolence, mercy and charity prove a worthy rival of the good old parent Lodges of the "County and Town of Sheffield." He had, therefore, the greatest satisfaction in asking Colonel Clerke and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England to consecrate St. Leonard's Lodge that day. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary and his assistants, according to the ancient rites and customs of the Craft. Colonel Clerke discharged his onerous duty with great dignity, and the service, which occupied over two hours, was profoundly impressive. The Consecrating Officer having duly constituted the Lodge, an anthem was sung, and the Chaplain pronounced the Benediction. Bro. Henry T. E. Holmes was subsequently installed as the first Worshipful Master of St. Leonard's Lodge, and took the Chair, his Officers being Bros. Thomas H. Vernon S.W., V. G. S. Dearden J.W., J. Grayson Lowood Treasurer, W. E. Marples Secretary, G. H. Dunnill S.D., Walter C. Fox J.D., William Brown D.C., H. A. Brook I.G., Joseph Abson S.S.; C. Burch was appointed Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. H. Lemar, F.C.O. At the banquet, which followed, there was a full attendance. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Holmes, presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Vernon S.W., and Dearden J.W. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The toast of the R.W. Bro. Tew Past G.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past, was acknowledged by Bro. Tew, and there were loud calls for Dr. Bartolome. On the proposition of Bro. Tew three cheers were given for the Father of Freemasonry in Sheffield, Dr. Bartolome having been 52 years a Freemason. Dr. Bartolome, who was well received, gave some interesting Masonic reminiscences. He became a Mason in 1836 with the late Lord Dalhousie, then Lord Ramsey. He was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the centenary in 1836, and had in his possession a jewel given him, which constituted him a Steward for life. When he came to Sheffield he naturally inquired for the Masonic Lodge, and was directed to the Spread Eagle, in Fargate. There he found seven workmen, with clay pipes a yard long, and pots of beer on the table. Having accumulated a lot of money they, by a system of black-balling, reduced the membership to eleven, when they passed a resolution to divide the money. Freemasonry had then come to a deadlock. When those seven working men saw him (the Doctor) they thought they had got hold of a big fish. They asked him to be W.M., and he ultimately consented, on condition that they should go to a different building, and they came to the Music Hall in Surrey Street, where they had a room under the orchestra. Of that room he (the Doctor) was the tenant for sixteen years. He was Master for three years—the third by dispensation. By the advice of the Secretary he got possession of the warrant of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, then in pawn for £14. Some Masonic friends clubbed 14 guineas for that purpose, and by the advice of the Grand Lodge that warrant lay in his drawer for about 18 years. It was kept *in terrorem*, so that when any applications came from Sheffield, Grand Lodge was able to say there could be no necessity for another warrant, so long as the Royal Brunswick was in his drawer. The Lodge met once a year for the purpose of electing Officers, and they all pledged themselves not to elect any man to office unless he were a Past Master of the Britannia Lodge. He never held office as W.M. of the Brunswick, preferring to serve in another capacity as Treasurer, which he had done for 40 years, and for which they had presented him with a handsome gold jewel. He felt that he could say with Othello, "I have done the state some service, and they know it." Bro. Tew proposed the Consecrating Officer, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Past G.D. Grand Sec., and his assistants. The Grand Secretary, who had a thoroughly Masonic reception, said they must not imagine because they did not see the Prince of Wales often amongst them in Grand Lodge that he took only a slight interest in the Order. That was not the case. It had always been a matter of wonder to him that the Prince of Wales, with his innumerable engagements, could give so much of his time to his Masonic work. When in town he (the gallant Colonel) was constantly sent for to Marlborough House. Some point had cropped up and the Prince went carefully into details, mastering them thoroughly. There was no point of any magnitude in which he did not exhibit the greatest interest, which extended to everything connected with the Order. He also bore testimony to the work done by Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. In all great institutions the real work was unseen; and he could assure them they could congratulate themselves upon having such leaders at the helm of their order. Amongst the large number of Provinces he had to deal with, there were none to surpass the noble Province of West Yorkshire, in the perfect unanimity and true Masonic feeling evinced by all its members, and by the magnificent way in which they supported the great Masonic Charities, of which they were all so proud. The Grand Secretary then gave the Worshipful Master in laudatory terms, and Bro. Holmes appropriately replied. Other toasts followed. Bro. E. H. Lemare officiated as musical director, and Bros. T. E. Barker, A. E. Drury and H. A. Brock contributed to the enjoyment. The banquet was provided by the Steward (Bro. Turner) and Mrs. Turner, who maintained their excellent reputation. Early in the day the Officers of the Grand Lodge visited the Cyclops Works, afterwards taking luncheon with Bro. J. Grayson Lowood, at Five Oaks.

AMERICAN HONOURS TO ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

THE Grand Lodge of Iowa, United States of America, at its last annual communication practically shewed its appreciation of "Masonic worth and merit" by electing as honorary members, with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, the following brethren belonging to the Grand Lodge of England, viz.:—William James Hughan, of Torquay, "The Masonic Antiquarian and Writer, and author of numerous works of great celebrity;" Robert Freke Gould, of London, "Author of the most valuable work on Freemasonry ever published;" and John Lane, of Torquay, "Author of the Masonic Records, 1717-1886, an inestimable work," whose labours, it is declared, "have shed an undying glory upon the Craft." Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of Edinburgh (Grand Secretary), was the only other British Craftsman selected for such a special compliment by one of the largest, and certainly the most literary Grand Lodge in the world, and the only one which has an enormous building entirely devoted to the purposes of a Masonic library and museum.—*Western Morning News.*

BIRTH.

CHURCHYARD.—On the 27th July, at her parents' residence, 50 Prince's Road, Moss Side, Manchester, the wife of W. N. CHURCHYARD, manager for Derbyshire, Advertiser, London, of a daughter.

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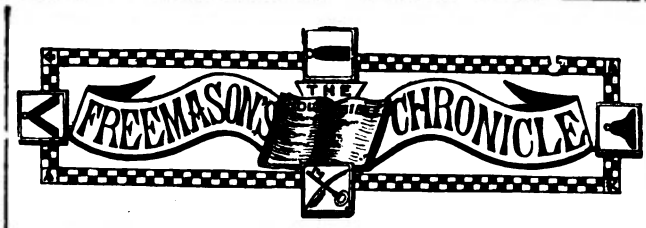
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Brother J. M. Clabon P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Institution, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. F. W. Ramsay M.D., A. F. Godson, M.P., W. Smithett, E. V. Greatbach, W. Tunnicliff, George Kelly, E. J. Barron, B. Ninnis, T. W. Murley, R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., W. Watkins, John L. Mather, C. F. Hogard, A. Williams, C. E. Ferry, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, C. Dearing, W. Masters, J. Bodenham, Henry Cox, G. Brown, H. H. Riach, C. J. Perceval, E. M. Money, W. H. Hubbert, James Stevens, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. W. Morgan, C. Daniel, Henry Venn, Herbert Dicketts, Joyce Murray, J. Rayner, Robert Secker, Phillip Cheek, F. W. Imbert-Terry, A. Durrant, F. R. Spaull, W. H. Spaull, Chas. Blain, Francis Ashton, H. M. Hobbs, W. Lake, James S. Fraser, W. J. Spratling, George Corble, John Newton, &c.

After the minutes of the April Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

Provincial Grand Secretary's Office,
Journal Chambers, Pelham-street,
Nottingham, 26th July 1888.

To the Chairman Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I am directed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire to forward you a copy of resolutions which were unanimously carried at a meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge held this day at Eastwood:

1. "That, in the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, the annual expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive, and being so much per head above that of kindred institutions, requires the closest investigation by an independent and representative Committee, and the reasons thereof explained, by circular, to its various supporters.

2. "That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, Vice Presidents, and Chairman of the Quarterly General Court.

I am, Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY R. HATHERLY,
Prov. G. Sec. Nottinghamshire.

Bro. A. F. Godson then rose to move the resolution standing in his name, as follows:—

"That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Pat., and Dep. Prov. G. Master of Essex), be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purposes of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court."

It was now suggested that the word "expenditure" should be added after the word "discipline," and Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Standard Bearer, seconded a proposal that this word should be added. Bro. J. W. Imbert-Terry moved an amendment, which would leave the nomination of the brethren to be associated with Bro. Philbrick in the inquiry to the General Court, instead of vesting the selection absolutely in that brother. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the amendment, and Bro. James Stevens supported it, while Bro. W. Spratling opposed it, and Bro. Godson having spoken in favour of his resolution, the amendment was put, and negatived by a large majority. Bro. Godson's resolution was then submitted, and Bros. E. V. Greatbach and W. Tunnicliff having severally proposed and seconded, and Bro. Godson having accepted a suggestion, "That the members to be selected by Bro. Philbrick should be chosen in equal proportions from London and the Provinces,"

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the motion, with the above addition, was carried. Bro. C. H. Webb's motion :—

"That Law No. 71 (empowering the Committee to make grants not exceeding £40 in each case, in aid of Boys after obtaining engagements) be rescinded,"

received careful attention. Bro. Binckes explained how it was that these grants had become so general, and urged how desirable it was that the Craft generally should do all it could to advance their old pupils in their battle with life. A great deal in this regard he anticipated would be the result of the "Old Masonians' Association," which organisation was becoming very popular amongst the "old boys." Several other brethren spoke to the question, and as a result the proposal was negatived. The proposed amendment to Law 55 was deferred. The name of a candidate having been removed from the list, in consequence of an improvement in his circumstances, and an additional vacancy having been caused by the removal from the School of a boy who is to be educated at Harrow, the number of candidates for next election was declared as 76, and the number of vacancies to be filled 21. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday, 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas. Among those present were Bros. Ralph Clutton, George Cooper, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, W. Watkins, A. E. Gladwell, Peter de Lande Long, W. E. Hollingum, C. Stratford, Thos. Fenn, Wm. Russell, W. F. Masters, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading of the minutes of General and House Committees for information, the list of candidates for the election of October next was settled—64 candidates with 9 vacancies. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. then, for Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., moved :—

"That a gratuity of £35 be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the School, for the purpose of being married."

The motion was carried, with two dissentients.

Bro. W. Russell, for Bro. J. Smith Eastes P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Kent, moved—

"That the Court accept the sum of One Thousand Guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the Centenary of the Institution, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one Girl to the School, to be called the 'Jubilee' Presentation, the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of Kent for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West Yorkshire to this Institution."

Bro. C. H. Webb seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously. Bro. C. J. Perceval, Vice-President, moved :—

"That the following addition be made to Law LV. after the word livelihood in the sixth line, viz. :—'In any of which cases the Father must have been a subscribing Member of a Lodge for *Three* years.'"

Bro. Perceval said he brought this motion forward for this reason. At the last election a girl was returned at the head of the poll whose father had not been in Masonry three months, and had not taken his third degree. When he saw such a case overriding those of girls whose fathers had been sixteen-and-a-half years in Masonry, thirteen years, and twenty years, who had been doing good service to Masonry if length of service gave a claim, then a child whose father had done nothing, and had not even taken his Third Degree, had no claim. If the father had been taken away by death, and not done any good thing for Masonry, that was another matter; they could not help that; he had not had it in his power to do anything; but he thought the benefits of the Institution should not be given to children whose fathers had been so short a time in Masonry. After considerable discussion the motion was put and carried. The brethren then adopted Bro. Fenn's advice to keep the funds which were invested in Consols in that security. To adopt the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Conversion Scheme would be a loss to the Institution of £500. The brethren afterwards considered the plans of the new buildings, as explained by Bro. Clutton. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Mrs. Stirling has written a characteristic preface for the fourth edition of Robert Overton's "Queer Fish," about to be issued by Messrs. Dean and Son.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Among those present were Comps. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, Grand Superintendent Oxfordshire, who acted as M.E.Z., Thomas Fenn as H., Baron de Ferrieres as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., John M. Case as S.N., James Glaisher as P.S., Samuel Pope as 1st Assistant, J. A. Lloyd 2nd Assistant, F. Richardson D.C., W. A. Barrett Org. Grand Chapter having been regularly opened and the minutes confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was taken as read, and which appeared in our last issue, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The whole of the recommendations contained in the report having been confirmed, Grand Chapter was closed.

SCOTLAND.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 112.

AT Musselburgh, on 24th ult., in St. John's Hall, this old Lodge, which for some time has been in the condition which Freemasons describe as "dormant," was re-opened under the most happy circumstances. Several enthusiastic brethren had taken the proper preliminary steps, and in the presence of a large gathering of Freemasons, the Lodge was re-opened by the Committee under Grand Lodge on the visitation of Lodges in the Metropolitan Province. Bro. James Crichton presided, Bro. Abbott acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Allan Mackenzie as Junior Warden, and the secretarial part of the work was in charge of Bro. D. Murray Lyon the Grand Secretary. The opening ceremony was conducted by these Office-bearers, and thereafter a large number of members of other Lodges were affiliated as members of the Lodge of St. John, and notice was given of intention to propose about a dozen gentlemen for initation in the Lodge. The other business consisted of the nomination of Office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly proposed :—Bros. James Hogg R.W.M., J. H. Forrester Depute Master, A. R. Peacock Substitute Master and Treasurer, John Russell Secretary, Councillor White Senior Warden, and Bro. Wooley Junior Warden. Lodge 112 was formed in the year 1768, and in the course of the speeches which followed the business meeting, many of the brethren present, including representatives from most of the Lodges in the Province, embraced the opportunity of expressing gratification that this old Lodge had been resuscitated, and congratulated the members on their choice of such an excellent Mason as Master, and the heartiest wishes were expressed for a successful future for Lodge St. John, Fisherrow.

THE remains of the late Bro. Thomas R. D. Maxwell were interred in the Kirkdale Cemetery, on Friday, the 27th ult. The cortège, consisting of a hearse and several mourning broughams, left the residence of his sister, and arrived at the Cemetery at one o'clock. The coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral wreaths, bore the inscription :—"Thomas R. D. Maxwell, died 23rd July 1888, aged 35 years." The Rev. S. Rogers conducted the burial service, the hymns sung being "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and "Brief life is here our portion." The deceased, who was a licensed victualler, was highly respected by all who knew him.

The London and North Western Railway Company announce a further acceleration of their day service to Scotland. On and after Monday next a Special Express will leave Euston Station at 10 a.m. every week day, and will arrive at Edinburgh, via the West Coast route, at 6 p.m., thus completing the journey in eight hours. This train is only timed to stop three times on the journey of four hundred miles, viz. at Crewe, Preston and Carlisle, and as at one of these stations—Preston—twenty minutes will be allowed for refreshment, it is not much to expect that ere long the time occupied on the journey will be again reduced, arrangements being made for the midday meal to be taken *en route*. The two great reductions in time which have been made by this Company during the present season are sufficient to prove that we have not yet heard the last of the wonders associated with the iron road. What would our forefathers say to the journey from London to Edinburgh being completed in eight hours?

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the school-room, Rose Ash, near South Molton, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church on its being restored and to fix the keystone of the arch. As this was the first time in the history of Mark Masonry in England that such an interesting ceremony—the combining of practical with symbolic Masonry—was performed, there was a goodly attendance of brethren, the majority from the Three Towns. Although Rose Ash is rather a difficult place to visit, being several miles from any station, the brethren attended in larger numbers than would otherwise have been the case, on account of the fact that the ceremonial was arranged out of respect to the late P.G.M.M.M. of Devon. W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Tanner-Davey, J.P., the announcement of whose death, in April of last year, was received with manifestations of regret by the whole Province. The brethren from the West travelled by the fast South Western train at 8·5 a.m. from North Road to Eggesford where conveyances were waiting to convey them to Rose Ash, a distance of thirteen miles. The journey to and fro was accomplished safely, although the roads were heavy and the vehicles, on account of some misunderstanding, somewhat overladen. On arrival at Rose Ash the party was kindly received by Mrs. Tanner-Davey, at her charming residence, the grounds of which were much admired. The parish church dedicated to St. Peter, is an ancient edifice of the third pointed date; the lower part of the tower may be older. The old church, which consists entirely of a chancel, nave, and embattled tower. The font is Norman, and there is an Early English window in the tower. In the north aisle, which was added more than 200 years ago, is a rood loft door, and there is also a rood screen which, however, is in a very dilapidated condition. At the west of that wall is a tablet, on which is inscribed "Robert Ayre, churchwarden, 1767;" another stone bearing "R. L., 1623," which was in the south wall will be replaced. A most remarkable thing is to be seen in the chancel which has not yet been torn down. In the panels are painted descriptions and illustrations of the martyrdom, together with the names of the Apostles and Evangelists—S.S. Paul, Matthias, Mark, James-the-Great, James-the-Less, Matthew, Peter, Philip, Andrew, Bartholomew, Simon, Jude, Luke, John, and Thomas. The whole of the church will practically be restored in the Early English style, with a porch in the south wall of the nave, from plans and specifications prepared by Messrs. F. Aubyn and Wadling, Architects, of the Temple, London, Mr. J. Clotworthy, of Witheridge, being the builder. The walls, roof, windows, and floors of the church will be rebuilt first, the church being in a wretched condition of repair. The arch of the tower will only be restored. It has a splendid peal of five bells, which were thoroughly restored about four years ago. It is expected that the work will be finished at Christmas. About £600 will be expended now, the total cost being estimated at £1,200 to £1,500. Other portions of the work will be proceeded with as funds are available. The present Rector is the Rev. H. G. Southcombe, and the living has been in the hands of the family for over 200 years, the present being the seventh Southcombe who has held it in succession. There is a handsome communion plate in a good state of preservation, which was given by the Rev. Lewis Southcombe in 1718, who was appointed in 1675. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in form at the Board school room, which was nicely decorated for the occasion. There was a choice lot of flowers and exotics in addition to some bunting and appropriate Masonic mottoes and devices. The Lodge furniture was kindly lent by Lodge Fortescue, No. 9, of South Molton, and included a handsome oak W.M.'s chair, which bore the following inscription:—"This chair was presented to the Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 610, by Bros. J. Tanner-Davey, of Rose Ash, on his installation as W.M., 5th January, 1860." Bro. W. Cole P.M. Fortescue Lodge, assisted Bro. J. Gidley P.M. P.G. Tyler in decorating the temporary Lodge-room. The Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., P.M. 35, sat on the throne. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the P.G. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Tanner-Davey, thanking the P.G. Lodge for its kind vote of sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss she had sustained by the death of her husband. The P.G. Secretary reported that all the brethren appointed to office at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, with the exception of one who died shortly after his appointment, had assumed their rank and paid their fees of honour. During the past year there had been 44 advancements, and allowing for losses by death and otherwise there had been an increase of one subscribing member, the number in the Province being 455 as against 454 in 1886. In accordance with the resolutions passed by the Prov. Grand Lodge at St. George's Hall on 15th June 1887, he forwarded a letter to the Grand Secretary intimating that the brethren present at the Lodge meeting unanimously resolved to recommend to the G.M. Master W. Bro. C. Spence Bate D.P.G.M.M.M. for the office of P.G.M.M.M. of Devonshire. A reply was received on the following day, to the effect that the letter should receive attention. In reply to the P.G.S.W., the P.G. Secretary said no further reply had been received. Bro. Stocker inquired if Bro. Bate had received any intimation. The D.G.M. replied in the negative. He received a circular a week or two since notifying the fact that W. Bro. Ferrieres would be installed at Cheltenham as P.G.M. of Gloucestershire. As that had occurred since he (Bro. Spence Bate) was nominated, he felt their Province must have been slighted—and he should be prepared to take some action in the course of a short time. He should call a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to consider the matter—as the premier Lodge of England ought not to be without a Grand Master. The P.G. Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge two new Mark Lodges had been consecrated in that Province by W. Bro. the D.P.G.M., viz., St. George's, Stonehouse, No. 383, on 6th January, and De La Pole, No. 372, at Seaton, on 7th March. The Committee appointed to provide a suitable memorial to the memory of the late P.G. Master had decided that a mural tablet be erected in Rose Ash Church, bearing a proper inscription, and that an appeal be made to the Mark Lodges and brethren in the province to subscribe funds for this purpose. The erection of the tablet had been delayed on account of the restoration of the church. The Secretary's report was adopted. The P.G. Treasurer reported that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £21 0s 6d, which with dues from Lodges, £25 3s, and £8 8s 8d from Grand Lodge fees, brought the total up to £54 12s. After paying the expenses, and £5 5s to the Mark Benevolent Fund, there was a balance in hand of £42 19s 8d. The report was adopted. The Provincial Committee recommended that twenty guineas be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed on Bro. Stocker's list, £10 10s to Rose Ash Church Restoration Fund, and £5 5s to the Boys' School, to be placed on Bro. Lemon's list. On the proposition of Bro. George R. Barrett, Bro. J. T. Bond J.W. 383 was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer for the year ensuing. The brethren then formed into procession and marched to Rose Ash Church, where a short Divine service was held, the Rev. H. G. Southcombe, the rector, officiating, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., reading the lesson. The service over the brethren proceeded outside the church. It had been raining hard for some time, but cleared just about this time. The rector presented the D.P.G.M. with a silver trowel, and he laid the foundation stone, in the cavity of which were placed some coins, after which he proved it was properly adjusted by the plumb, rule, level and square. Corn, wine, and oil were thrown over the stone with the accustomed ceremony. The builder was then presented with the several implements and also the plan and elevation of the building after they had been approved of. The inscription on the stone ran as follows:—"July 23rd, 1888. This stone was laid in open Lodge by the D.P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, in memory of Bro. John Tanner-Davey, Lieutenant Colonel and J.P., the late G.M. of the Premier P.G. Lodge of M.M.Masons of Devon, who died April 19th, 1880, and lies buried near this spot." The D.P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said they met on that occasion for the first time in the annals of Mark Masonry to lay the foundation-stone of a temple for the worship of the Most High, whose name and all-seeing eye were prominent objects in every Lodge of free and accepted Masons. After referring to the progress of Masonry and its far-reaching effects, he said: Masonry appeared to him to be in a transitory stage, which arose from no variation in the inherent character of Masonry, but largely in consequence of the higher moral standard of modern civilization and the systematic efforts so largely in vogue for the amelioration of those who had received the less amount of social advantages. Bro. Spence Bate then enlarged on the necessity of thrift among the industrial classes, and said the great object of Freemasonry was to encourage the combination of practical with symbolic Masonry. He explained that the key of the arch could not be laid on account of the work of restoration not being sufficiently forward. The brethren returned in procession to the church schools, when the D.P.G.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing—

Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A.	Senior Warden
George R. Barrett 35, 383	Junior Warden
G. T. Strode Lowe 50	M.O.
W. A. Staton 96	S.O.
A. W. White 35	J.O.
J. T. Bond 383	Treasurer
J. Dodge 319	Registrar
H. Stocker 15	Secretary
G. Perkins 169	Senior Deacon
J. H. Kersteman 316	Junior Deacon
F. C. Frost 316	Superintendent of Works
J. Drew 23	Director of Ceremonies
C. H. Fulford 15	Asst. Director of Cers.
C. Hunt 91	Sword Bearer
H. Imbert-Terry 15	Standard Bearer
G. Sellick 50	Assistant Secretary
J. H. Carty 383	Organist
H. S. Best 64	I.G.
J. Bray 16 295	Stewards
H. Mitchelmore 15	Stewards
Frank R. Thomas 35	Stewards
W. M. Robins 35	Stewards
James Gidley 169	Tyler

The following gentlemen were appointed as a Provincial Committee:—Bros. S. Jones, Exeter, John Lane, Torquay, W. Vicary, Newton, F. Crouch, G. R. Barrett, and E. Aitken Davies, Plymouth. The D.P.G.M. intimated he should call these gentlemen together shortly to consider the question of the absence of a P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned to the school-room, and sat down to a luncheon presided over by the rector, the company including the Rev. Prebendary Matthews, Knowstone, the Rev. R. E. Trefusis, Vicar of Chittlehampton, the Rev. R. E. Lester, Bishopsnympstone, the Rev. H. G. Alexander, Creacombe, the Rev. R. W. Atkins, Romansleigh, Mrs. Tanner-Davey, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Matthews, the Misses King, Miss Merson, Mrs. Mayo, and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Henry Ayre and Mr. T. Willcott, Churchwardens.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

ON the 26th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, under the auspices of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493. The following Officers of the Provincial Lodge were present :—Bros J. M. Perry P.P.G.J.D., Rev. T. W. Dolphin P.P.G.C., Rev. Canon E. St. J. Morse, A. Lawson P.P.G. Pursuivant, A. W. Brentnall P.P.G. Pur., G. Chapman J.D., R. C. Wills P.P.G.D.C., H. J. Hobson S.B., W. H. Burton Pur., C. H. Benham Treas., R. T. Ingram P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Housley P.M., J. P. W. Marx P.M., upwards of 100 being present altogether. The banners of the following Lodges were present:—Provincial Grand Lodge, Newstead, No. 47, Commercial, Southwell, Carnarvon, Nottinghamshire, Annesley, De Vere, Vernon, Forest, Robin Hood. After the preliminary business of the session, the following resolution was unanimously carried, having been moved by Bro. Wills, seconded by Bro. George, and supported by Bros. Rev. C. W. Butler, J. M. Perry, G. Chapman, and Hatherly :—

"That, in the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge, a strict investigation should be made into the excessive expenditure at the Royal Masonic Boys' School by the Representative Committee."

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Sun Inn, provided by Bro. G. Bingham, of which about 70 partook.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, under the banner of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 261. Owing to the unfavourable weather there was not a large atttendance. The Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. Colonel Adair, presided, and all Chapters in the Province, with one exception, answered to the roll. The minutes of last *P.G. Chapter*, and a Chapter of Emergency held at Clevedon for the purpose of consecrating the Adair Chapter, having been read and confirmed, all offices were declared vacant, and the Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter for the year ensuing :—

Comp. R. C. Else - - -	H.
F. T. Elworthy 261 - -	J.
Colonel Long - - -	Scribe E.
W. Bidgood 261 - -	Scribe N.
B. H. Watts - - -	Treasurer
— Nosworthy 329 - -	Principal Sojourner
J. M. Atkins 446 - -	1st Assistant Sojourner
— Glossop 1222 - -	2nd Assistant Sojourner
— Hearne - - -	Registrar
H. B. Crowe 261 - -	Sword Bearer
— Hawkins - - -	Standard Bearer
— Glover - - -	Director of Ceremonies
T. G. Williams 261 - -	Assistant Scribe E.
— Bigwood - - -	Janitor

The alms collected were, on the motion of Comp. T. G. Williams, seconded by Comp. W. Bidgood, given to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. P.G. Chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, which was held in the dining-hall adjoining the Lodge, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Adair. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated about eight o'clock.

STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.

THE installation meeting of this improving Chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 11th ultimo, and although well attended was deprived of several distinguished visitors through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex having been held at Stanmore on the previous Saturday. It was, however, a very successful meeting. The Chapter was duly opened at 5·40, Comp. J. Tickle P.Z. occupying the chair of M.E.Z., E. B. Haynes H., and W. A. Rogers J. On the admission of the Companions, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, read by Comp. Keyser P.Z. Treasurer, was also approved and adopted. Three brethren were announced on the summons as candidates for exaltation, but being unable to attend, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Comp. Haynes, who had previously been installed in another Chapter was appropriately placed in the Chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Tickle, and the full ceremony of installing Comp. Rogers and Blatchford as H. and J. respectively was very impressively rendered by Comp. F. Brown, who has maintained a very firm allegiance to this Chapter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Companions as Officers, viz. :—Comps. C. Keyser P.Z. Treasurer, C. Veal P.Z. S.E., B. Hosegood S.N., D. R. Soames P.S., J. Best 1st A.S., W. R. Shutt 2nd A.S., J. S. Fraser P.Z. W.S., J. Middleton Janitor. The following Companions were also present:—T. J. Maidwell P.Z., C. H. Webb P.Z., C. B. Todd, D. H. Jacobs P.Z., E. C. Kilsby, W. Wilson, J. L. Holmes, and Visitors Comps. M. Slaughter J. 404, A. W. Wells Z. 975, 1556. The M.E.Z. invested Companion J. Tickle with the handsome P.Z. jewel voted at the last meeting. This was suitably acknowledged. After the usual inquiries and hearty good wishes from other Chapters the meeting was closed in form at 6·50. The Companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet where the usual toasts were ably given by the M.E.Z. and duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening fully maintained the credit of the Chapter both for working and hospitality.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

STIRLING CASTLE LODGE, No. 14.

ON Friday, the 20th ult., a ceremonial of much interest to the fraternity of Stirling and its neighbourhood was held, when the first meeting of this newly-instituted Lodge, of the religious and military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant degrees of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist, took place in their assembly room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The M.P.S. Captain Alexander Wilson presided, and the E.V.E. Lieutenant J. Denholm was vice-chairman, supported by the following office-bearers:—Rev. George More Smith Prelate, D. M'Intosh S.G., Q. M. S. Beattie J.G., Sergeant-Major P. Low Treas., K. P. Macleay Sec., Richard Twist Prefect, James G. Kerr Herald, Colour-Sergeant Barron Sentinel, Sergeant-Instructor J. Campbell Alva S.B., &c., and the under-mentioned visiting Companions, viz., Thos. Milne, M.D., Alloa, I.G. of the Order, Wm. Black, C.E., Falkirk M.P.S. No. 11, Colonel John Campbell, H.M. General Prison, Perth, John Taylor E.V.E., Jas. Finlayson Past S., and Peter M'Beth H.P. No. 11, Falkirk. The assembly having been duly constituted, letters of apology were read from Comps. George Christie of Southfield, J. W. Small, Stirling, Colonel P. Stirling of Kippendavie, &c. The following Master Masons of good standing in Craft Lodges as under were then introduced and admitted into the Order:—Wm. Milne S.D., James Ritchie J.D., R. Morrison and J. M. Miller, all of No. 30, "Ancient," Stirling; Wm. Ross, No. 325, Gibraltar, John Dunk, No. 988, "Wahab," Sealkote, Thomas Blair, No. 175, "St. John," Greenock. The impressive ceremony of reception was conducted by Comp. Wm. Black, with his usual ability and zeal. Thereafter refreshments were partaken of, and a short and characteristic toast list was exhausted prior to the meeting separating.

INTERESTING RELICS AT A MASONS' LODGE.

THE alterations at present being made on the front of the Masons' Lodge, Crieff, have led to rather an interesting find. Last week, while the workmen were removing the south corner of the wall, on a level with the street, they came upon the foundation-stone, in a cavity of which was deposited a bottle containing seven coins of the realm, written documents, and newspapers—all of which were in an excellent state of preservation. The coins consisted of a three-shilling bank-token, of date 1815, a ten-penny bank-token (Irish), 1813 (George III.); an eighteen-penny bank-token, 1812 (slightly larger than a current shilling); two silver pieces, much worn, one bearing date 1787 (George III.) and the other 1758 (George II.) There was also a threepenny piece, dated 1762 (George III.), and one copper coin (a farthing) of date 1744 (George II.) The written documents are :—(1) "Copy of Constitution and erection in favour of the Mason Lodge of Crieff, granted by John Young, Depute Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Kingdom of Scotland, with the consent of David Kennedy, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and George Drummond, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, and the other brethren of the Grand Lodge," upon a petition presented upon the eighth day of August, 1739, "by the Most Worshipful and Right Honourable His Grace James, Duke of Pearth, for himself, and in name of the other Worshipful Brethren of Masons' Lodge keept at Crieff." (2) Copy Charter, dated 1st June, 1816, granted by the Honourable Clementina Sarah Drummond Burrell of Perth, in favour of Sir Patrick Murray, of Ochtertyre, Baronet, Master of St. Michael's Lodge, Crieff, for behoof of the members of that Lodge; and (3) the building contract and specification of the Lodge. A copy of the rules and regulations of the Lodge, dated 1812, was also enclosed. It had attached to it the following list of the Lodge Officials, which will be of interest to the older generation of Crieff townspeople :—John Tainsh Depute Master, John Feichney Substitute Master, William Robertson Senior Warden, James Skeldoch Junior Warden, William Maxtone Treasurer, and David Tainsh Secretary. The newspapers consist of a copy of the *Perth Courier* (No. 431), dated May 9, 1816 (price 7d), and two copies of the *Edinburgh Correspondent* (Nos. 771 and 785), of dates June 26, and July 29, 1815 (price 6½d). The Edinburgh journal is a four-page paper (five columns in page), and is 22 inches long by 15 broad. The copy of Monday, June 26, contains the Duke of Wellington's dispatch, giving a full account of the battle of Waterloo, and is dated Waterloo, June 19, 1815, besides a list of the British officers killed and wounded, and many letters and other interesting matter connected with the great battle. One of the letters, from an officer of the 92nd Highlanders, is of particular interest. There is also an advertisement announcing the proceedings of a meeting "called by the Lord-Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh, of gentlemen disposed to promote the construction of a canal to connect the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, in a line recommended by Mr. Rennie, engineer."

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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 AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2271—St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W. (Consecration)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 6th AUGUST.

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
351—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hall, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
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—Skelmeradale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
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
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th AUGUST.

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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Jopps, 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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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)
446—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)
1640—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
568—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Caruarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
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)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 958—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, 8th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
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72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—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. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (In st.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
197—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Keith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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
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—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—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.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 9th 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)
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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Winnington, at 7.30. (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1902—Sir Hugh Mydelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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, Aberchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)
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)
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Corn Exchange, Colchester
35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Strand
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Charlotte Street, Brighton, Sussex
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
961—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Stanley, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belford Street, Hyde New Road, Manchester
1091—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Bridge, Kent
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1294—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Stillington
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1561—Cruinbourne, Red Lion Inn, Hungerford, Berks, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Ellesmere
1667—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Warrington, near Manchester
1782—Macleod, Swan Hotel, Clapham

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 733—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
934—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconsree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1257—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
663—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 405—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1434—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1896—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
2013—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. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

1687—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—It has been the lot of our American cousins to introduce to the stage something original—at least in the way of heroes; this has been done in "The Still Alarm," by depicting the life of the fireman. We have had naval, military, and all kinds of heroes, but never before has an author attempted to show the hazardous life of a fireman. Mr. Joseph Arthur is the author of the work under notice, and he has written a somewhat conventional play, with weak, and at times uninteresting dialogue, but with situations that cannot fail to attract all London. If, however, these situations were worked up better they would have been even more effective than they now are. Imagine the hero picking up a chair and breaking the window-frame so that he may get down the fire escape to catch the villain of the piece. Yet even greater excitement was in store; in the third act we have a New York fire station, in which the still alarm arrives, and in an instant the horses are harnessed, the fire is lighted, and the engine rushes off full gallop to the fire. At the conclusion of this act the applause was deafening; call after call was given, until even the author had to bow his acknowledgments. After this we have the customary settling up. This is brought about by the hero shamming illness, and then tackling the villain. All these situations are exciting in the extreme, but as we have said, the dialogue is of the weakest. Let the author call in the aid of some well-known adapter, who will work the play up, and add some better comedy than is now supplied. We may then have a play not only exciting but interesting. The lines upon which the play is based are well worn ones, but they serve to show the author's purpose. In an indiscreet moment Franklin Fordham has written a letter to John Bird; the latter intends to make a bad use of it. He proposes for the hand of Fordham's daughter Elinore, and threatens to place the communication we have referred to in the hands of the police if Elinore refuses to accept him. To save the honour of her father, who as a matter of course is innocent, she consents to become Bird's wife, and in a touching interview bids farewell to Jack Manley, her accepted lover. The play now shows how Bird persecutes Elinore and Manley, and when he cuts the wires at the fire station, and sets fire to Fordham's house, we have a pretty lively time of it. Jack Manley is a character that depicts true bravery, and has a good exponent in Mr. Harry Lacy. This gentleman's style is certainly peculiar, and at times disagreeably so, still the audience get used to the sing-song tone in which he delivers his lines. His manly bearing under misfortune, however, makes up for anything that may be wrong with his delivery. Mr. Lacy was good in the first act, while in the last he was essentially cool and collected. Mr. W. L. Abingdon has a fairly good villain's part, which he makes the most of, especially in the supposed interview at the fire station. Mr. Bassett Roe and Miss Mary Rorke, as Franklin Fordham and Elinore respectively, struggle gamely against the poor material with which they have been supplied, while Miss Cicely Richards was amusing as Mrs. Manley. Mr. Harry Parker was exceedingly good as a confirmed drunkard, in Bird's power, while Mr. Henry De Solla was a capital servant. Mr. Harry Nicholls and Miss Fanny Leslie have very poor stuff with which to make their audiences laugh. Still, the parts are well conceived, and with good dialogue would be amusing, but these two favourites, who worked hard, did not score well. The verdict at the fall of the curtain was satisfactory, and with a little touching up the piece can be made into a greater success than the fire engine secured for it on Thursday.

Mr. T. Russell Sullivan's version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will be produced at the Lyceum to-night (Saturday), by Mr. Richard Mansfield, who will appear in his original creation of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a part played by him over 300 times.

Another version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will be produced at the Opera Comique, on Monday next. Mr. Bandmann will appear in the title rôle.

Miss Sophie Eyre will start her season at the Gaiety to-night (Saturday), when she will appear as Marina, in John Coleman's version of "Mr. Barnes of New York." The play will be produced under the direction of Mr. William Sydney. Miss Eyre will be supported by the Misses Carlotta Leclercq, Enid Leslie, Vyse, Lucy Buckstone, and Messrs. Julian Cross, E. D. Ward, Fred Terry, H. Maxwell, James East, Glen Wynn, and Herbert Waring. We may mention that Miss Eyre announces that the pit has been enlarged.

We are asked to announce that Miss Eva Wilson has been engaged by Mr. Edward Terry to play the part of Lavender in "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre upon the termination of Miss Norreys' engagement in September next. This remarkably successful play is now approaching its 150th performance, and the business, if possible, is greater than ever.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Lionel Brough has arranged with Mr. Toole to continue the performance of "The Paper Chase" for another week. It, will, however, have to be withdrawn on the 11th instant, in consequence of the preparations for the production of Messrs. Van Biene and Lingard's comic opera "Pepita."

The Mohawk Minstrels have arranged a strong programme for their re-opening at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday next. Besides several special items, by old favourites, the management have engaged the Pylades, Continental quick change artists. There will be two performances on Bank holiday.

We have recently received from the well known wig-maker, Mr. C. H. Fox, of Russell Street, Covent Garden, W.C., his book on "The Art of Making-Up." Mr. Fox has propounded, at some length, the different means of "making-up." He also tenders good advice, both to professionals and amateurs. As heretofore, Mr. Fox gives illustrations of several of the most popular actors and actresses, with wigs worn by them in popular plays; thus making the book interesting as well as useful.

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MASONIC SECEDERS.

THERE is an old saying that once a man becomes a Freemason he must always remain one, and an imperfect understanding of this principle has created more than one erroneous opinion in regard to the general character of Freemasonry. Of course there is a certain amount of truth in the axiom to which we have referred, as it is impossible to remove all traces of the ceremonies and secrets of the Order from the memory of any one who has been regularly received into its midst; but, as we have frequently pointed out, Freemasonry is something more than a mere title, and it requires some practical work from all who desire to be considered worthy of its association. Yet it is quite possible for a man to be regarded as a Freemason without possessing any of the qualifications which are so essentially requisite among its followers—in other words a man may be a Freemason in name, and name only, but in such a case he must be considered as entirely *distinct from* the brother who acts up to the teachings and principles of the Craft. Such an one, however, cannot in any way be described as a Masonic Seceder, and it is only to show that it is quite possible for a man to even remain a member of the Order and yet not entitle himself to be regarded as a Freemason that we have referred to this view of the subject. Such being the case, then, how much more possible is it for a man to disassociate himself from the Craft, providing he may wish to do so, and sets himself to accomplish his desire? There are many who become Seceders from Freemasonry, and the causes which lead to their desertion from the ranks are of the most varied description. Some withdraw themselves from truly conscientious motives, and although we cannot agree that they are always wise in so doing, or at least we cannot accept their view of what is their duty, we fully appreciate the sincerity of their actions. Ties of religion, home or intimate friendships, may one or all call for a secession from Freemasonry, and no doubt those men who withdraw themselves from its meetings and its work, from either of these causes, fully calculate on the result of the step they take, and are fully convinced that what they do is just; doubtless in most cases it is so. There are others who disassociate themselves because Freemasonry does not come up to their anticipations. They expected much, and have found, to their way of thinking, little or nothing. Surely the Craft does not lose when such men secede; on the contrary, it is to be congratulated on their withdrawal. If we could go back to their first association with Freemasonry, and could search their inmost thoughts, we should find they were drawn to its portals more by its glittering outside attractions than from any genuine desire to benefit by its teachings; if they did not knock at the door of Freemasonry from actually unworthy motives they were at least insincere in their professions, and as a result they have since learned to regret the steps they took. There are others again who secede because they are disgusted with Freemasonry, and perhaps it is under this head we might include the larger number of those who withdraw from our midst. They may have been sincere—to an extent—when they sought the light of Freemasonry, and sincere in all they did during the earlier part of their connection with it, while they might be the last who would be suspected of continuing their membership for the purpose of reaping worldly benefit, but some unexpected event induces a sudden change in their views, and their strong enthusiasm of yesterday is to-day turned to the most bitter hatred of Freemasonry and all associated with it. It is useless to attempt to argue with such men; they will not listen to reason, and will not believe there is any possibility of their being wrong and Freemasonry right. If in the course of argument one refers to their past career in Freemasonry, they are ready with the answer that they have only just had occasion to test its real merits. Hitherto they have been slaves to Freemasonry; they have foolishly believed all the nonsense that has been poured into their ears, and have been made use of by those who are really the most insincere. Theirs has been a rude awakening, and however much we may feel inclined to blame them for their actions, we can but feel regret that they should have so radically changed, for we believe that many who do change to this extent believe they have ample excuse for doing so, and are, in their own minds, the most ill-used of individuals.

Disappointment, in one form or another, is no doubt at the bottom of all real secessions from Freemasonry. When we say real secessions we mean to imply that secession—like enthusiasm for the Order—is of two kinds—real and imaginary. The man who secedes from Freemasonry from religious, family or kindred reasons, and who is sincere in withdrawing himself from all association with the Craft, really only secedes in name. In principle and in thought he remains a Freemason, and no matter whether he chooses to recognise its teachings under some other name or not, he, as often as otherwise, becomes a more zealous disciple of its best principles. His very withdrawal is an exemplification of one of the great watchwords of the Order—Truth. He cannot practise Freemasonry and be true to other ties, ties he regards as stronger than those of the Craft. For this reason he withdraws himself from his Lodge, from his membership, and from his enjoyment of Masonic fellowship. But does he at the same time give up all he has learned from the teachings of the Order? Does he from that time renounce Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth? Certainly not. On the contrary, in all probability he practises those virtues more zealously than he has ever done before, for the simple reason that having found one matter which has made a great impression on his mind, he begins to regard everything else in a different light, and seeks to form an independent opinion in regard to

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many matters which hitherto he had taken somewhat for granted. If this should be the case is it likely a man could forget the lessons he had been taught in Freemasonry? Is it not rather certain that much of what had been impressed upon his memory by our symbolic teaching would stand him in good stead, even though he was no longer a Freemason in name. It is on this principle—as well as on the one we have already mentioned—that it may be truly said to be impossible for a man to wholly disassociate himself with the Craft, and thus it is that we may regard the fact of there being such a state as imaginary secession from Freemasonry, a withdrawal in name only. It must not be considered, however, that we deny the possibility of there being a real secession, an actual withdrawal from the Craft; but we believe such instances to be exceptionally rare, at least in regard to permanency. Men have been known to give up Freemasonry, severing every tie likely to draw them to the Craft, and for years have remained outside its doors; they have even gone so far as to take an active part in abusing it, and persecuting its members, and after all this have come back to its fold, and have proved themselves in every way worthy of being again welcomed in its midst. It may be very difficult to understand such actions, but do we not continually hear of the most peculiar freaks in the most unexpected quarters. A loving son or a devoted husband suddenly disappears, no one can even guess at the cause which has led him away, and in the absence of any tangible explanation foul play is suspected. Years afterwards the wanderer suddenly reappears, and may truthfully be as unable to account for his departure as were his friends. We may dismiss such actions as sudden attacks of madness, and perhaps that is really the proper explanation. If so, we may account for sudden secessions from Freemasonry on the same ground, and indeed this seems to be the only basis on which we can explain some of the radical changes which take place in our midst. Failing all this we may reasonably look around and seek for the cause by discovering in what way the seceder has been disappointed. This disappointment need not necessarily be wholly associated with Freemasonry; a man may be disappointed in various walks of life and may give up Freemasonry together with other associations of more auspicious days. Business may not have been particularly bright; and this has led to his being disappointed at not receiving some tangible help from his brother Masons, although, as we have frequently urged, a man has only himself to thank if Freemasonry has not proved so profitable a business investment as he anticipated. He ought not to have expected any business help from Freemasonry—then he would not have been disappointed at not receiving it; while, on the other hand, if he anticipated a mercantile return for his investment he would, in all probability, soon have occasion to lament its non-realisation. Freemasonry is of no use as a factor in business, and those members of the Craft who attempt to use it for such purposes had better prepare themselves for an early and rude awakening from their mistaken ideas, for such an awakening will assuredly come some day.

There is one point in association with the disappointed seceder from Freemasonry which may be considered for a moment. His former enthusiasm is turned to hatred, and nothing seems to be bad enough for him to say of that which but a very short time before was the summit of all perfection in his eyes. If men who thus turn receive no sympathy from their fellows is it to be wondered at? Is it likely all will regard their particular grievance in the same light, or is it possible for all to feel as they do on any particular subject? They only injure their cause by the violence they display, and are laughed at by those who would be the first to render assistance if they were approached in a different spirit. They threaten to secede, and if they do not actually say that Freemasonry would stop if such an event happened, they really believe that their withdrawal would cause a sensation throughout the Craft. To all such we may say that no greater mistake was ever made; they might die or secede one night, and the next morning their place in Freemasonry and in the world at large would be filled up, without any apparent effort, or the least interference with the usual routine of every-day life. There are few men whose secession from Freemasonry, or sudden departure from any other walk of life would create even a flutter of excitement, and most certainly that few are not to be found among those who would secede from disappointment or other equally trivial cause.

MUST BE LIVED.

An Extract from the Address of Bro. George S. Hallmark, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Grand Lodge of Florida, 17th January 1888.

THERE is in the latent tendencies of human nature a sort of antagonism of moral forces, perpetually operating in the empire of man's intellectual and spiritual being—so as to evolve from the elements of his character either a very high state of social culture, or a very low condition of enlightened intercourse with his fellow men.

The emphasis of this antagonism lies between two divergent points; one is an innate predisposition of the mind toward the cultivation of a genuine philanthropy—a broad, humanitarian impulse of kindness and sympathy for his race; the other a perverted sentiment of selfishness, uncharitableness and suspicion towards his fellow creatures, which often has a tendency to undermine and stifle the better impulses of his nature. Some years of patient reflection have gone far to convince me that humanity is not the abandoned, heartless and unfeeling mass of selfishness that a superficial view of the subject might at first indicate. It is not so much an innate *feeling of* misanthropy or antagonism toward his fellow beings that prompts a man to seem hard and cold, and often cruel to others, as a feeling of suspicion and mistrust engendered by his observations and experience of human nature, of the insincerity and treachery of others toward himself. Unkindness and animosity, in other words, are not so much the outgrowth of a malicious and evil instinct in our nature as of a morbid sentiment springing from our own perverted conceptions of human character. It is a fundamental law of our nature that our strongest social affinities are dependent upon mutual sympathy and mutual confidence.

The Divine admonition that we are to love our enemies and to do good to those who have done evil to us, is so noble and God-like that it almost transcends human conception, much more human practice. But we can comprehend the natural attraction which draws us toward those who manifest sentiments of kindness and confidence towards us. It is not in man to hate his fellow man without a cause or to wrong him without a motive. On the contrary, much of the happiness of life grows out of the exercise of his benevolent affections, both in the giving and receiving of the tokens of human kindness. The principle is, that in proportion to the good I do to others it will be repaid to me, at least in the gratitude and appreciation of my fellow man; and that to the extent the opposite sentiment prevails there will arise in my heart a feeling of indifference and hardness towards those with whom we are brought in contact. Love begets love; sympathy begets sympathy; kindness begets kindness; and through the whole empire of man's moral affections this great law of mutual will and reciprocal fellowship holds universal sway and dominion.

In the perpetuation of these truths and the development of these principles Masonry finds the centre and basis of its operations. Taking for granted all the good that is in man, all the noble impulses toward his fellow man, it seeks to call into exercise these higher sentiments of his nature by assigning them a sphere of action in harmony with his existing social relations. It assumes that men were made to love, and not to hate one another;

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and that "bread cast upon the waters" will come back to us in a rich profusion of blessings—"thirty-six and a hundred fold." The burden of its inspiration is vocal with the jubilant strain: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. As the dew of Hermon and the dews that descend upon the mountain of Zion; for there the Lord commanded His blessing, even life for evermore." Thus it is in organic unity, where "brethren dwell together," that the baptismal blessing descends to gladden the desert places of earth.

The question now comes up, How does Masonry propose to apply the principles of her Craft so as to accomplish the results contemplated in her organisations? There are two things that must enter as necessary factors into the system of moral and social development in the character of man.

The first is a proper and available method of instruction in the grand truths it teaches. Masonry was originally an operative art. In the course of ages it became a speculative science. As an operative art it had innumerable implements with which to work out its designs. Each implement had its specific use. When it became a speculative science every one of these implements was transformed into a moral instructor, and became an impressive emblem of some distinguished Masonic virtue. Thus the square and compass taught rectitude and circumspection; the plumb line and level taught uprightness and equality of condition before God; the lambskin apron taught purity of character; the ashlar and gavel told of culture and improvement; the trowel was a beautiful reminder of brotherly love; and everything around bore the symbolic impress of some lesson of culture and progress in the divine art of upright living. And thus, in its Masonic significance, everything has a meaning. All signs, ceremonies, ornaments, implements, lights, furniture—all spoke a symbolic language; all were vocal with the sublime teachings of a typical morality, ever present, ever impressing the mind with their significant instructions. Indeed, when a man enters the threshold of Masonry, he enters a grand mystic and symbolic temple, where every pillar and column, every angle and arch, where dome and canopy, wall, floor with blazing star and mosaic pavement, where portal and guardian, ladder and canopy, altar and incense, are all vocal with the melody of Divine truth, and all watched over by a hallowed Divine Presence.

In every degree, in every measure of advancement; in every step of progress, the intelligent Mason is perpetually environed with the ever increasing light of accumulating intelligence in things good and true until he goes to take his place in that living temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And now, brethren, from such a temple as this; with such influences and surroundings; with such methods of instruction and moral training, what kind of worshippers ought we to expect as its representative votaries? Are the profane and vile the drunkards and gamblers, the swearers and Sabbath-breakers, and swindlers and mockers of God, the slanderers and liars and debauchers of this world—are these to go forth as the exponents and representatives of the high and noble teachings of such an Institution? No, my brethren! Let our sacred portals be closely tyled and for ever guarded against the wicked and profane, and the reproach of our dishonoured name be snatched from the dust whither these unworthy representatives have too often consigned it. What, indeed, is Masonry but a sounding brass and a hollow ghastly mockery, unless its principles are lived out, not in the empty delusions of signs and ceremonial and ritual, but in the sublime reality of a good and true life?

The second condition of moral and social development in a true Masonic life is the establishment of a common bond of unity, a great centre of attraction around which may gather the highest motives and the truest inspirations of all hearts. It has already been stated that the natural tendency of man's true nature is to love and do good to his fellow man, when unperverted by prejudice or mistrust, or unbiassed by the dictates of his own selfishness. Suppose, now, that there could be established between Masons an understanding that each brother of the Order shall become the guardian and keeper of the other's happiness and well-being, to contribute to his necessities, to relieve his wants in hours of distress, to lift the burden of suffering and sorrow from his life in the days of adversity, to pour into his heart the wine and oil of a true brotherly kindness; and suppose this bond of charity be mutual, how grand and noble it would be in the sphere of its operations! What a precious boon to feel that all the good, all the kindness we show to our brethren will come back to us freighted with blessings and sympathy in the time of need. And this is what Masonry proposes to do. It seeks to draw men's hearts together, and to bind them under the sanction of the most solemn of human obligations to the exercise of this beneficence.

Nay, more. It so binds the hearts of all genuine Masons that the reputation, the character, the safety and protection, the honour and well-being of a brother and of his family are under the special guardianship of the entire Fraternity, ever reciprocal from one another.

Nay, more than all: It is a truth I would emphasize with all the powers of my soul, a truth too often forgotten, that as we advance onward and upward in the increasing light and knowledge of attainment of our sublime Order we are solemnly bound to a higher fidelity in these indissoluble and ever-increasing obligations. So that having obtained the exalted position which we occupy, as the representatives of the highest branch of ancient Masonry, we are bound to recognise, also, that we are to be exemplars and exponents of a higher morality, and a nobler, purer manhood. How beautiful is the mystic tie that thus binds men's hearts together, the golden chain that unites them through all the vicissitudes of life, till the broken column attests the work of the destroyer, and the acacia lies green and fresh upon the grave of a loved brother whose memory is enshrined in our warmest affection.

Thus, brethren, we present you to day a brief outline of the principles of our ancient Order. It is no creed, no dogma of faith, no ritual of empty forms. It simply accepts God as the Infinite Father, and his Divine Word as the revelation of truth and the rule of life. Freemasonry is not religion. Like the hospice of St. Bernard on the Alps, it stands a sort of half-way house between earth and heaven, and offers protection and shelter to the weary travellers, struggling up from beneath and perishing in the storm. Ancient, mysterious and impenetrable in its antiquity, it stands in the silent grandeur of its origin, with its base upon the plains of earth, like the Pyramids of Egypt, and its summits pointing to the skies. No page of history has ever recorded its progress; no voice of earthly wisdom has ever broken the seal of solemn silence that has overshadowed the beginning of its years. And thus it shall ever stand, a monument of moral grandeur amid the ages. It has fought no battles, subverted no kingdoms, overthrown no dynasties, taken part in no revolutions, stained no pages of history with the records of crime and blood, but calmly, silently, nobly, it has held its way, leaving the impress of its footsteps upon every scene in every land whither it has gone.—*Voice of Masonry.*

TEMPLARISM IS MASONRY.

IT is this, or it is nothing. It is Masonry, because it was begotten of and born in lawful Masonic wedlock. The first record known or read of, to or by the historian of Masonry or Templary, shows that it had its birth in a Chapter (of what, Royal Arch Masons) working as did Chapters at that date, 1769, and for many years thereafter under Lodge Warrants. Later, Encampments, as Commanderies were called until 1856, also worked under Lodge Charters. We have the best circumstantial evidence to show that St. Andrew's Chapter—not called, however, a Chapter till fifteen years later—working under a Charter to St. Andrew's Lodge, at Boston, Mass.—received the Templar Order from an Irish Military Lodge, stationed for the time being (1769) in Boston. This same Lodge, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, later, in retiring from America, introduced the Order of the Temple into Scotland.

Now, well-informed readers know that the Royal Arch—called in those days, and still in Pennsylvania, the Holy Royal Arch—was *first* heard of about 1740 and conferred in Ireland in Lodges. Later and prior to 1750, it was adopted as the fourth degree by the Grand Lodge at York, and upon the union of that Grand Lodge with the old Grand Lodge of England in 1813, the Royal Arch degree, was recognised as a Masonic degree. The Royal Arch degree, as also the Order of the Temple, is recognised as *Masonic* degrees by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and

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while not officially recognised as such by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, the Order is by both permitted to be worked, and so pre-eminently and tacitly recognised as much of a Masonic degee as is that of the Holy Royal Arch. Both have a common parentage, a common origin, and both have been engrafted on, or rather, as the horticulturists would say, budded into the system of Ancient Craft Masonry. Every action in all modern Masonic history of Grand Bodies which goes to make the Royal Arch degree a part of Freemasonry—not, of course, Ancient *Craft* Masonry—can find a full and complete counterpart in such legislation touching the Order of the Temple save and alone the act of the Union of the Grand Lodges of England in 1813.

Not one of all the fifty-five American Lodges makes a particle of difference in their Masonic and constitutional acts between Chapters and Commanderies. Both alike have the same recognition—same in laws, same in edicts, and all by their every-day procedure in life. If the Commandery is not a Masonic body, then the Chapter is not; and, so far, no one has been found foolhardy enough to assert the latter. And no one well read in the history of Masonry in Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies can successfully deny our proposition that Templary is Masonry. Several of our Grand Lodges have constitutional enactments forbidding the use of their Lodge halls by any other than Masonic bodies, and such are in all cases occupied by Chapters and *Commanderies*, which proves that such Grand Lodges recognise Templary as Masonry, and the united wisdom of such a Grand Body of Master Masons is surely worth more than the *ipse dixit* of a single Mason, even though he be for the time being an editor of a Masonic Journal. Knowledge of Masonry, its history, its laws and usages, comes only by reading and study, and not by election either to an office in a Grand Body, however grand, or by self-appointment as an editor. For years we were of the same belief as some who now controvert our position; but two or three years of study and laborious research among the records of the old and the new National and State Grand Bodies, as well as all accessible information from abroad, has convinced us that *now* we "know whereof we affirm."—*Freemason's Repository.*

MASONRY—PROBATIONARY, PROGRESSIVE, AND INSTRUCTIVE.

WHY probationary? First, to afford the Fraternity an opportunity to satisfy themselves of the fitness and worth of the applicant, not only for admission, but also for advancement. Second, to afford the applicant an opportunity to inquire into, and learn something of (so far as he has advanced) the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, and thereby satisfy himself whether he desires any further advancement. This inquiry ought to be enforced in every degree in Freemasonry, yet we fear that too often this inquiry is neglected, and sometimes entirely ignored, and applicants for advancement are rushed through with lightning speed (so far as regulations will permit) from an Entered Apprentice Mason to so-called "high degree" members, without knowing anything of the why and wherefore of what they have received and passed through, or being able to give a correct answer, or any intelligent information, in reference to any degree they have had conferred on them. Indeed, should they ever desire to make a fraternal visit, they could not do so, unless some Brother were present to vouch for them. This is not progression, this is not Masonry, and we are very happy to know that there are many exceptions to this deplorable condition of facts.

Masons, to be progressive and intelligent, must not only stand in the old ways to inquire for the good and right paths, but they must also read, study and think. This, we fear, too many fail to do, they having the impression that all it is necessary for them to do is, to learn (parrot-like) to repeat the work of the Lodge, never thinking of the necessity to prepare themselves for any emergency that may arise; consequently they are unprepared for anything but the regular work of the Lodge, and should any special occasion arise, or special duties be required of them, they are unprepared to meet them, and in their actions and decisions frequently make mistakes. Hence there are so many reversals of the action of Lodges by the Grand Lodge.

We say, Masons should read, study, think. It is not sufficient when they enter the Fraternity to have a copy of the By-laws of the Lodge presented to them, to carry home, and lay away as a memento; they ought to read it and make themselves familiar with its requirements. Every Mason should own a copy of the Ahiman Rezon, and not only own it, but should carefully read and study it, that they may know and understand the laws under which they live, and by which they must be guided, controlled and work.

We have heard the remark, "I do not have to read Masonic papers to learn Masonry." This is true, for there is much to learn in Masonry which can never be learned from books or papers. Nevertheless, while Masons must learn Masonry in the only way it can be learned, and should read and be familiar with the By-laws of the Lodge, and the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, they must, if they would be progressive and intelligent Masons, read and study Masonic history, Masonic biography, Masonic newspapers and periodicals, from which they may acquire valuable and important information concerning the Fraternity, in the past, the present, and from all jurisdictions throughout the world. Then, too, every Mason should own and study a good Masonic Encyclopedia, and also some reliable work on Masonic Jurisprudence, when we should not hear so much of "parliamentary law" in Masonry. Then Masters would be prepared not only to perform the work of the Lodge well, but also have the business of the Lodge done in accordance with Masonic usage and custom, and the Lodge governed with justice and equity. This last observation covers a broad field. It does not only mean to preside over the Lodge while it is opened, but also while it is closed. It is not merely to preside over those who are present, but also those who are absent. It does not mean only to look after those who attend the Lodge, but especially to look after and care for the sick, to seek out and assist the destitute and needy, and to seek and follow after the wayward and erring, so as to reprove, counsel and admonish them. We make these remarks not for the purpose of censuring any one, nor to unduly elevate the standard of Masonry, but in the hope that Masons will be incited to measure up to the high standard that Freemasonry has set up, to seek after the beauties and moral virtues in Masonry, and to know, understand and faithfully fulfil the threefold obligations Freemasonry imposes on them.—*Keystone.*

THE SWANSEA FREEMASONS AND THE JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the Cardiff Daily News.

Sir,—In one of your issues of last week you published a letter, signed "A Freemason," who takes upon himself to deny *in toto* the intention of the Swansea Freemasons to do honour (at one time) to her Majesty in the way suggested by a correspondent in a contemporary. Allow me, as another Freemason, to correct and, at the same time, inform "A Freemason" that he must have been asleep, or on the Continent, when the question of erecting the proposed monument was first suggested. I may also tell him that not only was it suggested, but unanimously carried, at the jubilee committee (of which there were several) that the magnanimous offer of Bro. Burr be graciously accepted. Your correspondent may be surprised to know that each subsequent committee was presided over by the Worshipful Masters of the three Lodges in the town, and were strongly supported by their Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of their respective Lodges. I may also inform him that the offer of supplying the black marble column by Bro Burr to the Swansea Freemasons was made through Bro. Robert Capper, the then Worshipful Master of the Talbot Lodge, and further, it was decided to mount the column when ready on a massive granite base, to which a brass plate was to be attached, bearing a suitable inscription referring to the illustrious event which it was to commemorate. I may still further enlighten your correspondent that at one of the committee meetings Bro. T. P. Martin, architect, submitted a very beautifully executed coloured sketch of the intended monument, standing in a park. This sketch was much admired by the majority of the brethren, but it was not pressed by Bro. Martin, as there was another brother architect present and on the committee who did not appear to favour its appearance, and it was withdrawn; and finally the committee decided that a certain number should wait upon the Mayor and Corporation with a view to select a suitable site for the column, but whether they did so I cannot say, but this I will, that everything else proceeded in apple-pie order, even as to the question of cost, estimated at £100 to £150. Therefore it has been a matter of surprise and wonder to the Craft and public of Swansea that steps have not been taken long ere this to ascertain the cause of delay. Perhaps Bro. Robert Capper (who knew the whereabouts of the column at that time) or the present W.M. of the Talbot Lodge will enlighten the darkness of many besides

A Swansea Freemason.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 3rd inst., the Grand Master Mason Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., on the throne. Bro. Villiers, of Closeburn, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfries, acted as Depute Grand Master, Lord Saltoun as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan as Junior Grand Warden. Among others present were—

Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Treasurer, Rev. R. Henderson Grand Chaplain, George Fisher acting Senior Grand Deacon, James Drummond W.S. acting Junior Grand Deacon, Major F. W. Allan Past and acting Grand Bible Bearer, George Dobie Grand Bard, Provost Brand Grand Director of Ceremonies, James Crichton Grand Sword Bearer, H. J. Blanc Grand Architect, R. Davidson Grand Organist, Colin Gellatley Grand Inner Guard, John Grahame, of Broadstone, Proxy Prov. Grand Master of Bermuda; Dr. James Middleton Prov. Grand Master of Roxburgh and Selkirk shires; Brother Brodie Past Grand Master of New York, James Caldwell Past Grand Deacon, David Hume Past Grand Bible Bearer, W. Officer Past Grand Deacon, H. G. D. Copland Past Grand Sword Bearer. Apologies for absence were intimated from, amongst others, Professor Story Grand Chaplain, Colonel J. Clark Forrest Past Grand Master of Mid-Lanark, J. T. S. Elliot Senior Grand Warden, Lieut. Colonel John Campbell Junior Grand Deacon.

It was reported that the income of Grand Lodge for the first six months of this year amounted to £2894, and for the first six months of last year to £2879, being for this year an excess of £15. For last quarter the income had been £1129, and the expenditure £606, showing an excess of income to the amount of £523. During the same period £105 had been voted from the fund of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence, as grants to distressed Freemasons or the widows of Masons. A report was submitted from the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, Bro. Sir William Pearce, Bart., M.P., stating that in May the annual visitation of the 33 Lodges in his Province had been completed, and that the Lodges on the whole had been found to be in a healthy and satisfactory condition, the number of *entrants during* the year having been 590. On the unanimous recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, Grand Lodge appointed Bro. James Berry, Provincial Grand Master-Depute, to the office of Provincial Grand Master, in room of Bro. the Hon. Frank Lyon, resigned. The sub-committee appointed to visit Aberdeen City Province, and to exercise therein all the powers of Grand Lodge, gave in a report of their proceedings. They had held sittings in Aberdeen during four days, and had several conferences with the committee of Masters of the Lodges, which by direction of Grand Lodge had been formed to manage the financial affairs both of the Provincial Grand Lodge and its benevolent fund. As a result, they had a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer; and they stated their reasons for expelling a member from the Order, and said there was reason to believe that their action would tend to a speedy restoration of harmony in the Province. Approved. It was reported by Bro. John M. Martin, of Auchendennan, Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, that a most satisfactory visitation of the twelve Lodges of the Province had been made by visiting deputations from the Provincial Grand Lodge. All the Lodges had been found to be in a vigorous condition, working not only in accordance with the laws and constitution, but in such an intelligent and correct manner as reflected credit on the Craft and the Province. In nearly all there was a gratifying accession to membership. Bro. Fred. E. Villiers, of Closeburn, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, reported as follows on his Province:—

"I have great pleasure in stating for the information of Grand Lodge that I have every reason to feel quite satisfied with the work which is going on in my Province. I observe with satisfaction the introduction by some Lodges of a regular system of instruction for junior members of the Craft. Another distinctive feature of progress in a healthy direction is the more frequent discussions that have taken place with regard to the raising and administration of benevolent funds, with a view to increase them and make them of a more extended use. These things all point to life and energy in the Province over which I have the honour to preside."

A petition was submitted for a charter for a new Lodge to be erected in Edinburgh. The petitioners stated that they were "desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this part of the country, especially among p'ofessions of the various forms of art, viz., the drama, painting, sculpture, music, literature, architecture, and kindred professions, having the assurance that a Lodge specially identified with art and artists would result in a large and worthy accession to the Brotherhood." When the petition was before Grand Committee a petition, signed by eleven Masters of Edinburgh and Leith Lodges, was presented to have it refused, but that was negatived by 11 to 5. Grand Lodge unanimously, on the motion of the Grand Master, granted the charter. It was reported by Grand Committee that they had remitted to the Hall Committee to arrange for making the library available to the members of Grand Lodge. This is to be done by utilising the presses in the room next the board-room, and having the room to be known as the library comfortably and suitably fitted up for the purpose, and for the convenience of members of Grand Lodge and the various committees coming from a distance. The catalogue is meantime not to be printed. This was approved of by Grand Lodge. Bro. Villiers proposed that on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty to the Glasgow Exhibition a humble address should be presented by Grand Lodge as a token of the loyalty and respect of the Masonic body, and as honouring the Grand Master with Her Majesty's presence at Blythswood. In the event of Her Majesty granting permission, he proposed that the address should be presented by a small deputation to be nominated by the Grand Master. This was seconded by Bro. Graham, of Broadstone, and unanimously carried, and it was remitted to Grand Secretary, under the directions of the Grand Master, to prepare the address. This concluded the business.

FREEMASONS IN COUNCIL.

THE most important function of the week in this city has undoubtedly been the convention of the Masonic Grand Lodge, at the Opera House, as it is only giving their just due to the gentlemen so assembled to say that a more socially representative and influential gathering has never taken place in Toronto. Leaving out of consideration the halo of "mystery" which all the world over surrounds the Brotherhood, the effect of the institution of Freemasonry on the manners and morals of society is a subject of sufficient interest for comment. For a long time, and even now in some quarters, this Brotherhood has been under a ban as a secret society; and a secret society it certainly is, being about the only one in the world to which the appellation can rightly belong. The "secrets" of the various orders of the Illuminati, the German Tugendbund, the Greek Hetaria, and the famous Italian Carbonari are quite the common property of many who choose to be curious in such matters, but the Masonic "ritual" has never yet been "written, printed, or engraved," nor has Masonic "work" every been publicly described. It has often been attempted with about as much fidelity and success as a grotesquely course and indecent book issued some years ago in Paris, called the "Comic Bible," bore to the Holy Volume of the Sacred Law. This of course appears very curious of an association that numbers its members by many millions among all sorts and conditions of men in every part of the world. And yet it is strictly true, and to the initiated palpably and unmistakably true, and simple enough. Not least curious, too, is the rapid advance the Order has made everywhere during the last half-century. Many of the statesmen and soldiers of all the leading countries of the world are members of the Craft; it embraces the large majority of men whose names are prominent in science and literature; while there are few commanders of vessels in the English or American Navy or Marine who are not Free and Accepted Masons, and to whom the "Masonic Signals at Sea" are in certain circumstances of more use than the compass. Such a body must of necessity wield immense power, and yet it is in no sense a benefit society in the ordinary meaning of the phrase, while to show that its charity is open-handed enough, one instance may be given:—The other day, in London, the annual *fête* of the Masonic School for Girls was held, and at the close the subscription list showed over a quarter of a million dollars. This is one instance, and a very significant one. Yet, while it is quite to say true that among Masons their hearts are open as day to tales of honest charity, any one becoming connected with the Craft from sordid motives would very soon and very bitterly realise the fact of how completely he was left. Freemasonry has been well and truthfully described as a perfect system of morality expressed by symbols and veiled in allegory. To those who are cognisant of this matter the spread of the Brotherhood in any community is a fact of great promise. A good Mason will be in the highest sense a good citizen; and to say that they do not all reach the ideal is merely to admit that they are human. But the ideal is a very nigh one. The Pillars of the Temple have long crumbled to decay, and much of the Hiramic legend may be a myth, but from both has sprung what without the least irreverence may be called a religion at once unsectarian and universal, asking only one acknowledgment of a belief in God; and while inculcating nothing but "brotherly love, relief, and truth," makes every Masonic Lodge throughout the world an altar from which are ever preached the highest doctrines of morality, liberty, and law.—*Toronto Mail.*

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. PANCRAS LODGE, No. 2271.

We do not think any apology is needed in introducing to our readers another Lodge consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry. We are not among those who view with alarm the spread of our peculiar system of morality, and we are quite convinced that Freemasonry cannot be extended without continual additions being made to the roll of Lodges. All that we desire is that a fair amount of inquiry should be instituted ere a Lodge is warranted, and that due regard should be paid to the prayer of the petitioners before any decision is arrived at with respect to an addition to the number of our Masonic homes. But in this connection we cannot excuse the refusal of a warrant applied for by distinguished Craftsmen simply because another Lodge exists at the place proposed for the meetings of the new one, unless it can be shown that the latter is put forward in direct opposition to the Lodge already established. It is well known that Lodges exist in several quarters which are really closed against many who would like to avail themselves of the beauties or the conveniences of a particular habitation, and it seems hardly consistent with our boasted ideas of toleration that the prayer of a petition should be refused simply because a Lodge is already meeting on the spot, without any regard being paid to the different circumstances and conditions under which the two bodies propose to work. On the other hand we are ready to question the policy of extending Lodges indefinitely on the plea of meeting the demands of particular districts in London and other large towns, when experience invariably teaches us that Lodges so warranted retain their local character only in name, and not always to that extent for many months of their career. The St. Pancras Lodge, consecrated on Saturday last, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, is excused by some on the plea that no Lodge is to be found in the district, while there are many Masons and eligible candidates to be found in the immediate neighbourhood. This may be true, and if an apology for the new Lodge is needed, this may be as good as any other would be, but we should like to know what constitutes isolation in this particular respect. If the St. Pancras Lodge fills a void that has hitherto existed we may assume that the King's Cross Lodge has fulfilled its mission—for although its meetings are now held at a distance of about a mile from the "Cross" it is still known by its original designation, and is we imagine still available for the district it was originally intended to accommodate. Would it not be much better to recognise the advent of the St. Pancras Lodge as the natural result of increased Masonic activity among Masons associated with this particular district or as a just response to an offer on the part of the proprietors of the Midland Grand Hotel to accommodate a Masonic Lodge in their splendid building? Be this as it may one thing is certain, the Lodge which was ushered into existence on Saturday appears to be well worthy of a hearty reception, and from our knowledge of the men already associated with it we shall be much surprised if it does not speedily win a name for itself, not on account of the grandeur of its surroundings or any other outward show, but simply by the display of true Masonic spirit and that rigid observance of the best tenets of our Mystic Craft which its founders have hitherto evidenced.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was assisted by Bros. H. D. Sandeman Past D.G.M. Bengal as S.W., Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, and J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer as D.C., while among those present were:—Bros. Edward Letchworth P.G.D., Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., D. P. Cama P.G. Treas., F. A. Philbrick G. Reg., S. Greene P.P.S.G.D. Gloucester, J. W. Smith P.M. 1744, J. K. R. Cama W.M. 2202, Jas. Irvine S.W. 862, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1732, W. De L. Walters P.M. 727, A. Laurence Fryer 1624, T. W. Hanson 2185, John Read W.M. 2105, G. Stanley Smith 1929, W. Sexton 1321, W. Jaques W.M. 1744, F. Marx P.M. 957, W. Hewett J.W. 959, Frank C. Joseph I.G. 2048, Horace White W.M. 10, H. Hollands J.W. 1744, Arthur Scurrah Sec. 2206, Robt. W. Mofferey W.M. 957, H. Sadler G. Tyler, W. Goodchild P.M., Hy. Munday 569, J. F. Wright 142, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Dickey I.P.M. 1744, and E. C. Massey. In the course of the ceremony the acting Chaplain delivered the following Oration:—

In the busy race of life there is, unfortunately, so much which is ever coming between us and our fellow men that anything which does good work in softening down the many points on which we differ must be hailed as a factor for usefulness. It is, therefore, that we bid a welcome to the St. Pancras Lodge. Yes, brethren, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that self interest and party feeling are in these days stronger, perhaps, than they ever were before. How bitterly, how uncourteously, do we treat the man who differs from us in politics or religion. How incapable we seem to be of giving credit to our opponents for any honesty of purpose or any uprightness in action. We single out greedily isolated deeds and words. We clothe them with our own interpretations, and deduce from them results wholly unfair and untrue. The power of judgment which was given us to use upon our own shortcomings is diverted from its proper use and applied to functions it is quite incapable of discharging. How eloquently even the dullest amongst us gives sentence upon a brother's life. It has been well said that an evil, uncharitable speaker hurts three persons. First, the one he attacks; secondly, the one to whom he speaks; thirdly, and most of all, himself. He hurts the object of his attack, because if you throw mud some is sure to stick. He hurts the listener because he sets him an evil example, which he will probably follow; and he hurts himself because he injures that grace of Charity in his soul which is a tender plant and cannot bear rough usage. The key which lies and does not hang will never open truly our mysteries. The tongue of every Freemason should hang in a brother's defence and never lie to his prejudice. If it cannot speak well of him in his absence as in his presence it should adopt that excellent virtue of the Craft,—silence. So, my brethren, I come back to my point, we welcome your Lodge because we believe that it will open its doors to men who, in business, in politics, in religion, do not see or feel alike, and will teach all the duty of seeking that which is fair and not that which is foul in his brother's life. The true Mason is not a collector of filth and garbage. There are plenty without us to do that unsavoury work. We seek rather the fair flowers which are from God in every life. Our object is to develop them. Meet any one in this spirit and you strengthen within him all that is good and noble. He feels and realises that you want to see the best and not the worse side of his character, and he will show you the best side. Oh, how many a life which might be useful is by us spent idly. How many a faculty which might be employed for man's good and God's glory is being wasted, simply for want of sympathy. If our Craft, without pretending to those higher duties which must remain with religion, and with religion alone, accepts the great, the unostentatious work of cultivating brotherly love and mutual forbearance, it will have discharged an office most needful in the present time, and be one of the many instruments which the G.A.O.T.U. condescends to use for the perfecting of His creatures, and fashioning them in His likeness.

Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W. was installed as the first Worshipful Master, and he appointed and invested the following as his assistant Officers:—Bros. John Powdrell, M.D., 1744 S.W., H. R. Graham J.W., W. A. Scurrah P.P.S. of W. Middlesex Secretary, R. G. Webster Treasurer, H. Longman S.D., W. T. Perry J.D., R. S. Chatty I.G., and Whiting Tyler. On motion duly proposed and seconded, the founders of the Lodge were constituted a Committee to draw up the bye-laws. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler then rose and proposed that the heartiest thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had attended to consecrate the Lodge, for the admirable way in which he had discharged that duty. They must all feel it a great advantage to a Lodge to be constituted by such a brother, who was a great authority on Masonry, and they would gratefully thank him for being there. Further, he would propose, that Col. Clerke be elected an honorary member. This proposition was carried unanimously; and the Grand Secretary was presented with a jewel, to remind him of the day on which he consecrated the Lodge. Bro. Col. Clerke said he would lose no time in thanking the Master and Brethren for the double honour they had conferred upon him. It was moved by Bro. Webster and seconded by the J.W., that the hearty thanks of the Lodge be given to the other Grand Officers who had attended to assist, and that these brethren also should be elected honorary members of the Lodge, namely, Bros. Sandeman, Capt. N. G. Philips, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. H. Matthews, and E. Letchworth. This compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Sandeman. Several members were proposed as candidates for joining and initiation, and their names having been handed in to the Secretary, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, when the customary toasts were fully honoured.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should be glad if you will allow me to state—as some misconception has arisen from the announcements of Bro. G. Kenning and myself with regard to a forthcoming manual under the above title, appearing in juxtaposition in the *Freemason* of last week—that the two works will be distinct and separate publications.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

9th August 1888.

BROTHER W. J. HUGHAN'S LECTURE ON "THE RISE OF MASONIC DEGREES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On page 45, second column, of your issue for the 21st ult., the word "there" in tenth line from top should be "three."

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INTERESTING MASONIC GATHERINGS IN YORKSHIRE.

THE Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. of England, of Carleton Grange, is, with his usual generosity, entertaining a number of the members of the teaching staff of the Masonic School for Girls at his Yorkshire seat, and during their visit, which is to extend over a week, arrangements have been made for visits to be paid to some of the principal beauty spots of the Shire of Broadacres. The visitors are Miss Davis, Miss Buck, Miss Kernot, Miss Redgrave, Miss Bamblow and Miss Flintoft, and they reached the hospitable mansion of their generous entertainer on the 26th ult.

On Friday it was arranged that the opening visit should be paid to Leeds, and the services of the Leeds brethren were readily enlisted in the attempt to make the stay of the ladies a happy one. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was in charge, owing to the unavoidable but regrettable absence of Bro. and Mrs. Tew. He was assisted by Bro. Herbert Green, Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. Smithson, Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province, to whom in no small measure is due the success of the visit, for he made all the arrangements, and was unremitting in his attention to the ladies. Amongst the brethren and ladies included in the invitation were Dr. Smyth Provincial Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. Tudor Trevor Worshipful Master 2069, Bro. A. W. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Smithson, Dr. Spark the Leeds Borough Organist, Dr. and Mrs. Dobson, Bro. and Mrs. Crowe, Bro. and Mrs. Fourness, Bro. and Miss Bedford, Ald. Fox (Mayor of Dewsbury), Bro. and Mrs. Watson, Bro. and Mrs. Fretwell, Bro. Craig, Bro. C. L. Mason and many others. There was a reception at the Masonic Hall, followed by a luncheon. After the meal, carriages had, through Bro. Smithson's foresight, been engaged to be at the door, and the party was soon *en route* for Kirkstall Abbey. This magnificent and picturesque ruin, which dates from King Stephen's time, was thoroughly inspected. A move was then made to Adel Church, the route being through some of the prettiest scenery around Leeds. Here some time was spent in examining the ancient edifice. Then, at the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Smyth, a short stay was made at St. Chad's Church, Far Headingley, of which he is Vicar. Having duly admired this beautiful building, a visit was paid to the Vicarage, where the genial Doctor dispensed hospitality with heartiness and grace. The carriages afterwards conveyed the visitors to the Leeds Town Hall, every part of which was inspected. Dr. Spark, Past Prov. G. Org., then led the way to the Grand Hall, and gave a short but most enjoyable recital on the organ over which he presides, and which is admitted to be one of the finest in the world. The pieces included an extempore introduction and Legfebahr-Wély's *Fantasia Pastorale*. In this he introduced a storm, the singing of birds, and a prayer after the storm. He afterwards played Mendelssohn's *Andante Violin Concerto*, which showed to perfection the beautiful and expressive stops of the instrument. He wound up with a few Masonic airs and the National Anthem. This musical treat, it is needless to say, was heartily enjoyed, and the Doctor was accorded the heartiest thanks of the party for his kindness. By this time tea was ready, so an adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, were Bro. Tew's hospitality was again enjoyed. After tea Dr. Spark and several of the lady visitors delighted the hearers with music, and Bro. Williamson also sang. It was now time to say good bye, and a move was made to the station, amid the best wishes of the Leeds Brethren. The visitors enjoyed a thoroughly happy day, and indeed all joined in hearty thanks to Bro. Tew, who in this matter has taken a new departure, which must commend itself to our readers.

On Saturday York was visited, on Monday Bolton Woods, on Tuesday there was a garden party at Carleton Grange, and on Wednesday Studley Royal and Fountain Abbey were inspected.

The visit throughout has been a perfect success, and Bro. Tew's hospitality has been unbounded and shared in by the brethren of his province very largely.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, Vice Patron and Trustee, P.G.S.B. presided; there were also present Bros. S. Richardson, C. H. Webb, E. M. Money, A. H. Tattershall, W. Maple, Raynham W. Stewart, C. F. Hogard, A. Williams, Richard Eve, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., James Stevens, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., A. E. Gladwell, J. C. Parkinson, W. H. Saunders, Joseph Rayner, Harry Webb, W. Paas and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly General Court on the 27th ult. having been read for information, the Report of the Audit Committee was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. One petition was accepted, and the name ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in April 1889, and a grant towards outfit was made in the case of an ex-pupil. Satisfactory explanations having been offered respecting the circumstances of the mother of a lad who was elected into the School in October 1887, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was unanimously passed. This closed the proceedings.

Obituary.

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BRO. RICHARD WILTSHIRE P.M. 704.

THE mortal remains of Bro. Richard Wiltshire, late Chairman of the Islington Board of Guardians, were interred at Finchley Cemetery on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2nd inst. The service was performed by the Rev. W. Nelson Winn, incumbent of the Chapel-of-Ease. Shortly before this, the children from the Workhouse Schools in Hornsey-road arrived, and were accommodated with seats in the gallery. They were under the charge of Mr. Langford, the superintendent of the schools. A hymn having been sung by the school children, the service was proceeded with. This was followed by an eloquent and impressive address, delivered by Rev. W. N. Winn. The floral tokens of love and esteem were both numerous and handsome. Prominent amongst them was a magnificent wreath of flowers from the members of the Islington Board of Guardians. In addition to the floral offerings of the widow and nieces of the deceased, wreaths were contributed by other relatives and private friends, from the inmates of the Workhouse Schools, and Bro. G. S. Elliott P.M. on behalf of the House Committee, St. John's Road, and Brother Friend P.M. on behalf of the School Committee. The funeral procession was preceded by the children from the parish schools and their band, and a number of girls were driven to Finchley in a private omnibus, while the band boys were conveyed in a brake. At the conclusion of the service, the school children sang the hymn beginning "Jesus lives; no longer now can thy terrors, Death, appal us." The brethren then filed past the grave, each dropping on to the coffin a sprig of acacia. The brick grave, which is situated close to that of the late vicar of Islington, the Rev. Daniel Wilson, was lined with evergreens. The remains were committed to their last resting place amid genuine and heartfelt manifestations of grief, the universal feeling being that the parish had lost in Richard Wiltshire one of its most able and valued representatives.

BRO. W. P. NOLAN.

THE funeral of Bro. Wm. P. Nolan, who died on the 30th ult., at Fisherwick House, Newcastle, County Down, took place on the 1st inst. At ten o'clock the remains were removed from the late residence of the deceased, 8 Conlon street, Old Lodge-road, to the Borough Cemetery, where they were interred. There was a large turn-out of the Masonic Fraternity. The members of Donegore True Blues Lodge, No. 92, and other brethren attended the funeral of the late Worshipful Master in large numbers, and the Companions of Chapter 97 were also present. There was a long line of vehicles.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. J. A. Farnfield, H. Maudslay, A. H. Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, W. B. Daniell, E. West, Joseph Freeman, C. H. Driver, W. Hilton, B. E. Blasby, L. G. Gordon Robbins, J. E. Dawson, Thomas Cubitt, W. Belchamber, E. M. Money, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, W. H. Perryman, Hugh Cotter, Charles Kempton, and John Mason (acting Secretary). The minutes of last meeting were verified, and the acting Secretary reported the death of two Annuitants (one male and one widow). The Warden's Report for the past month was read. A vote of thanks to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for their customary gifts of tea and tobacco to the old folks at Croydon, was unanimously passed. Three petitions (one male and two widows) were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list for the election in May 1889. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Hitchin, when there were present Comps. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent, J. E. Dawson, J. Shilcock, G. E. Lake, T. S. Carter, J. Brittain, J. Hunt, W. N. Hopkin, and M. Slaughter. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, after which Comp. T. S. Carter proposed, and Comp. Keyser seconded, the re-election of Companion Sumner Knyvett as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously. The Provincial Grand Officers were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was recently held at the Masonic Rooms, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, to instal the Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. W. J. C. Hannaford Z. and James Hoyton H. The installing Officer was Comp. J. W. Cornish, assisted by a Board of installed Principals. The Officers were invested as follows:—Comps. Goodyear I.P.Z., Hifley Scribe E., Stanlake Scribe N., Kitson Principal Sojourner, Gale 1st A.S., Jermyn 2nd A.S., Browning Treasurer, Lillicrap Registrar, Bell Standard Bearer, Toser D.C., and Main Janitor. The Treasurer's accounts being duly audited, showed an increased balance in favour of the Lodge. Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Past Provincial Third Grand Principal presented to the Chapter a pair of miniature hand-painted R.A. tracing boards framed. The inscription on the panels ran:—

"Presented to Chapter Concord, No. 223, H.R.A., attached to Lodge Charity, No. 223, Plymouth, by the ex-Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 494, and 2025 honorary) P.P.G.P.S. and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal of Devonshire. July 31st 1888."

It was proposed by Comp. J. W. Cornish, seconded by Comp. W. J. C. Hannaford, and supported by Comp. W. Browning, that the thanks of the Chapter be given to Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon for his handsome present.

ELLIOTT CHAPTER, No. 1205.

THIS Chapter held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to instal the Principals and other business. The 1st Principal elect, Comp. G. Wilson, was unable to be present, being in London. Comp. W. H. Lister was installed as H., and Comp. R. Dickson as J. The installing officer was Comp. James Gidley P.Z. 1205, 2025, assisted by Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The Officers invested were Comps. D. Cross Treas., James Gidley S.E., Powell S.N., Jacobs P.Soj., Gurney 1st A.Soj., Facey 2nd A.Soj., Gidley Janitor. Prior to installation a candidate was duly exalted to this sublime degree, and Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented two handsome pictures.

ANTRIM CHAPTER, No. 28.

ON Tuesday evening, 24th ult., a meeting of this Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Antrim. After the ordinary business had concluded, an adjournment to the refreshment room was made, where, after supper, an address expressive of the high esteem in which he is held was presented to Comp. Foley P.K., on the occasion of his removal from Antrim to assume the duties of Principal of the Workman Memorial School, Belfast. The usual toasts were given and responded to, Comp. Foley replying with much feeling to the toast of the evening and to the various complimentary references which had been made to him by the several speakers throughout a very pleasant evening.

DYKES CONCLAVE, No. 36.

THE quarterly convocation of this Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine was held at Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th ult. Sir Knight Chas. Cowen M.P.S. presided, supported by Sir Knight Colonel Sewell the Grand Intendant General of the Province, P. de E. Collin P.S., Thos. Mandle P.S., Geo. Dalrymple P.S., W. H. Lewthwaite P.S. Recorder, Thos. Atkinson H.P., R. Walker S.G., J. Paterson J.G., and others. The chief business was the election of officers for the year. Sir Knight J. Mills was elected M.P.S., Thos. Atkinson Viceroy, W. H. Lewthwaite Treas., and Sir Knight J. Hewson Sentinel. The Conclave was closed in due and ancient form.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of this province was held at the Town Hall, Hitchin, on Friday the 27th ult., under the banner of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, to celebrate the Jubilee of that Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presided. Amongst those present were the following:—Bros. J. E. Dawson, G. Mickley, J. Hunt, the Rev. A. Johnson, the Rev. G. Litting, the Rev. W. d'A. Cufton, P. W. Dumville, G. E. Lake, T. S. Carter, W. I. Graves, C. A. Gompertz, D. Schmidt, H. Holmes, W. Lewis, H. A. Hare, C. E. Saunders, J. S. Webb, R. Townsend, T. Wright, and T. Thomas. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called. Bro. T. S. Carter proposed, and Bro. C. E. Keyser seconded the re-election of Bro. Sumner Knyvett as Prov. Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Bro. E. C. Rogers I.P.M. 449 ...	Senior Warden
Mihill Slaughter I.P.M. 404 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Mills Chap. 403 ...	Chaplains
Rev. T. Wilcox S.W. 1479 ...	Chaplains
F. S. Knyvett P.M. 404 (re-elected)	Treasurer
J. L. Wigan W.M. 409 ...	Registrar
G. E. Lake P.M. 404 (re-appointed)	Secretary
S. H. Moore P.M. 2054 ...	Senior Deacon
H. A. Hare S.W. 409	Junior Deacon
T. G. Robinson S.W. 504 ...	Superintendent of Works
J. Terry P.M. 1580 (re-appointed)	Director of Ceremonies
W. Lewis W.M. 1385	Asst. Director of Cers.
P. Sharpe W.M. 869	Sword Bearer
G. Ward Verry P.M. 1580 ...	Standard Bearers
R. Towsend P.M. 1984	Standard Bearers
W. Williams Organist 1580 ...	Organist
H. Holmes 1385	Assistant Secretary
G. Holdsworth W.M. 1327 ...	Pursuivant
J. Mellor W.M. 1757	Assistant Pursuivant
T. Cates S.W. 403	Stewards
P. Franklin S.W. 449	Stewards
J. H. Gilbertson I.G. 449 ...	Stewards
J. Rogers W.M. 1984	Stewards
R. T. Scarr S.W. 2136 ...	Stewards
W. H. Dipstale S.D. 2218 ...	Stewards
T. Wright Tyler 403	Tylers
T. Thomas Tyler 1580 ...	Tylers

The Report of the Board of Finance was adopted. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter, 50 guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on the Provincial Grand Master's list, as Steward. On the motion of Bro. G. E. Lake £10 was voted to the Cecil Lodge, 449, towards the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. R. Shillitoe £10 was voted to the Hitchin Infirmary. On the motion of Bro. G. E. Lake £10 was invested in Consols, and that the Provincial Grand Calendar be continued. The brethren, to the number of 70, afterwards adjourned to the Sun Hotel, and partook of a capital banquet, provided by Mr. Logsden.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, Colchester, on Thursday, the 9th inst. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the province, with several visitors, some of whom represented Lodges abroad and in the Colonies. The Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by the V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Master, and a goodly array of present and past Provincial Grand Officers. After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally constituted the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were saluted, and then Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, which duly received confirmation. Several communications, the majority regretting the inability of their writers attending the meeting, were announced, and then the muster roll of the province was called. All Lodges were represented, while the numerical strength showed there had been considerable additions made during the past year in the number of subscribing members. The General Fund showed a balance in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge of £90 6s 2d, while the Charity Fund also showed there was money in hand, in this case £11 2s 6d standing to the credit side. The Auditors' report was unanimously accepted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The report of the Charity Committee was the next feature of the day's proceedings; here matters did not seem quite so satisfactory. The baneful effects of a somewhat too lax control over those who had undertaken the management of the Elections for the Schools and Benevolent Institution had involved the Province in an indebtedness which caused some anxiety to a section of those present in Provincial Grand Lodge. It appears that the Provincial Grand Lodge Calendar gives it that the Province has a voting strength of something like 3000; now during the past year not more than half this number of votes had been placed at the disposal of the Charity representatives, consequently their calculations had been upset, and they had not been so successful at the Elections as they had been led to suppose might have been the case. On the other hand it was argued that the returns as printed in the Calendar did not accurately state the case, inasmuch as the names of several brethren appeared therein as holding votes which could not with justice be looked upon as attaching to the Province of Essex. However this may be, it seemed the general wish that those who had the conduct of the Elections should exercise the greatest caution in incurring liability as regards the borrowing of votes, a system which at all times engenders anxiety and unpleasantness. With respect to the further publication of the Provincial Calendar, Bro. Ralling stated that a profit had accrued on the last issue, and there was a general impression that the little work would receive still larger support. It was consequently decided that the Calendar Committee should continue their labours. Lord Brooke now addressed the Brethren; he was very pleased at meeting them again at Colchester; he had a very happy recollection of the last occasion they assembled there. It was the day of his installation as Provincial Grand Master, when the Duke of Albany did him the great honour of conducting the proceedings. He could not but look back with a feeling of regret that one so respected and esteemed as the late Duke had not been spared to continue the good works he had so happily inaugurated. In regard to his own Province, he was proud to know Freemasonry was making rapid progress. In 1882, when he was appointed Grand Master, there were nineteen Lodges, with a membership of something like 866; now there were twenty-eight Lodges, with 1265 members. He assured the brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge that he and those who advised him had exercised the strictest caution in looking into applications for new warrants, and that no recommendation would be forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master unless it was clearly shown that the granting of a new warrant would be desirable. As regards the support given by the Province to the Masonic Charities, this was eminently gratifying. He should never forget the way in which the brethren supported him when he presided at the Festival of the Girls' School. Something like £1,000 a year was being subscribed for the Institutions in a general way, but this year that amount had been exceeded, and the total subscribed from the Province reached £1,335. Considering that Essex was essentially an agricultural district, and the heavy depression agriculturalists had to contend against, this was a most satisfactory state of affairs. Amongst new Lodges that had been recently consecrated he should like to mention the Philbrick. It was gratifying to know the brethren desired to commemorate that name, and he trusted it would ever be an honoured one amongst them. One other matter he should like to mention; he had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation that they might that day have been honoured with the company of Prince Albert Victor, but unfortunately the death of the Emperor Frederick had necessitated so many changes in the arrangements of the members of the Royal Family that this promised visit had had to be deferred. With respect to the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, he should like it to take place in his own locality—Dunmow. He had not yet conferred with the members of the Rosslyn Lodge, but he did not anticipate there would be any serious difficulty likely to arise. The next business was the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bro. John Glass proposed and Bro. Salmon seconded Bro. E. J. Acworth, W.M. of the Epping Lodge. Bro. Glass in moving the proposition, urged the custom now adopted at the Grand Lodge, that a fresh Treasurer should be elected each year; by this means honour could be conferred on many deserving brethren who might not otherwise have an

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opportunity of securing it. Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd proposed the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant; this was seconded, and the Provincial Grand Master put the names of the two candidates to the brethren. Thirty-nine votes were recorded on behalf of Bro. Durrant and thirty-six in favour of Bro. Acworth, consequently the former brother was declared elected. The following were then invested as the Provincial Officers for the year:

Bro. George Harrison I.P.M. 51	Senior Warden
J. C. Quennell P.M. 214	Junior Warden
Rev. T. Cochrane P.G.C. Eng.	Chaplain
Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 (tenth year)	Treasurer
E. H. Inman P.M. 1312 Sec. 2154	Registrar
T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 51 (12th year)	Secretary
C. Pung Hazell I.P.M. 697	Senior Deacon
A. J. Dixie I.P.M. 453	Junior Deacon
J. N. Whitlock W.M. 1280	Superintendent of Works
A. Lucking P.G.P. Eng. P.M. and Sec. 1000 (15th year)	Director of Ceremonies
G. Lionel Wood I.P.M. 160	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
S. Shawyer W.M. 1977	Sword Bearer
C. T. Lewis I.P.M. 2184	Standard Bearers
C. S. Blyth P.M. 1024	Standard Bearers
J. A. Clarkson W.M. 1457	Organist
T. J. Woodrow I.P.M. 2077	Assistant Secretary
J. Downes W.M. 433	Pursuivant
Henry Finer I.P.M. 1799	Assistant Pursuivant
Frank Quilter W.M. 51	Stewards
H. J. Skingley W.M. 697	Stewards
A. C. Parsons P.M. 650	Stewards
F. H. Bennett W.M. 1280	Stewards
George Copus W.M. 1312	Stewards
F. Horsman S.W. 51	Stewards
— Martin	Tyler

Several matters of special and local interest were discussed, and then the Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the Charity Fund of the Province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed to the credit of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge. This was carried unanimously, and then the question of voting sums of money for charitable purposes from the General Fund of the Province was brought under consideration. The special circumstances that had produced so unfavourable a result at the recent Festival of the Boys' School were detailed, and the brethren were urged to do all they could to make good the falling off. Consequently it was proposed that a further sum of ten guineas be voted to this Charity. This proposition also received the approval of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Ten guineas was then voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, ten guineas to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester, and five to Bro. Sarel, who for years had acted as Provincial Grand Tyler, but whose infirmities had necessitated his resignation of that office. With the customary vote towards the expenses of the day this portion of the proceedings was brought to a close. We may mention, however, that Bro. A. J. Dixie I.P.M. Chigwell Lodge was elected as the Provincial Grand Officer to serve on the Charity Committee in place of the member retiring by rotation. After the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was served at the Cups Hotel, and that in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on that establishment. Lord Brooke presided, and the after proceedings were of an agreeable and harmonious character.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be held at the Corn Exchange, Ringwood, on Tuesday, the 14th inst, opening at 3 p.m. The South Western Company will issue return tickets at a fare and a quarter, from all stations in the Province.

We have hitherto omitted any reference to the recent visit of our old friend Bro. Jacob Norton to this country, and we feel we owe him an apology for this neglect. Bro. Norton's flying visits are at all times a source of gratification to those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, and we must confess we particularly enjoyed the few hours we recently had the opportunity of spending with him. By this time he has doubtless finished his homeward journey, and we look forward to his communicating to us a few hints as to the "wrinkles" he picked up during his latest trip. We also hope that he will benefit in health by his holiday, and that he may be spared to again visit the old country.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNION LODGE, No. 310.

ON Monday evening, the 30th ult., a meeting was held in the Freemason's Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle, under the banner of this Lodge, when a large number of brethren put in an appearance, including several visiting brethren from Wigton, the Bective Lodge, No. 1532 (Carlisle), Plymouth, and the Province of Kent. The Lodge was opened for the purpose of presenting Bro. R. L. Court, who is leaving this city for Australia, with his clearance certificate. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Slack, seconded by Bro. Beaty, "That the members of the Union Lodge beg to place on record their feeling of gratitude to Bro. Richard Court P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, for the many and eminent services which for several years he has rendered to the Lodge, and to mark the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren, and that a letter of introduction be given to him as a recommendation to any Lodge he may wish at any time to visit." This resolution was carried unanimously. The W.M. called upon Bro. J. Slack to present Bro. Court with a morocco leather case containing the Provincial Grand Lodge regalia of his office in that Lodge, with a Masonic jewel. Bro. Slack made the presentation in an appropriate speech, stating that he made it on behalf of the Masonic brethren in Carlisle as a token of the appreciation and respect in which Bro. Court was held by the brethren of the mystic tie. It was the only time within his recollection that a simular tribute of respect had been paid to a brother in Carlisle. He wished him and his wife a safe voyage, and hoped that he would soon be restored to health, and that they should have the pleasure of meeting again. Bro. Court in accepting the gifts replied in feeling terms, after which the company adjourned to the banqueting room where the usual Masonic toasts were pledged, and the health of Bro. Court and Bro. Scott, who arrived later in the evening, and who is also accompanying Bro. Court abroad, were drunk, and the evening passed pleasantly with song and sentiment.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THIS Lodge held their third meeting of the present session on Saturday, the 4th inst. The Lodge was well attended, all the Officers being present, and many of the brethren. After the business of the Lodge had concluded an adjournment was made to the hotel, where a suitable repast was provided by Bro. Waller, in his usual excellent manner. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of Bro. Sparrowhawk, the W.M. said:—It now devolves upon me to perform a pleasing duty, that of proposing the health of one of our members, who is, and always has been, most zealous in promoting the interest of this Lodge. I allude to our dear friend Brother Jewell, who has been our Secretary for many years, but on this occasion I wish to couple with it the name of his good wife. I do this because an event has happened in their lives which is by no means a common one, and I much doubt if such a thing has occurred to many Lodges, that of greeting a brother on his golden wedding. I had the pleasure last year of receiving Bro. Jewell and his wife as my guests on the occasion of my silver wedding, but it is a doubtful matter indeed if I ever attain to the privilege of a golden one. It is now a great pleasure to me to present to Bro. Jewell for the acceptance of his wife, a memento of this event in the form of a bracelet, and for himself a ring, the united offerings of the brethren of this Lodge, and I trust the great Architect of the universe will grant them many more happy years to live together, and that we may also have the pleasure of seeing him at our Lodge meetings for a long time to come. Bro. Jewell, who was much overcome in receiving this unexpected testimonial, said he could not express to them in thanks what the feelings were in his heart; for his wife and himself he tendered to all his best thanks. He might tell them that had it not been for his wife he should not have been present on this occasion, for it was by her wish he became a Freemason, and when this Lodge was consecrated he was the first initiate. Since his connection with Masonry he had made many friends, and he felt by this mark of their esteem they seemed to value his work beyond its merits. As the W.M. kindly expressed a wish that he might be spared to be with them at their Lodge meetings for a long time, he might say that it would give him great pleasure on all occasions to attend the meetings of his Lodge, and again thanked them on behalf of his wife and himself. His health was drunk with the customary honours. Bros. Edward Dodd P.M., Durtnell P.M., A. W. Duret, and others rose and congratulated Bro. Jewell, and begged him to convey the same to his wife and daughter. The meeting was then brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The bracelet, which was a gold one, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented, by the members of the Amherst Lodge, to Mrs. J. H. Jewell, on her golden wedding, July 1888."

The ring, which was a massive gold one, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. J. H. Jewell, by the Brethren of the Amherst Lodge, on his golden wedding. 2nd July 1888."

CATOR LODGE, No. 2266.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Thursday, 26th ult. There were present Bros. James Hill W.M., Fox S.W., Davis J.W., Gribble S.D., Osterstock J.D., Scriven I.G., Brodie Carlton Sec., Hall Organist, Newell and Lovelock Stewards, Bale, Moffatt, Klyne, Hewett, Barton, Medcalf, Chalk, Fryer, Levens, Hornsby, Dr. Craig, and Reinhardt Tyler, all of the Lodge. The visitors were Bros. Mildred P.M. 2024, J. J. White J.W. 1963, Diamond 1327, and Charlie Woods 1869. The Lodge having been opened, the following gentlemen, who had been previously ballotted for, were initiated, viz., Messrs. Cornelius Curtis, Samuel Ponsford, Thomas Cook, Frederick Bright, and John

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Cumberland. The whole of the working, not only of the W.M. but also of the Officers, was exceedingly well done, and showed that the members had taken their motto "Nihil sine labore" well to heart. The charge having been delivered, the discussion of the bye-laws took place. The whole were unanimously adopted. The Lodge was then closed, but not before it had been decided to form a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Lodge. At the banquet which followed the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were honoured, after which Bro. Dr. Craig P.M. proposed the health of Bro. J. Hill W.M. Bro. Hill said, in reply, that he should be very particular to make a short speech, as their time was limited, and he did not wish to be late home. They had met that evening for business, as no doubt the five initiates had found out. He hoped to have another business meeting in August, when there would be plenty of work to be done. Masonry did not consist of "the spread" alone, although it was spreading very fast. They had five initiates that night; altogether they had three times five plus one, which made twice eight. That corresponded with the two eights (2 plus 6) in the number of the Lodge (2266). Eight had played a conspicuous part in the Lodge so far, for the warrant was asked on the eighth, and granted on the eighth in the year '88. This was also one of the mystic Masonic numbers, being the number of perfection. He was glad to welcome the new members that night, for they were good men and true, and added strength to the new Lodge. It was his fervent hope that they would become good Masons, especially in the Charitable work of the Craft. He always impressed upon initiates that Masonry was a moral Society. He hoped they would always try to be present at the business, for then they would go forward, and see more and more the beauties of Masonic work. He proposed the health of the Initiates. In reply, Bro. Curtis said that the W.M. had commanded brevity, and he should obey. It was said that "Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." His heart, however, was so full that he could not find words to express himself. He hoped, however, to become a true Mason. Bros. Ponsford, Cook, Bright, and Cumberland also thanked the brethren for the kind way in which the toast was received, the latter saying that he had no idea of what a beautiful thing Masonry was. He hoped to learn more of its merits in the future. Bro. Hill W.M. said they were forced to dispense with singing for the evening, as the bye-laws had taken up a considerable time. In proposing the Visitors, he said that he was pleased to see them. They were all good hard working Masons, who were a credit to the Craft. He trusted that would not be their last visit. In reply, Bro. Mildred said that he had been delighted with the work he had witnessed that evening. He had travelled, not only in many parts of England, but in other parts of the world, and he could safely say that it was second to none he had ever seen. The W.M. and the Officers had succeeded in all their work. Some of the working was foreign to him, but he enjoyed it all the more for that. Bro. Diamond congratulated the Lodge upon the success of the evening. Bro. J. J. White said that he had enjoyed himself very much; and although, perhaps, the Fourth Degree was a minor matter, he was very delighted with it. It was not often that a W.M. and Officers could do their work so well as it had been done in the Cator Lodge. He particularly congratulated the Deacons, for he had lately had their work to do, and knew how difficult it was to perform it without friction being felt. He could sympathise with the Secretary in his duties. It was with regret that he had been absent from the Consecration of the Lodge, but he hoped to be a frequent visitor. Bro. Charlie Woods also replied, after which the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

MARK MASONRY.

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CHARITY LODGE, PLYMOUTH, No. 76.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, on the 27th ult., to instal Bro. W. J. C. Hannaford as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Bros. F. Crouch and H. Langmead. The Officers invested were:—Bros F. R. Goodyear I.P.M., Maunder S.W., Lavers jun. J.W., Revills M.O., Gullett S.O., Stanbury J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, Browning Treasurer, Hannaford Reg. of Marks, Hilley Secretary, Court S.D., Yeomans J.D., Soper D.C., Gale A.D.C., Lillicrap Organist, Tozer St. B., Ball and Stevens Stewards, Mairs Tyler. The brethren, to the number of thirty, adjourned to the Masonic Club, Princess-square, for supper.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 282.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 2nd instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Workington, for the purpose of installing Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Thompson ably discharged the duties of Installing Master, assisted by Bros. Eden and Dalrymple. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Dickinson S.W., Fletcher J.W., Smith M.O., Saunders S.O., Brown J.O., Paterson Treasurer, M'Kay Secretary, Harding S.D., Purser J.D., Cooper Organist, Hewison I.G., and Whitehead Tyler. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Mandle P.M. 151, Dickinson P.M. 151, Walters, Atkinson J.W. 229 and others. With the usual formalities the Lodge was closed, and a banquet was served at the Green Dragon Hotel, where the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—The latest version of Mr. Archibald Gunter's story, "Mr. Barnes of New York," was produced by Miss Sophie Eyre last Saturday, when it met with a very favourable reception. The adapter in the present case is Mr. John Coleman, and he calls his version "Marina." Although following closely on the lines of the book, Mr. Coleman has made one or two alterations. These, we think, spoil some of the most effective situations, but they make the story less complicated. For instance, the officer who fights the duel is represented as twin brother to Gerard Anstruther. Again, Maud Charteris is given a lover, in the officer who "assists" at the duel; this certainly adds interest to the piece. Taking it altogether, the play is well written and capitally staged. When we say Miss Sophie Eyre plays the title rôle, it will at once be clear that the delicate and nervous situations are well brought out. Miss Eyre is powerful, and yet sympathetic; revengful at times, but in her calmer moments most forgiving. Without doubt, this lady is the best Marina we have yet seen. Mr. Herbert Waring gives us a manly Mr. Barnes, while Mr. Julian Cross repeats his successful rendering of Tomasso. Mr. Fred Terry successfully interprets the dual rôle of the twin brothers, but Mr. E. D. Ward has totally misunderstood the part of Count Danella. Miss Lucy Buckstone is a winning Enid Anstruther, and Miss Enid Leslie a vivacious and interesting Maud. As Lady Charteris Miss Carlotta Leclercq is safe. Miss Eyre announces she will run "Marina" for three or four weeks; then "She" will be produced.

Mohawk Minstrels.—The crowds that visited the Agricultural Hall last Monday to welcome back the North London Minstrels at their two performances could hardly fail to have been anything but satisfied with the programme set down for their entertainment. Songs, sentimental and comic, were sung in abundance by old favourites, the first part coming to a conclusion by the company depicting "Troubles at the Picnic." The second part was exceptionally interesting; it comprised the Pyiades. These two gentlemen in a very short space of time make themselves up so as to represent several of the most noted personages of the day. The quickness with which the changes are made is wonderful, and essentially clever. Mr. Johnny Danvers amused us in a parody of "Queen of my heart," while Mr. Cyrus Bell and Mr. J. Schofield favoured the company with clever dances and songs. Mr. Walter Howard gave a new banjo song, and Mr. Celian Kottaun rendered a cornet solo in his accredited masterly style. The programme concluded with a new sketch by Mr. Thomas Campbell, entitled "Unexpected Impressions." This was capitally rendered by Messrs. Thomas Campbell, Johnny Danvers, Little Thomas, and Frank Diamond.

Alexandra Palace.—Perhaps one of the greatest sensations of the day is that now being offered at the Alexandra Palace—Professor Baldwin's "Drop from the Clouds." The Professor, who is a man of some twenty-eight summers, ascends in a balloon to a considerable height, ranging from 1000 to 2000 feet; then, with the aid of a parachute, he drops from his balloon to the ground, hitherto with perfect safety. This really wonderful invention has already been practically exhibited by Professor Baldwin some sixteen or eighteen times, and up to the present without mishap. The excitement the performance creates has been clearly shown by the thousands of people who have flocked to see him, the number who attended on the August Bank Holiday being greater than has been known for some long time at the Alexandra. "The Last Days of Pompeii" is also proving a great success. Its illustration will be repeated every Saturday until further notice.

The celebrated comedy "Betsy," by Mr. F. C. Burnand, will be revived at the Criterion to-night (Saturday). The caste is a strong one, and includes several of the artistes who created the different parts.

Mr. Pinero's successful play "Sweet Lavender" will be played for the 150th time at Terry's Theatre on Tuesday evening, 14th inst. It is still playing to crowded houses. Mr. T. C. Valentine, the Stage Manager at Terry's, sails for America early next month to produce the piece at the Lyceum Theatre, New York.

A portrait of Queen Margherita of Italy, painted and burnt in on glass by Professor Moretti of Perugia, has been added to the many attractions of the Italian Exhibition in London. It has taken the artist two years of constant labour to complete this masterpiece, and the King and Queen of Italy on viewing it personally congratulated Professor Moretti on his work.

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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, 11th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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)
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 Street, W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1586—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
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 Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handy-side, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966—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 Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough

TUESDAY, 14th 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 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)
890—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Loughboro 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)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple-Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
473—Fast Aul, Masonic Hall, New Street, Brampton
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayshe 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, 15th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March 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, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 73 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Lloyd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Warrington
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
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1341—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.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsens, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1658—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1988—Mawdsley, St. Ann's Buildings, Barrowmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1367—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 16th 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.)
701—Chapman, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 24 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
744—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Wardian St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Barnard Castle, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1433—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1460—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1585—D. Connaught, Pannerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1732—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1914—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1922—Rose, Sterling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Edmonton. (Instruction)
1933—Frederick, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road North, S., at 7.30. (Inst)
1954—Langton, White Hart, Aldgate High Street, E.C., at 8.30. (Instruction)
1977—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7.30. (Inst)

86—Howard, High-street, Arundel
92—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
263—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
278—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
283—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
626—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
669—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1045—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1331—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1378—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1609—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
A.M.—Lanyages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th AUGUST.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
854—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 220—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
[162—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
569—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
793—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1383—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. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 18th AUGUST.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2005—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MASONIC SEPARATION IN AUSTRALIA.

A MOVEMENT has been set on foot in influential quarters amongst the Freemasons for the separation of the Victorian Freemasons from the English, Scotch, and Irish Grand Lodges, under which they at present work. The movement is not a new one, though it is now taken up by the principal men of the Craft here for the first time. Some years ago South Australian Freemasons unanimously agreed to form a Grand Lodge for that colony, and as there was no objection of any kind to the action taken, they had no difficulty in getting recognised by the Grand Lodges of the mother country. In New South Wales a Grand Lodge was more recently formed, but owing to the desire for the change not being unanimous the recognition which they sought could not be obtained. Three or four years ago a number of the Victorian Lodges seceded, and at a very numerously attended meeting at the Town Hall, Melbourne, a Grand Lodge of Victoria was formed, with Mr. George Coppin, M.L.A. as the first Grand Master. Many efforts have been since made to obtain recognition at home, but there were reasons of a personal nature why the Provincial Grand Lodges should not be broken up, and why recognition should not be given to those who sought to set up on their own account.

Sir William Clarke, Bart., was afterwards chosen as Grand Master of the three Constitutions, and has held the position since, while the members of the Craft who started the local Grand Lodge were prohibited from entering the Lodges of those who continued their allegiance. There has been a desire on the part of many lately that the division which has been caused should be healed up by some means, and it has been thought that if a unanimous desire is expressed for the establishment of a Victorian Grand Lodge, with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Patron and Sir William Clarke as First Grand Master, no difficulty will be experienced in obtaining the recognition which is necessary. As we have just had news by telegram that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the position of patron to the South Australian Grand Lodge, Masons in Victoria have good grounds for hope.

A large and influential meeting was held at the Masonic Hall a few days since, at which the desirability of having a Victorian Grand Lodge working under the procedure of the Grand Lodge of England was affirmed. A numerous committee was chosen to have the matter placed by circular before every subscribing Mason in the colony, and this will be done with as little delay as possible, in order to have a thoroughly unanimous decision. An important suggestion was thrown out in the course of the discussion, which although not specially noticed at the time may bear good fruit in the future. It was that, instead of having a Grand Lodge for each colony in this quarter of the world, one Grand Lodge should be created for the whole of Australia. Provincial jealousies may for the moment prevent the idea from being favourably received, but it is to be hoped that in making such an important change as that which is contemplated, it will not be done in a half-and-half manner.—*Plymouth Morning News.*

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"True love . . . . . .
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With dead desire it doth not die;
It is the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind
In body and in soul can bind."

TRUE love, we are told in the lines quoted above, is the secret sympathy which binds us together—not with fetters or iron bands, but with silver link or silken tie, and it is the affection which serves us under all circumstances, and in all conditions in which we find ourselves placed. Never is the feeling of true love more sure of displaying itself than when trouble or anxiety falls upon us; then it is we feel the strength of the silver link or silken tie, and that then we can appreciate the power of true love. It is not *the hot enth*usiasm of the moment, strong for a time and then departing as rapidly as it came, leaving behind it a blank in our hearts most painful to bear and difficult to remove; neither is it the love which arises when some particular purpose is to be served, and which vanishes as soon as that object is secured, or it appears impossible of being realised. It is not for a season, but for all time; and is enduring love, which binds us heart to heart and mind to mind. Such being the case how ready we should be to take advantage of every instance of true love which comes within our reach, and how anxious we should be to cultivate the acquaintance of those who possess this desirable attribute.

Freemasonry affords us many instances of true love. In its midst are to be found men of all classes and creeds; men of sincere love, and others of lukewarm affection; but it is not saying too much to urge that by far the largest portion of its members possess the quality of love in a marked degree. Thus it is very difficult to select examples worthy of being held up to their fellows as patterns of true love. Let us rather content ourselves with one who, by years of faithful labour and honourable exertion, has won the esteem and regard of those with whom he has been associated, and with it the right to be considered a true lover of the Craft.

Such a brother is he whom we have selected as the subject of our present remarks. We have known him in Freemasonry for many years, and he has always appeared to us the exemplification of a really sincere and zealous Mason. But although we have had the pleasure of his acquaintance almost as long the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence, it does not represent one-half of the period during which he has devoted himself to the practice of Freemasonry. He was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, then No. 1035, on the 19th August 1858, so that to-morrow he will complete his thirtieth year of Masonic membership. Long as this term may appear if we look back upon it, there are few at the present time associated with the Order who are more zealous or more active in attending to its many duties and requirements. He is truly an exemplification of sincere and continued affection, while his love for the Craft has been so sustained that he can now boast a large circle of friends within its ranks, and they respect him to such an extent as to desire to secure for him the highest honour it is in the power of the Craft to bestow—the Treasurership of the Grand Lodge of England.

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fact of its being the highest elective office—outside that of Grand Master—in the power of the Craft to bestow.

On the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G. Master of England our brother acted as a Steward at the Albert Hall, and he esteems the honour then conferred upon him as one of the greatest it has been his good fortune to secure in Freemasonry. Let us hope that that honour will ere long be eclipsed, and that before many months have passed by he will have secured the right to rank himself as one of the Grand Officers of England.

In the Holy Royal Arch we find the same zeal, assiduity and love evinced by this "True Lover of the Craft." He is at the present time a member of three Chapters—the Domatic, No. 177, the Rose of Denmark, No. 975, and the Kennington, No. 1381. Of all three he is a Past First Principal, while in the latter he was Founder and the first M.E.Z., and is at present its Treasurer. But the mere recital of these titles gives but a faint idea of the position he holds in either of them. He may be said to be to the fore in each, having won his way into the hearts of his fellow members by the same kindly actions as have secured him esteem in the ranks of Craft Masonry.

As a supporter of the Charities our brother has had ample scope for the exercise of his devotion, and right well has he acquitted himself. He has served five Stewardships on behalf of the Institutions, two in support of the Benevolent, one in aid of the Boys' School, and two for the Girls', viz., in the year 1878, and on the occasion of the celebration of its Centenary, in June last. He has qualified as a Vice-President of all three, but it is not in personal donations alone that he has done good. He has not been content with working himself, he has induced others to second his efforts, and as a consequence we can point to the most satisfactory results. During the seven years he was Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge its members contributed £1045 to the Charities, while that Lodge has voted twenty-five guineas in aid of the Charities every year since it was started, favouring each of the Institutions in turn. Our brother inaugurated this systematic support, and had he done nothing else to win approval this would have been sufficient to entitle him to praise and commendation, but the other Lodges with which he is associated have likewise done well. The Domatic has given a similar amount of twenty-five guineas to the Charities each year since he has been its Treasurer; while the Chiswick, of which he is the Father and was the first Master, contributed upwards of £700 to the Charitable Institutions of the Order during the first four years of its existence.

It would be absurd to say that the influence of this one brother has not been the leading power in securing these most satisfactory results, and taking him all in all he presents an excellent example of a really "True Lover of the Craft." His love has not been the hot enthusiasm of a moment; it has lasted now for thirty years, and is as strong to-day as ever it was, even if it be not stronger. No doubt many of his earlier hopes in regard to Freemasonry have long since been realised, but the fancy he first evinced for the Order has not flown—it is with him still, and will, we trust, lead him on to yet greater things in years to come, for we can hardly imagine such a spirit as that we have striven to portray resting content with past victories so long as there remains anything more to accomplish. His love for the Craft has not been of that fierce nature which is born of some bold desire, and which soon as that desire is realised fades from one's memory; neither is it likely to be quenched if our brother rises to the exalted position his friends desire to secure for him in Grand Lodge. He won for himself golden opinions as a Master Mason, he achieved fresh victories as a ruler in our Lodges, and has cemented many a friendship by his kind and genial management of Lodge finances. Is it then to be supposed that one more honourable office—even though it be the greatest the Craft has it in its power to bestow—will change his former nature, or that an outburst of fraternal feeling on the part of his friends will sever the silver link or the silken tie which have so long bound him in secret sympathy with the many who recognise him as a friend? It would not be possible for such a nature to be spoilt by even an excess of praise and applause, neither should we expect a reverse of fortune to seriously interfere with it, but as we think that the reward of merit should at all times fall to those who have proved themselves meritorious we hope that the desire to which we have referred, of winning for our subject the collar of Grand Treasurer of England may, in due course, be achieved, and that in his new sphere, as in the many he has already filled, he may prove himself to be

A True Lover of the Craft.

THE OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER.

In the report we published last week of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, we referred to a discussion which took place in reference to the appointment of Treasurer of that Province, and although no change occurred in the system which has long been in vogue, the discussion and its results showed that opinion is pretty evenly divided in that quarter in regard to the matter, which in all probability will receive further consideration when the next election of Treasurer takes place. The custom in this district, as, indeed, in nearly every part of the country, has hitherto been to annually re-elect without opposition the same brother to fill the important office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, just as was formerly the case in regard to the Grand Lodge of England, where, up to within the last few years, the Treasurer was considered a permanent official, his re-appointment year after year being little more than a matter of form, and continuing so long as he cared to discharge the duties attached to the position. It will, however, be in the recollection of our readers that certain complications in the funds of G. Lodge eventually led to a re-adjustment of the conditions under which the finances of the Craft were administered, and among the changes which resulted was the now almost generally accepted principle that the Grand Treasurer should remain in office for one year only. This periodical change is rendered easier from the fact that the office has been shorn of much of the importance which previously attached to it, for whereas in years gone by the Grand Treasurer had the actual handling of the balances of Grand Lodge, the office is now little more than a sinecure; still it is an honourable position, and one which the best among us are not above aspiring to, as is evidenced by the actual candidates who have been put forward since the change was inaugurated.

We are somewhat surprised that the Provinces have not, ere this, followed the example set them in this respect by Grand Lodge; but the fact remains that they have not, and to-day most, if not all, of the Provincial Grand Treasurers may be looked upon as being permanently in the enjoyment of their office. We say they may be so regarded to-day, but perhaps that statement requires some modification, for now that an alteration has been mooted, and on being put to the vote has proved to be almost equally well supported as is the old system, we may look for an early change, and in many respects we consider such a course to be desirable, although, in saying so, it must be understood that we do not wish to imply that an annual change of Treasurer would be advisable in private Lodges. There are very different conditions to be considered in connection with these, and the system which now prevails has much to be said in its favour in regard to them; but for Grand and Provincial Lodges an annual change in the holder of the office is both advisable and desirable.

The principal argument that may be used in favour of an alteration, as opposed to a continuation of the old system, is that an annual change in the office bearer affords an additional means of doing honour to those by whom honour is deserved. The number of appointments at

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present available for Provincial Grand Masters to fill are very small, especially when the district one has to rule over is Masonically strong, and therefore the creation of this additional means of bestowing honour should be hailed by them with delight, although it may be urged they have little or nothing to do with the appointment, as being an elective office its distribution rests with the members themselves; but, thanks to the good feeling which everywhere exists in Freemasonry, it seldom happens that the desire of the majority and the wishes of the ruler are far apart, and as a consequence the brother who would find sufficient favour to secure election to a Provincial Grand Treasurership, might generally be regarded as one likely to receive the honour of the purple at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master at no very distant date. Such being the case then it follows that an annual change in the holder of the office would relieve the district ruler of a part of his difficulty, and in many quarters the Provincial Grand Masters recognise that the annual selection of Officers is really their chief, if it is not their only difficulty. There are many other arguments which might be urged in support of the proposal to depart from old established customs, doubtless they will suggest themselves in the different districts where a change is desired. Among them we may urge the desirability of imparting new life into the all important subject of Lodge Finances. As at present arranged the Treasurer may be said to have no incentive to urge him to better things. If he does his duty, by managing the work entrusted to him in a steady, methodical way, he probably does all that is required of him, but if the office was filled by a different brother each year all would have an object to work for—they would endeavour to excel those who had preceded them, and create a reputation for themselves which would be a pattern for those who should follow after. Can it be supposed that such emulation would be anything but an advantage to the Lodges concerned? We think not, for it must be remembered that as Provincial Grand Lodges, as a rule, meet only once a year, and their income is in a measure regular, the finances do not require that peculiar adjustment which is sometimes necessary in Private Lodges, where the funds *really depend on* the number of new members introduced.

On the other hand there is much to be urged in support of the old system. At present many of the Provincial Grand Lodges have their funds invested in such a way that every change in their Treasurer entails a vast amount of trouble, and some brethren view with alarm the labour which would attach to a yearly transfer; but such an objection can be easily met. There are now so many systems of investing money in such a way as to obviate this trouble that it would almost be wise to urge a change, if only to modernise the ideas of those concerned, and teach them what is going on in their midst, but no doubt other and equally good reasons will suggest themselves wherever and whenever a change is thought desirable.

The question is one likely to be taken up ere long in all, or nearly all, of the districts into which English Freemasonry is divided; it will be well then if those who may feel an interest in the subject avail themselves of every opportunity afforded them of studying it, and discussing its bearings in their several parts. To those who desire to ventilate the matter we cordially offer the space at our disposal; we shall be pleased to receive communications on the subject, and shall not fail to revert to them whenever we find there is occasion to do so. To many it is a matter of indifference, perhaps, at the present moment, but we fully expect it to assume importance at no distant date.

MODERN FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIAL AND MORAL REFORMER.

A Lecture delivered at Freemasons' Hall, Hull, on Friday Evening, 2nd March 1888, *by Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M.* 387, *Shipley; Member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No.* 2076, *London; P. Prov. G.D.C. West Yorkshire, &c. &c.*

AS you are probably aware, from the notices that have been given, this is the fifth and last of a series of lectures on different phases of the same subject, viz.: "Modern Freemasonry." The term "Modern" might be thought applicable to the Freemasonry of any period subsequent to 1717, but it is now used by me, for present purposes, with reference to that of to-day, and so much of it as may be comprised within the last twenty years.

I propose to divide this lecture into two parts—the first being devoted to the question, "*Is our Modern Freemasonry a Social Reformer?*" and the second to bring before you some evidence and theories showing *what it is capable of, as such.*

Firstly, then, I will answer my own question by saying that Modern Freemasonry *is* a social and moral reformer. It is well known that ignorance of the law is not allowed to excuse the breach of it; and if some Brothers, or some Lodges, depart from the Constitution, I certainly decline to accept them as evidence of the character and tendencies of our Fraternity. The principles of our Order are not of yesterday, and such examples should have no weight whatever, nor do I think they have the slightest right to be introduced into a consideration of this question. Otherwise, we might just as reasonably accept an Atheist as a Christian, because he was previously at one time a Churchman. I shall therefore not discuss this matter on any such false premises, but on the broad, clearly defined basis of Masonic law, which also does not excuse departures either by Lodges or individuals. Moreover, what it *ought to be* is the chief concern to us at present; and generally, as far as my remarks are intended to apply, I shall ignore all isolated and exceptional experiences that sometimes wilfully,—sometimes ignorantly,—suppress one side of the question in the desire to make out a case.

Well, Brothers, to begin at the lowest "rung" of the ladder, we impress upon our candidates one very important statement that probably few Masons ever forget, viz.: that no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Masonry rests—*the practice of every moral and social virtue.* But the initiate is further told in clear and unmistakable language, much more explanatory and impressive than is necessary for me to use before you, that it is in the sacred volume he will find the unerring standard of truth and justice, and be taught his duty to God, his neighbour, and himself. If he be asked subsequently who are proper persons to be received amongst us, he will infallibly tell the querist "*only such as are just, upright, and of strict morals.*"

Thus then every man meets with social and moral teachings on the very threshold of his Masonic life. Now it is quite unnecessary for me to go over the several degrees and weary you with similar evidence to prove that Masonry teaches morality; because there never was a Mason yet who did not *know* it. I have merely recalled to your minds sufficient to show the active anxiety, if I may so term it, of Masonry in that respect; but in doing so I have also shown that Freemasonry *is* a system of morality and that it teaches it to every initiate who will learn.

WHAT THEN IS MORALITY?

Unfortunately the world allows us to make it just what we like according to circumstances, so that very few seriously ask themselves this question; some go so far as to assert that there is no such thing and that therefore the word is useless. But I can best illustrate my meaning by an example. Suppose in ordinary conversation reference is made to a common divorce case in which a man is mentioned as having committed adultery; he will be called an immoral man. Well, I don't find any fault with that definition; but suppose a man of means allows his mother, brother or sister to starve, you would not style him an immoral man. You might use an epithet very much stronger, but that he was an immoral man would never enter your mind. What I want to impress particularly is this,—when speculative Masonry was originated it had a *Code* of Morality, which has suffered no alteration. In the meantime, however, by the use of the word "immoral" to generally signify the commission of adultery, the world has managed to shut out from anybody's *too critical* gaze all the virtues of its similar Code, which was formerly, as now, common property. It is true we sometimes hear of "moral rights" and "moral obligations," but it is rather because of the usefulness of those combinations in speech, the intended meaning of which is understood and cannot be as well expressed by any other to represent right and wrong dealings. In most cases their use is a mere custom, and in practice no strictly moral meaning, much less moral truth is conveyed. If I were to tell you Mr. So-and-So was not a moral man, I feel very certain what interpretation would be put upon my words. I might mean he was a man of no principle and a dishonest man,

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but I am confident you would jump to quite a different conclusion.

The ancient philosophers had each their Code of Morality. The morality of Plato, Aristotle, Zeno, Socrates and others, meant the practice of certain duties enjoined by them; and it is most remarkable how much Masonry was practiced (I don't, of course, mean exactly as we practice it, but in their organization, division into, and qualifications for, student grades, &c.), by all the Greek philosophers.

Masonic morality I take to be the practice of certain duties (laid down in our Masonic law) to God and mankind, which necessarily includes social duties. A moral action is one whose quality renders it *good*; therefore good deeds are moral, and bad deeds immoral. That definition applies in a very general and marked degree to our Masonic doctrines; and when we come to realise the fact that it is not the morality of heathen philosophers but of God, I think you will admit that Freemasonry not only *is*, but *must be*, a moral, and if a moral, then a social reformer.

Freemasonry, however, is not alone a *preacher* of morality, but I shall be able to explain *how* it must be a moral and social reformer.

First and foremost, no man can actively take part in Lodge duties, without reflecting upon the *Wisdom*, the *Omnipotence*, and also on the *Mercy* of the G.A.O.T.U. I have personally known two former Atheists, who both owe their conversion to a Masonic Lodge, and that too, on the night of their initiation. One has attained high honours in the Craft, of which he is an ornament; and I am proud to regard him to-day as an intimate and valued friend; the other also proved an excellent Mason, but, I believe, died some years ago, after leaving Yorkshire.

Further, Masonry leads men to think less selfishly of themselves, and more about others; it shows them the why and the wherefore they have been sent into the world, and develops the instincts of benevolence and charity. It creates, by the success of individuals apparently far inferior in intellectual attainments, an emulative desire among Masons to cultivate those talents wherewith God has endowed them, as well to His glory as the good of their fellow-creatures. There is yet another reformation that Freemasonry promotes, whose influence is incalculable. That is the fraternising of men whose religious or political opinions may widely differ, but form no bar to goodfellowship. It is delightful to see the fervour with which Brethren meet in a Lodge and afterward enjoy "the feast of reason and flow of soul" together, and yet a week may scarcely have elapsed since they met face to face in opposition on a political platform! Who then will tell me that Freemasonry is not a moral and social reformer?

Man is a social animal. He is subject to wants and infirmities to such a degree that it is evident he was intended to mix with his fellows. He can neither find food for the body nor for the mind without others, and besides, his faculties and abilities, it is clear, must remain dormant and comparatively useless, for they can never be perfected without society. Moreover, the possession of remarkable talents by a man naturally incites to the display of them, which is a human weakness that often proves highly beneficial to others as well as himself. It is right that after the serious work of the Lodge there should be that rational enjoyment in the social circle which we call goodfellowship. Strictly speaking, the latter has a much wider signification than most Masons give it, because we may cultivate it *once a month in a Lodge*, but it may influence us *every day* away from it. Besides, there may be goodfellowship without what is called "good eating and drinking!"

Goodfellowship, however, as we understand it, I hold to be of more importance than many are disposed to allow. I believe that without it we should have largely diminished subscriptions to our Charities. If you want a man to interest himself in the happiness of his fellows, the best time to approach him is when he is himself happy. I may have somewhat crude ideas about ordinary goodfellowship, but I know what Masonic goodfellowship is, and it is of that I would speak, and also of that hospitality which Masonic usage, influenced by Masonic principles, enjoins us to offer to visiting brethren. I believe that hospitality greatly extends the area of goodfellowship; and as a crust, offered with true feeling, with a kindly look and a cheery word, is to be preferred to dainties inhospitably and ostentatiously paraded for our acceptance; so I think that is the reason why Lodge hospitality is so highly valued by our visiting brethren. I recollect a brother from America attending my Lodge. It was the first he had visited in this country after an absence of very many years, and as he himself stated, he felt a stranger in a strange land. "*I was a stranger and ye took me in*," he said with emotion in responding as a visitor; *when I go back to my own Lodge I shall tell my brethren that Masonry is something more than a name in the Old Country, and shall never forget the kindness I have received.*" He visited us several times after that, and since leaving our shores, I may tell you that on several occasions our Lodge Charitable Funds have been augmented by him most generously, and I look upon those fraternal remembrances of us, when far away, as pure offerings on the shrine of Masonic goodfellowship.

Whatever influences the heart to kindly and generous impulses must be good in itself; and to my mind Masonic goodfellowship does this when other means or inducements would fail. Now, we have a very great advantage as Masons over any other society, public or private, for the cultivation of this feeling. At our social gatherings there are no real strangers, and hence there can be no repressive influences to check those little kind offices of mutual civility and good will that act so powerfully as the sweeteners of human life. The natural dependence of man upon his fellows, constrains him to *seek* goodfellowship. He needs sympathy, not alone to soothe the heart, but to enable him to discern the wayside flowers that too often are hidden by the thorns of this life. Masonic goodfellowship supplies more; it provides rational relaxation from our daily labours, and, as if every want of our human nature had been thought of by the originators of our speculative system, it furnishes also the ever gratifying applause for generous actions as well as approbation for good work done. We generally wish to repeat an act of kindness, because of the pleasure it gives both to the doer and the recipient, and the least important of these tends to soften the heart and promote goodfellowship. I have known scores of social differences healed by the balm of goodfellowship. I have seen a brother walk across the floor of a Lodge to shake hands with one from whom he had been estranged and at enmity for twelve years; but if you want to understand the full value of Masonic goodfellowship, observe the friendships that are formed under its humanising influence. They are the friendships that last till death; and during life no misfortunes can shake, and no adversity impair them, for their foundation is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I am ashamed of him, though he may be my brother, who asserts that Masonic hospitality is incompatible with temperance, and that goodfellowship is but the effervescence of uncontrollable festivity. I certainly advocate the practice of Lodge hospitality, and know not why the term should be twisted, as it has been, to make it appear that Masonic hospitality is iniquitously different from any other hospitality, and I approve of musical, dramatic, literary, and what are called Temperance Lodges; it is as desirable that there should be such, as it is necessary that amongst Masons in every Lodge there should be goodfellowship, which is best promoted by a conformity of manners. If to this be added conformity of tastes, such Lodges must be highly beneficial, both socially and intellectually to all the members. As regards Temperance Lodges, I would give teetotalers the right to the goodfellowship which they undoubtedly find in them, and probably in no other Lodges.

There is an advantage in addressing Masons on a Masonic subject that would not be apparent to the uninitiated. Much that would require evidence to convince the latter, I am spared; and without it you are able to agree or dissent from whatever theories may be advanced. A non-Mason, for example, would hear or read a lecture like this with mingled feelings of curiosity and disappointment, because he could not find that *expressed*, which by you is *understood*. I have felt this to some extent in all my Masonic lectures; but this in particular is affirmative rather than argumentative, there being no necessity for the latter method. We have, therefore, considered the subject as one that every Mason knows *something* about *when the lines of thought* are indicated; and that something enables us to dispense with argument. The peculiar advantage, however, consists in the evident folly of attempting to mislead, or advance anything that I do not believe to be true.

The question is, have we, any or all of us, been benefited by the social and moral teachings of Freemasonry? Have we been quickened mentally and morally by our connection with it? I venture to express the opinion that there is not one in this assembly who has not, at one time or other,

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acknowledged to himself the blessed influences to be found in his Lodge.

No class of men meet with the welcome accorded to Masons by their brothers in any foreign country. Why is this? Simply because there are principles taught to every brother that it is incumbent upon him to practice. Well, brethren, is not this of itself social and moral reform?

But I must now pass to the second division of my subject, which is the capability of Freemasonry in the character of a moral and social reformer to promote the general good of society as well as Masons. I shall not attempt to do more than bring out a few of the capabilities of our Order in a social and moral sense. It would take a thinking Mason a lifetime to thoroughly digest the subject in a portly volume which probably nobody would have the patience to read, and it is because I really feel how little can be embraced within the time at my disposal, that I must ask your indulgence if I altogether leave out many phrases with which, perhaps, you may be familiar. I can, however, briefly introduce certain conclusions at which I have arrived, and give illustrative facts to show what has been done by Freemasonry, which, if it be capable of no more, ought to make us proud to belong to such an Institution.

Freemasonry, then, rightly carried out, is capable of exerting a vast influence in the promotion of peace and good will throughout the peoples amongst which it flourishes. Trained as I have been from boyhood in the commerce of this country with India, China and the East, I must necessarily know something about those countries through twenty-five years personal intercourse with both native and English people who are constantly going and returning as may be necessary for the requirements of business. But I will not give you my own evidence when it is so easy to find better, and although I need not perhaps recall to your mind a terrible mutiny in India in order to illustrate the strong feelings of Caste prevalent in that country (which pervades every class from the highest down to the lowest), I am glad to say the progress we have made and are still making in our Indian Empire is most remarkable. For some years I have watched the spread of *Masonry in that* part of the world with increasing interest, and have come to the conclusion that we are only just beginning to discern what Freemasonry may do and be in the future. In 1877 some of my old Masonic friends bantered me about the dedication of an address of mine, then published, because of its confidently expressed optimist views of our future; but, brethren, if you will but refer to the proceedings at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as District Grand Master of Bombay, reported in the *Freemason* early in December last, you will, like me, be powerfully impressed. The mighty power that draws together men hitherto as far removed from each other as can be possible, by political, religious and social views of the most varied character, must be capable of even more than I claimed for true Masonry eleven years ago.

If it be capable of uniting all classes and conditions of men—of all languages, creeds, and politics—in one Brotherhood, is not Freemasonry a real and living evidence of social and moral reform of the very highest order?

Another very great advantage we possess as Masons is, that in the dissemination of our principles, our advocates must speak with the voice of conscience, or not at all. It is the loudest of all voices and *will* be heard; so that the intermingling in our Lodges of races and creeds for centuries hostile and separated, could not have been brought about spontaneously, and clearly shows that I expressed but a very moderate anticipation of what Masonry is capable in India and generally throughout the East . . .

So much for *nations*. I shall now give you an example of a different character, referring more particularly to *individuals*, the most prolific source we have as Freemasons, from which to draw. I read of it in the *Daily News* during the Franco-Prussian war, and you will all allow that journal is not a Masonic publication; neither is it one at all likely to go out of its way to say much in favour of the Craft.

(*From a Travelling Correspondent.*)

VOUVIERS, Sept. 17.

This present war has been prolific in illustrations of the value of Freemasonry in dangerous emergencies, and the anecdotes are endless of the lives saved by its means. Among the cart-loads of wounded of both nations which arrived from Sedan were two men whose consideration for each other was so marked as to occasion inquiry. They wore the Prussian and French uniform, respectively, and though neither could understand the other's language they shared their rations, and seemed to be interchanging signals of amity all day long. Their story was a very simple one. The Prussian, who is an officer, and a man of 35 or so, with a stern, grave face, and a heavy over-hanging moustache, had met the Frenchman, who is at least a dozen years his junior, on the battle field, the latter being supported by a couple of comrades. Twice did the wave of conflict bring these men in contact, and on the last occasion the Prussian, who was himself badly wounded in the chest, pressed the young Frenchman hard, and had indeed his sword uplifted to administer the *coup-de-grace*, when the latter, who was faint from loss of blood, made a hasty sign to his victor which caused the latter to stay his hand. Parley was impossible, both from the exigencies of language, and the turmoil of battle; and besides, both men lost consciousness and fell at each other's side. It turned out that the young Frenchman had been made a Freemason a few months before the outbreak of the war, and that he had instinctively made the sign by means of which members of the Fraternity are taught to ask their brethren for help. The Prussian was an old Mason, who recognised it instantly, and who had instinctively paused, and before there was time for consideration both men fainted away. When consciousness was restored, they found themselves side by side and with the dead and dying round them. By a strange coincidence, their wounds were such that each could give the other some slight relief, and the late enemies employed their weary hours, in which they lay disabled and untended, in rendering little kindnesses to each other, and in thus cementing the friendship which had begun so strangely. When help came, they petitioned to be permitted to keep together, telling their story with considerable effusiveness to the doctor, who after some time came to them on the field. This gentleman, who was not a military surgeon, but a member of the blessed society which dates from Geneva, raised his hands in pleased astonishment at the tale he heard, and at once showed himself to be a Freemason too; so that three Brethren of the Mystic Tie were to be seen wondering over the strange chance which had thrown them together. I do not profess to be able to explain the particular influence brought into play, or the kind of solace which Freemasons find in each others company, but it is certain that the wounded men are supremely satisfied at the result, and that their story has given them quite a celebrity among their fellow-sufferers.

At Iges, where the French prisoners were placed after the capitulation of Sedan, and where, it is but too true, they were all starving, some of their number contrived to make it known to their captors that they were Masons, and though this was ineffectual in many instances, the sturdy and uninitiated Prussians laughing the Masonic gestures to scorn, wherever it succeeded the men obtained little comforts which were priceless. A stout trooper was seen handing a warm frieze coat to one prisoner, and giving part of his rations to another; and explained his conduct to an inquirer with a sheepish smile, which spoke volumes, "They are my brothers although I have fought with them, and they are hungry and cold, and must be helped. They would do it for me." These are merely typical cases. But it is impossible to mix much with the troops, particularly after a battle, without hearing of kindred instances of Masonic usefulness."

Such is the suggestive narrative of a non-Mason,—one who acknowledges that he does not understand the feelings of Masons, or the deep meaning, to us, of the story he relates; and for that reason I have selected it. The successes of Freemasonry, like the triumphs of all moral force, are generally silent, as we all know; but sometimes both are thrust to the front unexpectedly. Just as it is impossible always to conceal from the world the vast amount of good we do by means of our three great Charitable Institutions, so also our magnificent contributions for general benevolent purposes constantly appear in the daily newspapers. The personal experiences of Masons are still more rarely heard of, and then only among ourselves; but I have given you public and outside testimony of something to be proud of, that springs spontaneously from the school of Freemasonry. Of similar instances there are many on record. We may ask, if the bond of Brotherhood be strong enough to assert its influence in the manner related even on the battle field and in the hospital, to what extent may *not* the members of a single Lodge be capable of controlling the baser instincts of mankind, and promoting peace, love and concord wherever it finds home?

(To be continued.)

TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAUGE.

WHEN a candidate is being admitted into the mysteries, and duties of our ancient Order he is presented with a twenty-four inch gauge, and instructed that, whereas the Operative Mason used it for the measurement of his work, he is to use it for the more noble purpose of the measurement of his time. As it is the only measuring instrument known to the Craft, it appears to me that there is, necessarily, a deeper meaning in it than that developed by the monitor. As the only measure, and developed

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under the bond of brotherhood, it marks his duty towards his brother men and their responsive duty toward him: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It rises beyond this to the resultant action of duty discharged: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." There is a great principle enunciated here, which runs as a universal law through the natural, and is equally operative in the moral world.

When Sir Isaac Newton discovered, in the falling of the apple to the ground, the law of gravity, the value of his discovery was not more in the fact that the earth attracted the apple than that the apple itself attracted the earth towards it in proportion to their respective weight. The earth attracted the apple, but the apple also attracted the earth. Each responded in kind to the action of the other. So the blow of the hammer on the anvil is responded to with a resultant force equivalent to that of the blow struck. So nature everywhere responds to its own action, and to the acts of man. Alike in the natural and moral world, every act has its own consequence, every call has its own answer. This is the great principle on which all life moves onward.

It is a fact that every pressure involves resistance, and every blow struck and every act done is measured by a blow, and an act in return is what fills the universe with life. Take a few simple illustrations of this law: Two men stand together and look out upon our great river, St. Johns. It gives back to each of them an answer to the question uppermost in his own mind—just that and none other. The one sees only its capacity for commerce; the other sees only its magnificent flow and the multitude of feeding springs which make up its volume. One looks out on our great forests of pine and sees only the measure of their timber and its commercial value; another sees only the grandeur of each towering shaft and the beauty of its evergreen foliage. One sees in the mountain landscape only the exalting beauty of the scene, and another only the mineral wealth which lies beneath its surface. To each Nature gives back the answer, and in due proportion to the question asked by each inquirer, and only that.

So, in all our intercourse with our fellow men, what we get back from daily contact with them depends not more upon what they are in themselves than what we are who come in contact with them. The angry word brings back its own response, and "the soft answer turneth away wrath." One man goes among the lowest and most debased, and brings back only truth and brightness to his own heart; another goes into the best of associations and brings back only badness and misery. Some look upon their fellows through a jaundiced vision, and see only evil. Others look on them through a clearer lens, and see only what is bright and good and true. "The true man with a character of his own, will learn the possibility of being good from his own consciousness, all the more strongly because of the evil which surrounds him. No man, bad in himself, can really learn the possibility of goodness by mere sight and touch, even of a world of saints; and no soul can really lose the noble consciousness that man was made for goodness, though all the world beside him was steeped in wrong."

You may mingle among the purest associations and yet prove a Judas; and you may mingle with hypocrites and the profane, and yet be a righteous man. In each case you get back, in return, the measure of your own gauge—the answer to the question your own mind is asking. "True, the pure soul may fail to make the wretch it loves pure, but it becomes itself more pure by the long struggle. The tender soul wins a deeper tenderness in the despairing effort to elevate the brutal soul beside it. The brave patriot may fail to make his sluggish companions spring to their feet for liberty; but his effort sends down a deep patriotism into his own liberty-loving heart."

It is not therefore, how we take them, but rather how they give themselves to us, which settles the question, What shall be the rebound from us to other lives? Like the hammer on the anvil, each man gets out of the world of men about him only the rebound, the answer, the increase, the development, of what he brings to them.

Take the influence of trade, or business, upon the formation of character. Two men are behind the same counter, or in the same office. Their surroundings, their duties, and the atmosphere in which they labour, are the same. One builds up a character for truth, honesty, integrity, exhibiting the dignity of labour. The other learns only the tricks of trade, shrewdness and cunning, and a capacity for gratifying his greed in ways that avoid legal penalty. The one builds upward, integrity of character; the other builds downwards, its degradation. And this because each receives the fitting answer to his own inquiry—the resultant measure in full of his own gauge. A great deal has been said, and is continually being said, of the influence of business life on the character of men who are engaged in it. By far too little has been said upon the influence the man himself brings to bear on the business he is engaged in. And yet on this latter, rather than the former, depends the character developed in the atmosphere of business, and its daily pressing occupations, either exalting or degrading. The mechanic has formed his own conception of what he wants to do, and how to do it, before he measures his material. And in the business and moral workshop of life you have formulated your own plans, and chosen your own ideal, before you apply the gauge; and according to these you select heart timber or sap, wind-shaken, seasoned or green. The brave man is never a liar—the coward is never true. Because the one makes life the field for true and noble deeds, while the other makes it simply a game to be played, with the gains on the side of shrewdness and cunning. Life gives back to each, out of its full treasury, just what his own heart craves and values—solid worth or a gilded bauble; uplifting to the one, debasing to the other. To the one, success is king; to the other, defeat is moral victory.

Like every other Institution for the betterment of mankind, Masonry has, unfortunately, been graded in public estimation rather by the character of its members than by its principles and its intrinsic excellence. It is a symbolic system of real moral instruction. But the life is not in its symbols, but what the symbols represent. Its first lesson is the duty of reverence to God, the authenticity and inspiration of the sacred Scriptures; that human life is a pilgrimage; the certainty of death; the bright resurrection hope, and the awards of a final judgment, measured by the thoughts, words, and deeds of a life of probation. On these as a foundation, a foundation which must of necessity lie at the base of all true life, in man it demands a certain, definite and distinct character. First of all, "to be good and true is the first duty of a Mason." True to what, and to whom? True in his fealty and filial relation to God. To reach that, by the geometrical lines drawn to this one great centre, from every point in the circle of life, and between the parallels of the two Saints John. This, negatively, prohibits not only every word and act of profanity, but every act and thought of irreverence. Positively, it demands of every Mason the worship of God, with body, soul and spirit. In other words, to be a faithful member of our ancient Order, it is required that religion shall underlie and permeate the entire character and life of the man. To be a true Mason, a man must be true in his relations to God, to himself, and to the brotherhood of man. Am I not correct in my position? If not, then every institute, symbol and ritual of the Order is and has been a fatal deception through all the centuries of its existence.

Loving the Order, I speak for its honour. I am your orator—your mouthpiece to the brethren within, and to the cavillers without, the Lodge. Faithfulness to duty as Masons will exalt your individual character, and bring honour to the "Mystic Tie."

As to the discharge of these duties, I pass into your hands the only true rule with which Masonry measures manly life—*the twenty-four inch gauge*. As you would have God's blessing, be true to Him. As you would help your brother man, be true to him; and as you love your own life, be true to its manhood. "For with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again, full measure, pressed down and running over."—*Voice of Masonry*.

MUSIC IN THE LODGE.—Music in a Masonic Lodge is essential to the rendering of the work in a most impressive manner. In the opening and closing ceremonies and in the conferring of degrees, there is abundant opportunity for musical services that will deepen the influence intended to accompany those exercises. The chant or hymn at the proper place in the ceremony may help to fasten the spoken words upon the mind, or give significance to the symbolism that is presented. Then, too, appropriate music will enliven the ordinary proceedings, thus lending an additional attraction to the gathering. The best musical talent may well find use in the Lodge; but if the best cannot be had let the brethren press into service that which is available. Let them have an organ or piano in the Lodge room, and if they can do no more, sing together the familiar hymns of the Order.

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Obituary.

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RECEIVED HIS CELESTIAL WAGES.

THE tidings reach us from Kentucky of the death of Bro. Rob Morris, the "Masonic Poet Laureate." The following appreciative article, reprinted from the *Keystone*, gives full particulars of our late Brother's Masonic career and work.

On Tuesday last, 31st July 1888, a personal Landmark, not only in the American Craft, but in the Craft universal, passed for ever from the Lodge below—our distinguished Brother and highly esteemed friend, ROBERT MORRIS, LL.D., Past Grand Master of Masons of Kentucky, and Masonic Poet Laureate. At the age of seventy years, in the full possession of his gifted faculties, he was stricken with apoplexy, and at home—that "old Kentucky home," at La Grange, which he so much loved, surrounded by the members of his family, he bade farewell to time and entered upon eternity; he left the little now for the great hereafter; he was raised from mortal life to immortality. His race was run, his work well done, and we may brush away our tears as we stand by his grave marked with the Acacia, impressed as we are with the consciousness that the Great Grand Master has given him a White Stone and a New Name, and admitted him to His presence.

Brother Morris was born on 31st August 1818, and was made a Mason in Gathright Lodge, No. 33, of Oxford, Miss., on 5th March 1846, so that at the time of his death he had been a Mason over forty-two years.

How shall we refer to the multitudinous events of his extended and always prominent Masonic career? Freemasons of the present day cannot recal the time when Bro. Morris was not well known to the Masonic Fraternity in America. A Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi within four years from the time he was made a Mason; Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1850; Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1853; and Grand Master of Kentucky in 1858-59, he enjoyed the highest honours in Official Masonic life, serving in three jurisdictions, and winning from his Brethren their commendation for his knowledge of affairs, his sound judgment, his administrative ability and his literary and oratorical talents. The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has every reason to be proud of his reputation, for he reflected glory upon the universal Craft, which delighted to praise him.

Best of all, Brother Morris was known as a Masonic poet, and the author of that matchless lyric gem, "The Level and the Square," which is known round the globe wherever Freemasonry is known. We have before us as we write the *edition de luxe* of his "The Poetry of Freemasonry," a volume of four hundred pages, which is one of the volumes "that was not born to die." Only less widely known were his poems, "The Working Tools," "The Gavel Song," "The Door of the Heart," "The Letter G," and many others we might name. Freemasonry has been afflicted with not a few poetasters, but Rob Morris atoned for all their shortcomings. Richly did he merit the laurel crown which, with the consent of the Masonic world, was placed upon his brow as "Masonic Poet Laureate," in New York city five years ago.

As a Masonic author Brother Morris was most prolific. Beginning with his "Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry," published at Louisville in 1852, and ending with his "The Poetry of Freemasonry," published at Chicago in 1884, and re-issued in a less expensive edition during the present year, he composed and edited in all nearly one hundred volumes. Probably the most notable were his "Code of Masonic Law" (1857); "The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky" (1859); "The Biography of Eli Bruce, the Masonic Martyr" (a victim of the Morgan craze) (1861); "The Dictionary of Freemasonry" (1867), and "Freemasonry in the Holy Land" (1872). Bro. Enoch T. Carson, in his "Masonic Bibliography," enumerates his works. He also compiled many Masonic books, published Masonic Almanacs, and edited several Masonic newspapers and magazines, including the *Voice of Masonry* in its early years. Besides this he was an oriental traveller, having twice made prolonged Masonic visits to Palestine, where he organized the "Mother-Solomon Lodge" at Jerusalem. In all of the jurisdictions of America he was widely known as an interesting Masonic lecturer, effectively reciting his own poems in the Lodge with esoteric illustrative signs. The only unpraiseworthy work he performed during his long career was the founding of the male-and-female adoptive "Order of the Eastern Star," in 1868. True, this Order has not lacked popularity in certain quarters, but such a mixed society is, in its very nature, foreign to Freemasonry, although its votaries, where it exists, are often improperly permitted to meet in Masonic Halls.

BRO. CHARLES THOM.

The funeral of the late Bro. Charles Thom took place on the 7th inst., and was performed with Masonic honours. The brethren of Lodge Kilwinning, of which deceased was a member, took part in the procession, and were accompanied by representatives from the sister Lodges Lour and Dunnichen. A good number of the general public also followed the hearse. The Rev. Mr. Caie conducted the service at the grave.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Criterion.—The revival of Mr. F. C. Burnand's comedy "Betsy" has been received with much approval, and is likely to become as popular as when it was first produced. The three acts are so bright and exhilarating that one cannot fail to laugh heartily at the situations, while the company engaged do ample justice to the different parts, so that nothing is wanting in this respect. Such artistes as Messrs. William Blakeley (Mr. Alexander Birkett), Herbert Standing (Captain Redmond McManus), George Giddins (Richard Talbot), A. Boucicault (Mr. Adolphus Birkett), and the Misses Fanny Robertson (Mrs. Birkett), Fanny Moore (Mrs. McManus), Rose Saker (Madame Polenta), Ella Terriss (Nellie Bassett), Edith Penrose (Grace Peyton), and Lottie Venne (Betsy) are just the ones to make the piece go merrily, and we can heartily congratulate them on the success of their labours. We feel sure that "Betsy" will prove attractive enough to be kept in the bill for some time to come.

London Pavilion.—The entertainment provided by the management may truly be termed a holiday one, the principal artist is in the musical—or perhaps we should say music hall—profession being engaged, and the reception they meet with sufficiently demonstrates that the patrons of Mr. Villiers' handsome theatre fully appreciate the good fare submitted for their approval. The programme is agreeably diversified to suit the most critical tastes, though the "gay" predominates rather than the "grave;" while the laughter that rings throughout the building is enough to drive away dull care even from the Metropolitan Board of Works. The fact that Bro. Edward Swanborough is acting manager is equivalent to saying that every attention is paid to the comfort of visitors.

Notwithstanding the great success of "The Arabian Nights," at the Comedy, it will be withdrawn on the 21st instant, and on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, will be produced a new play entitled "Uncles and Aunts."

Mr. Henry Bracy announces a short season at the Avenue, commencing on the 25th instant. Mr. Bracy will produce both comedy and burlesque during his season.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 8th inst., on the invitation of the Richmond Lennox Lodge (No. 123), the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, held a Prov. Grand Lodge, at Richmond. The Town Hall was tastefully decorated in honour of the event. Prior to the meeting the brethren and visitors were entertained at the Masonic Hall. Amongst those present at the meeting were Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Prov. and G.W. of England, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand

Bro. R. G. Smith 1010	-	Senior Warden
W. Watts 200	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Thomas Cheese 566	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. L. M. Rees 630	-	Chaplains
Ed. Corris 57	-	Registrar
M. C. Peck 1040	-	Secretary
Geo. Garbutt 236	-	Senior Deacon
James March 123	-	Junior Deacon
Isaac Fidler 602	-	Superintendent of Works
M. M. Westerby 294	-	Director of Ceremonies
S. W. Fisher 1248	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. G. Forbes 543	-	Sword Bearer
Fras. Creaser 734	-	Standard Bearers
Thomas Dale 561	-	Standard Bearers
W. S. Cbild 236	-	Organist
Thomas Oates 250	-	Assistant Secretary
Jas. Howcroft 1244	-	Pursuivant
A. M. White 1991	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. J. Lambert 1010	-	Tyler
W. B. Hutton 57	-	Stewards
A. P. Maddison 1618	-	Stewards
C. E. Bradley 1760	-	Stewards
G. Longbotham 1848	-	Stewards
J. H. Taylor 1991	-	Stewards
J. W. Webb 2134	-	Stewards

Over 200 members attended. After the meeting a banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel. Bro. Thos. Chapman Denham the W.M. of the Lennox Lodge, and members of the Richmond Lodge had charge of the general arrangements.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Corn Exchange, Ringwood, on the 14th inst., when about 200 brethren of the Province assembled under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was supported by the D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.D. of England), Bros. T. R. Williams P.G.S.W., Mortimer P.G.J.W., and a large number of Present and Past Officers of the Province. The minutes of the last Lodge having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing a very satisfactory condition of the accounts of the Province, there being a balance of £454 17s in hand, in addition to the invested funds. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Headley P.G. Assistant Secretary, who officiated in the absence of Bro. E. Goble P.G. Secretary, announced the withdrawal from office of Bro. R. J. Hooper-Rastrick, who for several years past has been elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master referred in eulogistic terms to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Hooper-Rastrick, and moved a vote of thanks. This having been carried with acclamation, the Lodge proceeded to elect a Treasurer, the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. J. W. Gieve, Secretary of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Portsmouth, who was nominated by the P.G.S.W., and seconded by the P.G.J.W. The ordinary routine business of the Lodge was then transacted, the following being appointed Officers of the Province for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre 130	-	Deputy Grand Master
Col. A. G. Yeatman Biggs 1971	-	Senior Warden
H. G. Dver 132	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. C. Witton 1373	-	Chaplains
Rev. T. F. Morton 257	-	Chaplains
E. Groves 175	-	Registrar
J. W. Gieve 1990	-	Treasurer
Edgar Goble 309	-	Secretary
Rev. A. A. Headley 309	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Patstone 359	-	Senior Deacons
A. W. Ward 132	-	Senior Deacons
Francis Powell 2153	-	Junior Deacons
J. Marks 76	-	Junior Deacons
H. N. Jenkins 2208	-	Superintendent of Works
G. F. Bevis 2068	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. C. Airs 35	-	Deputy D.C.
T. P. Palsgrave 487	-	Assistant Director of Cers.
J. Taylor 1331	-	Sword Bearer
E. Nayler 928	-	Standard Bearers
J. C. Barbage 319	-	Standard Bearers
Chater 1373	-	Organist
J. Collings 804	-	Pursuivant
G. Grant 1780	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. Webber 132	-	Stewards
Topham Jones 551	-	Stewards

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A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with Bro. Edgar Goble, who has recently sustained a severe domestic affliction. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren dined at the Town Hall, the P.G.M. presiding.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

THE *Evening Mail* of Toronto, in publishing a report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which assembled on Wednesday and Thursday, 18th and 19th July, writes as follows concerning the second day's proceedings :—

The first business of the day was the election of Officers for the ensuing year, there being a large amount of other affairs disposed of during the interval between voting for the candidates. The office *par excellence*, and the one looked forward to with the greatest interest, is that of Most Worshipful Grand Master. The mind of Grand Lodge was concentrated on one man, who not only in former years, but during the Communication just closed, displayed talents that pre-eminently fit him for so exalted and so influential a station. The scrutineers were told to collect the ballots, and when counted the secretary read out, during breathless silence, that 991 ballots were cast, and that Bro. R. T. Walkem, of Kingston, had received 989. The applause which followed was significant; it showed that Grand Lodge was proud of their choice, and convinced that the brother selected as head of the Masonic Order in Canada will worthily represent them in all the stations and avocations of life. The Grand Master declared the late Deputy Grand Master duly elected. R.W. Bro. Walkem, amid tremendous cheering, rose from his chair, and with a voice full of emotion spoke as follows :—

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren of Grand Lodge,—I could not but be grat fied at the result of the vote that has placed me almost unanimously in the highest position in the gift of Grand Lodge. I have always regarded it as an honour to be a member of Grand Lodge, even upon the floor of the house; to be an Officer of that distinguished body is a greater honour, but to be Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity is a distinction to which any man, no matter how high his station, should be proud to attain. The compliment involved in your election of me to the Grand Mastership after such a very short period of service is one of which I have every reason to be proud. I trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will give me wisdom and strength to discharge the duties of my exalted position satisfactorily during my term of office. If I succeed in emulating the example of my predecessors I shall have reason to be content. It will be my earnest desire to promote your prosperity and the good of the Craft generally. The ballot was then ordered to be taken for the office of Deputy Grand Master. The result showed that although there was not the same unanimity as that displayed for the Worshipful Master, yet it may be said that the choice was practically unanimous. The person selected was R.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, of this city, a gentleman of high Masonic reputation, and one whose past experience will enable him to discharge with marked ability the high and important duties of the office. The vote (937 out of 1027) unmistakably showed that Grand Lodge sought out Bro. Robertson as one of its most prominent office bearers.

The Deputy Grand Master-elect was introduced and delivered the following neat address :—I assure you, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, that I cannot find words to express my grateful appreciation of the high honour you have conferred upon me in electing me, practically unanimously, to the position of Deputy Grand Master, an office worthy of the ambition of any Mason. It is now nearly a quarter of a century since I first saw the light of the Craft, and during that time, as member or officer of my own Lodge, or in the various positions with which through your kindness I have been honoured in Grand Lodge, I have always sincerely endeavoured to do my duty. As in the past so in the future, it will be my aim to discharge the duties of the office to which I have been called in a manner that will meet with the acceptance and approval of my brethren in the Craft. The remaining officers were elected during the day—Bros. J. A. Wills, Toronto, Senior Warden; Joseph Beck, Goderich, Junior Warden; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Kingston, Chaplain; Ed. Mitchell, Hamilton, Treasurer; J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Secretary; H. A. Mackelcan, Hamilton, Registrar.

In connection with the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, the following resolution was submitted :—Moved by Bro. Daniel Rose and seconded by Bro. Spry :—

"That having heard with pleasure from the Grand Master that the last Lodge working under a foreign warrant in this jurisdiction has now applied to this Grand body to be placed on its roll of warranted Lodges, the time is opportune for the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the mother Grand Lodge of Quebec, to offer its friendly services to the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec to aid them in the settlement of the unfortunate matters in dispute between these Grand bodies, so that a stop may be put to the vexatious troubles so injurious not alone to the jurisdiction directly interested, but to the Craft generally. Be it therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge request the Grand Master to enter into correspondence with his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England and the M.W. the Grand Master of Quebec, looking to the end that harmony and brotherly love may prevail between England and the Craft in this Dominion.

M.W. Bro. Murray opposed the resolution, arguing that any interference by Grand Lodge with matters not within its jurisdiction might lead to unfriendly consequences. The Louisiana Grand Lodge offered its mediation and was practically snubbed by the English Grand Lodge. The same thing might ensue in this case.

Grand Master Walkem said :—I do not concur in the observations of the inadvisability of passing the motion. I think he misunderstands the position the Grand Lodge of England took on the offer of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Grand Lodge of England, as I understand the matter, simply intimated to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana that they had taken a certain stand, from which they could not recede, and I do not understand that they treated the Grand Lodge discourteously. I think the motion is one which should be allowed to pass. I have always entertained a decided opinion respecting the merits of the dispute between England and Quebec, which it would serve no useful purpose to declare at present. I would cheerfully undertake the task of mediating between the parties, and of endeavouring to induce the Grand Lodge of England, or Lodges under its jurisdiction, to try and meet the views of Grand Lodge of Quebec; and I would so conduct the correspondence as neither to invite rebuke nor discourtesy. If spared it is my intention to visit England next year, and possibly more might be effected by personal interview with the English Grand Lodge Officers than by any amount of correspondence. I hope, therefore, the motion will pass, as its objects are highly commendable from every point of view. The motion was carried unanimously.

ONTARIO MASONS SEEK AN END OF THE QUEBEC DISPUTE WITH ENGLAND.

AT the various meeting of the Grand Lodge, held on the 20th July, the following elections for the coming year were made: Bros. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Kingston, Grand Master; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master; John A. Willis, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden; Joseph Bech, Goderich, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Tamworth, Grand Chaplain; Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; H. A. Mackelcan, Hamilton, Grand Registrar; J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary; Thomas Coleman, Owen Sound, Grand Tyler. District Deputy Grand Masters:—Bros. J. A. C. Anderson, Ridgetown; W. S. Calvert, Napier; John Boyd, Belmont; W. G. Duff, Seaforth; E. E. Wade, Brussels; W. McDonald, Tilsonburgh; Richard Mahoney, Guelph; W. Freeman, Georgetown; George Monkman, Barrie; C. G. McDermott, St. Catharines; James Wayling, Sharon; B. Shortly, Peterboro; Wm. Smeaton, Belleville; H. Wilkinson, Kingston; W. J. Morris, Perth; David Taylor, Ottawa; S. W. Ray, Port Arthur. Owen Sound was selected as the place for the next annual meeting. A sympathetic resolution regarding the death of the late Emperors William and Frederick of Germany, who were Masons and patrons of the Craft, was carried. It was resolved: "That having heard with pleasure from the Grand Master that the last Lodge working under a foreign warrant in this jurisdiction has now applied to the Grand body to be placed on its roll of warranted Lodges, the time is opportune for the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the Mother Grand Lodge of Quebec, to offer its friendly services to the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec to aid them in the settlement of the unfortunate matters in dispute between these grand bodies, so that a stop may be put to the vexatious trouble, so injurious, not alone to the jurisdictions directly interested but to the Craft generally. Be it, therefore, resolved that the Grand Lodge request the Grand Master to enter into correspondence with H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England and the M.W. the Grand Master of Quebec looking to the end that harmony and brotherly love may prevail between England and the Craft in this Dominion."—*Montreal Daily Gazette.*

NEW ZEALAND.

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ZEALANDIA LODGE, No. 2072.

THE monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Whangarea, on Thursday, 17th May. Present: Bros. H. W. Bishop W.M., C. L. White S.W., H. D. Stewart J.W., J. Christie Treas., R. Shepherd P.M. Sec., Williams S.D., S. Calken J.D., J. G. Shepherd I.G., J. Wotherspoon P.M. Tyler, C. Gothard and A. Anderson Stewards; J. Wigmore, A. Nisbet, F. J. Haggar, D. N. O. D. Molesworth, R. G. Bramby. Visitors: W. R. Hendry 154 E.C., and J. H. Mason. A communication was read from the District Grand Secretary. One gentleman was unanimously balloted for. The balance-sheet was read and received, showing the Lodge to be in financially good standing. The installation of W.M. took place, Bro. Anderson P.M. officiating as Installing Officer, and Bro. Williams P.M. in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies. Bro. C. L. White W.M. elect was presented and installed into the K.S. chair, when he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Gothard S.W., Stewart J.W., Christie Treas., Shepherd Sec., Shepherd S.D., Hagger J.W., Molesworth Inner Guard, Wotherspoon Tyler. One gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Hendry, on behalf of Lodge 154, congratulated the W.M. on the good working of the Lodge. The Lodge closed in ancient form at 9·40.

AN INCIDENT IN COLONIAL FREEMASONRY.

AT the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the colony of Novia Scotia, Canada, the Rev. Daniel C. Moore, a Norfolk man, was elected Grand Master. Bro. Moore went to school at Yarmouth, under the Rev. Thomas Clowes, the Rev. N. H. Clarke, and his own father the Rev. D. B. Moore. He has lived in Nova Scotia since 1862, and has been Grand Chaplain, first of the District Grand Lodge, and secondly of the Sovereign Grand Lodge after its foundation. In 1848-49 and 50, Bro. Moore was Curate to the Rev. E. E. Bloncowe, at West Walton, near King's Lynn.

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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see Brother Gould's announcement in your last issue that he is about to edit a work on Masonic Jurisprudence. I have often chatted with Brother P.M.'s on this subject, and we are now agreed that the task has fallen into excellent hands. What we want is a thorough digest of Masonic Law (Grand Lodge of England); but if Bro. Gould is going to treat of Masonic Law in general, I hope he will restrict a portion of his work to English Craft Masonry only. Such work should not be a mere literary speculation, but should be subsidised by Grand Lodge, and I hope the Board of General Purposes will see fit to recommend such a course to the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

14th August 1888. T. F.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I have only recently been shown the last half-dozen of your weekly issues, from which and a certain anonymous circular, also shown to me, I gather that the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been the subject of comments and criticisms, somewhat severe, and apparently not unfounded. As an old "Masonic Boy" I might say much upon the questions raised by that circular; but it would ill become me to do so. I will, however, say this, that in my opinion—formed upon the experience gained by a six years' residence as a pupil at Wood Green—of the statements made (interrogatively) and contained in that circular, some are correct; some correct subject to qualification; some capable of explanation, and others incorrect. I would also respectfully suggest that no inquiry into the management and internal economy of the Institution will be complete without the examination of a few of the late scholars.

But having as an "Old Boy" the good of the Institution at heart, I wish, with your kind permission, to say a few words concerning what, I humbly think, is at bottom as important a question as any raised by the circular, viz., the *general tone of the School*. When I was at the School, a few years ago, the tone was bad. From casual observation, and upon the word of those competent to judge, it has since become worse. There must be a cause or causes. Probably many combine to produce the effect—many, perhaps, will occur to the minds of all who have knowledge of the Institution; but there is one which may not so occur, and for which the staff of the Institution, and their system, have always been to blame. *The boys are not trained to be gentlemen*, nor are they assisted in arriving at the knowledge of wherein gentlemanliness consists. The contrary is deplorably the case. They have been made to feel too heavily the fact that they are the recipients of charity, and their title to respect and personal treatment as (young) gentlemen has been ignored. I admit that, unfortunately, a large proportion of the boys entering the Institution have not previously been brought up in a manner likely to imbue them with the incipient feelings and principles of true gentlemen. But is this in any way counteracted during their residence at the School? Emphatically—No!

It might, I think, be done by (1) avoiding the unnecessary continual enforcement and endorsement of the fact that they (the boys) are the recipients of charity; (2) by giving them to understand both verbally, and by the better and stronger sanction of consistent practice, that they must behave invariably as gentlemen, must become and be gentlemen, and that they are regarded by the staff as gentlemen; and (3) as a corollary to (2) they must be trusted, and know that they are trusted as gentlemen.

Such a reform would necessarily be a gradual one, and occupy considerable time before consummation; but I would have all the boys feel their position, as Charles Lamb—as he has so well told us in one of his essays—felt his position at Christ's Hospital, not as the workhouse boys in "Oliver Twist." I believe that this can, in course of time be effected in the way I have suggested, if a proper system on that basis be adopted and faithfully carried out with patience and perseverance. At present many new boys are contaminated by those in residence before them. Let it be the other way—let them be elevated by their new associates, and soon a higher and better tone will characterise the school. The less the "charity" is pressed upon the boys the more real gratitude will there be in their hearts to their benefactors. True charity worketh swiftly and walketh in silence.

The chief objects of Freemasonry are (1) the Glory of God and (2) the service of man. Let the achievement of that second object—the beneficence, the service, the charity of the Craft—be sought in the noblest way, especially where the wider youth is the object.

I shall for all time deeply feel the immense debt of gratitude I owe to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it will only be lightened, not lessened, if what I have written will lead to anything (however small) of future benefit to the noble Charity. I have now only to apologise for the presence so much upon your space, and to thank you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter. I enclose my name and address, which for obvious reasons I withhold from publication, and beg, Sir, to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

"AN OLD MASONIC BOY."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1182.

THE annual investiture of Officers in connection with the above Lodge was held on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, the proceedings being opened soon after four o'clock by Bro. Jas. Pittaway W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Galloway, was presented for installation by Bros. R. Martin and A. Barclay, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Pittaway. Subsequently the new W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. Pittaway I.P.M., Edwards S.W., Rawsthorne J.W., Hesketh Treas., Morris Sec., Ferguson J.D., Parkinson I.G., Lowthian S.S., Tunnicliffe J.S., Wright Org., and Barclay D.C. The installation being over, the brethren and invited guests dined together, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented by Bro. Galloway W.M. to the I.P.M. Bro. Pittaway, on behalf of the Lodge.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE summer festival of the brethren of this Lodge took place on the 9th instant, with complete success. A large company arrived at Gravesend about eleven o'clock, and were received by Bro. Capt. W. Hayward, who conducted them on board the steam yacht "Sussex." The vessel, which was gaily decorated with bunting, then proceeded down the river, round the Nore Lightship and arrived back to the Terrace Pier in the afternoon. After a quiet stroll through the gardens, which are now resplendent with flowers and foliage, the party adjourned to the Clarendon Hotel, where dinner was served by Bro. T. Beili, the attentive manager. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and the brethren will doubtless long remember their summer outing of 1888.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

AT an emergency meeting of this Lodge, held at Brixton, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. John Duckworth W.M., Mr. F. W. Gustav Glaser, late of Reuter's Telegram Company, and London correspondent of the Berlin *National Zeitung*, and Mr. E. L. Degrez, of the Parliamentary reporting staff of the *Daily Telegraph*, were unanimously elected as members, and were initiated accordingly.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

THIS Lodge, consecrated some fifteen months back, at the Dock Hotel, Tilbury, was removed to the Royal Forest Hotel at Chingford in June last, and now holds its regular meetings there. On the 26th ult., Bro. George J. Westfield J.W. and W.M. elect was installed as W.M. according to ancient custom, by Bro. C. T. Lewis Provincial Grand Steward. Bro. Westfield invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. C. T. Lewis I.P.M., W. Smith S.W., C. H. Canning J.W., H. Lewis Treasurer, G. Hughes Secretary, A. T. Dale S.D., T. Ringrose J.D., J. G. Hammond I.G., Dickeson Organist, Carman D.C., J. W. Cain A.D.C., F. J. Eedle and Buxton Stewards, and J. Ives P.M. Tyler. Bro. Lewis then gave the addresses, finishing the ceremony. For this he was voted the thanks of the Lodge, the same to be inscribed on the minutes. Brother Westfield was elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, and after other business Lodge was closed. Among those present were Bros. C. Jolly P.M. and Secretary 1472, A. J. Manning P.M. P.P.S.G.D., J. W. Beadle, C. Taylor, J. T. Barnes, H. Prater, W. T. Buxton, and J. W. Joyce (all of the Lodge); C. Allen W.M. 163, W. Dorton P.M. 1056, C. G. Hill P.M. 1607, L. J. Deenham 1607, J. Hattersley S.W. 2272 J.D. 1607, J. Mullony J.W. 1625, McCall Chambers 1638, J. Rose 28, and W. Reynolds 1685. A banquet followed, after which the W.M. gave the routine Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. In speaking to that of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Brooke; the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. eulogised the many great services done for the good of Masonry, both generally and in the Province of Essex, by their Provincial Grand Master and his learned and courteous lieutenant, Bro. Philbrick. Individually, he did not know them so much at present as he hoped to in the future; therefore, if he had not done them and the rest of the Officers, both present and past, full justice, they must attribute it to his want of knowledge; a mistake of the head, and not of the heart. Bro. Manning, in responding, said he felt it a very great honour to have his name associated with a toast of so much importance. He should have been delighted to have seen other of the P.G. Officers present; he attributed their non-attendance to the weather, or some earlier claims upon their time. As for their esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, from what he knew of his desire at all times to come among them and watch the progress the Lodges, especially the new ones, were making, he felt sure that some other and more pressing engagement kept him away; while they all knew the many official and professional duties of Bro. Philbrick made his presence an honour indeed. As for the Lodge, he was proud of its prosperity, and he hoped to live to see the Master's chair filled in succession by every brother of the Lodge present. Bro. Lewis was deeply sorry that not one of his colleagues among the present Officers of the Province were present, but he presumed, as Bro. Manning had, that pressure of other engagements prevented their attendance. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he heartily thanked them for the toast. Bro. Lewis now proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was a very pleasant duty, especially as he had known Bro. Westfield intimately for a great many years, and had always found him, in everything he undertook, to be the right man in the right place. It was a difficult thing for the first Master of a new Lodge to find seats for all the aspirants to office, but he felt sure that in offering Bro. Westfield the position of Junior Warden he had

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made no mistake. Bro. Westfield was a Mason of some twenty-five years' standing, and was in every way qualified to fill the chair of Worshipful Master. Ever since he had taken office he had left no stone unturned to render himself worthy of the office he now held. They had shown their approbation of those efforts by electing him to the chair of their Lodge, and also as their representative on the Charity Committee of the province, and he felt sure that they would never regret their choice. Bro. Westfield, in reply, said he did not know that he could do more than express his gratitude for the very high honour done him that day. It was his determination, during his year of office, to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Those two objects he should continually keep in view; this motive had actuated him indeed, ever since he became a founder of the Lodge. He should get as many good Masons as he could to join the Lodge, and so far as the Constitutions of the Order allowed him, he should use his best endeavours to induce good candidates to be initiated in it. That would be his first endeavour; his second would be to carry out his duties strictly and impartially, and he should expect, and indeed call upon every Officer of the Lodge to do the same. No Master ever went into the chair with a better staff of Officers, and with their assistance he confidently looked forward to a good year of office. He asked the Past Masters to assist him, and if at any time one of them should say to him, "You are wrong," then he would gladly say "Put me right," and would feel it as a favour for any Past Master to do so. He trusted they might all be united in one bond of friendship, and that brotherly love and unity might prevail at all their meetings, so that when they parted, they might look forward with pleasurable anticipation to their next happy meeting. He again thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers. The next toast was that of the Installing Officer, and in putting it the Worshipful Master spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Lewis had carried out the duties. He also presented Bro. Lewis with a handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the approbation and esteem of the brethren. He trusted Bro. Lewis might live long to wear it, and then—as Mrs. Gamp said—"hand it down to prosperity." He also presented Bro. Lewis with a P.M.'s collar, as a present from the brethren of the Lodge; and warmly congratulated him on receiving such undoubted marks of the esteem and affection of the brethren. Brother Lewis having feelingly returned thanks, Bro. Jolly responded for the P.M.'s. Bros. Hill, Dorton, Allen, and Mullony returned thanks for the Visitors. Bro. Smith responded to the toast of the Officers. Several other toasts were given, and then the Tyler concluded the proceedings. During the evening there was some good singing and reciting; Bros. Mullony, Woodruffe, Buxton, Allen, C. Jolly, and Messrs. C. B. Gammon and Consterdine ably acquitting themselves.

***Upton* Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the Three *Nuns Hotel*, Aldgate Station, on Monday last, the 13th instant. Present—Bros. J. W. Barnes W.M., T. Taylor S.W., J. De Sola Pinto J.W., A. W. Fenner Preceptor, E. Hill S.D., Lemaire I.G.; also Bros. C. J. Free, C. Patrick, Bailey, and others. Lodge was duly opened, and Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. J. Bailey answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Barnes vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Patrick, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. After this, the major part of the installation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Barnes acting as W.M. elect. Bro. G. J. Bailey, of the Lebanon Lodge 1326, was elected a member. Bro. T. Taylor was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next meeting. This being the first time Bro. J. W. Barnes had occupied the chair, on motion by Bro. Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Patrick, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded him for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the same. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, held at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on 3rd September, at seven o'clock p.m. Bros. B. Da Costa S.D. 1349 will preside. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., L. Da Costa J.W. 1349 J.W., D. Moss P.M. 1275 I.P.M., assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Corper, Jacobs, Shoesmith, Da Costa, De Casseres, Moloney, and Richardson. Second Lecture—Bros. Fox, Simmons, Oxley, Moss, and Shuter. Third Lecture—Bros. Marks, Musto, and Harris. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

On the 9th instant, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P., accompanied by a deputation from the Grand Lodge, presided at the ceremony of the Consecration of a new Lodge named Loch Fyne, No. 754. Subsequently a banquet was held in the saloon of the steamer Iona.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

SCOTLAND.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LOCHFYNE LODGE, No. 754.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place last week. A deputation from Grand Lodge arrived by the "Columba." The brethren of Lochfyne met in their Lodge room, Lochgilphead, at half-past six, and clad in their regalia and preceded by a band, met the deputation at the Argyll Hotel. The visitors falling in, the procession proceeded up the principal thoroughfare of the town and returned to the Lodge room, where the consecration ceremony was performed.

JOURNEYMAN LODGE, No. 8.

THE members made their annual visitation of tombs on Saturday afternoon, and proceeded to the West Church, Grange, Calton, and Restalrig burying grounds. The Worshipful Master, G. C. Douglas, was accompanied by Bros. C. Robb P.M., A. M'Kechnie S.W., J. Scott J.W., J. W. Blake J.D.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 36.

THE members of this Edinburgh Lodge, to the number of about fifty, had an excursion on Thursday, 9th inst. They went to Dirleton by rail, and after visiting the beautiful grounds there, drove *via* North Berwick to Tantallon Castle, where they lunched. They afterwards continued their drive through Tynninghame Forest, returning to North Berwick about four o'clock, where they had dinner at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of R.W.M. Bro. David Cuthbert S.S.C.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

THE Companions of Royal Arch Masons held their annual conference at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 13th inst., there being a good attendance. The election of Officers for the year took place, as follows:—Comps. Alfred Kirk P.Z. Z. (for the fifth time), George Horsham H., Frederick Baines J., C. F. Liversidge P.Z. P.S. Treasurer, F. J. Sowby S.E., J. Staniforth S.N., G. Scott Jan. Two brethren of the Isle of Axholme and Yarborough Lodges having been exalted, and other business of the Chapter having been transacted, the annual banquet was afterwards held, and the usual Masonic toasts proposed. Companion Kirk presided.

IRELAND.

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COLERAINE LODGE, No. 235.

THE members held their annual excursion on Monday, the 6th inst. The place selected was the Giant's Causeway. Owing to the excellent arrangements made by the Lodge, along with Mr. W. Winter, manager of the Giant's Causeway Hotel, cars and waggonettes were in waiting at the Masonic Hall, where the brethren were congregated. The route chosen was via Portstewart and Portrush, and thence along the shore road to the Causeway. The weather was not at all what could be desired. On arriving at the Causeway a hearty dinner was partaken of, after which Bro. W. Mack was called to the chair, and the usual toasts were given and responded to. The party arrived home about nine o'clock, well pleased with the day's outing.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, on Thursday, the 30th instant, Bro. B. Stewart P.M. in the chair. Lodge will be opened at 7·30 p.m.

Contracts are invited for carving a Masonic tablet, with Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns. Apply to Mr. John Taylor, architect, Longton.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of a dear old friend; one who at all times has been ready to devote his professional skill and long experience to ameliorate the sufferings of his less fortunate fellows. We refer to Bro. Dr. Trollope, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, at the Local Hospital of which township he was ever one of the most devoted of practitioners. Bro. Dr. Trollope passed the chair in the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, and has at all times taken an active share in the conduct of that Lodge's business. He has also achieved distinction as a Craftsman in sundry high places, where his zeal and assiduity has been fully appreciated. We trust we may soon hear that marked improvement has taken place in our good brother's physical condition, and that he may yet be spared to us for a few more years.

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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 AUGUST.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—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
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Stuart Chapter of Improvement (Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
305—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 20th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (Inst
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
825—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
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. 25—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
76—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)
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Cotton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Panmure, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Turnmill-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)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Savoy Court, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Farmers' Stage Tavern, Stamford Hill, N., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Claremont, 7 Penton Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Towns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—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)
1860—Duke of Cornwall, Jacob's Arms, Queen Victoria Road, at 7. (In.)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hunley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
909—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
946—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Maidstone
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Old Cattle-market, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Basking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Mapperley, Nottingham
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Beetle, 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
1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 146—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 490—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 793—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8 (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Horse, Shoreham 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, Barbican-road, E. (Instruction)
812—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 8. (Inst.)
1175—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Oak Yard, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (In
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Dancing Rooms, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berners Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Carshalton Road, S.E., at 8. (I
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (In
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dunbar
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
298—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Station Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
760—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cockermouth
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
962—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1069—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Preston
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 408—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newc

THURSDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lea Bridge-road, E.C., at 7.45 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st., at 8. (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, Kingsland, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
146—Justice, Brown Bear, Bush Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
211—Prudence, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, Stonehall Gardens, at 7 (Instruct
745—Hengrave, The Clarence, Addiscombe Road, Croydon (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Commercial Road, E. (Instruction)
870—St. Edmund, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 8 (Instruction)
1365—Southern Star, Shepherd's Bush Tavern, Goldhawk Road, at 8. (Inst.)
1446—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, at 8. (Instruct
1511—St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)

1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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. (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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—Clapton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, (Inst)
1960—Sydenham, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)

30—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
399—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
466—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
494—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
754—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1335—Standard, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1457—Lodge of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1569—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Mrple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrews, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 451—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

FRIDAY, 24th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1259—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 76—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Instr.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lothbury
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 860—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)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Stratford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Sutton Road, Loughton, at 7.15. (Instruction)
461—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1106—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1386—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Athingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2078—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 1088—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex

SATURDAY, 25th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In
1999—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1338—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1547—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

THE MASONRY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

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Degree of Apprentice.

The Master: Brother Master of Ceremonies, conduct the candidate to the East, that he may there make his solemn promise.

—When the candidate is halted, standing near the presidential platform,

The Master:

Monsieur, place the right hand on this Square and on this book which contains the Mason's Law.

I am about to read to you the formula of your obligation. You will afterwards say: I promise it.

"Upon this Square, emblem of rectitude and right, and upon this book of the law of the Free-Masons, I promise to labour with zeal and constancy at the work of Free-Masonry.

"I promise to seek for and spread the truth.

"I promise to practise assistance towards the weak, justice towards all, devotion towards my country and my family, dignity towards myself.

"I promise to love my brethren, to observe faithfully the Masonic law, and to reveal nothing of that which shall be confided to me under the seal of secresy."

Do you promise it, Monsieur?

—After the Candidate has said "I promise it,"

In the the name of universal Free-Masony, I record your promise.

Degree of Fellow-Craft.

After the Candidate has learned that the Blazing Star is "the Star of Free Thought, liberated from prejudices and superstitions," and that the letter G, in the centre of it, "is the monogram of Gravitation, Geometry, Generation, Genius and Gnosis," the Master says:

Bro. Master of Ceremonies, cause the candidate to come up to the East, to take his obligation.

—Blow of the mallet ———

Standing, and at order, my Brethren.

—When the Candidate is halted, standing, near the presidential platform,

Bro. W., place the right hand upon this Level and this Trowel.

I am about to read to you the formula of your obligation. You will say afterwards: I promise it.

"Upon this Level, emblem of social equality, and upon this Trowel, emblem of perfect work, I promise to conform myself to the teachings which have just been given to me.

"I promise, moreover, not to reveal to any one the ceremonies of the Degree of Fellow-Craft."

Do you promise it?

—After the Candidate has said "I promise it,"

I record your promise.

Degree of Master.

Venerable Brother Master of the Ceremonies, cause the Candidate to come up to the Dehbir, to take his obligation.

—Blow of the mallet———

Standing, and at order, Venerable Masters, my Brethren!

—When the Candidate is near the presidential platform,

At the moment when you are about to bind yourself by a solemn promise, it is my duty to exhort you, I do exhort you, to make here the sacrifice of every sentiment of animosity that you may retain against any one of your Brethren.

Be pleased now to extend the right hand over the branch of acacia.

I am about to read to you the formula of your obligation. You will afterwards say: I promise it.

"Upon the acacia, emblem of the new birth and renewal of life, I promise to instruct the Fellow-Crafts and Apprentices to labour for the intellectual and moral emancipation of Humanity.

"I promise, moreover, not to reveal to any one the ceremonies of the Degree of Master."

Do you promise it?

—After the Candidate has said "I promise it,"

I record your promise.

—The Master takes his sword with the left hand—holds it extended over the head of the Candidate, while with the right hand he holds his mallet,—and pronounces the following formula:

In the name and under the auspices of the Grand Orient of France, in virtue of the powers which have been conferred upon me, I receive and constitute you Master, to enjoy the plenitude of the Masonic rights.

It need only be added that the candidate is not required to profess a belief in the existence of a God: that prayer forms no part of the ceremonies of either degree: that God or the Deity is not anywhere mentioned in the Ritual: that there is no altar: that no Bible is used, the book of Masonic Law taking its place: and that it is no objection to a candidate that he is an openly avowed atheist.—*Bulletin S.C. United States S.J.*

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, which is to assemble in the Wesley Schools, Camborne, on Thursday, the 23rd instant, is likely to be of a very interesting and successful character. The arrangements are in the hands of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge (No. 1544), which was established in 1875. This Lodge has been very prosperous, and has its own Masonic Hall and apartments, now entirely free from debt.

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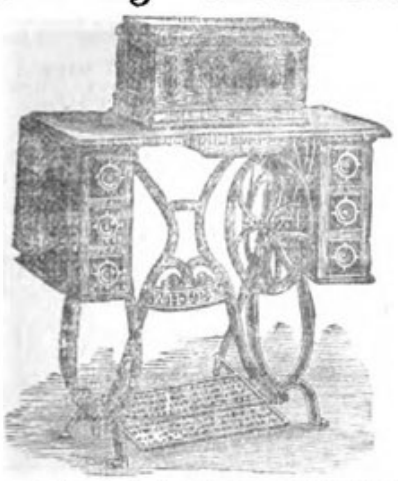
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MASONIC CEREMONIAL.

IN another part of our present issue we publish an announcement that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new Technical Schools to be erected at Stockport, and that he has expressed a desire for the ceremonies to be conducted with Masonic rites. No doubt this wish of the Lord Mayor, in respect to Freemasonry's aid being lent for such a good cause, will be duly gratified, while we may rely on the brethren of the Masonic Province of Cheshire doing all that lies in their power to help their distinguished visitor, but no doubt there are some among the inhabitants of the district who will pause and ask themselves the question, Why should Freemasonry be thus introduced in connection with such an event?

While it may be easy to answer this question in a general way, there is more than one feature in connection with it which calls for consideration, and our readers will admit, if they try to formulate an answer that shall satisfy the general public, it is not so easy a matter as at first appears; indeed, the more they look into the subject the more they will be inclined to agree with us that a satisfactory answer is very difficult to give, even if it is not wholly impossible to frame a reply that shall be applicable for every inquirer.

We can fully understand that in years gone by, when Freemasons were operative rather than as at present merely speculative builders, the ceremony of laying a foundation stone was one of the most important parts of the Mason's duty, and perhaps one of the best answers to be given to the question we have propounded would be that the association of Freemasonry with such ceremonies at the present day is merely the survival of an old custom, one which has received encouragement from the highest authorities in years gone by, and which at all times appears to meet the approval of the masses throughout the country. As Freemasons, however, we recognise in the rites which Freemasonry practises on such occasions something more than the survival of an old custom. To every part of the ceremony which is performed there is a hidden meaning, and if it is not possible for the Craft to make these meanings plain to the world at large, or even to all who take a part in the work performed, there can be no question that many of the lessons are understood and duly appreciated, while gratification is expressed that a public event should afford the opportunity of practically illustrating some of the beauties of the Masonic system.

The work of laying a foundation stone is one of the very few ceremonies which Freemasons may perform in public, and if the lessons that are hidden beneath the outward and visible forms gone through at such celebrations are not so forcible as many of those we are accustomed to within the tyled precincts of the Lodge, it is because in the one place the surroundings are so widely different to what is the case in the other. As it would be quite impossible to explain the exact signification of every public action to all who witness it, there would, in all probability be grave misunderstandings in regard to what was done, and what it was intended to signify thereby. Besides all this, it must not be forgotten that anything widely different to the ordinary usages of Society would attract too much attention, and might lead to differences which would be in direct opposition to what is desired and sought after by those who practise the teachings of the Craft.

It may be urged that the help of Freemasonry is called in on such occasions in order to lend additional grandeur or importance to the event itself, but in this respect it is sometimes difficult to decide which confers, and which receives the honour. Whether Freemasonry is honoured by being called in to assist, or whether Freemasonry adds honour to the work it takes part in. As an illustration of what we mean we may refer to the laying of the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral. Did the Freemasons of England add additional honour or glory to that work by the share they took in the proceedings, or was it not a compliment to them that they were allowed to take the lead in that great national event? We are rather inclined to the latter opinion, and believe that Freemasonry won more honour from its association with the laying of the foundation stones of that building than any it conferred. There are, at times, ceremonies of this character where the reverse is strongly marked, and where Freemasonry is actually made use of by those who feel that to secure the cooperation of the Masonic body is the sure road to a certain amount of success. We have on more than one occasion had to refer to such unworthiness, and no doubt it would not be very difficult to find other instances where the aid of Freemasonry had been sought from motives far from deserving of being termed worthy, but in the large majority of cases sincerity underlies the desire for Masonic ceremonial, and its association with a new undertaking is fully recognised as being a great honour.

Another phase of the question is to be found in the display which it is possible to make when Freemasonry is officially associated with such an event. As a rule the Grand Lodge of the Province holds a special meeting, and the Grand Master, or some other high dignitary attends—we may say in state—together with the principal Masons of the district, to perform the work which falls to their lot. This alone is sufficient to cause a little pleasurable excitement, and no doubt many others are present on such occasions out of pure curiosity to see what the ceremonies of Freemasonry consist of, or to witness a procession of Freemasons clothed with the insignia of the Order. If, as is likely to be the case at Stockport on the 8th proximo, the Masonic procession is augmented by the various friendly societies and volunteer corps of the neighbourhood, an even grander display results,

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and increased excitement prevails, a condition of affairs often most desirable, as many of the works engaged in are intended for public use, and, in a measure, are dependent on public sympathy for their completion and sustenance.

On the whole we may sum up the matter in a few words. Freemasonry, as a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, sees in such events as the laying of foundation stones a ready means of impressing some of its lessons on the outside world; of reminding its members of many others, which can only be appreciated by those within the mystic circle, and at the same time performing a public service, by undertaking what should essentially be a public duty. So long as these objects can be secured by the means we have referred to, we hope the members of the Masonic Order may be frequently called upon, while we further hope that the benefits and honours that Freemasonry has it in its power to confer may never be put to improper use, or that any unworthy motive may actuate a desire for the introduction of Masonic Ceremonial.

GLORIES OF MASONRY.

An Oration by Rev. Bro. Thomas W. Barry Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Lodge of Kansas, at Junction City, 16th February 1888.

APPRECIATING the honour conferred on me by this appointment, I willingly rise, not only to give my testimony to the present excellency of our noble art, but to pay a feeble tribute to the historic glories of the Ancient Craft. It has been said by one that "Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." It has been said by another that "Masonry is a moral and intellectual Institution, devised by its founders for the especial benefit of men who wished to know the truth, and then with all their might do it, whether under evil or good report." I endorse these statements and will add that Masonry is an Institution founded on eternal reason and truth; whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality.

There have been gloomy philosophers who have argued against the sociability of man. But every feeling of the human heart, every trait in the human character, and every line in the history of civilised nature, is against this idea and in favour of the idea that man is essentially a being formed for society. In fact, the history of mankind may be considered the history of social life.

When the mighty Master Hand, with so much facility, created from the dust of the earth the two first inhabitants, he could with equal ease have created thousands of the same species, and given them all the advantages of a perfect civilisation. But he thought good to create *two* only, with an evident purpose of a gradual population and a gradual advancement in those improvements for which He wisely fitted the human mind, and in which He as wisely determined to keep that mind occupied. And, from the fertile soil of human intelligence, the arts and sciences, and culture of every kind have proceeded with gradual progress, and man, by his boundless capability of improvement, has gone on to cultivate and adorn, to beautify and to bless social life with all which reason could approve and fancy admire.

Let glorious crowns of immortality rest on the heads of those great and distinguished worthies of the Ancient Craft who have nobly added to the sum of human happiness by advancing the cause of civilisation; who by the invention and improvement of the arts and sciences have exalted the dignity and extended the comforts of mankind. The mighty conquerors of earth, who folded in exulting triumph their standards, crimsoned in human blood, and built their fame on wide-spread ruin and devastation, will be forgotten and sink into darkness and obscurity, while the memory of those true heroes will shine with a brighter lustre, those fathers, friends and benefactors who existed only to diffuse light and blessing, to improve and humanise the world. These are the men whom we exult to call brethren; these are the men who, throughout all ages, have composed the Honourable Fraternity of Masons.

In proof of what I say permit me just to touch with a passing pencil: First, the antiquity; second, the extent; third the comprehensiveness; fourth, the excellent utility of an Institution whose daily advancing progress, highly flourishing state and unquestionable merit, no one can doubt who beholds this honourable assemblage of Master Masons. If antiquity merits our attention and demands our reverence, where will the society be found that has an equal claim? Masons are well informed from their own private and interior records that the building of Solomon's Temple is an important era, from whence they derive many mysteries of their art. You will remember that this great event took place more than a thousand years before the Christian era, and consequently more than a century before Homer, the first of the Grecian poets, wrote; more than five centuries before Pythagoras brought from the East his sublime system of truly Masonic instructions to illuminate the Western world. But we date the commencement of our art from a remoter period. We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the wise and glorious King of Israel for many of our mystic forms and hieroglyphic ceremonies.

Our art is coeval with creation. The Sovereign Architect raised on Masonic principles this beauteous globe. He commanded the master science, geometry, to lay the rule to the planetary world, and to regulate by its laws the whole stupendous system rolling round the central sun.

Secondly. An Institution of such remote antiquity may reasonably be supposed to be of boundless extent. We trace its footsteps in the most distant ages and nations of the world. We find it amongst the first and most celebrated civilisers of the East; we deduce it regularly, from the first astronomers on the plains of Chaldea to the wise and mystic kings and priests of Egypt, the sages of Greece, the philosophers of Rome, and even to the rude and Gothic builders of a dark and degenerate age, whose vast temples still remain as monuments of their attachment to the Masonic arts.

It may in truth be said that in no civilised age or country has Masonry been neglected. The most illustrious characters, kings and nobles, sages and statesmen, authors and artists, divines and warriors, have thought it their glory to protect and to honour it. And at this present hour, when we find the Brotherhood successfully established in every Kingdom of the earth, we are happy to rank in that list many names which do honour to their own, and would have done honour to any age. To enumerate them would be a task abundantly pleasing, but the time allows me not. It would be delightful to linger on the names of some of those heroes whose boast it was that they were friends and lovers of our art—the ancient, the honourable art, for whose promotion and dignity Lodges are opened in every quarter of the globe.

And here let me remark, and I do it with peculiar pleasure, that in whatsoever else men may dispute and disagree, yet they are all unanimous in respecting an Institution which annihilates all parties; conciliates all private opinions; and renders those who by their Almighty Father were made of one blood, to be also of one heart and one mind; Brothers, bound, firmly bound together by that indissoluble tie, "the love of their God, and the love of their kind." This alone might well be considered a sufficient reason for the extent or universality of the Craft. But when to this we add the comprehensiveness of the Institution, and the vast circle of arts and sciences which it takes in, we will no longer wonder at that extent, but be satisfied "That Masonry must and will always keep pace, and run parallel with the culture and civilisation of mankind. We may say, and say truly, that where Masonry is not, civilisation will never be found." And so it appears, for in savage countries where Operative Masonry never lays the line, nor stretches the compass, where skilful architecture never plans the dome, nor rears the well-ordered column; on those benighted realms liberal science never smiles, nor does art exalt, refine, and embellish the mind. Give Masonry a chance to exert her heaven-born talents in those realms; let her rear the dwellings and teach the lofty temple to emulate the clouds, and see what a train of arts immediately enter and join to give their patron, architecture, completion, and glory. At their head, sculpture with his animating chisel bids the forming marble breathe; painting with his pencil steals nature's fairest tints while the glowing canvas starts beneath his touch into beauty and life. Look

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at the labours of the loom; the storied tapestry, and the rich wrought silk, employed to decorate the habitation which every art and every exertion of the manufacturer and mechanic are busied to complete. Thus comprehensive is the noble art we boast, and such are the triumphs of architecture alone, in whose ample grasp are contained so many benefits to human nature, and which may justly be deemed the favourite child of civilisation.

Were I to proceed, or had I assumed for my proof that wonderful science on which Masonry is built; had geometry been my theme, the time would have failed me to have recounted even a part of that comprehensive extent and reach of instruction; that inexhausted fund of information and knowledge, of improvement and advantage, which it imparts to its studious votaries. But more extensive discussions of this entertaining theme may, perhaps, be a work in the future. For the present, after what has been already advanced, can any man doubt a moment the excellence and utility of Masonry, thus deep in antiquity, boundless in extent, and universal in its comprehension of science, operative and speculative; in its wide bosom embracing the whole circle of arts and morals? For me to attempt an encomium on Masonry would be, in the language of the bard:—

"To gild refined gold; to paint the lily;
To throw a perfume on the violet;
To smooth the ice; to add another hue
Unto the rainbow; or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish."

For who, in this polished age, is insensible of the attraction, the excellence, the utility of the fine arts, the liberal sciences? Who, in this humane and philanthropic era, is cold to the calls of benevolence, that all-pervading and all-performing virtue, which in one short and easy word, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," comprises all duty and consummates the round of moral perfection?

Indeed, the celebrated eulogy which Cicero passes on philosophy may with equal propriety be applied to Masonry, duly practised and easily understood. For in that view it will be found "the improvement of youth and the delight of old age. The ornament of prosperity, the refuse and solace of adverse hours; it pleases at home; is no encumbrance abroad; it lodges with us, travels with us, and adds amusement and pleasure to our retirement."

With heartfelt zeal and sincerity allow me, then, Most Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren, to congratulate you on the advancement, the progress and present state of our useful, excellent, antique, and mystic lore!

And while by our sincere good will and friendly regard each for the other; while by our liberal and merciful relief of brethren in distress; while by the establishment of an universal language and communication for the attainment of those two purposes throughout the earth, under the seal of most sacred and violable secrecy, so let us by every method and by every encouragement in our power, court the liberal arts to come and dwell amongst us; let the means of their cultivation and improvement be the frequent subject of our best and most serious thought; let us endeavour to hold forth every engaging allurement, that they may approach and apply their elegant and wonder-working fingers to finish the beauties of the well-ordered dome of the eternal residence of immortal Masonry.

And while amidst the scientific labours of the Lodge, elevated schemes of improving art engage and enrapture our minds; while holy and ancient mysteries warm the imagination with improvement's kindred glow; while in the mournful investigation of a brother's wants, pleading pity melts our eye, and generous compassion swells the feeling breast; then, my brethren, may we with comfort and with confidence lift up our adoring hearts, and we do lift them up to Thee, great nature's adorable and wondrous Geometrician; Almighty Parent of the world; Wise Former of man; imploring on this and all our other laudable undertakings, Thy favour, Thy blessing, Thy aid, without which vain and fruitless are all the efforts of feeble man. Formed as Thy temple, and enriched with the ornaments of Thy creative wisdom—consummate architect of Thy master-building, man!—we look up to Thee to inspire us with understanding, with science, with virtue, with all which can dignify, refine, and exalt our nature. Direct us to make the Blessed Volume of Thy instructive wisdom the never-erring square to regulate our conduct; the compass within whose circle we shall ever walk with safety and with peace, the infallible plumb-line and criterion of rectitude and truth! Enable us to fill up every sphere of duty with exactness and honour, and by our amiable attention to all the sweet and blessed offices, the endearing charities of social life in particular, teach us to win the love of those who unite in those tender offices with us; and as fathers, husbands, friends—as worthy men and worthy Masons—to distinguish and exalt the profession which we boast! And while through Thy bounty—O rich Dispenser of every blessing!—our cups overflow with plenteousness, and wine, and corn, and oil delight and cheer our boards, oh, may our full hearts never be wanting in gratitude, and in the voice of Thanksgiving to Thee; in liberal sentiments to every laudable undertaking, in quick sensibility and ready relief to the woes and distresses of our fellow creatures, of every being. Universal Lord! who bears Thy image, and looks up to Thy providence, who is fed by Thy hand, hopes for Thy future and all-comprehending mercy, and who will triumphantly unite with us, with voice of Masons and of men, emphatically saying:—

"Father of all! in every age,
In every clime adored;
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!

To Thee, whose Temple is all space,
Whose altar, earth, sea, skies;
One chorus let all beings raise,
All nature's incense rise!"

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—Mr. Hawtrey's latest novelty in the way of farcical comedy is one that will do very well to take place with its predecessors. Messrs. W. Lestocq and Walter Everard are responsible for the new piece, which they rightly call "Uncles and Aunts," and if not of the newest type, it is exceedingly amusing. The work is founded on the idea of mistaken identity, and when we say that each character engaged is taken for some one else, it will easily be seen that the complications run pretty high. The writing is not exceptionally bright, but at times the authors seem to "let themselves go," with a result that adds to the enjoyment of the audience. The first act may simply be described as a means of getting the characters into a tangle; the second reminds one very forcibly of "The Private Secretary;" it runs pretty smoothly; but in the third and last act comes the task of settling who everybody is. This, however, is got through in double quick time, so that the fun does not flag. Much of the success of the piece is due to that clever and amusing actor Mr. W. S. Penley. Made up to represent an old man, Mr. Penley aroused his audience to laughter directly he put in an appearance; and by clever acting and befooling he managed to score a triumphal success. His queer sayings and amusing characteristics are the talk of London, and now his Mr. Zedekiah Aspen will be added to the already long list of his successes. Messrs. W. Draycott and Walter Everard were good as Reginald Rawlins and Fred Cureton, in love with Nelly and Mary Marley. These two latter characters were exceedingly well played by the Misses Cissy Grahame and Vane Featherstone. Mr. Charles Grove was amusing as Robert Rawlins, while Mr. Lestocq was a fiery and irritable Henry Rawlins. One of the best displays of acting during the evening was that of Mr. W. F. Hawtrey, who in the small part of a servant was exceptionally quaint and droll. Miss Elton and Miss Maria Daly were the aunts, while Miss Katie Lee made a capital servant. At the end the verdict was decidedly favourable, and after the artistes had bowed their acknowledgments, the authors received a hearty call.

That most successful comic opera, "Pepita," will be produced for the first time in London on Thursday next, at Toole's, when Messrs. Auguste Van Biene and Horace Lingard will start their season. A powerful company has been got together, and if only the piece proves as acceptable to London audiences as it has done to country ones, a most successful season may be anticipated.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree intends to reopen the Haymarket next Saturday evening, with Mr. Haddon Chambers' new play, "Captain Swift." It will be remembered that this piece was well received at a matinée some time ago.

"She" is expected to be ready for production at the Gaiety on 6th September. The final rehearsals of the elaborate scenic effects will necessitate closing the theatre for three nights. The last performance of "Marina" will, therefore, be given on Saturday, 1st of September. Chasemore has designed the dresses to be worn in "She." The "Ammahagger" dance is being arranged by John D'Auban. Playgoers are wondering how Miss Eyre will finish the play. In the version running so successfully in America "She" has several "doubles," ending with the horrible figure described by Mr. Rider Haggard. We are assured that this will be all changed at the Gaiety.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Chiswick, on Saturday, the 1st September, at 7·30 p.m.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ALL SOULS' LODGE, No. 170.

A MEETING of more than usual interest and importance marked the re-opening, on the 10th inst., in Weymouth, after extensive alterations, of the Masonic Hall belonging to All Souls' Lodge, No. 170. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Zillwood Milledge P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, the representative of a name connected with Freemasonry in Weymouth for close upon a century, threw himself with characteristic vigour and earnestness into the work of renovation and the formality of re-opening, and the result was in every way a great success. The alterations include the re-arrangement of the form of the Lodge, placing it due east and west, the erection of a new dais for the Master and Past Masters, general re-decoration throughout, and the construction of a kitchen with all necessary appliances. This has been carried out from the designs and under the personal supervision of Bro. W. Barlow-Morgan, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, the contractor for the builders' work being Mr. Whettam, and for painting and decorating Mr. James Jesty. The dais had been erected in an apse under an arch supported by Ionic columns with characteristic frieze, cornice, and capitals, the spandrils being filled in and the mouldings ornamented with appropriate designs in papier maché, embracing pomegranates, lilies, wheat, and other emblematical subjects, and the whole painted in white picked out in gold. The Past Masters' landing is approached by five steps, with two others leading to the chair of the W.M., and the back has been draped with an exceptionally rich curtain in blue and gold (which was supplied by Mr. T. H. Williams). The centre of the floor has been repainted in a Masonic pattern and the sides covered with linoleum (supplied by Messrs. Hallett), the walls repainted in vermillion, and the ceiling blue, the ornaments being in white and gold; and the pictures, including two full-length oil portraits, have been re-hung under the supervision of Bro. Sidny Milledge. The gathering to mark the realisation of this long-felt need, although not precisely what it promised to be, was alike gratifying and influential, and thoroughly testified to the fraternal feeling for which the Freemasons are distinguished. Several prominent leaders in the Craft, who had given conditional promises to attend, notably the Right Worshipful Bro. Montagu Guest, the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, and the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Grand Master for Hampshire, with Bro. Col. Hambro, M.P., sent letters explaining their enforced absence, and the following put in an appearance:—The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, Bro. W. E. Brymer; Bros. W. Mortimer Heath P.G. Chaplain England, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary England, Sir Richard Howard Grand Deacon England, J. M. P. Montagu P.S.D. England, G. J. G. Gregory P.M. 147 P.P.G.S.W., J. Trevor Davies P.M. 1168 P.G.S.W., R. D. Thornton P.M. 417 P.G. Treasurer, Dr. Webb P.M. 1367 P.P.S.G.W., Rev. H. Milner 1266 P.P.S. Chaplain Surrey and Dorset, C. J. Philips P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, G. J. Davies P.P.G. Steward Cheshire, C. P. Gee P.M, 1037 P.P. Organist, E. Newman S.D. 417, G. Oldfield Secretary 417, E. W. Young I.G. 417, R. Toleman W.M. 1367, Rev. W. C. Brown S.W. 386, J. E. Stroud W.M. 417, R. Soore jun. 1037, S. Jackson 1037, C. J. Freeman 1037, C. A. Cox 1669, J. W. Board J.W. 1037, E. Mills S.W. 1037, C. Hunt 412, J. T. Read, E. E. Harding J.W. 2108, B. A. Hogg P.M. 417, T. D. C. Leverett 68, A. W. Moore 189, J. Ley W.M. 472, H. F. Harvey P.M. 622, J. F. Hatchard W.M. 622, S. H. Wallis 1037, R. W. Board Secretary 2255, W. H. Dunman 417, W. H. Mann 1091, W. J. Noseworthy P.M. P.P.G. Organist Somerset, C. M. Watling 274, G. Habgood J.D. 622, H. Cooke 1037, with the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—J. B. Cole P.P.G.S.B., H. T. George P.P.G. Registrar, Pelly Hooper P.P.G. Registrar, R. A. Ayles P.P.G.J.D., A. Reynolds, A. Graham P.P.G.J.W., A. McLean P.G.J.D., C. G. Targett P.P.G.J.D., J. Lowe P.P.G.J.D., T. R. Charles P.P.G.J.D., R. Cox P.P.G. Assistant D.C., and the following members of the Lodge:—Brothers J. Rowe, H. Russell, W. H. Perry, F. W. Padgett, J. N. V. Ryan, G. N. Waterman, H. J. Groves, J. T. Whettam, J. H. Bowen, J. Lee jun., W. Osborne, G. P. Symes, Tom Cooper, E. Michell Smith, Sidny S. Milledge, J. Lyon, M.D., R.N., D. H. Williams, H. Pittis, W. D'Angiban, Lieutenant Jenkins, H. Hughes, F. W. Hetley, J. E. Crickmay, B. Morris, W. H. Porter, and H. Warren; the Officers present were the W.M. Bro. Zillwood Milledge P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Alan McLean P.M. P.G.J.D. I.P.M., Rev. J. Hubert Scott, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain S.W., W. Smith J.W., Rev. J. Meigh Chap., J. A. Sherren P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant Treasurer, H. J. Jesty Secretary, A. Rayner S.D., H. J. Groves acting J.D., W. B. Morgan P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works D.C., H. Gibbs P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Organist, E. T. Targett P.M. P.P.G.J.D. and F. Reynolds Stewards, J. T. Whettam acting I.G., R. Simmonds Tyler, W. J. Clare Assistant Tyler, D. Haylett Tyler 622, W. Talbot Tyler 417, and T. W. Mills Tyler 1037. The brethren having duly assembled and received the distinguished visitors in due form a hymn of invocation appropriate to the special occasion, was sung by a small choir, consisting of Bros. H. Warren, Mills, Board sen. (conductor) and jun., Gee, C. J. Phillips, Rayner, and Hughes, the Organist of the Lodge P.M. H. Gibbs presiding at the organ. The transaction of a little formal business followed, and the same brethren sang the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," to the music of Dr. Clarke Whitfeld. The W.M. next proffered a warm and hearty welcome to the visitors; and addressing them on the special object of the meeting, which he said was unique of its kind in the Province of Dorset, said that for many years past, in fact ever since 1819, the incongruous position of the Master's chair in that Lodge had been remarked on. Many suggestions had been made to alter it, and to place the Lodge in correct Masonic position as regarded the cardinal points. He remembered that in 1884, when he had the honour of being Master, this was fully discussed, but not carried out. Last Christmas, when the brethren again did him the honour of electing him as Master, he determined that, with their assistance, he would get the work done during the current year. He consequently conferred with several of the brethren, and notably with their W.M. Bro. W. Barlow-Morgan, who most generously gave his professional services gratuitously, to whom they were indebted for the excellent plans prepared by him, and who elaborated every detail as the works proceeded. The Lodge appointed a committee, who examined the plans, which were produced to the Lodge and approved, and he was authorised to get the work done. Bro. Morgan and himself went to London to see the manufacture of fibrous plaster, of which the capitals of these columns, and the cornices, and the frieze were made. He left it to them to say if they met their approbation. The works executed consisted in the removal of the old and useless organ, the doing away with the organ chamber, and the construction of the apse, the space being taken out of two small rooms (the old organ front had been erected over the harmonium at the west end of the hall), the building of a new kitchen with lift, the conversion of the old kitchen into an ante-room, with entrance into the Lodge, the construction of a dais, approached by seven steps, and the re-arrangement of the furniture, rendered necessary by the alterations. These works had cost about £150. At the time the Lodge had agreed to do this he said he hoped the fees taken from initiates and joining members this year would cover the cost, so no debt would be contracted which it would be a burden for the Lodge to bear. He still believed this would be the case. They had initiated nine candidates, and had nine joining members, and the fees and first year's subscriptions from these amounted to about £140. He further believed that at no period of its existence was All Souls' Lodge more numerous, more prosperous, or had members of better social status than now. He was glad it was so. He, however, wanted no increase of members if it meant a loss of respectability; on the contrary, he would rather they lost in members if they gained in respectability. Well, the work being completed, it was thought it would be a good thing if they could get some rulers of the Craft to grace by their presence the ceremony that day. He thanked those present for their attendance, and for the kindly promptitude with which they accepted his invitation, and he prayed the great Architect of the Universe to so bless that Masonic Temple, raised to His glory, so that the lives lived by the members of this Ancient Fraternity might convince the world that a good Mason was a good man, and that by reason of being a Mason he was a better man than a good man not a Mason. He now declared All Souls' Lodge dedicated afresh to the glory of God and for the purposes of Freemasonry for all time, and he called on their Chaplain, the Rev. J. Meigh, to read suitable portions of the Sacred Law, and to offer the dedicatory prayer, the brethren remaining seated during the reading, and whilst the prayer was being offered standing facing the east. The Rev. J. Meigh (of St. Peter's, Portland) then read portions of 2 Chronicles vi. 1-21, 32, 33, 40-42; and vii. 1-3; and offered a dedicatory prayer which included an appropriate supplication to the great Architect of the Universe, to pour upon the undertaking the heavenly dew of His blessing. Might the Lodge now re-dedicated to His holy name and service be crowned with His blessing and Almighty protection. Might the symbols of the Order, like those in King Solomon's temple, teach them wisdom; might the re-arranged Lodge remind them that as the divine shekinah, which was the visible token of His presence, entered the Temple from the eastward and shined to the westward, so all light and wisdom had shone from the east to the west; and might the goodness which inspired the founder of this ancient Order with the grand idea of uniting the wise and good in every nation in the bond of brotherly love, stimulate them to practise every social and moral virtue—fidelity, obedience, temperance, prudence, justice, benevolence, charity; to cultivate that brotherly love which is the foundation and copestone, the cement and glory, of their ancient Fraternity; and to be so cautious in their words and carriage that the most penetrating stranger might not discover or find out what was not proper to be imitated. A sacred chorale was next given by the choir, and then the Treasurer of the Lodge (Bro. Jno. A. Sherren P.M. P.P.G.P.) read a sketch of the history of the Lodge, containing many details of considerable interest to the members of the Craft and the following general particulars. Although the Poole Lodge celebrated its centenary earlier than All Souls', and stands first on the Provincial roll, yet Masonry in Weymouth is of older date. It can be traced from the year 1736, when a Lodge was constituted and held at the Three Crowns. This Lodge, however, was erased in 1754. In 1776 another Lodge, called "The Weymouth," was constituted, but for not conforming to the laws of the society was erased in the year 1788. A third Lodge, called the Arimathea, was constituted in 1808, and for about twenty years seems to have existed, it being erased in 1828. The All Souls' Lodge was constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, to hold its meetings at the Vine Hotel, Tiverton, in the county of Devon, 24th October 1767, and was numbered 408. In 1770 the number was altered to 343; in 1781 to 268; in 1792 to 226; at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1814 it was altered to 283; in 1832 to 199, and at the last re-adjustment of the numbers, in 1863, to the number it is now known by, 170. In the year 1794 a large part of the town of Tiverton was destroyed by fire; and the warrant of constitution and minute books seems to have been either burnt or lost. The oldest minute book in possession of the Lodge apparently belonged to the Weymouth Lodge, No. 493. It commences on 17th June 1776, with a list of nine members, to whom, in all probability, the charter was granted. Next comes the names of those who were admitted into Masonry in the Lodge or who joined from other Lodges until the year 1793. The Lodge appears to have met with reverses, for, on the 5th January 1785, the Lodge jewels and furniture were sold by auction for £30, and "a summons was delivered to every brother to appear at Bro. Morgan Wallis's house to receive his dividend of the purchase money. The members of the Lodge under notice were the founders of All Souls', for in 1803 they presented a petition to

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Grand Lodge asking permission to reform the Lodge. This request was granted, and a warrant issued under the authority of the Prov. Grand Master of Devon, Sir C. W. Bampfield, authorising the removal of the All Souls' Lodge, which had formerly met at Tiverton, to Weymouth. The first meeting was held 16th June 1804, at the King's Head Inn. Bro. James Hamilton, who purchased the furniture and jewels of the Weymouth Lodge, was the first Worshipful Master; and he (Bro. Sherren) thought a fair inference was that he presented them to the newly constituted Lodge. They had also a copy of the Constitutions presented in the year 1777 to the Weymouth Lodge. From that time to the present the meetings had been held without intermission, either monthly or bi-monthly, according to the bye-laws. In noticing some of the Lodge proceedings in those days, Bro. Sherren incidentally mentioned that they had not obtained a name for hospitality, as visitors were admitted only on payment of 2s 6d; still, a good number were generally present. Another minute recorded, "Alas, those happy days are past when our Mother Lodge paid our expenses at Prov. Grand Lodge. In 1806, at a special Lodge at Fordington, Dorchester, for the interment of a brother, among the expenses was an item for "Musick, £2 11s 6d." In March 1808, occurred the first record of a subscription to the great Masonic Charities, ten guineas being voted to the Freemasons' School for Female Children, but there are numerous entries of casual relief, and in June 1808 a collection of £5 was made for the relief of the English Prisoners in France. About this time several of the officers of the German legion stationed in Weymouth were initiated in All Souls'. On St. John's Day (27th December 1808) it was requested that "no white wine be introduced at dinner in order that frugality might be attended to." In 1809 the Lodge allowed the widow of a dead brother 2s 6d a week for her life, or so long as she might be a fit object for such relief. In October it was resolved that Bro. Arbuthnot be nominated Master of the Lodge *pro tem*, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a pedestal on which a statue of H.M. George III. was to be erected. Bro. Arbuthnot being unable to be present, Bro. J. H. Brown was nominated to fill the vacancy. The ceremony took place on the 25th, there being also present the Lodge of the 7th reigment and Arimathea Lodge, as well as the Royal Arch Masons. All Souls' voted ten guineas towards the expense of erecting the pedestal; and Bro. Brown presented "a very handsome painted 'Form of a Freemasons' Lodge' [a Tracing Board] as a testimony of thanks for the high honour conferred on him." In 1810 it was decided that the Lodge should subscribe two guineas annually to the Cumberland (Girls') School from Christmas. In June 1811 a Lodge of Emergency was called, in consequence of an insult offered to the Lodge by the proprietor of the King's Head, and it was resolved to remove to the Royal Hotel, where four days later they met and decided to meet once every month instead of adjourning the Lodge over the three summer months. 1812 closed with a list of 50 members and a balance in hand of £104. In 1813 a suggestion was made that it would be desirable to have a hall entirely appropriated to Masonic purposes, and a Committee was appointed to consider the subject. In 1814 Bro. Ure offered, at a nominal quit rent, as much land as would be required to erect a Lodge room, and the Lodge directed a letter of thanks to be written, saying a piece of land 50 feet in breadth and 48 in length would answer their purpose. In May 1815 it was resolved to build a hall on a site at the lower part of Towns End field; a Committee was appointed to carry out the work, but not to expend more than £700, and the foundation stone was to be laid in Masonic style, but no expense was to be attached to All Souls' Lodge. The foundation stone was accordingly laid, 12th June 1815, the brethren attending divine service at Wyke Church before the ceremony. No time appears to have been lost in carrying out the building, for in February 1816 the committee were requested to survey it, and lay the accounts of the building fund before the Lodge. It was decided that "every brother do pay for his chair in the new Lodge," and a pattern having been selected, the Treasurer was requested to purchase five dozen out of the funds of the Lodge, to be repaid by each individual on his marking his name thereon. These chairs have long since disappeared, but the twelve tables ordered to be made at the same time are still in use. The building was dedicated by the P.G.M. (Bro. William Williams) with the customary Masonic ceremony, and the first regular meeting was held in it in May 1816. The building account showed that the cost was nearly £900, and that a balance of a little more than £500 was due to the P.G.M. For a number of years it appears to have been the custom to attend the theatre in Masonic clothing as a Lodge, but in October 1821 it was unanimously resolved that it appearing to be inconsistent with the principles on which Freemasonry is founded and incompatible with its moral acceptation to patronise any play, in future no play be patronised by All Souls' Lodge. This was rescinded in September 1840. In 1822 one of the members, owing the Lodge a large sum of money, offered to convey to the Lodge, in satisfaction of the debt, the building erected by him in the yard rented of the Lodge, which was accepted, the conveyance completed, and the yard and premises let for seven years for £120. In 1822 five guineas were voted towards distress in Ireland. In 1823 the organ was presented to the Lodge by the Royal Arch Chapter, and a bill being sent in for £125 10s 4d, the following note was appended by Bro. Eliot, the D.P.G.M.:—"This charge is considered a gross imposition, and the Lodge came to the resolution of paying no more than the sum agreed, £12, and a receipt for the same by Mr. Lowman." Alterations in the construction of the Lodge premises seem to have been deemed necessary in 1831. The spoons of the Lodge seem to have proved a constant source of expense, and in January 1832 it was decided to "open a subscription for silver spoons—which would last." In June of this year (1832) Sir Fredk. George Johnstone was initiated in the Lodge, and in December he wrote to the Master that "All the quit rent up to this date shall be expunged, and a lease on three lives granted, the lives to be named by the members of All Souls' Lodge, subject to quit rent of £2 10s, and also to a consideration of 5s of lawful money"—for which a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and the names of three lives submitted. In November 1833 a new building was contemplated in Frederick-place [the present site], and a Committee was appointed to consider what alterations would be necessary to the front of the hall. In February of the following year plans were approved to effect the alteration at a cost of £42. In June of that year a Lodge of Emergency was held, and attended by about 120 brethren, to lay the foundation of the new embankment wall behind the Belvidere, the ceremony being performed by the Provincial Grand Master. In October the gas company offered to light the Lodge at a charge of £1 per thousand cubic feet. It was decided that this "liberal offer would be advantageous to the Lodge," and it was therefore accepted. In January 1837 in pursuance of a request from the Mayor that the members of All Souls' would assist to lay the foundation-stone of the new Town Hall, it was unanimously resolved to ask for a dispensation for the purpose, which was granted by the Provincial Grand Master, and the first stone laid in due Masonic form by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Eliot) of whom, he having been made Provincial Grand Master, a portrait was placed in the hall in 1842. During the month of December the Lodge plate and jewels were stolen, and every effort to recover them being unsuccessful, the Blandford Lodge kindly lent their jewels for the use of the Lodge until, in April 1846, new jewels, collars and plate were purchased. In July 1847 Bro. G. M. Batt, one of the candidates for Parliamentary honours, attended the Lodge, and in the interval of refreshments addressed the brethren in an eloquent and truly Masonic spirit, and the substance of the address was entered on the minute book. In July 1849 a Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Portland breakwater, but at the last moment it was found that the engaged steamer, the *Wonder*, had met with an accident, and a request to be allowed to accompany the corporation in H.M.S. steamer *Vulcan*, which had been placed at their disposal not being granted, the brethren were reluctantly compelled to abandon their intention of proceeding to Portland in Masonic form. In December the flag of truce carried by Bro. Capt. Hall at the capture of Bomarsund, 16th August 1854, was presented by him to the Lodge [and is retained on the walls, in a glass case]. In 1866 inquiries were made for the Warrant of Constitution of the Lodge, which appeared to have been lost, and it was decided to apply for a Warrant of Confirmation, which was obtained. In the centenary year (1867) there seems to have been some difficulty about obtaining the centenary jewel, but at last a design submitted by Bro. G. R. Crickmay Past Master was decided upon. On Whit Monday 1871 a special Provincial Grand Lodge was held to lay the foundation stone of the Hospital. The silver trowel used on the occasion, afterwards presented to the Lodge by the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Gondry), and the mallet which had been used in laying the foundation stones of the bridge, the town hall, market house, and the hospital, was presented by the Past Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Eliot). In 1876 as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren for the zeal and energy displayed by the W.M., Bro. Pelly Hooper, in obtaining a new lease of the existing premises and additional land in the rear, for building a banqueting hall, the memorial stone of which was placed in its position by Bro. W. Eliot P.P.G.M., the Lodge unanimously decided to present Bro. Pelly Hooper with a life governorship in one of the Masonic Charities. The sketch concluded with a reference to some of the leading events in the modern history of the Lodge, chiefly of interest to the members in particular, and the Fraternity in general. Following a hymn of thanksgiving, the D.P.G.M. for Dorset (Bro. Brymer), Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Sir Richard Howard, and the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath individually expressed their hearty congratulations to the W.M. and the members of the Lodge on the success of their efforts. The W.M., in the course of his response, announced that Mrs. Michell Smith had presented the useful curtain at the back of the chair, with a necessary cover for the protection of the silk hangings (obtained of Mr. T. H. Williams), when not in use; and that Mrs. Milledge had made the handsome cover for the tracing boards, introducing the old Coat of Arms into the work. On the proposition of the Worshipful Bro. J. P. Montagu, seconded by Sir R. Howard, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to these ladies. The W.M. then pointing to the windows lighting the hall, said there were five of them, which it was proposed to fill with stained glass. Bro. Pelly Hooper had promised one of these, and thought he could obtain the funds for one other. He hoped the Past Masters of the Lodge would provide one, and with these inserted he had little doubt the whole would be filled in good time. With the usual formalities and a closing hymn the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served by Bro. A. Graham in the Jubilee Hall. This had been decorated with excellent taste by Mrs. Case, the Mayor and others kindly sending plants in pots and cut flowers for the purpose. The W.M. presided, and was supported by most of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, who had been present in the Lodge, and by nearly all the brethren. Following the repast, *Non Nobis Domine* was sung, and the W.M. proceeded to give the customary Masonic loyal toasts, beginning with the Queen and the Craft, and passing on to the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, first responding for the toast of The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers, said the toast related to a number of brethren in all phases of society, who amidst their various avocations cheerfully gave their services and time for the good of Masonry. These brethren had been fortunate enough to obtain the approbation of the Grand Master, and were always anxiously endeavouring to show that their Masonic career was such as to amply justify that choice. Their services were always kindly received by the brethren, and he was sure they were most grateful for it. In responding for the Grand Officers he would say a word or two about their Chief, because it was well for them to know they had such an excellent brother in the position of their Grand Master as the Prince of Wales. They must not look upon His Royal Highness as merely an ornamental Grand Master, for he was quite the contrary;

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he worked hard and took every interest in the affairs of the Order, and amongst his innumerable engagements he found time to go into every detail of importance which affected their interest. Passing on to speak in appreciative terms of the valuable services of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, the Grand Secretary next thanked the brethren personally for their reception of the toast. This was not the first time he had had the pleasure and honour of being in the province of Dorset. He had many personal friends here; upon many occasions he had met them, and still, he was glad to say, he continued to form new friendships. It was therefore very pleasing to him to come down into the old and honourable Province, which had existed as a Province for exactly 102 years, for it was in the year 1786 that the celebrated Bro. Dunckerley was the first Provincial Grand Master. Since that time they had had many worthy brethren to preside over the Province whose names were household words—Bro. William Williams and Bro. Eliot, for instance—good names and known to them well; and last, but not least, Bro. Montagu Guest, their present Prov. Grand Master. In saying they were extremely fortunate in having been presided over by these distinguished brethren, he ought not to omit their dear old Bro. Gundry, whom many of them remembered. In conclusion Col. Clerke wished the Province and their All Souls' Lodge every possible success. Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, Junior Grand Deacon of England, being called upon, said he felt proud of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge, and he hoped and trusted that as a Grand Officer he should do everything he could to merit the approval of his chiefs, which was one of the principal duties of a Mason. He was extremely proud to think that this Province had been chosen from which to select one of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, however unworthy he himself personally might be. The Worshipful Master next proposing the Provincial Grand Lodge and its Past and Present Officers, expressed regret at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, through family affliction. But he was pleased to say they had present their old friend and brother, whom they were always delighted to see, Bro. Rymer, and several other distinguished Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge, including the Grand Treasurer (Bro. Thornton), the Grand Wardens (Bros. Trevor Davies and Gregory), and others. Bro. Brymer and Bro. Thornton briefly acknowledged the compliment. The former reminded the brethren of the forthcoming Prov. Grand Lodge, to be held at Shaftesbury, and the latter, as Provincial Treasurer, said he was pleased to tell them the finances of the Province were in a very satisfactory condition. There were funds sufficient, and more than sufficient, to meet ordinary requirements; and if any exceptional demands were to occur, after what they had seen that day, he should know where first to turn for aid and assistance. He could assure them he should always in future look upon the Treasurer of such a flourishing Lodge as theirs with great and peculiar interest. Bro. Trevor Davis also responded, and having added his congratulations to the Worshipful Master he expressed his admiration of their renovated Lodge, which he contrasted with their place of assembly at Sherborne, and said he hoped Bro. Milledge might live long enough, notwithstanding the way in which they had re-decorated their Temple, to see the necessity of its being again repaired, again renovated, and again re-opened. Bro. Brymer in cordial terms proposed the Master of the Lodge. They all knew, he said, that from the commencement of his Masonic career Bro. Milledge had done everything he could to support and uphold the principles of the Craft, and in the future the efforts he had made to improve his mother Lodge would stand out with great prominence. It was not for outsiders only to judge of the way in which the work had been carried out, but for the members of All Souls also to testify their appreciation. As outsiders they could truly say that all that had been done had been carried out with much taste and decorum, and he might say also, not only from what he had seen that day, but on many other occasions when he had been present, that Bro. Milledge filled the chair and conducted the business of the Lodge in the same way that he had conducted the work now completed. The Worshipful Master, in reply, took exception to the flattering words which had been showered upon him, and which should have been distributed amongst the brethren, notably to Bro. Morgan, who had planned and superintended the work. Individually he could have done nothing, he simply led and assisted those who were quite as anxious as himself that the work should be carried out and done well. There was no member of the Lodge, however, who had the work more thoroughly at heart than himself, and there was no member who had afforded greater assistance in the carrying of it out than Bro. Morgan. Bro. Morgan was an exceedingly busy man, and at this particular juncture most important matters were transpiring in their important and ancient borough, but notwithstanding all this, which kept Bro. Morgan at work early and late, he had found time to render valuable assistance in carrying out the improvements of which that day had witnessed the full completion. Therefore he must ask them to take off a considerable per centage of the eulogies passed upon him and transfer them to Bro. Morgan's shoulders. Having alluded in appreciative terms to the valuable help rendered by Bro. Whettam, and the interest taken in it by Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, the Worshipful Master said what had raised their Lodge to its present high position, and the only thing that would maintain that position in the future, was the remarkable *esprit de corps* which existed among them so pre-eminently above a great many Lodges. There was no Lodge in England where this feeling was more shown than in All Souls, and to it alone he attributed the successful completion of the work. The Visitors was next given, the W.M. remarking that out of 13 Lodges in the Province 12 were represented on that occasion, and there was an almost equal number of Provinces also represented, including, besides their own, Cheshire, Bristol, Somerset, Hants, Middlesex, Wilts, Devon, and others. Bro. Davis, of the Province of Cheshire, having acknowledged the toast, the services of the Choir for the day were formally recognised from the chair, and Bros. Gibbs (Organist), Board (Conductor), and Phillips were called upon to respond. For The Past Masters of All Souls' Lodge, Bros. Cole and C. G. Targett returned thanks. With the Officers of the Lodge were coupled the names of Bro. Rev. J. H. Scott, the S.W., W. Bro. E. T. Targett, and W. Bro. W. B. Morgan. The Rev. J. H. Scott said the name of Milledge had been connected with the Lodge for something like 70 years, and in the future the name of Milledge would be connected with one of the brightest epochs of the Lodge's history. Their Master's father was a well-known and respected Mason, and two worthy sons were now following in his footsteps. Worshipful Bros. Targett and W. B. Morgan also replied. Before the charity box was passed round, Bro. Montagu gave some details of the Charitable work of the Craft, notably its magnificent contribution of £50,500 this year to the Girls' School, and said when he came into this Province 20 years ago they had a total of 70 votes; that number now exceeded 750. In conclusion he proposed the Masonic Charities, which Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath was called upon to acknowledge, and did so in appropriate terms, enlarging on the influence of these Institutions, and suggesting they were the outcome of practical religion—the brethren with respect to them not only talked but acted. Several other toasts, chiefly of a personal nature, were given before the party separated. The proceedings were enlivened by some singing far above the general average, the execution of the glee, "Mynheer Van Dunck," by Bros. Gee and Board sen. and jun., being exceptionally fine, as was also Bro. Board sen.'s interpretation of "The fine old English gentleman," the principal other contributors being Bros. Phillips, Rayner, Leverett (Bristol), and Gee.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 854.

THE brethren of this Lodge, who meet at the Duke of York Hotel, Shaw, on Wednesday, 15th instant, had their annual picnic, Worksop and the Dukeries being the places selected. The day, in a climatic point of view, was everything that could be desired, and as the brethren were in the best of spirits the enjoyment of a capital day's outing was looked forward to with confidence. That hope was not disappointed, but was realised to the full. The party left Oldham, Clegg-street Station, at 8·25 o'clock, occupying in the train a saloon carriage, and without anything special occurring on the journey, arrived at Worksop at 10·45. Here they repaired to the Lion Hotel, of which, in his "Reminiscences of the Dukeries," Lord Ronald Gower writes:—"There the Lion Hotel is much to be commended, the food and attendance being both excellent, and the house as clean as a Dutch village." Here the inner man of the brethren was satisfied with a sumptuous breakfast, which had the additional merit of being ready as soon as the guests arrived. This concluded, the inevitable drive through the Dukeries took place, the Oldhamers being seated in a large brake, drawn by four splendid roadsters. The topography of the Dukeries is so well-known to Oldhamers that anything like a laboured description of the scenery would be like a thrice-told tale. Suffice it to say that the visitors passed through the magnificent Park of Clumber, and had a view of the seat of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle. Continuing the drive, Thoresby, the residence of Earl Manvers, situated in an extensive and well-wooded park, stocked with numerous herds of deer, was next passed in rapid review. Then came Sherwood Forest, the Major Oak, Edwinstowe, where lunch was partaken, and finally Welbeck Abbey (the magnificent seat of His Grace the Duke of Portland), Worksop was reached at 6·30, where dinner was served the hungry *voyageurs*, to which ample justice was done. At the post prandial proceedings the Worshipful Master Bro. I. D. Bamford occupied the post of Chairman. The return journey commenced at 8·15, and Oldham was reached at 10·45.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1182.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., the members and their friends journeyed to Rudyard for their annual outing. Leaving the seaport city at nine o'clock, the party, which numbered upwards of 100, and included several ladies, reached the Lake soon after eleven, and after a brief ramble about the pretty village sat down to a substantial and well-served dinner at the hotel. Bro. J. D. Galloway W.M. presided, and amongst the members of the Craft present were Bros. A. D. Hesketh P.P.G.S.B., R. Martin P.P.G.J.D., J. Williams P.P.G.D., G. Williams, J. Munro, Tyson, Kirkland, Bartley, and A. Morris. During the afternoon boating was indulged in, and a number of races of various kinds took place on the greensward near the Lake. At five o'clock tea was partaken of at the hotel, and at half-past seven the party started on their way home, delighted with their first visit to the "Switzerland of Staffordshire."

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE members held an Emergency Meeting on Wednesday last, at the Cock Tavern. Present: Bros. Jas. Cooper P.M. and Treas. as W.M., Casely S.W. W.M. elect, L. Kool acting S.W., A. W. Fenner P.M. Sec., H. C. Turner S.D., H. Hazel as J.D., W. Whittell as I.G., J. Potter A.D.C., L. Simon W.S., also Bros. C. J. Brampton, J. W. Moulton, J. S. Anthony, Dee, L. Coles, A. T. Whittell, G. I. Spalding, J. Roberts, L. Dicks, D. Harper, H. F. Bangs, T. H. Nye, E. Sheldrake, J. F. Hammond, G. R. Dix, H. Moore, H. Strudwick, H. J. Fletcher, A. White, F. Wood, and P.M.'s A. Hall, C. K. Killick sen., R. P. Forge. Lodge was opened in due form and the summons convening the meeting was read. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bros. Moore, Strudwick, White and Wood gave proofs of their proficiency and were entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the 3rd degree, and the brethren named were raised, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Cooper. Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and a ballot was taken for the admission of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. R. H. Thomas, J. S. Sunderland jun., E. H. Line, F. Read, W. Gilson, L. Cully, T. Casely sen., and S. Jamieson. In each case it proved unanimous. Three only of these candidates were present, viz., Messrs. Sunderland, Read, and Gilson. They were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. H. Hall P.M., in whose favour Bro. Cooper had vacated the chair. This constituting the business on the summons, the Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to refresh.

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ment, at which Bro. T. Casely W.M. elect presided in a very efficient manner. Ample justice having been done to the the good things provided by Bro. Baker, the Loyal toasts were given and responded to in a very hearty manner. Bro. Cooper P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect. The toast was duly honoured. Bro. Casely in responding thanked Bro. Cooper for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him; he assured the brethren that he would do his best to promote the prosperity of the Kingsland Lodge. He was speaking as W.M. in prospective; and trusted to have the same steady support from the members that had been given to his predecessors. The Initiates' toast followed; this was heartily received. In reply each of the newly-made brethren stated their intention of doing their best to become good Masons, and in time useful members of the Lodge. The Visitors' toast was next on the list; it was received with the usual honour by the Kingsland brethren. The Visitors in responding all assured the W.M. elect of their appreciation of the manner in which the work had been done in the Lodge; also of their kind reception at the hospitable board. All wished the Lodge continued success, and a happy year of office to Bro. Casely. The P.M.'s toast followed; this was well responded to; as was also the Officers of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The Visitors were:—Bros. Flack W.M. Beadon Lodge, E. Woodman P.M. Citadel, Baynes of Citadel, Leeuw S.W. Barnato Lodge, F. J. Holden Regent's Park, Omboltz of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, N.S.W. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the harmony of Bros. Baynes (Organist), Simon, Gammon, and Dee.

THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THE individual who formulated the institution known as a "Picnic" deserves—so we have heard it said—a niche in the Temple of Fame. We are willing to concede this; but we must claim also "front seats" for the successful organisers, whosoever they may be, who undertake the management on these festive occasions. Well, well; we are reminded by a fair face at our elbow that we need not "claim" anything *specially* for them, they will assuredly get their deserts, and unstinted praise will be lavished on them should success attend their efforts. In any case this seemed to be the general idea on Tuesday last, when the members of this newly consecrated Lodge celebrated their first picnic, for proud indeed must Bro. Fred Lockett have been to listen to the complimentary remarks heard on all hands at the success that had attended his efforts as organizer of the trip now under notice. Brother John Mayo, too, to whom had been entrusted the catering for the party, must also be congratulated; throughout the day not a single *contretemps* arose to mar the enjoyment of the party. The members of the Lodge, headed by their popular Worshipful Master, Bro. R. T. Elsam, had decided that a water excursion should be the distinguishing feature of the day's proceedings, and Bro. F. Lockett and Bro. John Mayo were empowered to make the necessary arrangements. These brethren at once secured the commodious steam launch "The Princess Beatrice," for a trip up the river. Accordingly, at 10 a.m. this well-appointed craft was to be found at the landing stage of the Sun Hotel, Kingston, and here the Kingston contingent took their seats. Hampton Court was the first appointed stopping place, and here the brethren from London, with their ladies, and those friends to whom Hampton offered special facilities, joined the party. When fairly on the way, card parties were organised, and soon "Whist," "Nap," and "Crib," were in full swing. For those who were musically inclined, a capital piano had been requisitioned, and those who felt inclined to exercise their vocal abilities found ready accompanists, while those who desired to spend the time in whispering soft nothings into willing ears had fair opportunity for so disporting themselves. Shepperton was soon reached, and here several of the party made land to give a "turn" to a popular brother who rules a "roost" at this well-known riverside resort. At Shepperton Lock the "strays" rejoined the party, and then, so soon as a start had been again effected, luncheon was served. Now it was suggested the ladies should be served first, but the fair ones scarcely realised the desirability of even a temporary separation from those they favoured, consequently where all were so essentially of one mind, a departure from the original plan was soon agreed upon. The wisdom of this arrangement manifested itself; the caterers, wise judges as they are, had made ample arrangements, and a substantial luncheon was enjoyed by all. In due course, Chertsey, Staines, and New Windsor, were reached. At the latter place a brief sojourn was made, and then the whistle gave warning that the party were about to make the return journey. On reaching Bro. Mayo's well-appointed hostelry, the Castle, the guests found ample accommodation had been made for their "brush up," and then the bell summoned for dinner, which was admirably served by Bro. Mayo and his well-appointed staff. On the removal of the cloth two or three toasts were given, the W.M., Bro. Elsam, who presided, expressing his satisfaction and that of his friends at the admirable way in which the arrangements had been conceived and carried out, and expressing a hope that this, the first, would not be the last similar gathering the members of the Lodge would find themselves engaged upon. The Lodge room was then cleared, and later the votaries of Terpsichore indulged themselves to their hearts' content. A capital band had been provided, and this feature of the proceedings was voted not the least enjoyable of what had previously been declared a thoroughly successful day's enjoyment. Unfortunately, through a mishap, we are unable to give a complete list of those who participated, but we give the names of some who were present:—Brother R. T. and Mrs. Elsam; Bro. Abel and Mrs. Laurence, and Mrs. Laurence jun.; Bro. William and Miss Lane; Bro. John, Mrs. and Miss Mayo; Bros. Mayo (2); Bro. John and Mrs. Piller; Bro. Fredk. Lockett, Bro. W. W. and Mrs. Morgan; Bro. W. H. Hooper; Bro. and Miss Doyle. In all there were upwards of forty who took part in the proceedings.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for the Province of Dorset took place at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, on Thursday, the 16th inst. The Grand Superintendent of the Province Companion J. M. P. Montagu presiding in the chair of Z. The Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. E. C. Pelly Hooper	H.
W. Barlow-Morgan	J.
J. Sherren	S.E.
W. D. Dugdale	S.N.
Rev. W. Mortimer Heath	Treasurer
A. W. Ward	Registrar
Z. Milledge	Principal Sojourner
J. E. Stroud	1st Assistant Sojourner
R. Cox	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. E. Brennand	Sword Bearer
E. C. Long	Janitor

In addition to the above there were present Companions Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. of England, W. J. Fletcher, J. Whitehead Smith, Nosworthy P.G.C. Somerset, A. C. Todd, H. A. Lawton, J. Wallingford P.G.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. Baverstock, J. S. Webb, Toleman, C. H. Watts Parkinson, Symonds, and Haylett. After the transaction of Provincial Grand Chapter business, the Companions adjourned to a banquet in the large Masonic Hall.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

AT the quarterly meeting, on Thursday, the 16th inst., the following companions were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—George Harrison M.E.Z., Thomas G. Mills H., J. T. Bailey J., Thos. J. Ralling P.Z. P.G. Sw.B. Eng., P.G.S.E. Essex, S.E., R. D. Popplewton S.N., Thomas Rix P.Z. P.P.G.Sw.B. Treasurer, A. S. B. Sparling P.S., Chas. Osmond P.P.G.O. 1st A. Soj., Rev. W. Morgan Jones 2nd A. Soj., S. Munson and Arthur Wright Janitors.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

The *Lambskin* reminds us to lead a pure life,
The *Gauge* to divide well our time,
The *Gavel* divests us of envy and strife,
And prepares us for joys more sublime.

The *Plumb* to walk upright before God and man,
The *Square* is morality's guide,
The *Level* directs us through life's fleeting span
To the Land over Death's darkling tide.

The *Compass* doth circumscribe all vain desires,
Restraining each passion in bond;
The *Trowel* speaks kindness—affection inspires
Whenever a sufferer is found.

These, these were our *emblems* in days now grown old,
All others are Shadow and Show,
Whether Emerald, or Agate, or Topaz or Gold;
The Amethyst, or Cameo.

Then, Brothers, don't wear them—if you're good and true,
You need not a label of gold;
If you think they're all Masons who keep them in view,
You'll find yourselves wretchedly sold.

Those little gold trinkets—they never can show
That you've been in the Freemasons' Hall,
The thousands who wear them, as doubtless you know,
Were never true Masons at all.

I've seen Rigamuffins, with ferretty eyes,
On whose cheek bloomed the *rum-bud* so fair,
And with veins on their noses gigantic in size,
Who wore a gold compass and square.

Mark how inconsistent to thus *advertise*
Your possession of secrets most rare,
To challenge the gaze of inquisitive eyes
With a little gold compass and square.

Then, Brothers, don't wear them—your emblems should be
Most deeply engraved on the heart.
Truth, Temperance and Virtue—a *live* Charity,
Those emblems of our Ancient Art.

—*Michigan Freemason.*

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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UNITY LODGE, No. 80, CHESTER COUNTY, P.A., 1799-1808.

BY BRO. JULIUS F. SACHSE.

THE history of this Lodge, if the writer mistakes not, stands without a parallel in the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, as out of a total of five hundred and seventy-one Lodges warranted up to the present time by the R.W. Grand Lodge, the Lodge in question is the only one whose warrant was ever vacated in this jurisdiction for un-Masonic conduct on the part of the Lodge and its officers.

During the year of 1798 several meetings were held of Brethren residing in the vicinity of the new highway, between what is known as Coatesville and the Gap in Lancaster county, for the purpose of organising and holding a Lodge in the vicinity of Sadsburyville. Prominent among the Craftsmen were Bros. George McWilliams and Andrew Carson, both members of the Lodge known as No. 11, at Londongrove. Finally an organisation was effected, and an application was made to the Grand Lodge for permission to hold a Lodge at the Inn, near where the Wilmington road crosses the turnpike in Sadsbury township. Favourable action was taken upon this request, and a warrant was issued 3rd June 1799, by the Grand Lodge to Bros. P.M. Henry Barns, Geo. McWilliams, Andrew Charles, John Charles, James Strain, George Strain, John Strain, Daniel Doran, Andrew Carson P.M., Robert McChesney, Baptist Johnson, James Lesley, William Gordon, Rodger Maguire, Robert Dunlap.

As it states in the ancient document "of a new Lodge, No. 80, called Unity, to be held at the United States Arms Inn, in Sadsbury township, in the county of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, or within five miles of the same, and we futher authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Henry Barns, Geo. McWilliams and Andrew Charles, to admit and make Freemasons according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world and not contrarywise, and we do further empower and appoint said Henry Barns, Geo. McWilliams and Andrew Charles and their successors to hear and determine all and singular matters relating to the Craft within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, No. 80, &c."

The inn mentioned in the warrant was known in the vicinity as the "States Arms," and was no doubt selected as the meeting place of the new Lodge on account of its location, as it was then the nearest public house to the cross-roads formed by the intersection of the new highway to the west, with the main road from the Conestoga and Pequea country to the Delaware at Wilmington. The house at that time was in charge of John Crutcher, and in consequence of its reputation for good cheer for man and beast enjoyed a large patronage, further, in that early day it was the last "stage house" on going west on the turnpike in Chester county. It is also said to have been the first hostelry opened on the highway between Coatesville and the Lancaster county line.

The house, perched on the hill-side in a small hollow, is now almost hidden from view by the luxurious growth of trees, shrubs and evergreens which surround it, and give the passer-by no idea of any former greatness or importance, and many of the present generation in Sadsbury and adjoining townships will marvel and question if it can be true, that Jacob Vandersaal's house was ever an important landmark of Sadsbury. In turnpike days, which did not last quite half a century, all this was different. There were no fences, no trees, no shrubs or flower beds between the house and the road. All was open. The spring-house, with its fine flow of clear crystal water, stood near the road, a little west of the house, while the large tavern barn was a little further back—the space between the road and the buildings forming a large roomy yard for stages and wagon teams. The house now consists of two parts; the west end alone existed when the Lodge met there. It is but two storeys in height, and the pent roof at gable, the low ceilings, small square windows in the upper storey, the raised porch, the massive walls, all tend to give colour to the legend that this portion of the old inn was built over a century and a half ago; and prior to the Revolution was a wayside inn, with signboard emblazoned with the royal arms. Be this as it may, in the early days of the turnpike, the "State Arms" for a time was the most important hostelry between Caln and the Lancaster county line. Such was the house in which the first Masonic Lodge on the turnpike was established.

The most noteworthy event of a Masonic, or public character, which took place during the short time the Brethren met at the "States Arms," was the celebration of Washington's birthday by the Lodge, 22nd February 1800, held, as an old fragmentary record states, "agreeably to the recommendation of the President of the United States, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late illustrious Bro. General George Washington."

This was the first celebration of the anniversary of Washington's birthday held in Chester county.

Tradition tells us that great preparations were made for the event, and that the members of Lodge 80 vied with their Brethren of Lodge 31 in the adjoining county, who

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were to hold their celebration at Pottstown, as to which Lodge should be the more successful.

The survivors of the Revolution, the local military, the citizens of all classes were invited to attend and join with the Brethren in doing honour to the memory of the illustrious dead. On the day in question a procession was formed, the members of the Lodge in full regalia, preceded by the above named participants, proceeded to the Old Octoraro Church, where impressive services were held, the sacred edifice being filled to its utmost capacity. On this occasion an elaborate discourse was preached, if the same legend is to be believed, by a reverend Brother who had been a Chaplain in the Revolution, but who he was, or what the name, has unfortunately been forgotten.

The memories of the above patriotic event had not yet faded, nor had the Brethren become well settled in their quarters, with all indications pointing towards a prosperous existence of the Lodge, when a state of affairs arose in the Lodge contrary to what the name of the Lodge (Unity) would seem to imply. This was caused by opposite and conflicting interests brought about by a deflection of travel on the Wilmington road.

The success of the Lancaster turnpike was no sooner assured than a multitude of similar roads were projected in all parts of the State. Among these enterprises was one intended to connect the Conestoga Valley and the country beyond with Newport, Delaware, by way of the "Gap," in Lancaster county. The northern terminus of this projected road was at a point in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, where it intersected with the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike. This was a few miles west of the "States Arms." Here a large inn was at once built, called the "Rising Sun," and presided over by Maxwell Kennedy.

A year had scarcely elapsed since the Lodge was chartered, when Andrew Charles, named in the warrant as Junior Warden, and now Master of the Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge to remove the meeting place of the Lodge room from the "States Arms," in Sadsbury, to the more pretentious hostelry of the "Rising Sun." Tradition states that Charles was a resident of Lancaster county. On this point, however, it has at this late day been impossible to obtain any definite information. The august body, not knowing the situation of affairs, and being imposed upon by the suave and wily Master, granted the petition and the edict of removal was issued under date of 1st September 1800, authorising the change of meeting place to the new hostelry in Lancaster county. There was now less "unity" than ever between the Brethren of Lodge 80, the majority of whom were residents of Chester county, and objected strenuously to the change. The matter was finally brought to the notice of the Grand Master, who after thorough investigation by the power in him vested, again returned the Lodge to Chester county, 7th April 1801, the location selected being a tavern in Sadsbury township, on the Strasburg road and known as the "Plough and Horses," called for short "The Plough." This house was then kept by James Shannon, who had succeeded one William Wilken the year previous.

(To be continued.)

MODERN FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIAL AND MORAL REFORMER.

A Lecture delivered at Freemasons' Hall, Hull, on Friday Evening, 2nd March 1888, *by Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M.* 387, *Shipley; Member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No.* 2076, *London; P. Prov. G.D.C. West Yorkshire, &c. &c.*

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I SHALL now give you a talented woman's experience of Masonry as communicated to the *Masonic Trowel*, an American Journal in 1868. She writes:

Masons,—let me but once give voice to the thousand unuttered blessings that woman breathes for you, and in me see the symbol of the gratitude they cannot speak. I care not for the mysteries of Masonry,—in my soul I know is one grand principle,—Charity, sweet Charity! of which the Saviour said: "It is the greatest of all these." To add another proof that even a cup of water shall not be forgotten, I will unfold the volume of my heart, and read the record there.

I have seen my childhood's dearest idol—one only sister—fading slowly away from me, going back to our mother's bosom—and through all the long years that have intervened, and through all that are to come, I never can forget a few clusters of grapes, so grateful to her fevered lips, sent in the name of Masonry. The memory of that would have bound me to you had I no other tie.

I have heard a father—that I worshipped as men are seldom worshipped in this world—breathe fervent blessings on the name of Masonry. He taught me to revere and love it as a *thing*. He was a Mason, and I am proud to be his daughter.

But still a deeper chord than this vibrates within my soul. I can but lightly touch upon it, for my feelings are too deep for utterance. Suddenly cut off from all support, a widow in a strange land, penniless, with my fatherless children clinging to me for succour, dark enough seemed life's pathway, till, like inspiration, came the thought of Masonry. It was the "open sesame" to hope and peace.

If I were a man, I would be a Mason. As I am a woman, I can only do what is allowed me. My daughter shall rise up and call you blessed: and if a mother's teaching can avail aught, my son shall grow up worthy to be joined with you. The prayers of a widowed mother shall add one more ray to the lustre of your reward, for God himself said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Brethren, this extract tells its own pathetic tale of what Freemasonry is capable; but I must impress upon you that as a Lodge sinks or rises morally and intellectually will such gratifying experiences diminish or increase.

Freemasonry is capable of making us all wiser and better men—better husbands—better fathers and better citizens. There are no good aspirations and no benevolent or charitable tendencies that it does not encourage: hence its capacity to instil into our hearts moral lessons that we must carry home, and in fact feel present in all the concerns of our daily life. The effect of this must be to diffuse happiness within and around us; and what can brighten our own fireside to be compared to the consciousness of having administered to the wants and necessities of a worthy but unfortunate Brother, or dried the tears of his widow or orphans?

Freemasonry is capable of bringing men into closer communication with their Creator. In the Lodge, wherever he may be, a Mason is forcibly reminded, without being told, of the Omniscience of God.

However indifferent a man may have been to the ordinary approaches of religious influence, he will there feel, in the presence of the All-seeing Eye, due reverence for that strict, impartial justice with which he, equally with the Prince on the dais, will some day be judged. No man can do otherwise than benefit by such lessons, and as already explained I have known even Atheists profit by them?

Besides our duty to God, inculcated in various ways, which must affect the life and character of each individual member—socially Freemasonry teaches us to love one another—not alone as Masons, not even as blood relations, both of which are instinctive; but as members of one great family, partakers of the same nature and sharers in the same hope.

Morally, it points out to us the way to live, and what is often regarded by men as a more difficult task to learn;—how to die. I hold that Masonry is capable of teaching us these three things, which contain the essence of all moral and social aspirations and the fundamental basis of a universal Brotherhood of Man.

In conclusion, though I disagree with those who have little faith in the present mixed condition of the Fraternity, contending that our Order should be only open to the higher classes of society; yet I think we are popularising it too much, and are too neglectful of its original intentions. The capability of Freemasonry as a moral and social reformer is confined by the introduction into our Lodges of men incapable of seeing its higher purposes, or studying its objects; those who accept it as it appears to their limited understanding, without conception of its real meaning, and do not care to advance beyond the getting up of such ritual as is requisite in order to fill the offices open to them to *their own* satisfaction. It is really in the cultivation of the mind, the more general exercise of thought, and the development of the intellect that we must look for our increasing power and usefulness as a society in the future. Unfortunately the vast field afforded by the Mystic Art in this direction seems still to be comparatively unknown, although of late years there are most satisfactory signs of improvement. If every brother of average ability and education could be persuaded to try, he would be surprised at the success which would attend his efforts to progress, and how marvellously fascinating are the flowery meads of Masonic study. There is ample room too for originality in our Masonic literature, so that the most brilliant intellect need not despair of the rewards of labour and research.

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We want also more Masonic philosophers. By this I do not mean learned expounders of Masonic History or Masonic Morality (both very good in their place), nor indeed, preachers of any sort; but those still more invaluable members who strive to understand our whole system, *practice* Freemasonry, and whose lives shine as living exemplars of our true principles. These are the true salt of the Order, and were never so much wanted as at present. If we have amongst us too many who will not think, then we must teach them; this will gradually *compel* more care in the introduction of candidates because the necessity of it will become more generally apparent to our present members.

For at least 170 years we have been taught that the distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason are Virtue, Honour, and Mercy; with these three, all moral and social reform is possible that human imperfections will allow. We say the generation that is responsible for the degeneracy of our Order will be guilty of a crime against humanity which in the future will surely be branded on our history in letters of fire! Her banner now floats unsullied in every land where our principles are upheld; and it rests very much with us and our contemporaries, how far, during our brief connection with it, we help to debase or send it on with additional lustre to our successors. Freemasonry may hold a very contemptible position in some men's minds, cramped by the prejudices of ignorance, but it is, nevertheless, the only institution that possesses within itself, when faithfully carried out, the power to grapple with and even to a considerable extent solve the great moral and social problems of the day. If Freemasonry is not a moral and social reformer, on what has it subsisted during the last century and a half? To the brethren assembled in a Lodge at York, 126 years ago, a Past Master* thus addressed himself:—"When I consider the end of Masonry in general, when I reflect upon the nobleness of its original design, when I see it in its infancy rise with the sun in the east, when I behold it in its meridian glory, spreading beams of brightness around, then, when I view it struggling through the clouds of superstition and oppression, and here in the North when I see it, notwithstanding the virulence of its foes, rising to its primeval state, it immediately occurs to me that it was ordained to stand against the tooth of time; and that firm and collected in its own purity and integrity it should ever remain; that in it there should be strength, and that God would establish it."

These words are worthy of being transcribed and widely known. At that date (1762) under 300 Lodges were working; to-day nearly 2000 more have been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England alone. To every thinking mind they appeal with conclusive force against the calumnies of ignorance and the cavils of fanaticism.

Brethren, a Masonic Lodge has no disadvantages like the meum and tuum of friendly societies; it is a terrestrial sanctum in these days—a half-way house of rest between earth and heaven—where to the bright intelligent Mason "the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not."

* Frodsham, before members of Punch-bowl Lodge 259, 18th January 1762.

BURNS AND FREEMASONRY.

BURNS, beyond question (says Hunter, in his "Lectures on Freemasonry") derived considerable advantage from Masonry. It is evident from the statements which he has placed on record, that it contributed greatly to his happiness in admitting him into close and intimate fellowship with the wise, intelligent and social, and furnishing him with opportunities for enjoying the "feast of reason and flow of soul" in the most rational and ennobling manner. It presented him also with one of the best fields that he could find for the improvement of his mind and the display of his talents. In no other society are all the members treated with so much indulgence, and placed on a footing of so much equality. In the Mason's Lodge merit and worth are sure to be appreciated, and to meet with appreciation and respect. When the young and humble ploughman of Lochlea joined the Lodge of masony, than he took his place with Sir John Whitford Ballochmyle, James Dalrymple of Orangefield, She Wallace of Ayr, Gavin Hamilton, writer, Mauchl John Ballentine, Provost of Ayr, Professor Dugald Stew of Catrine, Dr. John M'Kenzie of Mauchline, William K ker, Kilmarnock; and a whole host of Ayrshire worth high and low. By coming in contact with these n his manners were refined, his intellectual energies sti lated, and his merits acknowledged and applauded. N Wood, the tailor; Manson, the publican; Wilson, the sch master; Humphrey, the "noisy polemic;" and all meaner brethren, seem very soon to have discovered high intellectual qualities, for they were not long in rais him to the second highest office in the Lodge—an of that caused him, on ordinary occasions, to occupy Master's Chair and perform the work of initiation. In school of the Lodge he must, in a great measure, have quired that coolness of demeanour, that dignity of deportm that fluency and propriety of expression, and that acqua ance with philosophy and humanity, which so astoun and electrified the sages and nobles of Edinburgh, made his advent in that capital one of the most remarka incidents in literary history. Instead of a clownish, ba ful, ignorant rustic, the most learned and exalted citiz found that he was able and ready to take his p by their side, and that in everything in which intellect concerned, he was in some respects their equal, and others greatly their superior. Burns was principally debted to Freemasonry for any little gleam of prospe that shone on his earthly pilgrimage. It was the F masons of Ayrshire who invited him to their tables; furnished him with advice; who read his productio into fame; and purchased and circulated the Kilm nock edition of his poems. It was by the advice his brother Mason, John Ballantine of Ayr, to wh he inscribed his poem, entitled "The Brigs o' Ay that he repaired to Edinburgh, and not as generally said, by the letter of Dr. Blacklock to Rev. George Laurie, of London, which says not one w of his coming to Edinburgh, but merely suggests desirableness of his poems. His brother, Gilbert, expres states that when Mr. Ballantine heard that the poet prevented from publishing a second edition, from the w of money to pay for the paper, he "generously offered accommodate Robert with what money he might need this purpose (£27); but advised him to go to Edinbu as the fittest place for publishing." When Burns, act on this advice, set out for Edinburgh, he had not, as himself states, a single letter of introduction in his poc and we would be quite at a loss to know how he was to form so sudden an acquaintance with the nobility literati of the Scottish capital, were we not assured, good authority, that he owed this, in a great measure his appearance among the Masonic brethren. It was t who introduced him into the best circles of society; put money in his purse to supply his wants; who secu subscribers for the new edition of his poems; who fort his companions in his tours; who were his chief epistol correspondents; who gave him accommodation in t houses; who obtained his appointment in the Excise; who, last of all, put him in possession of a farm, the c object of his desire. As Masons we are proud that Rob Burns was enrolled in the ranks of our Order, and w we should strive to avoid the thoughtless follies that him low and stained his name, we should endeavou imitate his ardent zeal, his open and generous disposit and his manly and lofty independence.—*Ayr Observer.*

The Lord Mayor has consented to visit Stockport the 6th of September in order to lay the foundation sto of the new technical schools. He has expressed a de that the ceremony should be attended with Masonic r and the friendly societies and local volunteers have deci to join in the procession.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Th the former disease numbers sufferers by tens of all ages, and the ... rumerously selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the perc... of these terrible foes will immediately relieve and cure them. After the ... have been diligently examined with the closest attention, he states in many ... Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and copiously for a few ...

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read, naturally with interest, the letter in your last number with the signature "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I pass over the writer's comments on the "anonymous circular" and the charges therein contained, and at once proceed to notice the—to me—astounding complaint there set forth. "They (the school pupils) have been made to feel too heavily the fact that they are recipients of charity," &c., &c. Now if there be one object towards which the efforts of all—so far as my knowledge extends—associated in the management of the Institution have been, and are, more anxiously directed than another it is to eliminate from the management of the Institution everything suggestive of "charity." In my earlier experiences of the School the clothing of the boys was, without doubt, an absolutely charitable garb—buttoned jacket, no vest, corduroy trowsers, glazed top cap, metal buttons with crown in centre surrounded by title of the Institution. All this on my accession to the Secretaryship I induced the Committee to alter, and to adopt a plain, neat style of dress, which has been gradually improved to the present date, when, as for some years past, there is really nothing of a distinctive character which can attract attention. It was formerly the custom to introduce the pupils of the School in procession at the Anniversary Festivals, following the example of the Sister Institution. This appeared to me abhorrent to all the finer feelings by which a boy of manly or, if preferred, of "gentlemanly" tone, might be considered to be imbued, and my representations meeting with sympathy, the practice was discontinued many years ago, and this example of ours was, in turn, followed by the Sister Institution, to the great gratification—I venture to think—of all concerned, pupils, staff, committee, and guests.

An inspection of the fittings and internal structural finish of the buildings at Wood Green, and the provision there made for educational, sanitary, and alimentary purposes, as well as for recreation and repose, would at once dispel even a suggestion of a *Charitable* Establishment. With a diet table erring only on the side of liberality, a supply of clothing more than customary in quantity, and, it *may perhaps* be added, better in quality, carefully organised arrangements for sports of various kinds under the supervision of an able staff of masters who freely and fully participate in them—a cheerfulness of demeanour which is generally a subject of remark by visitors, and I submit we have an answer, and an effective one, to the statement that "their" (the School pupils) "title to respect and personal treatment as (young) gentlemen has been ignored." Singularly enough our expenditure is now being criticised and censured with unsparing hand; the excess complained of—if excess there be, which I for one contend there is not—being occasioned by the very efforts in every direction to do away with that which is the prominent subject of complaint by "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I shall be glad to receive from him, either direct, or through you, the date—from year to year—of our young friend's sojourn at Wood Green, which, judging from the style of his letter, could not have proved detrimental in its effect.

With reference to those who at the present juncture cannot be otherwise regarded than as our detractors, I only wish that they all would be good enough, and fair enough, to visit the Establishment at Wood Green, and judge for themselves on the evidences of waste, extravagance, want of care and supervision—"for such we are charged withal"—as may there present themselves.

I forbear from further trespass upon your space, though not for lack of material, and am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21st August 1888.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read the letter of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY," which appeared in your last issue, with some amount of pride—pride, I may say, of a paternal character, for I looked upon the letter as though it emanated from one of my own children. It is true I have probably had very little to do with the bringing-up of this old Masonic pupil, but on the other hand the mite I have been enabled to subscribe to the Institution may have been expended on his tuition; in any case I am proud that so gratifying a communication should be penned by one who received his education at our School, and I think it might well be regarded as a testimonial of the way in which the work is performed at the Institution. This pupil, at least, must have been properly educated or he would not have been able to write as he has done.

From the opening remarks of your correspondent I feel convinced he could give the subscribers valuable assistance in the work of inquiry on which they have started, and it is to be hoped he will come forward at the proper time and make public what he knows; but neither he nor those who listen to him must forget that his experience is that of years gone by, and perhaps the Committee and supporters of the Institution have long since known of the evils at which he hints, and probably they are now removed. Be this as it may, there is little doubt but that his suggestion to examine a few of the old scholars is a good one, and one likely to lead to more practical results than the examination of a far larger number of outsiders.

The remarks of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY" in regard to the "general tone of the School" deserve serious and early attention, and this they will doubtless receive at the hands of those interested in the management. Some time back I had a few years' experience of a public school, which, if not similar to that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at least resembles it in many respects. I will not say it is impossible to conduct such an establishment on the basis that all the pupils are young gentlemen, whose word is their bond, and who scorn the very action of doing wrong, but I do urge that it is nearly impossible to do so. Whatever may be said by those who think differently, I am of opinion that in such a mixed assembly as is gathered together at Wood Green severe measures must occasionally be resorted to in order to maintain the requisite amount of discipline, and the principal reason for this is that the pupils are of too tender an age to properly appreciate the slender, yet strict dictates of honour. It is all very well to point to the Universities and say that the pupils are there governed by being looked upon as gentlemen, and that the greatest disgrace that can befall one of their number is to forfeit the right to that designation, but they are all grown up, and are supposed to have been trained to regard honour as priceless; but is it fair to make similar remarks or comparisons in regard to lads of from eight to sixteen years of age?

I for one should like to hear further from your correspondent as to the means he suggests of bringing about the improvement he refers to, and I feel sure you will accord the space necessary in order to further ventilate the subject.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. W.

Liverpool, 23rd August 1888.

ONE OF DR. GEORGE OLIVER'S MISTAKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During my recent visit to London, I called on my old friend Bro. Gardiner, at Mr. Baker's well-known optical establishment in Holborn. He kindly presented me with a book containing several Masonic sermons and addresses, one of which, by Dr. Oliver, 1841, is prefaced with a History of the Witham Lodge, No. 347, "holden in the City of Lincoln." The author says:—

"The Witham Lodge, like every other local community, has undergone its fluctuations. It has seen much of prosperity and somewhat of adversity; but under whatever unfavourable circumstances it may for a brief period have been placed, it has rallied and resumed its dignified station as the Mother Lodge of the Province. A cloud has occasionally passed over it, and thrown it into shade, but it was only to render the succeeding sunshine more bright, and to confer renewed brilliancy on its career. The precise date of its establishment is not known; but the oldest Minute Book contained in the archives of the Lodge commences with 5th December 1732; and as it begins abruptly with the simple minutes of an adjourned Lodge, without any detail of the ceremonial of Dedication or the nomination of Officers, it is evident that the record is but a continuation of a former Book, which is unfortunately lost. Indeed, the first entry contains a decisive proof of this fact. "Dec. ye Fifth 1732. At a Lodge held this day, *at the place aforesaid*, there were present," &c.

Further on the author says:

"The concluding entry, 27th September 1742, evidently proves that the meetings of the Lodge did not cease with that date; but the minutes of no future Lodge can be found until many years afterwards."

"A Provincial Lodge was established in this county in the year 1792. . . . About this time we find the Witham Lodge again in existence, and for many successive years it progressively increased in numbers and respectability."

I confess that I naturally doubt Dr. Oliver's writings. Here, however, my suspicion arose from comparing the number of "Peace and Harmony Lodge,"—for a copy of the Memorial of its 150th Anniversary Celebration I am indebted to your favour,—with the No. of the said Witham Lodge; thus, while the former was constituted in 1738 as No. 172, and in 1888 it ranks as No. 60, the Lincoln Lodge of prior to 1732 was in 1841 No. 347. However, the Lodge lists furnished by Brothers Hughan, Gould and Lane enable me to solve the riddle. Briefly then, the Lodge at the Saracen Head at Lincoln was dated 7th September 1730. Its first number on the register was 73; in 1755 it was No. 38, and in 1760 it was *erased*; and that was the end of the 1730 Lodge. The Witham Lodge at Lincoln was not chartered before 23rd September 1793. Its first number was 550, and after several changes it was in 1832 made No. 347, and it continued so in 1841. It seems, however, that the Record Book from 1732 to 1742 of the Saracen Head Lodge of 1730 found its way into the archives of the Witham Lodge of 1793; hence, Dr. Oliver "put this and that together" (as it were), and transformed the two Lincoln Lodges into one and the same Lodge; and so persuaded his readers that the Witham of 1793 was the Mother Lodge of the Province.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 8th August 1888.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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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 AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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. (Inst)
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
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 27th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
282—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 28th 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 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)
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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
1861—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)
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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
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, Stonehouse, Devon
2116—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

WEDNESDAY, 29th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
20—United Mariners', The Lord, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
93—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
108—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
138—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
158—Ist Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
529—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
721—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pigeon's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
1056—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1102—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1275—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—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, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 154 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 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)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1055—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Horusea, Hull (Instruction)
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 30th AUGUST.

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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
878—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, 8., at 8. (Instruct
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-road, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire 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—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
965—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1213—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1350—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull

FRIDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.
705—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
706—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)
1006—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaumtree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1412—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 704—Pyramus and Thisbe, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, Oxford Street. (Inst.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)
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 8
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1155—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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MADRAS.

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NNEMARA'S election to the District Grand Master- Madras has been confirmed by the Grand Master. y's formal installation will take place in November is, however, difficulty in arranging this important cere- is no large Masonic edifice in Madras in which the take place, the private Lodge rooms all being too small ected gathering of the Fraternity. A scheme has taken in hand to build a central Freemasons' Hall; sible to have it ready in time; besides the design has nade. It is proposed to engage the Victoria Town Hall but the Banqueting Hall will be a far better place for Hopes are entertained among the members of the Grand is Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be able as well as many exalted Masons from other presidencies. nvitations, it is said, will be sent to them.

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NEWCASTLE LODGE, No. 2097.

ay, the 23rd June, the members assembled in consider- mbers in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, to assist at their ration of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing g the several visitors were Bro. Barnes, the Assistant gineer, and Bro. Major Tennant, of the Capetown En- e ceremony of installation was most ably and effectively the Senior Past Master of the Lodge Bro. L. J. Slat- y elected Master being Bro. Thomas Sanderson, a most ber of the Order. The following are the Officers for the :—Bros. D. M. Moodie I.P.M., J. T. Wheeler S.W., J. E. J. W. Gowthorpe (re-elected) Treasurer, L. J. Slattery ry, J. Cunningham S.D., A. Oldknow J.D., E. Cheeseman London D.C., F. P. Shuter Organist, T. Robson Tyler. after the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned ury Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared for e host Bro. J. W. Davidson, and after full justice had the good things prepared for them, a most enjoyable spent, the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic songs not ten. The banquet was an entire success—so much so, t heartily-applauded toast was Our Hostess Mrs. David- Davidson having suitably responded, the assembly de- bly in time to say that they had not infringed on the So mote it be.

NG OF A NEW MASONIC HALL NEAR LISBURN.

day afternoon, the 18th instant, the new Masonic Hall, has been erected at Derryathey, about three miles from solemnly dedicated, the ceremony being performed in of a large assembly of Freemasons. The building, which cted upon ground given gratuitously by Bro. William M. 602 is in every way complete, and reflects much the builder, Mr. M'Henry. The internal arrangements re in every way perfect, nothing being left undone that ce to the comfort and convenience of the members. The embers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, under es the hall was opened, were present, and took part in y:—Bros. M'Connell Senior Grand Warden, Stokes Junior en, Macartney Senior Grand Deacon, Orr Junior Grand Cormick Inner Guard. The brethren assembled in the . Wm. Alderdice, where the Lodge has set upwards of nd a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in accordance cient Masonic custom. The procession having been proceeded to the new hall, which was solemnly dedicated. remony having been gone through, the Lodge was closed ibed form. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a the Assembly Rooms, Lisburn, which had been pro- e members of Lodge 602. When the cloth had been Chairman, Bro. Ferguson, gave the usual toasts.

REFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

enth annual meeting of the members of this excellent ation was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on The chair was taken by Bro. John Marchant, president, embers present being Bros. T. Blinkhorn, J. Barnes, , and W. Earle (Hon. Sec.) At the request of the Pre- llowing Report was read :—

mmittee have the pleasure of presenting the Annual he year 1887. A copy of the Proceedings at the last ting was forwarded to each subscribing member of the in the Province, and your Committee record their thanks rles Anthony, proprietor of the *Hereford Times*, for f that report. At the last meeting and ballot seven life ips to the Masonic Institutions were obtained, viz.: Boys' S. G. Yates; Girls' School, Bro. H. C. Beddoe; Royal nevolent Institution (male fund), Bro. Thos. Smith; , Bros. E. Shaw, the Rev. R. Evans, and J. A. White, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, male fund, £105; female fund, £110 5s; total, £624 15s. Your Committee again express the wish that all the brethren in the Province holding Provincial or Lodge rank would consider it their duty to obtain at least one life subscribership to a Masonic Institution; and they hoped that the Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the five Provincial Lodges will be good enough to do all they can in their respective Lodges to increase the number of subscribers to the Association, in order that the ancient Province of Herefordshire may occupy a creditable position in the annual reports from our excellent Masonic Institutions. Subjoined are the accounts for 1887, duly audited.

JOHN MARCHANT, President.

Hereford, July 1888.

The cash statement for year ending 31st December 1887 showed the following receipts in the subscription account:—To balance from last account, £5 4s; subscriptions, £45 3s; total £49 7s. The payments were—by Secretary of Boys' School, £5 5s; by Secretary of Girls' School, £5 5s; by Secretary of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (male fund), £5 5s; female fund, £28 5s; leaving a balance of £7 7s to be carried forward.

A ballot was taken, and the following brethren obtained seven life subscriberships:—Bros. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P. (2), C. Bootes, S. Blinkhorn, F. R. Tidd-Pratt, G. J. Caldwell, and T. J. Moore. The Masonic Charitable Institutions are the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for granting substantial annuities to aged Freemasons and their widows, and each of the above named brethren can select the Institution in which he wishes to have annual votes for life. The Committee for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows:—Bros. T. Blinkhorn President, J. Barnes Vice-President, H. C. Beddoe Treasurer, William Earle Secretary; members of the Committee, Bros. J. F. Norton (Hereford), G. F. Minnett (Ross), the Rev. R. Evans (Eyton, near Leominster). It appears that until the year 1878 the Province of Herefordshire was somewhat noted in the Masonic world for the smallness of the sums it had contributed to the Institutions above referred to, although several Herefordshire children had been boarded and educated in the admirable Masonic Schools, and some of the ancient local brethren and their widows had for many years received annuities from the Institution. In the year named, Bro. W. Earle, during his Mastership of the Palladian Lodge, Hereford, took the preliminary steps towards forming the local association, and has since continued the Hon. Secretaryship, and the amount of success is shown by the Committee's report.

Brethren are asked for their votes and interest on behalf of Bro. H. C. Knill, Jordan Lodge, No. 201, well-known as an old hall porter at the Freemasons' Tavern, and who now, through a serious ailment, seeks election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother John Tovell, James's Street, Goswell Road, E.C., and Brother W. H. Saunders, Bridge House, Carleton Road, Tufnell Park, N., are amongst those who will receive proxies.

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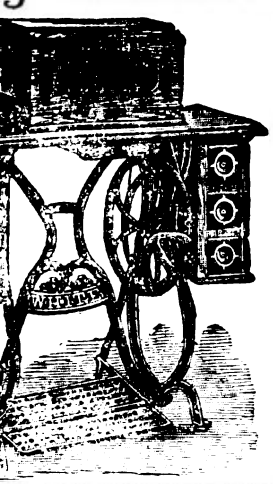
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LABORIOUS PLEASURE.

TO-DAY, the First of September, may be regarded as closing the Masonic recess of 1888 and opening the season of 1888-9, although there has been so much doing the last few months in the Masonic World that the enthusiastic Mason, or those whose duties call them to Masonic gatherings, may be said to have had little or no time for holiday making, apart from the enjoyment to be derived from a proper appreciation of Freemasonry. If we may believe some of those who have had the opportunity of enjoying a change, and have availed themselves of it, the loss has not been a serious one for those who have been kept at home; as, consequent on the peculiarly unsettled weather, it has been little short of hard work to secure enjoyment at any of the more fashionable resorts of holiday seekers. But then we must remember there are *some who* invariably make a trouble of enjoying *themselves*, and who seem to undertake their pleasure as they would some painful task, to be got over, somehow, as systematically and as speedily as possible. No doubt the unseasonable weather has really been of advantage to some of this class; it has forced them to do something outside their usual routine, and the change has really proved a charm, but it is well that such dispositions should not frequently be gratified at the expense of the masses, and we accordingly begrudge them the small amount of pleasure they may have derived in this way.

Yet, need we go outside the Masonic Lodge for men who make a labour of pleasure? Are there not many who appear to delight in making everything subservient to custom; who strive to check any exceptional outburst of enthusiasm, and to keep the pleasures of our meetings down to a given standard? Unfortunately there are, and the present time—when we are about to commence another Masonic season—appears to present an appropriate opportunity for addressing a few words to these. Is it necessary for us to make a labour of Masonic pleasure? When once the ceremonies of the meeting are completed we imagine the aim of all should be to enjoy themselves, and to secure the enjoyment of others. To achieve this we are aware discipline must be upheld, and order observed, but are discipline and order to rule the roost to the exclusion of everything else, even if what is supposed to be a time of pleasure is turned into a period of unpleasantness? Would it not rather be better to sacrifice a little of the form and ceremony of our meetings, if in doing so those present were enabled to enjoy an hour or two's greater comfort, instead of being kept to what we may term laborious pleasure? We think it would, and we invite our readers to consider for themselves the various points which may present themselves to their minds as touching upon this subject.

It has often been said that the after-dinner speeches and entertainments which follow Lodge meetings are the most objectionable part of the Masonic system, and so they are if they are not properly managed; but in good hands they may prove most enjoyable, as many who read these lines can testify. It may be imagined that in this respect we are able to speak from experience; our duties often call us out, and we have numerous opportunities of judging different men and different systems. We start with the determination of never making a labour of our enjoyment, and we can recommend that system to those who work on a different, and usually less satisfactory principle.

No doubt the best way to secure enjoyment is to be content to take things as we find them, to give credit to our entertainers for having done the best in their power, and to sympathise with them in case of mishap, rather than blame them for want of care or forethought. It is not always possible to ensure success, and it is wrong to attempt to decide how far others have striven to deserve it. Success does not always attend even the best of efforts, nor is it possible for the most proficient to avoid occasional failure, but we think we may safely say there is little enjoyment to be derived from making a labour of pleasure. It is far better to take things as they come, rather than to lay down hard and fast laws which may be inapplicable under certain circumstances, and which, if rigidly adhered to, cause annoyance and a break in the harmony of a Lodge.

Perhaps the most frequently practised example of making a labour of pleasure is to be found in the musical programme at a Masonic meeting. Music is not always a source of pleasure to all who have to listen to it; more particularly is this the case when the music is made of paramount, and personal enjoyment of secondary importance. Although it may be difficult to decide just how much or how little the music is appreciated, there is sometimes no mistaking the feeling of a meeting. Without being actually rude the company show they have had enough, and it would be well to stop there, rather than adhere to a programme, and to labour for enjoyment which never comes; but some men cannot accept such a verdict as we have outlined; they have made arrangements for a certain course of entertainment, and if that does not afford enjoyment it must at least be persevered in, even if its continuance inflict pain or discomfort.

It will not be news to our readers to tell them we do not believe in making the proper appreciation of Freemasonry of secondary importance to the regular performance of a musical programme. There are many who secure much more enjoyment from the discussion of Masonic or general topics with those around them than they derive from the best song it is possible to give them, and are they to be ignored in order that some pre-arranged programme may be completed, or the strict etiquette of the musical profession rigidly observed? We recently heard of a meeting which was anything but a success; where the cause of the non-enjoyment of many present was set

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down to what we have just spoken of, a too rigid observance of etiquette, and a too strict consideration for a musical party in attendance; and as this party had neither the ability nor tact to adapt themselves to circumstances, failure was the result of these efforts. There is an old story that you may take a horse to the water, but you cannot force him to drink; and on the same principle you may provide entertainment for a company, but you cannot force them to enjoy themselves. Much in this respect may be done by the Worshipful Master, but here everything does not rest with him, although a display of tact on his part will often set matters right. But what is tact? Some appear to think it is to enforce a strict observance of custom or of some pre-arranged programme; others regard it as the ability to adapt oneself to circumstances, even if old established customs, programme and other arrangements, have to be sacrificed in doing so. Those who have had experience in this respect will agree with us that the latter system usually results the most successfully, and so we may regard it as being the proper definition of tact.

We should be among the last to advocate any overthrow of established customs, but we think there are many occasions where a modification or a departure from rule is both justifiable and desirable. As an instance we may cite a trivial matter. Trivial in regard to its general effect, but really of moment to those who make a study of securing the enjoyment of the masses. We allude to the practice of smoking after Masonic banquets. We know that in many quarters the custom rules that no smoking shall be allowed until after the toast of the Worshipful Master has been honoured; others draw the line at the Rulers of the Craft, others again would and do commence smoking as soon as they feel disposed. Each and all of these systems is right, provided it is understood that there is a rule; but it is absurd to say that the Master or Chairman for the time being has no power to depart from such a rule, providing he may deem it better to do so. It would certainly be making a trouble of pleasure if the inclination of the company in regard to this luxury, or mere habit as some will have it, was disregarded in consequence of some peculiar idea or notion that it was not right. It is the ability to arrange such little matters as these which marks the efficient ruler, and which, absent in others, causes trouble and a want of harmony in the affairs of a Lodge.

Whatever form we may take our pleasure in it is well to bear in mind that the easier we make it the more likely is it to be appreciated; while, on the other hand, the more we surround it with rules and laws the less likely is it to meet with success. True pleasure is free; it comes from the heart, and is wholly distinct from that which is derived from forced enjoyment. Let us then remember that the less we surround our hours of Masonic pleasure with laws and regulations the more likely are we to achieve our object, but at the same time we must not omit to pay due obedience to those in authority.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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UNITY LODGE, No. 80, CHESTER COUNTY, PA., 1799-1808.

By Bro. Julius F. Sachse.

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The Grand Master on issuing his edict improved the occasion to admonish both the Master and Brethren as to the duties they owed to themselves as well as the Craft. For a time matters went on well; prosperity seemed to Masonic light, prominent among whom were Col. James Parke and John Hammill. Andrew Charles was the leading spirit of the Lodge and was elected Worshipful Master for five consecutive terms. He was succeeded by Bro. Parke, who served one term; he in turn was followed by Bro. Hammill, who occupied the Oriental chair for three terms; then Bros. Jas. Gamble, John Moyars and John Brown, each respectively served one term as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. With the close of Bro. Brown's term as W.M. trouble again obscured the horizon of the Lodge. Andrew Charles, who lately had drifted away from the old teachings, and become imbued with notions foreign to the ancient landmarks and ritual, soon found that his influence among the right-minded Brethren of the Lodge had materially declined. Still at the time in question he mustered strength enough to secure his election to the Oriental chair as successor to Bro. P.M. Brown. This was in 1805.

Bro. Charles, who was now a sort of Joseph Balsamo, to regain his lost power attempted to pose both in and out of the Lodge as a veritable Cagliostro, professing to have obtained Masonic secrets beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals. He claimed to have received the ninety-six degrees of some French or Ancient Egyptian rite, which gave him, so he said, power even over the Grand Master of the State. He further claimed the right to make Masons at sight, and confer the Royal Arch at his pleasure, while he created Knights Templar as a pastime at any time or place as suited his convenience.

These actions of Bro. Charles were met with the severest condemnation from the right-minded Brethren, marshalled by Bros. Parke, Hammill and others. Still Bro. Charles soon gathered round himself a number of dupes, both within as well as without the tyled portals, many of whom looked upon this charlatan as almost a demi-god.

The Lodge was now convened at any time to suit the pleasure of the Master. The Brethren were frequently called off from labour to liquid refreshment; the sideboard in the Lodge room was counted of more importance than the altar and the great lights there displayed, the orgies being kept up frequently until daybreak. This un-Masonic conduct was strenuously objected to by the Brethren led by Bro. Parke. Many of the best members and most respectable Brethren absented themselves from the meetings, and such as persisted in attending and objecting to the un-Masonic conduct of the Master and his supporters were promptly expelled by Bro. Charles.

During the year 1806 no less than sixteen good and true Brethren were thus branded.

It now became evident that all further appeal to this would-be "Albertus Magnus," and his deluded followers, was in vain, and that some action would have to be taken to save the Craft from the opprobrium being heaped upon the Fraternity in general by these actions.

Consequently a meeting was called by the right-thinking Brethren, which resulted in an appeal to the Grand Lodge, in a letter setting forth the state of the Lodge, and the unlawful proceedings of the Master; this was signed by Bros. P.M. James Parke, P.M. John Hammill, John Rodgers, John Gormaly and Samuel Ramsey. The appeal also urged that immediate action be taken in reference to the petition.

This communication was read before the Grand Lodge at their meeting, Wednesday, 7th September 1808, and a committee was appointed to proceed to Sadsbury on the next day, the stated meeting of the Lodge being on Friday, the 9th, and investigate the charges made and the state of affairs by personal inspection. The chairman of this committee was no less a person than the noted Masonic scholar and Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Peter Lee Barbier Duplessis.

Early on the next morning the committee met at the stage office near Eighth and Market; a special stage was chartered for the trip, and before the sun stood high in the heavens the coach, drawn by four spirited horses, was well over the permanent bridge and climbing the hills west of the Schuylkill, along the smooth hard turnpike, stopping but a few minutes at the "Buck" to water the horses. It was not long before the Spread Eagle was reached, on the extreme eastern end of Chester county. Here a stop was made for a relay, while the committee refreshed them-

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four fresh horses, was again on its way, climbing up the South Valley hill, quickly passing the numerous wagon stands, and the embryo town site of "Glassley." The Paoli was reached, where a short stop was made. Then another mile up the smooth white road the Green Tree was passed and then the descent into the Great Valley began. Short stops were made at the Warren and the Ship, the party reaching Downing's Stage Office in time for a late dinner. Here again the horses were changed and the journey continued through the Valley until the other branch of the Brandy wine was crossed at Miller's, where, after a stop at the "Midway," the ascent of the North Valley hill continued, passing the old turning mill, the Crosskeys, Rainbow, States Arms, reaching Sadsburyville without stopping or making their mission known. The stage then turned south at the Wilmington Road and proceeded to the Fountain Inn on the Strasburg Road, where they arrived in time for supper. The committee was welcomed and entertained at the inn by Colonel Parke and others. On the following day the committee thoroughly posted themselves on the situation, and when night came proceeded to the Plough, presented themselves at the door of the Lodge and demanded admittance. This official visit was a complete surprise to Charles and his dupes, as they had no inkling of the existence of this committee. A disposition was first shown not to admit the visitors; another proposition was to set the price of admission for the night so high as to prelude Bro. Duplessis and his accompanying Brethren paying the fee. Eventually, after much discussion and braggadocio better counsels prevailed, and after considerable delay the Deputies of the Grand Lodge were admitted. Bro. Duplessis at once demanded the chair, which was only vacated by W.M. Bro. John Seright after a protest from Charles. Bro. Duplessis proceeded to investigate the actions of Charles and his adherents, who at first were defiant, but as the investigation proceeded most of the Brethren present saw the error of their ways, and it was shown that all the charges made by Bros. Parke, Hammill and Ramsey were true. It was further shown that Charles for the last year or two had arrogated to himself the duties of W.M., Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, *all* at the same time. Seright, with tears streaming down his cheeks, acknowledged that he had been appointed W.M. while the committee was out in waiting; also that he was not twenty-two years of age and had not been a Mason for the term of six months; the worst showing of all was when the committee inquired in regard to the last Report to the Grand Lodge, in 1806. It was found that Bro. Gillaspy, who was credited as Secretary, had not made the Report but Charles had done it; the fact was in proof of his answer. Gillaspy showed that he had never been able to read or write. The committee further found that the rules of the Grand Lodge as well as the Ancient Landmarks had been violated in almost every respect and that the complaint made was true in every particular. So after consultation among themselves, the committee, at the suggestion of Bro. Duplessis, appointed Bros. James Parke, Samuel Ramsey, John Hammill, Joel Lightner, Joseph Lefeare, a committee to take charge of the property of the Lodge pending any action the Grand Lodge would take in the premises. The Brethren of Unity were further asked to write their opinion as to what would be the best course to pursue for the good of the Craft in general. After the Lodge was closed the Brethren again enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Parke. On the following morning, after thanking the host and the other Brethren, Bro. Duplessis and his fellow members returned to Philadelphia.

After a thorough canvass of the situation the local committee concluded to report to the Grand Lodge that it would be for the best interests of the Fraternity in general to close the Lodge, as, notwithstanding the counsel and admonitions of Bro. Duplessis, a number of the deluded continued to adhere to Charles in his opposition to all Masonic authority, even going so far as to assume a defiant attitude towards the Grand Lodge; further in their judgment, nothing that now could be done would remove the stigma brought on the Lodge by the un-Masonic conduct of these members. They further asked that such Brethren who were in good Masonic repute be given permission to affiliate with sister Lodges.

Bro. Duplessis and his committee also made a report to the Grand Lodge.

Both reports were laid before the Grand Lodge at their meeting, 3rd October 1808, when, after solemnly expelling Andrew Charles from the Fraternity, and thanking both committees for their actions in the matter, it was ordered that the "Warrant for Unity Lodge, No. 80, be vacated for un-Masonic conduct."

Thus ignominiously ended the life of "Unity, No. 80," which started so auspiciously but a decade before, with every indication of becoming one of the brightest stars in the Masonic firmament, and had the Brethren but adhered to the teachings and Landmarks of the Fraternity, Unity, No. 80, might still be dispensing Masonic light and charity in the vicinity.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE W. MASTERSHIP OF BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ONE hundred and thirty-five years ago Bro. George Washington was raised a Master Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge, Va., and one hundred years ago Washington was elected W.M. of Alexander Lodge, Va. The anniversary of these events was celebrated on 6th August 1888, at Mt. Vernon, with appropriate ceremonies, participated in by representative Masons from Fredericksburg, Alexandria and the District of Columbia. The steamer Arrowsmith was chartered for the occasion, and the arrangments were under the direction of a joint committee from Fredericksburg and Alexandria Lodges. Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, sent a representation of about one hundred and fifty, while the Alexandrians were not so numerous. Many ladies were in the party, and a section of the United States Marine Band combined to make the occasion very enjoyable.

Upon reaching Mount Vernon the Masonic bodies represented formed in procession and marched to the tomb, Fredericksburg Lodge leading the way. After the pilgrims had gathered around the tomb, the Marine Band rendered the Miserere from Il Trovatore in a most impressive manner, all present standing with uncovered heads. Bro. E. C. Smith, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, offered a prayer appropriate to the occasion, after which Assistant Superintendent Young delivered his usual address for the information of the visitors. The next thing in order was to take a position on the lawn in front of the mansion, when the entire party was photographed, Fredericksburg Lodge in the front rank.

The ceremonies at the mansion were conducted from the south portico. Bro. Lever, chairman of the committee of arrangements, opened the proceedings with a brief statement explaining that the 135th anniversary of the raising of George Washington to the sublime degree of Master Mason fell upon the 4th day of August, but for the convenience of those desiring to participate the celebration was posponed until to-day.

Bro. F. E. Corbitt, P.M. of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, Master one hundred years after Washington, was selected to preside in the absence of Worshipful Master Kemper, of the same Lodge, who had been originally chosen. After a few appropiate remarks, Bro. Corbitt introduced the orator for the occasion, Bro. S. J. Quinn, W.M. of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4. Bro. Quinn read an exceedingly interesting historical sketch of Bro. George Washington in Masonry.

The orator read extracts from the records of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, to show that Washington received the Entered Apprentice degree on the 4th of November 1752.

He was passed to the degree of fellow-craft 3rd March, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 4th of August 1753. The records also show that Washington was initiated as "a youth under age."

He was at that time Major Washington, of the Militia, and one of the four adjutant-generals of the colony, his post being that of the northern district, where he was in command of the first little army of Northern Virginia. He dwelt then at Mount Vernon, caring for the estate and family of his brother, Laurence Washington, then recently dead.

He had given great promise, but was not yet famed, and his main work was organizing the colonial militia and drilling the officers at the county court house. Soon afterwards he made his first perilous journey to carry Gov. Dinwiddie's letter to the commander at Fort Du Quesne, and thenceforward grew into fame. He occasionally took part in the Masonic meetings at Fredericksburg, and when the revolutionary war was in progress was present at military Lodges.

After the war was over and he returned to his home at Mount Vernon, Alexandria Lodge, which had been organ-

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ized in 1783 as Lodge No. 39, under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, invited him to unite with them on St. John's Day 1783, the members assuring him "that we, as a mystical body, rejoice in having a Brother so near us whose preeminent benevolence has secured the happiness of millions, and we shall esteem ourselves honoured at all times should your Excellency be pleased to join us in the needful business." In response Bro. George Washington wrote from Mount Vernon, on 28th December 1783: "I shall always feel pleasure when it shall be in my power to render service to Lodge No. 39, and in every act of Brotherly kindness to the members of it, being in great truth, your affectionate Brother," &c. It was not convenient for Washington to attend the Lodge until St. John's day, in June 1784.

In 1788 the Pennsylvania warrant was surrendered and a Virginia charter was taken, with Washington as Master. He was re-elected W.M. until St. John's Day, 27th December 1789. He had at this time become President of the United States. At the close of his term, in March 1797, the Lodge invited Washington to a dinner, and sent him an address, in which "the Ancient York Masons, of Lodge No. 22, offer him their warmest congratulations at his retirement from his useful labours," saying, "you have been the Master Workman in erecting the temple of liberty in the West, on the broad basis of equal rights; you have kept within the compass of our happy Constitution, and acted upon the square with foreign nations." In reply Gen. Washington said: "The assurance which you give me of your belief that I have acted upon the square in my public capacity will be among my principal enjoyments in this terrestrial Lodge." He took dinner with the Lodge on 1st April 1797, and gave a toast "To the Lodge at Alexandria, and all Masons throughout the world." During the later years of his life his attendance on the Lodge was not frequent. A funeral Lodge for Washington was held at Alexandria on 16th December 1799, at which forty-six Masons were present, and on the 18th they buried Washington on the spot to which their successors made a pilgrimage to-day.

Bro. J. H. Olcott, P.M. of Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, of Washington, was called upon for a brief speech, in which he congratulated Fredericksburg Lodge for having upon its roll of membership so illustrious a name as that of George Washington, the father of our great and glorious country. He coupled in a happy way the names of Bros. Washington and Lafayette, and as a representative of Lafayette Lodge proposed the following sentiment, which was received with applause: "That Fredericksburg Lodge continue its usefulness until its records shall be merged into those of the Grand Lodge above."

Bro. F. A. Reed, of Alexandria, Past Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge, and Past Grand Commander of Virginia, and Bro. C. W. Smith, Grand Chaplain of the District of Columbia, also made short addresses. The exercises closed with the rendering of the "Star-Spangled Banner." The excursionists then took the boat and went across the river to Marshall Hall, where dinner was spread. Returning home, they reached Alexandria at about six o'clock, and Washington twenty minutes later. It was a memorable trip, and all who participated in it commend the untiring efforts of the committee of arrangements.

The freedom of the grounds at Mount Vernon on this occasion was granted to the Masons by a special resolution passed at the May meeting of the Vice-Regents, and the result was communicated to Fredericksburg Lodge by Mrs. Lewis W. Washington, Vice-Regent for West Virginia, and Mrs. Ball, Vice-Regent for Virginia.—*Keystone.*

The meetings of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, held at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, will be resumed on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at 7·45 p.m.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza, the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air-tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in moc countries.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on the 23rd ult., in the Wesley Schools, Chapel-street, Camborne. There was a large and influential gathering of brethren, and the day's proceedings passed off most successfully. The meeting was held under the auspices of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1544, the brethren of which are to be heartily congratulated on the admirable and most perfect arrangements which they made. The town itself was gaily decorated with bunting and flags of all kinds, and a pretty but unpretentious arch leading from the station to the school room (outside of which were coloured poles festooned) offered a "Welcome." The commodious school room was most handsomely fitted up as a Grand Lodge, and the decorations of flags, pretty devices and the exotics and hothouse plants gave the room a fine appearance, which was much admired. Over the P.G.M.'s chair was inscribed in text "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Whilst at the further end of the room were the words "Remove not the antient landmarks which thy fathers have set." On either side of the room were "God said let there be light, and there was light," and "Peace and harmony." The Secretary of the Lodge, which is flourishing, Bro. Hugh P. Vivian P.M., was invested with the P.G.J.W.'s collar. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, sat on the throne, and was supported by Bro. C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D. Prov. Grand Master, and amongst others present were:—

Bros. Edward D. Anderton P.M. 331 S.G. Warden, William Nettle P.M. 510 J.G. Warden, Rev. W. R. Erskine 589 Grand Chaplain, William Guy P.M. 496 G. Treasurer, William Andrew P.M. 739 G. Registrar, Thomas Chirgwin P.M. 131 G. Secretary, B. Gidley Derry P.M. 330 and J. Jennings Hawken P.M. 331 S.G. Deacons, John C. Burrow P.M. 1644 and Arthur T. Grant P.M. 318 J.G. Deacons, John H. Cousins P.M. 557 G.S. of Works, Joseph Sarah P.M. 589 G.D. of C., Joseph Doney P.M. 856 Dep. G.D. of C., John T. Tillman P.M. 131 Assistant G.D. of C., C. Battie Rashleigh 75 G. Sword Bearer, Henry Jones P.M. 1954 and John Harris P.M. 510 G. Standard B-arers, Thomas C. Mack P.M. 131 Grand Organist, Thomas Gill P.M. 967 Assistant G. Sec., Henry Searle P.M 699 G. Pursuivant, John Langdon of No. 131 Assist. G.P.; Thomas H. Spear P.M. 330, Thomas R. Mills P.M. 1006, W. B. Carne P.M. 893, Edmund Herring P.M. 1071, George Cassell P.M. 1136, and Thomas S. Bailey P.M. 1151, all G. Stewards; James N. Francis Grand Tyler, J. C. R. Crewes Clerk to Prov. Grand Secretary; Bros. Frederick Binckes Grand Stewards Lodge Prov. G. Sword Bearer England, Colonel W. E. Michell, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., G. Darth, Samuel G. Bake, Charles Truscott, Gilbert B. Pearce, Edward Poor, T. Michell, William Pascoe, J. Brewer, W. B. Morris, F. J. Hext, J. Doney, E. Milford Cock, R. A. Courtney, W. F. Creber, R. H. Heath, John Dennis, George Barnes, C. E. Juleff, P. Giles, J. W. Higman, J. de C. Treffry, John Turner, R. Lean, F. J. Hext jun., E. Aitken-Davies, James Reynolds, John F. Penrose, W. Rowe, W. Bailey, John Crossman, J. C. Burrow, F. B. Williams, Geo. H. Small, Thomas Mills, J. P. Smith, C. Read, M. Sampson, F. W. Dabb, James Wearne, &c., &c. Letters of apology were received from, among others, Bros. the Hon. Rev. J. T. Boscawen P.M. 699 P.P.G.S.W., enclosing £5 as promised to the Cathedral, and stating that he would give a similar donation this year.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that there had been 119 initiations, being an increase of twelve over the previous year, 40 joining members, and 1,378 subscribing members, making a total of 1,537, being an increase of 61 over last year. During the year several questions arose on the effect of the bye-laws of some of the Lodges, and on examination it was found they were in several important particulars in contradiction to the Revised Constitutions. These were laid before the Grand Secretary for his opinion, and subsequently, at his suggestion, circular letters were sent to the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges, inviting the Lodges to carefully consider their respective bye-laws, and where necessary to make such alterations as would bring them in accordance with the Revised Constitutions, and I am glad to acknowledge the readiness with which the request was acceded to. Up to the present the necessary alterations have been made in the bye-laws of eleven Lodges, and these have been approved of by the Prov. G. Master and confirmed by the G.M. There are still one or two Lodges whose bye-laws require amendment. Some of the Lodges still omit to send in their returns at the proper time. And two or three have omitted to send in the return of the Past Masters' attendances, and so in these Lodges the Provincial Grand Master is unable to know who are the most regular in their attendance, and who on that ground

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would be entitled to Provincial collars. On 13th April last £610 8s 6d was paid over to the Treasurer of the Cathedral, and on 1st June £5 was received from Tregenna Lodge, and also paid over to the Treasurer, making a total contribution of £615 8s 6d. Dispensations have in accordance with the Constitutions been granted to Mount Edgcumbe Lodge to instal their W.M. on the 9th instead of 2nd November last, Phœnix Lodge to instal on the 19th instead of 16th January last, One and All Lodge to initiate a candidate aged 20, who was leaving England to fill an appointment in the Cape Mounted Police; Bro. R. Bonney, of Wadebridge, hotel keeper, to hold the office of W.M. of Molesworth Lodge, and Mount Sinai Lodge to wear Masonic clothing at the funeral of the deceased Bro. Boase. The following grants for relief have been obtained from the Lodge of Benevolence in London:—A brother of Restormel Lodge, Lostwithiel, £30; the widow of a brother of Loyal Victoria Lodge, Callington, £15; the widow of a brother of Tregillow Lodge, St. Day, £10; and to a brother of Eliot Lodge, St. Germans, £10. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. W. Guy) reported that the year commenced with a balance of £127 11s 3d; fees of honour £38 4s; fees from Lodges, £178 14s, which with several small items brought the total up to £368 18s 3d, leaving a balance in hand of £192 16s 2d. The Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund reported that the donations and subscriptions amounted to £176 17s, being an increase of £30 16s 6d over the previous year; the balance at the commencement of the year, £69 1s 6d; voted from Grand Lodge, £26 5s; interest from bonds and stock, £152 12s 5d; and £110 from railway debenture bond, making a total receipt of £534 15s 11d. Of this sum £135 had been paid to annuitants and in educational grants, £216 15s 6d spent in the purchase of a £200 Cape bond, expenses of management £18 19s 6d, leaving a balance at the Cornish Bank of £164 0s 11d. The capital invested amounted to £4,348 6s 11d, being an increase of £176 18s 9d, from which was derived a yearly income of £182 19s. The Secretary reported that a vacancy had occurred in the male annuities by the death of Bro. John McLean, and petitions had been received from two brethren. Petitions had been received from two widows for the annuity vacant by the death of Mrs. Vicary last year. A petition had also been received for an educational grant. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £176 18s 9d, and there was an increase of £30 16s 6d in the annual subscriptions as compared with the corresponding period of last year. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to the present time the receipts had amounted to £6,748 3s 5d, out of which there had been paid to male annuitants £1,315 11s; female annuitants, £193 10s; grants for relief £70; educational grants £540; expenses of management, £220 15s 6d; total, £2,399 16s 6d; leaving a balance to the credit of the fund of £4,348 6s 11d. The Committee of relief reported that having received a petition on behalf of the widow of a brother of Lodge 318, they had granted a sum of £3, which had been paid. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, Honorary Secretary Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, said: At the third general meeting of the Subscribers, held at Truro, on 8th February, it was reported that 205 memberships had been subscribed for, the total amount contributed being 260 guineas, of which 235 guineas were available for the ballots, the remainder being for nominations fully paid up. Thirty-three life subscriberships of the value of 5 guineas were drawn. Compared with previous years this amount was sixty guineas less, but this was not owing to any falling off in the members of the association, but to the fact that in 1887 a large number of the brethren were induced to complete their payments by paying at once the remainder due from them. The number of new subscribers this year was thirty-one, and this important feature was mainly due to two Lodges only, Redruth and Bodmin, to whom must be given the credit of adding between them a score of new members. Yet with this increase of thirty-one new members they had exactly the same number subscribing this year as last, a corresponding number having ceased to subscribe, having mostly completed their payments, and a few failed to continue. Of the 205 memberships, 177 were individual, and 28 Lodges and Chapters. Of the thirty Lodges in the Province twenty subscribed from the Lodge Funds, and one had subscribed since the last ballot. Of the remaining nine, seven were represented by individuals. The Charities selected were:—Girls, 205 guineas; Boys 45; and Masonic Benevolent Institution 25. The additional votes gained were:—Girls, 25; Boys, 8; Benevolent, 4; total life votes, 37, and 9 perpetual votes for Girls, and 2 for the Benevolent Fund. The total amount obtained through the association was as follows:—First year, £234 4s; second, £379 1s; third, £288 15s; total £902. Bro. Pearce desired to bring the claims more particularly before the brethren at Provincial Grand Lodge. Three of the five years had gone, and they could refer to the result with some pride and satisfaction; but in two years more all the members that began with them would have ended their payments, and a fresh start would have to be made. No doubt a large number of these would begin again, and they would consider that the continual payment of a guinea or two was no great tax on them for so worthy and needy a cause, but new members were wanted always to be joining every year. Bro. Bake P.P.G.S.W., then rose to move, in accordance with notice of motion, that (1) in future funds be formed in the county from the subscriptions now generally transmitted to the larger Charities in London, and to be used for similar purposes; (2) that a Committee be formed for carrying out these Charities, and to make regulations and laws for their government, and also to make any arrangements in connection therewith, and that when such laws, regulations and arrangements have been submitted to the Provincial Grand Master and met his approval and signature, they are then immediately to take effect; (3) that the Committee consist of Bros. Anderton, Hughan and Pearce, and such others as the Provincial Grand Master may select. Having explained that he was prevented by illness from attending the last Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Bake went on to state that in 1887 the county had only two boys and one girl in the great Masonic Institutions, the election of whom cost 615 votes. Three hundred of these votes cost on an average £5 each, and the other 315 cost £3 each, amounting in the aggregate to £2,245. If that money had been kept in the county and invested at 4 per cent. it would have produced £96 17s per annum, out of which £30 per year could have been allowed to the parents of each of the three children educated in the Masonic Schools. The children would then be educated according to their present station of life instead of being taken to London, educated above their station, and becoming dissatisfied on their return with the position in which they found themselves. Bro. Bake then moved the second and third sections of his resolution. The Provincial Grand Master suggested that the Committee should take the question into consideration, and report to Grand Lodge before any action was taken. Bro. Major Ross was of opinion that the question was of such importance that it should be considered by the various Lodges before anything definite was settled. Bro. Anderton denied that children in the great Masonic Charities were educated above their station. He moved as an amendment—"That a Committee be formed to consider and report at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge the best means of employing the funds collected in the Province for charitable objects." Bro. Gilbert Pearce seconded. If this Province adopted the principle advocated by Bro. Bake, and other Provinces followed suit, what would become of the great Masonic Charities? There being no objection, the amendment was agreed to, Bros. Bake and Chirgwin being added to the Committee. Later in the day it was suggested that Bro. Truscott should also be placed on the Committee. Bro. Bake objected, and said he should withdraw if the proposal was carried Bro. Truscott's name was however withdrawn. The brethren then walked in procession to church, headed by the band of the Volunteers. A special service was gone through, and Bro. the Rev. W. Reed Erskine preached a powerful sermon. On their return Grand Lodge was re-opened, and Bro. C. Truscott presented the following report, for two years. In October 1886, we secured the election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of the son of a brother of Fowey Lodge, 977. At the following elections of April and May 1887, the votes of the Province were used to repay loans contracted to secure the election of the foregoing candidates. In October 1887, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of Relief, we polled for the daughter of a deceased brother of Phœnix Lodge, No. 331, and secured her election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The polling at this election ran high, and this necessitated our borrowing more heavily than usual, but I am happy to state that after repaying loans with our votes of April and May last, we are again free. We owe

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400 girls' and 500 boys' votes, total 900; and are owed 80 boys, 242 old Masons, and 744 widows' votes, total 1,066. The present voting power possessed by the Province I estimate to be about 300 girls, 350 boys, 450 widows, and 350 old men. This Province is at present receiving from the Central Charities annuities to four old men and five widows, amounting to £320, and we have two boys in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and two girls in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, altogether a grant from about £480 to £500 per year. The Relief Committee at its last meeting adopted four candidates as deserving cases, and to be polled for certain as our votes may allow. I purpose naming the first case in October. I regret to have to complain of many cases of unnecessary delay in forwarding the voting papers to me, and I shall feel extremely obliged if the brethren will for the future sign and send them to me promptly after receiving them. I would suggest that every Lodge appoint a brother as Charity Steward to attend to the collection of all papers in his Lodge and send them to me. Some Lodges do this, and it greatly facilitates my work. As Steward representing this Province this year, I beg to report that I collected for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £43 1s, for the Institution for Girls £134 4s, and for Boys £76 13s, a total of £249 17s. Bro. Truscott further reported that the Province had got ten candidates in seven years on the Funds of the great Masonic Charities, from which they derived a great amount of benefit, and which deserved all the support they could give them. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that a brother of Restormel Lodge, No. 856, had been elected an annuitant on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund with 444 votes, a brother of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, having only 275 votes. The widow of a brother of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, got on the Fund with 383 against 244 recorded for the widow of a brother of Lodge Three Grand Principles, No. 967. The son of a deceased brother of One and All Lodge, No. 330, with 644 votes, is entitled to an educational grant of £15 for three years. In making the last announcement, Bro. Chirgwin said he wished the brethren generally, and especially those who acted as guardians to children on the Fund, to understand that the grants were for the education of the children elected, and not for the general purposes of the family. It was the duty of the brethren to see that the money was properly expended. The Prov. G. Master thought it was important that it should be known that the grants given were for the education of the children to whom awarded, and not for the benefitof the family generally. He therefore moved that it be an instruction to the special Committee appointed to inquire if the educational grants are properly expended. Bro. Bake seconded the motion, which was agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Anderton £10 was voted to the unsuccessful female candidate for the annuity fund. The Officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, with Bros. Anderton, Milford, and Chirgwin added to the trustees. It was agreed after a slight discussion to grant, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Secretary, fifty guineas to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. It was then asked what the Province proposed to vote to the great Masonic Charities. Bro. Anderton thought if they were going to adopt a new scheme with regard to their charitable fund, they should keep the balance in hand. Bro. Truscott having remarked that the Province would be receiving nearly £500 this year from the great Masonic Charities, moved that thirty guineas be given to each of the Institutions—the Benevolent Fund, and Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bro. Bake moved, as an amendment, that no money be voted until after the committee appointed to consider the question of the Charity funds had presented a report. Bro. Pearce said the proposal of Bro. Bake would considerably damage their charity organisation, at any rate for the present. They were deriving a very great benefit from the great Masonic Charities. They had nine annuitants, and were receiving £320 per year in cash. Bro. Bake's amendment not being seconded, a fact which was received with applause, it was, after further discussion, decided to give twenty guineas each to the Boys' School and Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas to the Girls' School. The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	Deputy Grand Master
G. P. N. Glencross P.M. 510	Senior Warden
Hugh P. Vivian P.M. 589	Junior Warden
Rev. W. R. Erskine 588	Chaplains
Rev. R. F. Frazer Frizell 893	Chaplains
E. Milford Cock P.M.	Treasurer
R. P. Edyvean P.M. 330	Registrar
Thomas Chirgwin P.M. 131	Secretary
W. Lidgey P.M. 589	Senior Deacons
T. G. Polglase P.M. 75	Senior Deacons
J. W. Higman P.M. 495	Junior Deacons
J. Reynolds P.M. 331	Junior Deacons
W. Hathnance P.M. 450	Superintendent of Works
P. Giles P.M. 496	Director of Ceremonies
H. B. Neamo P.M. 589	Deputy D.C.
C. M. Downing P.M. 131	Assistant D.C.
Major Ross 131	Sword Bearer
H. C. Welch P.M. 957	Standard Bearers
W. A. Bennett 699	Standard Bearers
— Howlett	Organist
J. Tonkin P.M. 131	Assistant Secretary
T. R. Mills P.M. 1006	Pursuivant
J. Langdon P.M. 131	Assistant Pursuivant
J. T. Rodda P.M. 1544	Stewards
J. M. Richards P.M. 318	Stewards
W. Colenso P.M. 121	Stewards
J. A. Bersey P.M. 893	Stewards
P. H. Dawe P.M. 967	Stewards
H. Down P.M. 2166	Stewards
— Nicholls 1544	Tyler

Bros. H. P. Vivian and W. Bailey were appointed auditors. The Secretary reported that £11 6s had been collected in church. It was decided to give two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, two-fifths to the Miners' Hospital, and one-fifth to the vicar for disposal. Bro. Rowe gave notice to move at the next Provincial Grand Lodge to raise the age limiting the educational grant from fourteen to fifteen. Bro. Binckes, returning thanks on behalf of the Charities, appealed for help for the Boys' School, the Festival of which only produced £8,600. They were sadly in want of funds, and there were seventy-six candidates for election in October, but they could only elect twenty-three. He congratulated the Province on the great interest it had always felt in the Masonic Institutions, and he hoped no jealousy would be felt in supporting either of the Charities. Invitations were received from Looe, Liskeard, and Truro for the next Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master said it was the rule to meet alternately in the eastern and western divisions of the county, and as Truro was in the western division he could not think of Truro next year. A new Lodge had been proposed for Camelford by a worthy Mason, to whom Masonry owed a great deal in Cornwall and elsewhere, but he (the Provincial Grand Master) must postpone the consideration until he was assured that it was a centre where a Lodge was likely to be permanently worked.

The Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to luncheon at the Assembly Rooms.

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INTEGRITY CHAPTER, No. 380.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, 20th ult., the following members and visiting Companions being present:—W. H. Stewart Z., J. Verity P.Z. H., Tudor Trevor P.Z. S.E. 306 J., J. H. Reyner Z. S.E., Geo. Gibson P.Z. 289 S.N., G. Reuss 208 P. Soj., J. Quartermain and J. Steele Assistant Sojourners. Immediately after the Chapter had been opened and the minutes of last meeting read, Comp. Quartermain was duly installed successively into the chairs of J. and H. by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. 304, 306 and 380, P.P.G.H. West Yorks, under the special dispensation of the Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, which was duly read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the meeting. Bros. T. Barron W.M. and C. Reyner, G. Johnson and M. H. Sykes of Lodge Integrity 380 were then successfully balotted for as candidates, and Bros. Sykes and Reyner being in attendance were severally introduced and exalted as Companions of the R.A. degree by E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z., &c., the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Verity P.Z. The thanks of the Chapter having being specially voted to E. Comp. C. L. Mason P.Z. for his ready and effective aid on that and many former occasions, together with a vote of congratulation to Comp. Steele P.Z. on his recent marriage, the Chapter was solemnly closed, and the Companions adjourned to the supper-room, where full justice was done to the very substantial repast provided.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Town Hall, Chard, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953, and the brethren of that Lodge deserve praise for the excellence of their arrangements, and for the hospitality dispensed by them. The spacious hall was well fitted up as a Lodge

various Lodges throughout the Province were also exhibited on the walls. A very large number of Masons were present, all the Lodges in the Province being well represented.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Bridgwater on the 15th July 1887, and they were confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards) next read the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the past year, which showed that the balance in hand last year was £180 10s 10d. The year's expenditure amounted to £112 4s 7d, and after depositing £100 in the Wilts and Dorset Bank, and a floating balance in addition of £143 4s 1d they had absolutely made a profit on the year of £62 13s 3d. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Wicksteed (who had assisted in auditing them), seconded by Bro. J. B. Marwood, the accounts were duly passed.

Bro. J. L. Stothert proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as Provincial Grand Treasurer, remarking that they were much indebted to him for the able and satisfactory way in which he had heretofore discharged the duties, and that he was, moreover, very popular throughout the Province.

Bro. J. B. Marwood seconded the motion, and said it was impossible they could confer the honour on a more worthy Mason.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, in declaring the resolution carried, said he must add his congratulations to the Provincial Grand Lodge on their again securing Bro. Edwards' services in the capacity of Treasurer.

Bro. Edwards said he took it as a great compliment to be again elected, and was very glad to find that any service of his had been appreciated. He was happy to tell them that the Province of Somerset was in a no less prosperous condition now than when he first undertook office three years ago. In fact, he was pleased to say it had somewhat improved. He thanked them very much for the confidence again reposed in him.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins P.M. 379	-	Senior Warden
Sumner Toms P.M. 1953	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.M. 379	-	Chaplains
Rev. F. L. Byrde P.M. 1296	-	
Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards P.M.	-	Treasurer
T. G. Williams P.M. 261	-	Registrar
J. C. Hunt P.M. 135	-	Secretary
A. Law Wade P.M. 446	-	Senior Deacon
A. De Courcy Lyons P.M. 1199	-	Junior Deacon
W. H. Wooker P.M. 1222	-	Superintendent of Work
W. Ransford P.M. 1750	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. J. Gay P.M. 1833	-	Assist. Director of Cers
B. C. Board P.M, 291	-	Sword Bearer
L. A. Weatherley P.M. 1755	-	Standard Bearers
S. L. Lewis P.M. 973	-	
A. Reynolds P.M. 2038	-	Organist
R. Knight P.M. 1966	-	Pursuivant
J. P. Green P.M. 976	-	Assistant Pursuivant
T. E. Wilton P.M. 41	-	Stewards
T. C. Manning W.M. 285	-	
H. B. Crouch W.M. 772	-	
A. Hart W.M. 814	-	
W. L. Dames Secretary 52	-	
A. J. Salter P.M. 53	-	Tyler
S. Bigwood P.M. 41	-	Assistant Tyler

The P.G.M. said, previous to the next business on the agenda paper he had to request the attendance on the platform of four brethren upon whom Jubilee honours were to be conferred. They would remember that a resolution was passed at Grand Lodge last year in order to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty the power should be given to each Province to appoint certain brethren to higher rank, and the four brethren who would receive that higher rank that day were Bros. T. P. Ashley Bath; J. C. Hunt, Bridgwater; Sydney Lewis, Weston-super-Mare; and Bartlett, of Bath. The brethren named having approached his Lordship, the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, addressing them, said, it was his very pleasing duty to have to confer distinguished rank upon them. Last year witnessed a memorable celebration of the Jubilee of Our Gracious Sovereign, and amongst all classes in this country none came forward more readily than Masons to acknowledge the importance of the occasion, and

to announce that Bros. Ashley and Hunt would assume the rank of Past Provincial Grand Senior Wardens, and Bros. Sydney Lewis and Bartlett that of Past Provincial Grand Junior Wardens.

The Provincial Grand Secretary next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which stated that most amicable relations continued to prevail with neighbouring Provinces, and the best thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were especially due to Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mon., Wm. Nott, Wilts, Vassar Smith, Gloucester, W. Parnell, Bristol, for their valuable co-operation and support. The following brethren had served the office of Steward to the three Masonic Institutions:—Provincial Stewards—S. A. Baskett P.M. 329 Past Provincial Grand Registrar Dorset Treasurer, who took up the sum of £137 for the Benevolent Institution; for the Girls' School Bro. J. L. Stothert Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden Grand Standard Bearer took up the sum of £882; and for the Boys' School Bro. J. H. Perrett W.M. 1222 took up the sum of £210; as Stewards, Bros. Col. A. Perkins Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Past Grand Deacon and A. Hart 814, each took up the sum of £31 10s, making for the year the very handsome total of £1292, of which £945 was for the Girls' School Centenary Festival, on which occasion it was worthy of note that the largest sum by any individual Steward was taken up by Bro. Stothert Provincial Steward of Somerset. Bro. C. L. F. Edwards Provincial Grand Treasurer had intimated his intention of serving as Steward for the Benevolent Institution for the coming year. In accordance with a resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge, held 15th July, the question of the condition of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing was considered. The Prov. Grand Lodge clothing was produced and examined, and after considerable discussion it was eventually agreed, upon the proposition of Bro. Ashley, seconded by Bro. Edwards, that the matter of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing stand over for the present.

Bro. T. P. Ashley, in moving the adoption of the report, said they could not but regard it as a very satisfactory one. *He thought* the Charity Organisation of the Province was *conducted in* a manner that must recommend itself to the favourable notice of the brethren generally, and he trusted they would receive as much support in the future as in the past, and that they would continue to concentrate their efforts to secure the election of those candidates who were considered the most deserving.

Bro. Elworthy seconded the proposition, and the Provincial Grand Master said he agreed emphatically with the Brother who had moved the adoption of the report, that the Committee was doing a good and useful work in the Province. It was the best application of all the means available for charitable purposes, and he believed was the most sensible way, for charity, as they knew, lost more than half its value if given indiscriminately. It was the special merit of this Committee that it applied the money of those brethren charitably disposed in the most satisfactory way. He noticed in the report that the consideration of the question of providing new clothing was allowed to stand over, but he hoped it would not be allowed to do so indefinitely.

Bro. J. L. Stothert next proposed the following resolution, remarking that the occasion referred to therein was a special and exceptional one:—"That on account of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls taking place this year, the sum of fifteen guineas usually granted to the brother serving the office of Provincial Grand Steward be increased by ten guineas, the whole forming a contribution of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards the funds of the Institution in celebration of the special occasion."

Bro. Ashley, in seconding the resolution, remarked that Bro. Stothert had omitted to inform the Lodge that he had contributed the sum of £75 out of his own pocket.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Bro. Edwards Provincial Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Radway, it was resolved "That a committee be appointed to revise, if necessary, the bye-laws of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that such committee consist of the Charity Organisation Committee."

The Provincial Grand Master said that the foundation stone of All Saints Church, Rockwell Green, Wellington, would be laid on the 10th September next. The Bishop of the Diocese was to be present, and many of the brethren interested had made a very urgent appeal to him to lay the stone, if possible. He would very gladly have acceded to the request, but he found that another engagement, which he could not possibly set aside, would call him into the Midland Counties, and it would be impossible for him, of course, to be in two places at the same time. He had, however, considered the matter, and should be perfectly ready to accord the necessary dispensation for wearing Masonic clothing on the occasion. He hoped the affair would pass off very satisfactorily.

The collection of alms amounted to £6 18s 4d, and on the motion of Bro. S. Toms, the sum was voted to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served. The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided, and was supported by most of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, including the Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and that of the Health of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The members of the receiving Lodge were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health said, some of the remarks made by his excellent friend, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master reminded him of the fable told of a certain person, not a very reputable character he was afraid, of whom it was said that when he was thrown upon the surface of mother earth he rose with increased vigour. Similarly when he came to Somersetshire and touched upon the red soil he rose up a better man than he left it. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to find himself there to-day amongst his Somersetshire brethren. He had experienced on many former occasions so much kindness and goodwill from them that he should be very ungrateful indeed if he did not reciprocate the cordial welcome and reception they invariably gave him. His health was much less strong than he could desire, and to recover it he had made a long journey. He believed he travelled not much less than 13,000 miles by sea and land, and he was thankful to say that those 13,000 miles of sea and land, with all the kindness he experienced on the other side of the world, had sent him back to England very much better and stronger in health than when he set out, and he rejoiced to take advantage of that renewed strength and health to come into the Province of Somerset on one of his first public appearances. Time flew fast and trains waited for no man, and therefore what he had to say to them must be compressed into a few minutes, but first let him convey for himself and for all those who did not belong to the Chard Lodge their thanks for the gracious hospitality which they had received that day. The spacious Lodge room in which they were entertained, the warm and brotherly feeling by which they were welcomed, would live as an abiding recollection in the minds of all of them. Next let him congratulate them upon the state of the Province generally, and let him give praise where praise was due. He owed great thanks as Provincial Grand Master to all the Officers of Grand Lodge and to all the Masters of every Lodge, for it was by their steady inculcation of Masonic principles, by their maintenance of Masonic rule, that Masonry had been maintained in the old paths. Next let him thank his excellent friend and Deputy, who, in his absence, his too frequent absence, did all that he could do or all that he could desire. Let him say now—as he should not be able to do so when his toast came in its due order—that in that toast he had cordially joined in anticipation of its coming round. As he said just now, he had travelled 13,000 miles across the ocean to regain his health in a different climate, and he found himself in a second England. It was a wonderful land, wonderful to him in all ways—both from what he had observed and known of it, and also from what he could not have known—a land where the English race had taken root in all its strength, where great towns had sprung up, occupying the places which but a few years ago were covered with wilderness and forest, with railroads, with high roads driven through the bush, with rivers navigated, wealth accumulated, with everything in fact that constituted a great, powerful and civilised community. All these things struck him more than he could say. He watched them with the deepest interest, but one of the things which struck him more than all was that, concurrently with other institutions, with English laws with English language and religion and literature, English Masonry had also gone forth, and had made its indelible impress upon the character of that new continent. Nothing pleased him more than to see how English Freemasonry had not only grown enormously in numbers, not only numbered among its adherents men of wealth and station and influence, but how it was treading in the good footsteps of the parent society in England; how it was endeavouring to found similar Institutions for the benefit and welfare of others; how it was honestly labouring to be charitable, to be liberal, to be generous, to be all they desired Masonry to be. He was not only greatly struck with this, but greatly delighted to find when he visited other English colonies, such as the Cape of Good Hope, that there the same beneficent influence was at work. At the Cape, as they knew, there were two great races who now lived on the best and most friendly terms with each other. There had been quarrels and dissensions; there had been sometimes shedding of blood. Well, now, he honestly believed that Freemasonry was just one of those influences which had gone far and was doing still more to conciliate differences and to make friends where there ought to be no enemies. Looking at it from a purely public and non-Masonic point of view, he was satisfied that there was no Institution which exercised a more wholesome effect upon the whole community than Freemasonry did at the Cape of Good Hope.

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He would only say in conclusion that wherever he went as Pro Grand Master of England he received the most cordial Masonic welcome. The first welcome he received was from his brother Masons. There was no colony he visited, no town he entered, no place of importance in which he did not find Freemasons, and in which they did not seek to cover him with kindness and hospitality such as he could never forget, and which it was impossible for him to repay. All he could say to them was, that when he returned to England he should make known to his brethren there how warmly the Masonic heart beat in those distant colonies, and how firm he believed the bond of union was between England and her colonies, and how heartily that feeling was reciprocated towards those colonies by us.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th September 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June for confirmation.

2. To read a letter addressed to Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, Crown Princess of England, by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, tendering to Her Imperial Majesty the Condolences and Sympathy of the Grand Lodge of England on the recent death of Her Illustrious Consort, the late Emperor Frederick III., and also to read the gracious reply of Her Imperial Majesty thereto.

3. To report that a complete set of the Clothing of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the Gracious acceptance of His Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958, Havant	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principals, No. 208, Dewsbury	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Prudentia, No. 1859, Negapatam, E.I.	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead	50	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6574 1s 9d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £33 1s 4d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st August 1888.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2267—The Laidley Lodge, Laidley, Queensland.
2268—The Hallamshire Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
2269—The "Peace" Lodge, Wigan, West Lancashire.
2270—The Carnarvon Lodge, Bowrae, New South Wales.
2271—The St. Pancras Lodge, St. Pancras, London.
2272—The Rye Lodge, Peckham.
2273—The Natimuk Lodge, Natimuk, Victoria.
2274—The Werriger Lodge, Werracknabeal, Victoria.
2275—The St. John's Lodge, Leichhardt, New South Wales.
2276—The Barrier Lodge, Broken Hill, New South Wales.
2277—The St. Paul's Lodge, Limassol, Island of Cyprus.

The M.W. the Grand Master remains at Hamburgh. Among the brethren staying there are Bros. Sir F. W.

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 ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Absence from town has prevented me from replying earlier to a letter in your issue of the 18th inst. signed "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I also am an old pupil of the Boys' Masonic School, and feel that the attack made upon the school and staff is so groundless and unjustifiable that I cannot refrain from putting forward my testimony to the contrary; a testimony with which, I am confident, the majority of old pupils will agree.

I am one who also had six years' residence at Wood Green in the Boys' School, and one who is deeply grateful for the start in life which I there received. But whilst feeling this gratitude to the Masonic Craft generally and to the staff of the School, I desire temporarily to forget the same in order to deal in an unbiassed manner with the consideration of the staff of the school, which seems more especially to be the object of attack in an "OLD MASONIC BOY'S" letter.

After quitting Wood Green I had a further training of two-and-a-half years in a public school, founded 300 years ago, and which has the reputation of being an excellent school. At a little later period I became an assistant master in a London school. I can therefore speak with the experience of a pupil in the two schools, and also with that obtained in my capacity as a master, and my experience is in favour of the Masonic School, and that, too, in a most unqualified manner.

As regards the tone of the school, I think "AN OLD MASONIC BOY'S" admission as to the training of a large proportion of the boys prior to their entry to the school explains the whole matter. What is bred in the bone will come out in the flesh, and one cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear. To become a member of the Masonic Craft is cheaper and more profitable than to join a benefit club or similar society. I am telling Masons no new thing, and the deduction is obvious. But whilst speaking of the training of the boys it should be borne in mind that the establishment at Wood Green is not a young ladies' seminary, where only a limited number of pupils is taken. The training at Wood Green is, I think, quite as good as that at any boarding school in the United Kingdom.

Referring to an "OLD MASONIC BOY'S" suggestions for improvement in this direction, he evidently has had no experience with boys, and forgets, apparently, his own school experience.

My object in addressing you is to protest against the accusations contained in the letter of your correspondent above referred to, but I should like to take this opportunity to draw the attention of the Masonic Craft to the vast improvements that have been made in recent years in the curriculum at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. When I first entered the school the whole education seemed to consist in learning by heart the whole of Morell's English Grammar and of Milton's "Paradise Lost." Some English History, a little French and Latin, Arithmetic, and a smattering of Euclid and Algebra concluded the programme (I am referring to the senior class in the school).

Now, I believe, these subjects are not taught in the senior class; a boy must know them before he reaches there. Chemistry, magnetism and electricity, and kindred subjects, advanced Latin, French and German, trigonometry, shorthand, &c., are taught to the boys even before they reach the senior class, and lest any should think that with so many subjects in hand only a smattering of the elements can be learned, let me add that the knowledge of these subjects which I obtained at the school was sufficient for me to matriculate at the University of London.

Gratitude to the staff of the Boys' Masonic School and justice alike require that I should raise my voice and protest against the assertions of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY." I enclose my card and also my present (temporary) address.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

AN OLD PUPIL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Bognor, 25th Aug. 1888.

ALL SOULS' LODGE, No. 170.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the valuable contribution to the History of this Lodge, by Bro. Sherren P.M. and Treasurer, there are two errors in relation to other Weymouth Lodges which perhaps it may be well to have corrected.

1. The "Weymouth Lodge," No. 191, of 6th June 1776, which was warranted by the "Modern" Grand Lodge, was erased three years earlier than the period (1788) named by Bro. Sherren, viz., on 23rd November 1785.

2. The other Lodge, the "Arimathea," was warranted by the "Athol" Grand Lodge, as No. 256, on 6th February 1809—not 1805

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, 28th August 1888.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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OUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

ers of this new Lodge may justly be gratified and proud ccessful result of the new departure in Masonry, at art of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, by cnic for the brethren of the Lodge and their "wives rts." The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, whose 16th October 1884, holds its meetings at the Soldiers' has been making wondrous strides since its Constitu- ustering some 105 members, with an extremely good s for the Masonic Charities. Lately a warrant was Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Lodge, and ion of which will take place shortly. Each quarter ld after Lodge business, but this quarter the idea was rother R. G. Pither, Secretary, that a picnic should A Committee was formed, comprising all the Officers with the result that the affair passed off on Wednesday at. At 8.30 a.m. upwards of one hundred brethren he Soldiers' Institute, High-street, and left in five four- well supplied by Mr. A. W. White, for Goodwood viâ Chichester. Thanks to the Colonel and Officers, the as occupied by a portion of the band of the Border o played several selections en route. Amongst those Bros. T. Tuffnell W.M., G. Bevis I.P.M., J. Palmer P.M., ., Q. Cecconi J.W., R. G. Pither Secretary, G. Williams isher J.D., G. Woodthorpe I.G., W. Porter and T. ards, J. Wells Tyler, G. Reading, P. H. Emanuel, ke, Biggs, Boyce, Prior, McFail, G. Williams, H. King, The first halt was made at Farlington, from whence the Emsworth and Chichester, where there was a wait of of an hour, during which time the majority of the the Cathedral. The band played several pieces during uch to the satisfaction of the farmers and citizens. Goodwood, was reached about one o'clock, where a van the edibles was in waiting for volunteers to help "lay Then all was ready the brethren sang grace. Ample ne to the fare, comprising salmon, roast beef and beef, &c., fruit pies, salad, cucumbers, and all kinds of s. During dinner some capital pieces were played by afterwards the W.M., Bro. Tufnell, on behalf of the hearty welcome to the ladies, and he hoped the inno- e commencement of similar outings. Dancing was the lawn, after which all assembled in the pheasantry, ssell, of Chichester, took groups of the members of the r, and also of the whole party. A return was again eat, and dancing was indulged in, whilst some paid a rse. At six o'clock the return journey was made (viâ Westbourne, where a sumptuous tea was provided at After the repast and grace had been sung, Bro. P. H. ed a vote of thanks to the Committee for making such gements for the day, especially eulogising Bros. Tuf- who had borne the brunt of the work. The Secre- r, was, as they all knew, a most indefatigable worker, e undertook was done well. Bros. Tufnell and Pither nded. Bro. G. Reading proposed the Wives, Sisters, s of Masons, and Bro. Grigsby responded. Dancing god in, and the journey home was commenced at 9·15, stitute being reached at eleven o'clock.

UTH SAXON LODGE, No. 311.

eeting of this Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Brother nded by Bro. Briscoe P.M., "That Bro. R. Harvey 03, who is now present, be the recipient of a congra- m the brethren of this Lodge, he having, during the mpleted his Masonic Jubilee. The brethren further o be recorded on the minutes, and they trust it may ; Architect of the Universe to spare Bro. Ellman for me, that in the companionship of the brethren he ntinue to enjoy the mutual advantages of Free- py of this resolution was forwarded to Bro. Ellman r to the Lodge, Bro. Gerard Lloyd. We may add completed the fiftieth year of his connection with May last.

T. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

of the members, held at the Masonic Hall, Commer- andport, on Monday evening, 20th ult., Bro. C. V. iding, Bro. Harry Kimber P.M. was presented with and fittings in recognition of the valuable services as the Treasurer of the Lodge. The W.M., in ntation, dwelt upon the admirable manner in which discharged his duties, and mentioned that he had st in the prosperity of the Lodge by offering to owards the expenses incurred in its establishment. e an appropriate response, referring to the fact that w 100 members, and was in a prosperous condition. minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced and Bro. Walker was passed. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, when, the ballot proving unanimous, Messrs. Poppy, McHugh and Brame were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Both ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a very able and efficient manner. Business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled in the handsome banquet-room. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening. The next Lodge meeting will be on the fourth Thursday in September.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., on Monday, 27th ult. Bros. C. J. Free W.M., C. Patrick S.W., E. Hill J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Le Maire S.D., Bailey I.G.; also Bros. W. Hayward, D. Moss, L. Simmons. After preliminaries, Bro. Hayward answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the second section, assisted by Bro. Simmonds; Bro. Fenner worked the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Patrick was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

KENTIGERN LODGE, No. 429 (S.C.)

A MEETING was held in Bro. Renwick's Hotel, on Friday, the 10th ult., when thirty-six brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, purveyed by Bro. Renwick. On this occasion three brethren were initiated, one of these being a member of a company from Gleneorse Barracks. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M. Brother Lang, from Pennicuik.

At the last monthly meeting of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Malden, Bro. M. W. Meade S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. Strutt was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Pearman Tyler.

In matters connected with Freemasonry in the Province of Cheshire at the present time there is some amount of activity. Saturday, 25th ult., witnessed a large gathering of brethren at Dukinfield, and on the 7th September a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Stockport on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, who will lay one of the foundation stones of the new Technical Schools, with Masonic honours. The Cheshire Lodge will be represented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd), the Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren. The annual meeting has been fixed to take place at Knutsford on the 17th September, and no doubt many of the brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Provincial Grand Master at his seat at Tatton in the evening.

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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, 1st SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2295—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
544—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1426—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 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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
257—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
8[illegible]—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
282—Royal Union, Chequers 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
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
1056—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, 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, 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
1431—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1446—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Carnoloc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
179[illegible]—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 4th 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)
[illegible]141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
[illegible]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)
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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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, Tarring Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Asaph, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hervey, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1577—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1891—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1944—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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, Greyhound 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
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
860—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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—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)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Camoloc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1893—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (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)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 154 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (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-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
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
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
1441—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hall (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1632—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1706—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 280—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 255—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, Beckenham
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Harrington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 66—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lea[illegible]enhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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, Lincoln's Inn Tavern, Arundel-street, Strand, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Tavern, Arundel-street, Strand, London, at 7 (Instruct
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
758—High Cross, Green and Harris, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction)

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Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
ir, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
pold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
ht, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
stin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
tebbleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
n Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
esex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
den, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
ng Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
Flute Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
y, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
ld, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
heatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
Railway Hotel, New Southgate
Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
ington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
ints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
ncil Chamber, Chichester
reemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
Masonic Hall, Liverpool
raven Arms Hotel, Coventry
Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
ra', Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
re Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
Red Lion, Fareham
Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
t, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
y of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
masons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
ew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
llar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-lane, Great Grimsby
ence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
ard, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
dinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
yal Hotel, Elland
, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
be Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
lforde Chambers, Widnes
ewn Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
Bell Hotel, Norwich
ot Lancaster, Stanhope's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
e, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
re, Builth, Brecknshire
eorge Hotel, Shoreham
ne, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
ty, Boar's Head, Newchurch
hn, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
hn, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
water, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
er, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
ns, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

sonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
ns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
rims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
eston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
d, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
n, Portugal Hote', Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
mongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
Hotel, Greenwich
ard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
hite Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
on, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
cket Hotel, Anerley
Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
7.30. (Instruction)
. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
rean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
y, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
Cock Tavern, Highbury, N
Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
ate Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
Guildhall, Doncaster.
sonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
Masonic Hall, Peterborough
ublic Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
asons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
d Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
estershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
n, Wellington Hall, Deal
Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
ge Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
e Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
ard, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Silver-street, Bedford.
Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1425—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—In December 1886 Miss Florence West produced, at a matinée, a comedy entitled "Gladys;" this met with a very favourable reception. Now Mr. Henry Bracy has started his season with this comedy, by Mr. Arthur Law, and with the assistance of a burlesque offers a good and pleasant evening's entertainment. Although there is nothing new in "Gladys," it is written in such good style, and the situations are so striking, that the work is highly interesting. The opening scene is at the studio of Gerald Lockhart. Gladys Fairlie is giving sittings to Gerald, unknown to her father, and is, on the day the play opens, about to give a last one. Gerald has invited some friends to see a picture of his, but he manages to get rid of them before the arrival of Gladys. How Colonel Faulkner has his suspicions aroused, and communicates with Fairlie; how Gerald defeats them both, and helps Gladys to escape; how Colonel Faulkner is detected of swindling at cards, and is afterwards killed by a man named Dubois, by which means Gerald is enabled to marry Gladys, is shown during the action of the piece. All these situations are well led up to, and with a little closer working the play will run smoothly. Miss Florence West once more sustains the part of Gladys, and gets through her difficult task successfully. Mr. Lewis Waller as Gerald, and Mr. Royce Carleton, gentlemen who first enacted the parts, now resume them, and with credit. Mr. Richard Purdon, who recently was doing the nightly dive into the Standard tank, gave a spirited impersonation of the forgetful General Sir Peter Peploe. Messrs. J. C. Buckstone, W. G. Watson, Mark Kinghorne, Ernest Paterson, and the Misses Rose Dearing and Annie Howard make up an excellent caste. The piece is well mounted, so that everything has been done to ensure success. The burlesque which follows is "Don Juan jun.," by Messrs. Robert Reece and Edward Righton, with music composed and selected by Mr. Edward Solomon. It is brimming with smart and funny sayings, which cause endless amusement, while the music has been mainly selected from popular tunes. The music to sentimental songs is revolutionised in the most comic manner, while comic tunes are travestied into love duets. All this is amusing and affords an hour's thorough enjoyment. Messrs. Edward Righton, Mark Kinghorne, and Richard Purdon keeps the house in a continuous roar of laughter, while they are admirably backed by the Misses Addie Conyers, Kate Everleigh, Emily Spiller, Ada Bemister, Sallie Turner and Emma Broughton. An exceedingly well-trained chorus completes the attraction.

"She" will be produced at the Gaiety on the 6th inst. The final rehearsals of the elaborate scenic effects has necessitated closing the theatre for a week. As we announced last issue, Mr. Chasemore has designed the dresses, and the "Ammahaggar" dance is being arranged by Mr. John D'Auban, while the music has been specially written by Messrs. Edward Solomon and Hamilton Clark. Miss Fanny Enson, Miss Mary Rorke, and Mr. Edmund Maurice have been engaged. The whole is to be produced under the stage direction of Mr. William Sidney. Mr. Eugene C. Stafford is now sole manager for Miss Eyre's season.

Among the many attractions at the Italian Exhibition we may mention the reception hall, which contains some noble examples of Italian sculpture, and on the right a collection of pictures lent by the King of Italy and from the Italian National Gallery, amongst which the "Charge of Bersaglieri" is most notable. The pavilion of the Roman jewellers is full of unusually effective objects, and commands and arrests attention from the many thousand of visitors.

On Thursday, at the usual fortnightly meeting, a vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Brother W. P. R. Jeffery, for many years an esteemed member of the Portland Lodge. The deceased Brother discharged from time to time many important offices, and was greatly respected by the brethren of the Order; indeed, there was not a more popular member in the Lodge. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 18th ult., at Weymouth, several brethren attending.

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THE COST OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

FOR some years past there has been a murmur of discontent in many of the Provinces in regard to the expense of providing for the children educated and maintained in the two Educational Institutions of the Craft, and we have no doubt that, as years roll on and organisation becomes more complete in these several districts, this feeling will grow, and ultimately lead to great and radical changes. That this is a grievance of long standing our own experience will prove, some of our earliest recollections in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE having reference to this subject. We can well remember discussing the matter years ago with some of the most prominent Provincial advocates for the Institutions, and the general opinion then seemed to be that the Provinces would support the Central Charities just so long as they got a full return for what they contributed. *About* that time we took considerable trouble to ascertain the general feeling on the subject, and in more than one large Province we were assured that the London Charities would be supported only so long as it was possible to secure given advantages from them, but if ever the return got below a certain per centage the money would be spent locally. This line of argument would be fair enough if the return looked for was only the average return, but such is not the case; it is well known that many districts get more than their share in proportion to what they contribute, and as result some others must go short. Hitherto London has been unfortunate in this respect, the number of its beneficiaries always being below what it would be if an equitable distribution of benefits, in proportion to contributions, were practicable. It therefore follows that the Provinces, or some of them, have been educating and maintaining their orphans more or less at the expense of the Metropolitan subscribers, and this must continue so long as it is impossible for the London brethren to organise for voting purposes, as is done in the country. If ever this should be altered it will be the means of diverting most of the larger Provinces from the Central Charities.

The present excitement in regard to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys must be regarded as the natural growth of this feeling, and the appointment of the Committee of Inquiry arranged for in connection with that Charity is but another step towards the end we have referred to, and which we regard as inevitable. What may be the result of the labours of that Committee it is impossible to say, but we are inclining to the belief that it will never be possible to restore to the Institution the full share of support it has hitherto enjoyed. Inquiries, discussions, and arguments of the character which have been so freely and widely indulged in lately create an impression that something must be wrong. Men who have hitherto taken all for granted begin to make inquiries for themselves, and those who are anxious for a change take the opportunity of forcing their views on the notice of their friends. Local resources are investigated, and, if merely for the sake of a change, some new idea is tried. These alterations must cost money, and as our argument is that there is only a certain amount to be spent year by year in Masonic Charity, what goes to one source must be drawn from another, and as a consequence the existing Charities must suffer whenever anything fresh is started upon. As an instance of this we may mention that one of the foremost Provincial Masonic Charity Funds has recently made a bargain with an outside Charity, almost as far away from them as the Masonic ones, by which they acquire the right of presentation, for a number of years, of three children. We do not begrudge this support being given to this outside Institution, but why, we ask, should a Masonic Fund have to go outside the Craft Institutions to spend its money? For years past the Province to which we refer has been doing more and more of its charitable work locally, but we believe the action here mentioned is the first step it has taken in this direction. Can it be regarded as complimentary to the Masonic Institutions, or is it not a condemnation of their management? Where will this stop if some effort be not made to render the Craft Charities capable of fair competition with outside ones?

Pending the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the finances, &c., of the Boys' School it was not our intention to refer at any length to the cost of that or the sister Institution, but matters are becoming so urgent that delay is positively dangerous. We seldom pass a week now without something coming under our notice in connection with the Institutions which calls for attention—witness the propositions put forward by Bro. Bake P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of that Province, as reported in our last issue. Is it right to pass by such arguments and statements without notice as appear therein? We think not, and accordingly we express our views. It is, of course, very easy to explain the difference in the average cost per child, as set out by the Committees of the two Schools and that urged by brethren who name a much higher figure. The one puts down the cost of education and maintenance alone, while the others include every outlay in connection with the Charity. We think this latter is the only correct method of striking an average. If £10,000 is expended on an Institution maintaining 200 inmates, the average is £50 each, notwithstanding the fact that some £2000 or so may be expended in obtaining subscriptions, secretarial, or other duties outside the actual bringing up of the children. Every expense is part and parcel of the cost of the Charity, and such being the case each of those benefiting therefrom must bear an average share of it. On this basis the average cost of each child maintained in the Royal

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Masonic Institution for Boys last year exceeded £50, while those in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls exceeded £42 per head. The question which has to be decided is not so much whether these amounts are excessive, taking into account the position, &c. of the two Institutions, as it is whether Provincial Masons could not do the same work cheaper at home, or, as we have already mentioned, in outside Institutions. On the solution of this problem will depend the amount of support that will be accorded by the Provinces to the Central Masonic Charities in years to come, and it will be well if those interested in them take the matter into serious consideration.

Going back to the arguments and statements of Bro. Bake at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall meeting, we at once come face to face with the main facts. We shall not attempt to verify Brother Bake's figures, no doubt he can justify them, but we do know that his opinion is shared by many others in the country, and there can be no gainsaying the fact that the number of votes required to secure the election of a candidate is far beyond what should be necessary considering the cost of votes. It may be very well for Bro. Bake to reckon on receiving four per cent. for the money if invested in the county, but can that rate be realised? If so, we imagine Cornwall presents a happy hunting ground for many a capitalist at the present time. If all Bro. Bake's statements in regard to his district are made on the same basis as this, we think he could very soon be answered, notwithstanding that he is working on the same ground as many others at the present time, but who do not reckon for quite so favourable a return for their investments.

A question which was asked at the Cornwall meeting in connection with this subject must at once present itself to our readers. If the Provinces withdraw their support and their candidates what will become of the great Charities? Will London be able to maintain them alone, or will they remain as white elephants on the hands of the Craft? For answer we may say, that we do not anticipate such a rapid withdrawal of support as to cause any actual revolution of this character. The change, if it takes place, will be gradual, and no doubt posterity will be able to adapt itself to the altered circumstances as they occur; in any case we do not calculate on any serious trouble in this respect for many years to come. Still, it should be looked upon as a factor worthy of consideration before any additional buildings are erected on the present sites owned by the two Educational Institutions. As a counter proposition it would be worth considering the propriety of setting aside a part of the income of the Charities to pay the expense of educating or clothing children at or near their own homes. We know this proposition is in direct opposition to the views of many who now support the Charities, but what is to be done to render the great Charity Funds of the country more popular than they at present appear to be?

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE September Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Past District Grand Master of the Punjab, and District Grand Master of Malta, presiding. Brother Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk as Past Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Colonel Sackville West P.G.J.W. as Grand Junior Warden. As usual at this time of the year there was not a large attendance. After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, which were unanimously confirmed. Colonel Clerke said: Their illustrious brother his late Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick III. of Germany having unfortunately departed this life since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master thought it his duty, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, to address a letter to Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England, expressing the sympathy and condolence of Grand Lodge with her in her affliction, and he had now the honour to read this letter. It was as follows:—

To Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

Madam,—Four months have scarcely elapsed since, in my capacity of Grand Master of Freemasons of England, I addressed a letter to your Imperial Majesty's late Consort, the Emperor Frederick the Third, to offer to His Imperial Majesty the condolences of our Grand Lodge on the death of his august and venerable father, the late Emperor William, together with our congratulations and good wishes on the accession of His Imperial Majesty to the Throne.

Since then your Imperial Majesty has, alas! suffered an irremediable sorrow in the untimely death of one on whom the expectations alike of his own people and of the nations of Europe were fondly set.

Not less truly have the English people, who have ever affectionately followed your Imperial Majesty's career from early childhood, entered into your Imperial Majesty's last and greatest sorrow. His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick had for many years occupied a prominent position in the Freemasonry of the German Empire under his august father; and the Grand Lodge of England had ever looked up to His Imperial Majesty with just pride. I desire, therefore, as the head of the English Craft, to express for them their deep and heartfelt sympathy with your Imperial Majesty, and fervently to pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who, in His unscrutable wisdom, has inflicted this grievous blow, may grant to your Imperial Majesty strength to bear the trial with which you have been visited.

I remain, Madam,

Your Imperial Majesty's affectionate and devoted Brother,

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

London, 1st August 1888.

To this letter the following gracious reply had been received:—

SIR,—I beg your Royal Highness to do me the favour of conveying to the Freemasons of England my heartfelt and grateful thanks for their sympathy, expressed through you, for my great and irreparable loss. The Freemasons of England have had many opportunities of learning how great an interest His Majesty the late Emperor Frederick took in matters relating to the Craft of which he was a member, and knowing how his Majesty was bound by ties of fellow feeling and common interest to all those who in all countries labour for the welfare of their fellow men, they will grieve that a life so full of noble aims has been cut short by untimely death.

It has always been a joy and pride to me to know that my beloved husband, the late Emperor Frederick was appreciated in my own country, and it has been a sad pleasure to me to perceive, from numberless addresses which I have received, that my countrymen mourn with me in my deep and unutterable sorrow.

Your Royal Highness's affectionate Sister,

VICTORIA,

Empress Frederick of Germany and Queen of Prussia.

Friedrichskron, 11th August 1888.

The acting Grand Master said, these interesting letters having been read, he had the honour to propose that they be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge. Brother Sandeman said the motion scarcely required seconding, but for the sake of form he seconded it, under the conviction that it would be carried nem con. It was reported that a complete set of the clothing of a Past Grand Master of the G. Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the gracious acceptance of his Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England. Colonel Clerke said it would be in the recollection of the brethren present that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge the brethren elected his Majesty the King of Sweden, who was Grand Master of his own country, to the position of Past Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England said it was only following out the wishes and desires of Grand Lodge that his Majesty King Oscar should, as speedily as possible, be presented with the insignia of the rank to which the brethren of England had elected him. His Royal Highness therefore directed to be prepared a set of clothing and insignia of a Past Grand Master of England, which was

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done, and the clothing and insignia were duly forwarded to his Majesty King Oscar as soon as practicable. He was sure it would be pleasant for the brethren to hear the letter which the M.W.G.M. wrote in forwarding this clothing to his Majesty, and, with the permission of the Grand Master in the chair, he would now read it. It was as follows:—

Marlborough House, 23rd July 1888.

To His Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., &c., &c.

SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—On the 6th June last, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England unanimously resolved to invite your Majesty to accept the rank and position of a Past Grand Master of their body, which you were graciously pleased to accept, and your Majesty was good enough to be present on the next day at one of our Masonic Charitable Meetings, in the Royal Albert Hall, wearing the insignia of that office.

The Grand Lodge of England are very desirous of marking in some manner their warm appreciation of the great honour your Majesty has thus conferred upon them; they have therefore requested me, as their Grand Master, to solicit your Majesty's acceptance of the complete set of the clothing and badge of a Past Grand Master of their jurisdiction, which accompanies this letter, in recollection of the day which your Majesty made an auspicious one for the Freemasons of England by your gracious presence at the Centenary Festival of the daughters of their distressed brethren.

With the expression of my own personal thanks for the interest your Majesty has thus taken in the Grand Lodge over which I preside,

I have the honour to remain,

Your Majesty's faithful Brother,

ALBERT EDWARD,

[SEAL] Grand Master Grand Lodge of England.

He might point out that his Majesty King Oscar, since the forwarding of that clothing, had been absent from his own kingdom, and, therefore, it had been impracticable for his Majesty to acknowledge the gift, which he was sure he would do at the earliest occasion. The acting Grand Master said he knew the brethren would agree to the proposition he was about to make—"That this letter also be entered on the minutes of the day's proceedings." He begged to propose it. Brother Sandeman seconded. The motion was carried. The recommendations of the Board of Benevolence, as they appeared in our last issue, were confirmed, and the report of the Board of General Purposes was unanimously adopted. This completing the business, United Grand Lodge was closed.

HOW TO PROMOTE HAPPINESS.

"THE fewer our wants the more we resemble the gods," was one of the proverbs of a renowned Grecian philosopher. One of our modern writers, in speaking of life, states that while we remain in this life we are subject to innumerable temptations, which if listened to will make us deviate from reason and goodness, the only things wherein we can imitate the Supreme Being. In the next life we meet with nothing to excite our inclinations that does not deserve them. He, therefore, offered this maxim, which has especial reference to the subject under discussion: "Our happiness in this world proceeds from the suppression of our desires, but in the next world from the gratification of them."

Freemasonry, as we understand it, seems to be fashioned somewhat after the above-mentioned maxim, and while the lesson is not definitely expressed, yet far in the background we see it. Freemasonry does promote happiness in many ways, but it is to be achieved somewhat after the expression of the renowned Grecian already referred to. If we examine closely the principles of our Order, we will discover that Masonry teaches the very lessons of the proverb in question. For example, the sheaf of wheat and the waterfall; the offering of the first degree; meeting on the level; bringing nothing offensive or defensive into the Lodge, and many other similar illustrations. These references have the one intent in mind, viz., to make its followers better. The man that is not improved by his intercourse with Masonry had better withdraw quickly. If the lessons do not improve his manner of living, then it is to be regretted that he ever crossed the portals of the Lodge room, and entered upon the mystic journey, for this very journey is a symbol of human life.

From one of the old works there is an account of all the Roman emperors with Alexander the Great as passing in review before the gods, and striving for superiority. The author dropped them all except Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Augustus Cæsar, Trajan, Marcus Aurelius and Constantine. Each of these great heroes of antiquity lays in his claim for the upper place, and, in order to it, sets forth his actions after the most advantageous manner. But the gods, instead of being dazzled with the lustre of their actions, inquired, by Mercury, into the proper motive and governing principles that influenced them throughout the whole series of their lives and exploits. Alexander tells them that his aim was to conquer; Julius Cæsar, that his was to gain the highest post in his country; Augustus, to govern well; Trajan was the same as Alexander. The question was at length put to Marcus Aurelius, who replied, with great modesty, that it had always been his care to imitate the gods. This conduct seems to have gained him the most votes and best place of the whole assembly. Marcus Aurelius, being afterwards asked to explain himself, declared that, by imitating the gods, he endeavoured to imitate them in the use of his understanding, and of all other faculties; and, in particular, that it was always his study to have as few wants as possible in himself, and to do all the good he could to others.

This explanation of Marcus Aurelius points out the way of true happiness, which is the direct mission of Freemasonry. Our readers may think that these illustrations are somewhat foreign to our Order as it stands to-day, but we still claim that this institution had its origin in the most remote ages, and that the maxims of those ancient nations have direct reference to our Craft. Their lessons are as applicable now as at any previous time.

—*Freemason's Journal.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held at the Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday next, the 12th instant. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12 o'clock.

The installation of Comp. the Rev. Charles W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., who has been appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Z. to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, has been arranged to take place at a Provincial Grand Chapter which will be held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday, the 27th inst.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a new Lodge at Littlehampton, the necessity for one having long been felt by several Craftsmen who reside in the district.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire is arranged to be held at Knutsford on the 17th September. We understand that the brethren will have an opportunity afforded them of visiting the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Egerton), at his seat at Tatton Park, in the evening.

We have received, as they have been issued, from our good friend Bro. James Stevens, the first three numbers of "The Masonic Star, a Weekly Journal and Record of Freemasonry at Home and Abroad." We confess on looking over the first number we felt disappointed; we had heard great things were to be attempted in this new venture, and that "old lines" were to be avoided. However, the second number showed a decided improvement on the first, and the current week's issue pleases us still more. We do not wish to discourage the promoters, but we fear they will not receive sufficient support from their Masonic brethren to justify them in continuing to supply so excellent a quality of paper as has been used for the three issues under notice. It is not wise to prophesy unless we know, consequently we must wait till the bantling has got a little older before we venture to say what its career will eventuate in.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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MASONIC PRINCIPLES.

An Address by Rev. W. D. Patton, to Advance Lodge, No. 114, F. and A.M., at Florence, Kansas, 30th December 1887, and published in "The Herald," 7th January 1888.

WHILE the hoary years of antiquity mark the ripened maturity of the Brotherhood of Masonry, these unnumbered years also mark its material strength and moral power.

The foundation rock upon which Freemasonry has built during the ages is an open acknowledgment of the one living and true God, an open avowal of man's personal responsibility to God, and his dependence upon Him. "As Masons we are taught," says one, "never to commence any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity." The Holy Bible is acknowledged as the "great light" of Masonry, as "the corner-stone upon which Masonry has been erected, the centre from which the radiating lines of principle diverge." Resting upon this grand foundation principle it combines in its charter "that charity which has been justly described as the chief of all the social virtues." As one says, "The Brethren are enjoined ever to bear in mind and act upon the dictates of brotherly love, relief, and truth, the first rendering us affectionate, the second generous, the third just. And again we are enjoined, as Masons, to ever remember that the great objects of our association are the restraint of improper desires and passions, the cultivation of an active benevolence, and the promotion of a correct knowledge of the duties we owe to God, our neighbour and ourselves."

With my understanding of the principles of Freemasonry, as laid down in the great charter of our Ancient Order, I can say with the Rev. T. M. Harris, a distinguished divine of this country, that "its laws are reason and equity; its principles, benevolence and love; its religion, purity and truth; its intention, peace on earth; and its disposition, good will toward men."

The Rev. Chas. Brockwell, a minister of the church of England, in a sermon preached before the Grand Lodge more than a century back, said, "I have had the honour of being a member of the ancient and honourable society for many years, have sustained many of its offices, and can and do own in this sacred place, and before the Grand Architect of the Universe, that I never could observe aught therein but what was justifiable and commendable, according to the strictest rules of society; this being founded on the precepts of the Gospel, the doing the will of God, and subduing passions, and highly conducing to every sacred and social virtue."

The Rev. Dr. Milne, Grand Chaplain, in a sermon before the Grand Lodge of England, in 1788, says, "I think we are warranted in contending that a society thus constituted, and which may be rendered so admirable an engine of improvement, far from meriting any reproach or contumelious treatment deserves highly of the community."

Washington, a worthy Brother Mason, and a noble Christian man, living a conscientious Christian life, says, "That a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

The fact is, as every Brother Mason knows, that the Holy Bible is the great chart book by which every member of this Ancient Fraternity is to square his life and actions, the rule by which his passions are to be circumscribed and restrained within the limits of virtue and Christian propriety. The gospel law of temperance and sobriety is the law binding every Brother Mason, whether he lives worthy of his sacred obligation or proves recreant to his solemn vows.

Upon the open pages of the Bible, with its sacred precepts facing us, we have taken solemn obligations which bind us to its blessed teachings, which unite us in the sacred ties of friendship, love and truth, and which ought to elevate and ennoble our lives. I say these things, not for your information, brethren, but because they are true, and we should bear witness to the truth, both by remembering and living it; and I say them also because I wish all to know that these are our charter principles.

I have quoted the words of others at some length, that all may know that good men, that Christian men of the past, and Christian men of the present, regard our Institution as in entire harmony with the teachings of God's Word; and I would add just here, that it is only reasonable and fair to accord honesty to men who have shown by their lives that they are true, honest Christian men; also that it is only the part of Christian honesty to take the testimony of conscientious Christian men when they testify to the principles of our Fraternity.

We do not claim that Masonry is religion, but we do claim that no Atheist can be a Mason; and we claim also that the tenets of Masonry are in full accord with the moral law of God as promulgated on Mount Sinai, and with the tenets of Christianity as laid down by the Master Himself; and we would say still farther, and say it to every member of the Fraternity, as well as to the world, that the most conscientious Christian Mason is the best pattern and example of Masonry.

If a Brother Mason fails to live a life of integrity, honesty, virtue and temperance, he fails to live a true Mason; he does violence to the principles he has espoused, and is unworthy of the name he bears.

If a Brother Mason lives a life of intemperance, licentiousness, profligacy, or immorality, he subjects himself to censure of suspension or even expulsion from the Brotherhood.

Let us not forget that we are exhorted to maintain "a virtuous and amiable conduct, unfeigned piety to God, and an inflexible fidelity to our trust." And let us not forget that we are charged, and bound by duty, honour, and gratitude, to be faithful to our trust, to support the dignity of our character on every occasion; and by the regularity of our behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. We feel at liberty to urge upon every brother, not only to maintain a deportment worthy of the grand moral principles which characterize Freemasonry, but also to accept by a living faith the teachings of those Scriptures which we esteem as our grand *Magna Charta*. To do this is consistent. In the language of one who understands well the spirit of our Institution and the principles upon which it rests, I would say, "The spirit of Masonry is humble; it boasts not against the church, and its asylum does not seek to rival the glory of that temple whose foundations are the apostles and prophets, and whose corner-stone is Christ himself. Catching the spirit of its earlier faith, and gemming its banner with the symbols of truth, it would move down through the ages in the service of the church." "All it knows of truth and duty, of God, and of man's destiny," says a writer, "it has learned by faith from the Scripture, that inestimable gift of God to man. Without the arrogance of philosophy, without the boast of inspiration, without undue pride even in its own traditions, it proclaims to the world that all its light is borrowed from the Christian's Bible. Masonry acknowledges its sublime precepts as the unerring truth of God, accepts its tenets as the only infallible rule of conduct, and professes that it teaches all men how to live in this life, and ensures to all who follow its teachings an inheritance in the kingdom which was before the foundation of the world."

One of the most prominent tenets of Masonry is that Christian charity which Paul so strongly urges upon us, saying, "Above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." We are to maintain this broad, far-reaching charity towards the Brotherhood of mankind; we are to strive for their uplifting, to sympathize with, and help one another as we journey together, common heirs to an inheritance of suffering, affliction, bereavement and sorrow; and in a special manner are we to administer relief and comfort to the distressed and needy, to the widow and orphan of those who are united in the fraternal bonds and fellowship of our Ancient Order. And surely this is neither selfish nor narrow in any true sense. The most that can be said of it is that it is limited and specific in its distributing to the necessities of those of its own household. And as to this specific charity toward those who have specific claims upon it, because of the sacred bonds of fraternal relationship the gratitude of the widow, and the orphan, the sick and the afflicted, the needy and the distressed, answer back from every clime and from every age, they answer with tears of grateful acknowledgment for the helping hand, the timely relief, the sympathizing

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word, the prayer of condolence, and the material aid afforded them. And because we have done these sacred duties and performed these sacred obligations, let us not therefore suppose that we have thereby met all the sacred obligations of a pure and holy religion, for while the Scripture tells us that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction;" yet this is only one-half; the other half is this, "to keep himself unspotted from the world." Teaching us that charity and a pure life go hand in hand.

One of the prime principles inculcated upon the very threshold of the temple is the dissipation of all caste, and all class distinction: Soldiers and artisans, labourers and professionals, poor and rich, high and low, autocrat and peasant, all acknowledging the one living and true God as the author of their being, and the Holy Bible as the word of His power, must meet together on the common level of a common brotherhood of a common humanity. Every badge of worldly distinction and worldly rank must be discarded. If he be a prince, he must cast the purple from his shoulders, the diadem from his brow, and consent to sit as a man among men, as a brother among brethren, and be content to receive that honour which only manly worth may claim.

We are created intelligent and rational creatures, with a mutual dependence upon God and upon one another. And hence, as Masons, we are enjoined to industry and perseverance in the attainment of useful knowledge, and faithful "discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbour, and ourselves," that in the end "we may have the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality."

In view of our relations to our fellow-man, and to eternity, we should not lightly esteem the earnest admonition "To walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, and ever remembering that we are travelling upon the level of time, to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns."

The very implements of our Craft are symbols of the grand work of life, typically setting forth human culture, the elevation of human kind, the excision of debasing passions, and the cultivation of the Christian virtues, exemplifying the golden rule and "the royal law" of Christ in every transaction between man and man, and in the relations of life spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, and all this with the "noble and glorious purpose of divesting our hearts and consciences of all vices and superfluities of life; thereby fitting our minds, as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

God has endowed us with natures capable of enjoying and of suffering, capable of emulating the noblest virtues, or sinking to the most ignoble vices; and it is only by entrenching ourselves in the precepts of God's eternal truth, strengthening and fortifying ourselves in the virtues and graces of the Divine Spirit, anchoring ourselves in the well-grounded hope of eternal life, and sheltering ourselves in the ark of God's mercy in Christ, that we shall be able to complete a victorious life, and "safely moor in that peaceful harbour where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

Then let us emulate the holy virtues and graces enjoined upon us in our great *Magna Charta* the Holy Bible, that we may be prepared to meet our God in judgment; be fitted to stand holy and without blame before Him in love; then shall we have ministered to us an abundant entrance into that upper temple where the glory of God is the light thereof; we shall have part in the resurrection of life, have a glorious immortality and be blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

And now, brethren, this great event will soon be upon us, whether we will or not. The sands of our short lives are falling out one by one, they are dropping into eternity, and our days are becoming fewer, and fewer; and by and by the last sand will have gone down, and your life and mine will have closed, and this, too, whether we have lived true and noble lives, or not. The silver cord will soon be loosened, the golden-bowl will soon be broken, the pitcher will be broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern; the brittle thread of life will soon be cut, and we shall be launched into eternity, and the mourners shall go about the streets, because you and I have gone to our long homes.

May we then finish all our work here below with the Divine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to the heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

Leaving the things that are behind and reaching unto those that are before, let us press onward, that we may reach the desired goal, and lay hold on eternal life. Let us strive to enter in at the straight gate and press up the narrow way, that we may join the redeemed multitude in the kingdom of our God.

"Then entering the eternal halls,
In robes of victory,
That mighty multitude shall keep,
The joyous jubilee.

"Unfading palms they bear aloft,
Unfaltering songs they sing!
Unending festival they keep,
In presence of the King."

"God of our life, God of each day and night, oh, keep us still till life's short race is run, until there dawns the long, long day of light, that knows no night, and needs no star nor sun."

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW YORK.

OUR sister jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York is to be congratulated on the praiseworthy attention given by it to the publication of its Transactions and History. Twelve years ago, in 1876, under authority granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., the "Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1781-1815," were published. Bro. John G. Barker, Past Grand Librarian, was the skilful compiler of that authoritative volume. Seven years ago, in 1881, the Grand Lodge of New York appropriately celebrated the Centennial of its Independence, when Grand Master Bro. Jesse B. Anthony delivered an admirable historical address, and Bro. Frank R. Lawrence (the present Grand Master), an oration. Not satisfied with these, excellent as they were, in 1886 the Grand Lodge authorized Grand Master Lawrence to appoint a committee, in accordance with the original plan proposed in 1856, to prepare the History of Grand Lodge for publication. The Grand Master appointed Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, and the handsome volume before us is the first result of his intelligent and painstaking labours, which bring the record down to 1788. His plan is not that of an analyst, but of a topical historian, who sketches the history of his Grand Lodge, and then that of the Lodges subordinate thereto, prefacing both with a general view of the origin and work of Masonry in Europe, and in the thirteen original colonies of America. Bro. McClenachan's plan is a comprehensive one, and it will no doubt prove highly satisfactory to New York Freemasons. The illustrations in the volume are ten in number, including fine portraits of Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of New York 1885-1888; Bro. Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 1730-1732; Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Pennsylvania 1734; and Bro. Henry Price, Prov. Grand Master of New England 1733-1736. In preparing his preliminary history, Bro. McClenachan has profited by the published writings of Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Wm. James Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, A. F. A. Woodford, and J. G. Findel, abroad, and Bros. Albert G. Mackey, George F. Fort and others, at home, as well as by Bro. Barker's published Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, and by the pages of *The Keystone*. He writes at a fortunate time, when so much authentic material is at hand, and he has profited by a diligent consideration of these authorities, so that New York may well be proud of this *magnum opus*.

In his synoptical account of Freemasonry in the thirteen original colonies of this country, Bro. McClenachan justly awards the *first* place to *Pennsylvania*. In opening he says:

> The Deputation to Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, by the Grand Lodge of England, dated June 5, 1730, appointed Bro. Coxe Prov. Grand Master for Pennsylvania, as well as of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, "for the space of two years." It is possible that in the exercise of this power, the Provincial Grand Master authorized and established a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia in 1731. Presumptively, Philadelphia is the "premier Masonic city of America."

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The incidental and fortunate discovery by R.W. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, among the archives of the Historical Society in Philadelphia, of the identical Ledger B [Liber B] of St. John's Lodge, which met on the first Monday in each month, removed many difficulties in tracing the history of American Freemasonry. • • • Chief Justice William Allen was elected and installed Grand Master of Pennsylvania on June 24, 1732. Upon this election he appointed William Pringle Deputy Master, and Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin were chosen Wardens. This assembly was held at the Tun Tavern in Water street.

A sketch of early Freemasonry in Massachusetts follows. Concerning it Bro. McClenachan remarks:

The origin of Freemasonry in an organized form in Massachusetts rests on precarious ground. The documents and powers claimed to have been granted by the Grand Lodge of England to Henry Price, in 1733 cannot be found in England, while those in Boston, Mass., appear to be transcripts from memoranda made in 1751 by the newly-appointed Grand Secretary, Charles Pelham, which had been collated and made of record dating from 1733.

The preliminary matter to Bro. McClenachan's History of Freemasonry in New York covers 107 pages, while the remaining 344 pages are devoted to sketches of the Grand Lodge, and the various subordinate Lodges, down to 1788. The latter include a number of Military Lodges, the memoranda concerning which are curious and interesting.

By resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York this History is dedicated to M.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, and it is at once a tribute to the Masonic zeal of this distinguished Brother, to the liberality of his Grand Lodge, and to the learning, ability and self-sacrificing labours of the Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. Charles T. McClenachan.—*The Keystone.*

THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY AND FREEMASONRY.

An Address delivered at the Concordia Lodge, South Australia, on the occasion of the late Lodge of Sorrow, by Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M.

OUR Lodge is this evening decked with signs and symbols of sorrow and death, reminding us that the chain of Masonic brotherhood now surrounding the world has once more been broken; a link has, by the ruthless hand of time, been torn from it; an illustrious brother has passed away—not illustrious only in rank and worldly station, but illustrious in good and noble works and in faithful adherence to the teachings of our Craft. When your Worshipful Master requested me to address you this evening I could not resist the promptings of duty and inclination to give my assistance, however feeble, to the Lodge this evening in its endeavour, in sorrow for departed merit and in resolutions of renewed Masonic work, to add its mite to that of hundreds of other Lodges in again welding that chain together as strong as before in brotherly love, relief, and truth. In order that you may be enabled properly to value the services rendered by our brother, late the Emperor of Germany, to Masonry, particularly to that of his own country, but also indirectly to that of the whole world, I must for a moment diverge from my subject and refer to Masonic history. Many records and landmarks are in existence to prove that Masonry had a footing in Germany and other countries of Continental Europe in the earliest ages of their history, Masonic guilds and other branches of the Craft flourished, and the Great Order of the Knights Templars, who did such signal service during the Crusades and the succeeding 200 years, is an outcome of Masonry. The latter increased to such an extent that the riches of the Order attracted the eyes of princes, and Philip the Fair, King of France, commenced in 1306 the persecution of the Order so that he might confiscate their rich holdings in that country. He secured the assistance of the weak Pope Clement V. and the Inquisition, though before that the Church of Rome had been the best supporter of the Templars. During the next dozen years thousands of them ended their lives at the stake and by torture. On the rack many of them were compelled to confess unheard of crimes against Society and State of which the Order was quite innocent, but these confessions were used to justify the persecutions. In 1320, so far as known, Masonry was entirely stamped out on the European Continent. It was heard of again publicly at the end of the seventeenth century in England and Scotland. It is presumed that some of the Knights Templars found an exile in the latter country, and exercised their rites, transmitting them to their descendants. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were established in 1717 and 1736 respectively. In Germany the first Lodge was opened at Hamburg in 1737, under a warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, but again met very strong opposition, when a friend arose in the person of Frederick, Crown Prince of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great. At his earnest solicitation, an authorised commission was sent by the Lodge of Hamburg to Brunswick in 1738 and secretly initiated him into the Order immediately after he ascended the throne. He in 1740 established the first Lodge in Berlin, for which he obtained a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The relation between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Prussia have since then ever been of a most fraternal character. The late Emperor of Germany was an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Frederick the Great was an enthusiastic supporter of Masonry till his death. The Craft prospered greatly under his reign, and ever since in Prussia and Germany; but his successors were not at all such strong men as that great monarch, and until recently the Craft was still subjected to much suspicion and persecution. It is peculiar that the Protestant Churches of Germany were among the greatest of the detractors of Masonry. It was then decreed that a Prince of the reigning family of Prussia should ever assume the office of "Protector" of the Masonic Order. He was initiated into all its mysteries, and had a raised seat behind the Worshipful Master's chair in all the Lodges. It was urged that the presence of the Princely Protector was the best reply to the constant charges made against the Craft that their object was treason to the State. King Frederick William III., shortly before his death, named his second son, William (the late Emperor), to this office of Protector. His advent was hailed with enthusiasm. He was initiated into the Order on 22nd May 1840, and appeared so impressed with its noble teachings that he at once became one of its warmest supporters and friends, which he continued to be till his death. Our Order found in him an able and energetic defender, and he finally succeeded in breaking down all the influence of the Masonic detractors, still so numerous in Germany at the time. Immediately after his assumption of office he increased the strength and usefulness of Freemasonry by bringing about a closer union and more fraternal working between the three Grand Lodges ruling the Order in Prussia, among whom, prior to that, an unseemly rivalry had existed, and by interceding with Princes of other German States for the Masons in their countries he successfully placed all the German Lodges on a better footing. On 5th November 1853 his son, the Emperor Frederick, then twenty-two years old, was admitted a member of the Craft with much rejoicing, his father, the Protector, himself being present, and I cannot better show you the opinion the latter had of our Order than by reading to you a few words he addressed to his son on that occasion, immediately after the initiation:—For a long time past you expressed the wish to be initiated a Freemason. This wish has this day been fulfilled. Your reception has taken place in an exactly similar manner to that in which I myself was received, and in which manner I desired you should be admitted. Although the instructions and explanations you were taught this evening were necessarily only general and emblematical, they will have proved to you that the work of the Order is serious—that it is holy and exalted. There is only one conclusion, one end to the life of a man who has realised its highest aim, and to the correct understanding of that necessary knowledge the Order will guide you if you will practise it in deed and in truth. There are many outside our Order who throw doubts of suspicion on the same, but I cannot allow any one an opinion of the Craft who does not know or understand it; nor can I, after the knowledge I have acquired, listen to such detractors. May your future also show that you will not only be able to penetrate, with clear, unclouded eye its teachings, but that you will also accordingly defend the Order. Our Craft is attacked because it has been shrouded in mysteries, and the trouble is not taken to investigate the necessity of them. Such is ever the manner of those who desire to destroy; they are satisfied with the superficial; and also in our case our opponents do not penetrate deeper, as they have no wish to be convinced by true knowledge. But you, my son, be you ever to our Order a strong protection, and not only will your own future be assured, but you will also carry

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with you the consciousness to have striven to promulgate all that is good and true." And again, only a few months before his death, the late Emperor wrote to a Lodge in Mecklenburg congratulating them on their seventy fifth anniversary. After wishing them continued prosperity and progress in Masonic work, he adds:—"Then will the same be a living testimony that Freemasonry is specially adapted not only to educate its members to true religion, to cheerful and unselfish discharge of the duties they owe their family, their avocations, and public life, but that it also labours successfully for the benefit of all mankind." Between these two expressions of opinion was a lapse of thirty-four years, of close intimacy with the Craft, but it shows they did not alter his views. You can now understand what Masonry has lost in the death of such a friend, and how genuinely he will be mourned by all German Lodges. The feeling of the German Brotherhood towards him was ever one of the utmost love and confidence; they would have laid their lives down for him if necessary. In the troublous times of 1848, when he had to suffer for others' sins, it is believed that the Masons who knew the truth arranged his escape to England, and again negotiated for his return, successfully turning public opinion in his favour. His whole life has been a picture of a true Mason. I have told you how he worked for the Order, and he was equally ready to be of service to private brothers; many of them he defended vigorously at various times, and there are Masons in this country who can speak of great personal services received at his hands. Brothers, look for a moment at his long noble life, look even at the death scene as telegraphed to us—not the greatest glory, not the highest position in the world which he could and did attain, could shake the quiet, noble character of the "man." He was ever the same kind, plain loving gentleman, true to his God and fellow-men. In the position he occupied was not this the best test of noble manhood? Then, brethren, let us in this sad ceremonial appreciate the noble deeds of the dead. We need not mourn for him; he has gained the crown every good Mason strives to win; but let us close this Lodge with fresh resolves. Let us be true to Him to whom all our rites have reference; let us adorn our profession; let us by our lives illustrate its principles; let us be, in the best sense of the term, practical Freemasons, and the Great Architect and Ruler of the World will be with us.—*Victorian Freemason.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Present—Bros. W. D. Dyson W.M., W. Brown, T. B. Whytehead, J. T. Seller, G. Balmford Treas., W. Lockenby J.W., J. Kay Sec., E. W. Lamb S.D., W. Storey J.D., P. Pearson and W. Sharp Stewards., W. J. Child Org., G. Tindale, F. B. Vaughan, E. Wilkinson, J. L. Procter, J. Horner, J. L. Spetch, T. Milner, J. D. Irving, W. H. Coates, J. W. Dow, and G. G. Pooke. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Jordan S.W. 24, M. Bryson 236, and W. H. Wigham 1991. The business consisted of an initiation, a passing, and a raising, the first two ceremonies being worked by the W.M., and the third by the I.P.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. Sartain, Philadelphia, a copy of his magnificient engraving of "The Iron-worker and King Solomon," which was accompanied by a fraternal letter, in which Bro. Sartain alluded to the pleasure he had experienced from his visit to the Lodge last year. A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sartain for his beautiful gift, and the Secretary was directed to write conveying the same officially. The W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. S. Child, the Organist, a complete set of clothing and jewel of Prov. Grand Organist of North and East Yorkshire, to which office Bro. Child had been appointed the previous week in Provincial Grand Lodge at Richmond. The Lodge was then closed and the members and visitors adjourned to supper.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate. Bros. C. Patrick W.M., J. Stroud S.W., C. J. Free J.W., Fenner Preceptor, E. Hill J.D., G. J. Bailey I.G., also Bros. C. Schmidt, Bruty, Christel, Reifenstein and others. After formalities Bro. Patrick worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Schmidt as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second, and Bro. Patrick the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reifenstein answered the questions leading to the second degree, but was not entrusted. Bro. Reinfenstein, a member of the mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. John Stroud was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

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YORK COLLEGE.

THE quarterly meeting of this College was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the charming seaside resort of Whitby. The W.M. and brethren of the Lion Lodge most fraternally gave the use of their handsome hall and other apartments for the convenience of the fratres of the College, and made other elaborate arrangements for their entertainment and pleasure. Some of the fratres took the opportunity of making a short stay at Whitby, and arrived there on the previous day; the bulk of them, however, arrived by the morning train from York, Leeds, &c., and were met at the station by Bro. Steward, the W.M. of the Lion Lodge; Bro. John Stephenson, P.M. of the same Lodge, and a veritable patriarchal Mason in Whitby; Bro. Attlay, S.W. of the Lodge; and other brethren. A walk to the West Cliff brought them to the Freemasons' Hall, where they found that the thoughtfulness of their friends had provided light refreshments, after which they were conducted to the new and beautiful church just erected and consecrated, the details of the architecture of which were much admired, as well as many valuable gifts made to the new edifice by local Freemasons. From the church the party strolled through the quaint old town up the Eastern steps of the Cliff to the old parish church, in itself a great curiosity, owing largely to the mass of carved galleries and private pews with which it is crammed, and which are now nearly all swept away throughout the country. Close to the church are the remains of the glorious monastery, once the pride of that coast, and dedicated to St. Hilda. Here the party were met by Mr. Walker, architect, who read an interesting paper on the foundation of the Abbey and the life of Hilda the founder, and pointed out some of the architectural peculiarities of the structure. At 2·30 p.m. the party wended their way to the Freemasons' Hall where another Masonic treat awaited them, for in one of the rooms Bro. John Stephenson P.M. had arranged a number of curious Masonic relics, including books, charts, and certificates, some of them extremely rare and valuable, and the inspection of these afforded great pleasure to the fratres. The M.C. was then formed in the hall, and ballots were taken for the following candidates:—Bros. F. D. Harrison 600 (Bradford), John Stephenson P.M., W. H. Marwood P.M., T. N. Marwood P.M., J. T. Steward W.M., and W. H. Attlay S.W., all of 312, Whitby, and T. Masterman 1611 (York), which were all successful. The following accepted aspirants were then received into the M.C.:—Bros. T. J. Armstrong (Newcastle), Rev. T. Randell (Durham), J. Stephenson (Whitby), W. H. Marwood (Whitby), J. T. Steward (Whitby), and W. H. Attlay (Whitby). Frater J. R. Dore (Hudder-field) read a very interesting paper on the Saxon Poet Cædmon, whose life was spent at Whitby, and who was a monk in the Abbey of St. Hilda. Frater Dore was cordially thanked for his paper, which was ordered to be printed in the Transactions of the College. Votes of thanks were also passed to Fratres Steward W.M., Stephenson P.M., and the brethren of the Lion Lodge, for their kind reception of the College, as also to Mr. Walker for his paper on the Abbey. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Leeds, and the M.C. was dissolved. The party, numbering nearly 30, afterwards met at high tea in the Crown Hotel, after which and a pleasant stroll upon the pier and along the quays, the bulk of the Fratres left by the last trains for York, Leeds, Durham, and other places.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, will take place this day (Saturday), at the Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. The brethren will assemble at 4 o'clock.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY JEFFS.

THIS well-known antiquary died, at Gloucester, his native city, on the 29th ult. The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age, was for many years a voluminous writer on various subjects connected with the early history of Gloucester, and particularly of the Cathedral. He for several years gratuitously edited the *Gloucester Mercury*, and was a well-known contributor to the press on archæological subjects generally. He was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the monument to Bishop Hooper, which stands near Gloucester Cathedral. As a Freemason Bro. Jeffs was also highly respected by a very wide circle of acquaintance. He joined the Royal Lebanon Lodge, of which he filled the chair in the years 1866-7 and 1875, and on the removal of the Zetland Lodge to Gloucester he joined that, filling the chair in 1881, 1883, and 1886. He filled the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden of the Province of Gloucestershire in 1872 and 1873, and last year received Jubilee honours at the hands of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., by his appointment to the rank of Past P.G.S.W. He was also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons of the county of Gloucestershire. He filled the office of High Sheriff of the City of Gloucester in 1882-3. The local Freemasons presented him with a handsome shrieval chair of office, which he afterwards gave to the Gloucester Corporation for the use of his successors.

The death is announced of Bro. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., which occured at Ormesby, near Yarmouth, on Thursday morning. The deceased was in his eighty-first year. At one time he took an active part in Freemasonry, and was a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Norfolk.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 31st ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Henry Holmes Past Grand Deacon, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Northern Counties Lodge were charged with, and well fulfilled the duty of making suitable arrangements for the reception of the Officers for the year by the Prov. Grand Master. The following were appointed :—

Bro. R. H. Holmes P.G.D.	Deputy Grand Master
James D. Dixon P.M. 1427	Senior Warden
J. F. Beckingham P.M. 1863	Junior Warden
Rev. Herbert Bott 1863	Chaplain
Thos. Anderson (re-elected)	Treasurer
John Strachan P.M. 1664	Registrar
B. J. Thompson (re-appointed)	Secretary
W. M. Lyon P.M. 406	Senior Deacon
Teesdale Wilson P.M. 1626	Junior Deacon
R. H. Dickenson P.M. 636	Superintendent of Works
A. Robertson P.M. 1167 (re-appointed)	Director of Ceremonies
Henry Spittle P.M. 1342	Assistant D.C.
J. D. Garland P.M. 24	Sword Bearer
J. W. Lambton P.M. 431	Standard Bearers
James Carmichael P.M. 659	Standard Bearers
R. Liddle 481	Organist
— Reid P.M. 431	Pursuivant
J. Barbour P.M. 1676	Assistant Pursuivant
George Parsons 1664	Stewards
George Senior 1676	Stewards
George Elphick 1712	Stewards
John Usworth 893	Stewards
— Ridley 406	Stewards
Thomas Waters 636	Stewards
Joshua Curry (re-appointed)	Tyler

The most imposing and interesting part of the Grand Lodge proceedings was the consecration ceremony of the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260, raised in Newcastle, and dedicated in honour of the Provincial Grand Master. It is some twelve years since such a Masonic function has taken place in the county, and it was consequently novel to many of the assembled brethren. Bro. George Eugene Macarthy was chosen the first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and fulfilled very creditably the trying duties of the occasion. The choral service was much enhanced by the assistance lent by Mr. J. Nutton, of Durham Cathedral. The consecration ceremony occupied about an hour-and-a-half. It opened with prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, followed by an anthem, "The Glorious Majesty," and there were several chants interspersed throughout the service. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant of the new Lodge, bearing the signature of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. An "Ode to Masonry" was sung in fine voice by Mr. Nutton, the first stanza of each verse being repeated by the whole Brotherhood :

Hail! Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine;
Long mayst thou reign;
Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land.
Thou art divine.

The unveiling of the Lodge Board, with all the symbols of the Craft, was done in solemn silence by the Prov. Grand Stewards, and after prayer the Prov. Grand Deacons presented the vessels of consecration to the respective Officers, and libations of oil and wine were poured forth, and corn and salt scattered, while the respective Grand Officers declared the mystic symbolism of the rite. Much ceremonial was otherwise manifested and after the anthem, "Behold, now good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Ridley Lodge duly constituted, and that it would henceforth meet the first Tuesday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street. The Worshipful Master of the new Lodge having taken an obligation as regards the government of the Lodge, duly installed his officers, and thereafter, with their assistance, proved his ability to officiate by closing the Lodge, the Grand Chaplain pronouncing final benediction.

Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, in addressing the brethren generally, remarked that happy was the country that had no history; but he was happy to say that they had had an uneventful history during the year, at all events of an unfavourable description. He would be happy to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England (the Prince of Wales) that the utmost harmony and goodwill prevailed throughout the boundaries of their province. He was glad to know that the financial affairs of all the Lodges were in a satisfactory

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send from the Province £1,222 for the Aged and Benevolent Institution. The sum had been exceeded this year by the contributions amounting to over £1,250. He was glad they had been able to do so much for the Charity, and that the medium had been Bro. Thompson, who deserved so well of this Province and Masonic life. Let him say how pleased he had been with the compliment paid him by those who had petitioned for the new Lodge in the Province. They were all workers in the cause of Masonry, and let them not forget it was not the mere increase of numbers they should look to, for it was the intention of Masonry to have working members in the highest interests of the Craft that they desired. There had been no decline in the numbers or in the standard of Masonry since he took the chair, and he hoped both would be maintained in the Province. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Northumberland Lodge for the use of their paraphernalia, and an address on vellum was ordered to be prepared for presentation to Bro. Henry Holland, who retired after acting as one of the auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge for twenty-four years.

It was resolved that the next anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at Hexham. The Lodge was duly closed, and the annual dinner thereafter took place at the Station Hotel.

SCOTLAND.

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BAZAAR AT DUFFTOWN.

ON Wednesday, 29th ult., a bazaar was held in the Town Hall, Dufftown, for the purpose of clearingoff the debt on the new Masonic Hall, recently erected in Albert-place, Dufftown, by the members of the St. James Lodge (No. 289 S.C.) The building cost about £600, and although a considerable portion of that sum has already been contributed, there is still a pretty large balance to pay. The splendid collection of useful and valuable articles on sale amply testified to the great interest which had been taken in the success of the bazaar by a wide circle of friends. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Amongst the principal contributors to the bazaar were Mr. Smith, Mullochard, who gave a black polled heifer (pedigreed) to be raffled for at 2s 6d per ticket; Mr. Reid, of Ardmeallie, Dr. Findlater, Mrs. Geddes, of Blairmore, Mr. J. S. Findlater, Balvenie; Miss Sharp, Blairmore; Mrs. Cowie, Dullanbrae, &c., also gave handsome gifts.

In addition to the bazaar proper there was a very interesting loan exhibition of antiquarian specimens. Conspicuous amongst the curiosities was the fine collection of swords, claymores, &c., from Auchlouncart, various articles from Balvenie, old snuff boxes, stone Celt fire cup, stone bullet mould, old Roman vase, ancient bronze lamp, old guns, spears, Zulu fighting dress complete, beautiful musical clock by Mr. Wood, watchmaker, Dufftown, who also showed a fine case of coins, a very old portrait of Prince Charlie, given by the Prince himself to the Ladies Fraquar, and old claymore found near Garn Kirk, Glasgow, &c. Constable M'Beath, Dufftown, had likewise a large and valuable assortment of walking sticks, dirks, old powder horns, pistols, coins, "pair men," a mustard mill, &c. Mr. Walker, watchmaker, Ellon, showed some splendid stone Celts and fossils, flint arrow-heads, and a piece of petrified wood. Specimens of ancient inlaid metal work made up as bracelets, shawl brooches, and manufactured from old tobacco pouches, for Miss Gordon Cumming, were also on exhibition. Mr. James Clark, Post Office, had a capital case of coins. The other articles included an ancient drawing-room chair, dated 1615, which had been in the possession of the family of Dr. Dow Sainter, Chester Villa, Craigellachie, for over 100 years. A sanctuary lamp and chain by Miss Cruickshank, Abbeyfield; a letter written by Dr. Livingstone, the great African explorer, dated 1857. Chairs made from one piece of timber by Mr. P. Taylor, Mill of Cabrach, &c. Dr. Grant, Cronchley, Kirkmichael, Tomintoul, also sent a very attractive collection. There was also a conjuring entertainment and magic cave, which afforded much amusement. At the opening hour there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The Earl of March on entering was greeted with loud cheers. Mr. W. T. Reid, of Ardmeallie, briefly introduced Lord March.

The Earl said:—I have much pleasure in coming here to open this bazaar. In the first place, as a neighbour, and, in addition to that, as a Mason myself, I feel special gratification—although I belong to the English Grand Lodge, and not to a Scotch Grand Lodge—in doing anything to assist Masons here, or in any other part of the country. Now, I believe a person when called upon to open a bazaar is always expected to make a short introductory speech, but from what I can see from the articles displayed on every side of me, I am sure I shall be best consulting your wishes if I make my remarks on this occasion as brief as possible, and thereby enable you without loss of time to do that for which we have come here to-day—to spend your money in the most liberal and lavish manner. Perhaps it will not be out of place if I recall to your notice the conditions under which this bazaar has become necessary. From the information placed at my disposal I see that a Masonic Lodge was first started in this town so long ago as the year 1818, but from some reason or other, of which I am not exactly aware, by degrees the interest in it waned, and for some years it was not exactly dead, but at any rate dormant. However, in due course of time, some enterprising Masons thought that Freemasonry should be given a further impetus in this part of the world, and by putting their shoulders to the wheel a new Lodge hall was built, and on a certain Wednesday, sixteen years ago to-day, it was opened with all due formality and with all Masonic rites. From that time, I believe, possibly with certain fluctuations in the way of numbers, it has gone on still increasing, and I hope prospering; and I have no doubt that in course of time it will be not only a benefit to the inhabitants of Dufftown, but to Masonry in the north of Scotland in particular. I cannot help noting that Freemasons are looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion by those who are not members of the Order. I think it is the duty of every Freemason to try and explain away such a feeling as that, because I am divulging no Masonic secrets when I tell you that there is nothing in the principles called Freemasonry which might not be preached from every pulpit and every church in all the four corners of the globe, and I think it says something for the principle which guides our Order, when you look at the way in which Masonry has spread its arms through every civilised nation—nations in Africa and Asia, and since the discovery of America it has taken root there, and there is no country in the world where, once you get a Masonic Lodge established, where you do not find that benefit accrues, not only to the immediate neighbourhood, but also to the parent Lodges. I daresay a good many of those I am addressing are not aware of the enormous amount of money which has been spent by Masons in charity. I do not mean individual charity; but by degrees the funds belonging to the Masons of this country have reached such a considerable amount that we have large orphanages—some for boys and some for girls, who, to the number of hundreds, are educated and given that start in life every year which enables them to fight the battle of life, and without which help possibly they might have found no career open for them, and they might have degenerated into paupers. When I say this charity is one of our guiding principles, I need not go much further. I notice I am addressing on the present occasion a certain number of the fair sex, and I am afraid that at times they may think it more or less a slur upon them that they have not been admitted to the Order of Freemasons. I believe that there was on one occasion a lady who was made a Mason, and I believe it came about in this way:—With the curiosity which is supposed to belong especially to the feminine, a lady through some means obtained access to a Masonic Lodge shortly before it was to be opened for the ordinary business meeting. I believe that the place which she chose to secrete herself in was one of those old-fashioned clocks standing about six feet high, and all secure in that position she listened, no doubt with rapt attention, to all which took place in the Lodge, but by some unfortunate—for her at any rate—mistake, shortly before the proceedings were concluded, she discovered herself. Well, you may imagine for a moment the consternation and considerable inconvenience felt by the Masons present. After deliberating for a little what was best to be done, they came to the conclusion that it was no use to turn the lady away from the Lodge there and then as she was, so they accordingly adopted the only plan left for them, and that was to make her a Mason on the spot. There is one other consideration which I think is not out of place, and that is that at the present time, more especially even within late years, when political considerations enter so much, so bitterly, and so deeply into every association almost which is formed, we, as Masons, are superior to any considerations of that sort. Politics are not allowed in the smallest degree to hold any sway over our deliberations or over our decisions. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I think with these few remarks, which are longer than I intended when I came here, I will ask you to study well the various articles which I have not yet had an opportunity of inspecting myself, but which I see on the different stalls around the room, and ask you to remember in making your purchases that people who come to a bazaar ought not to come into the building under the impression that they are in every instance going to get full value for their money. I believe it is the custom at bazaars to fix a fair and, perhaps, in some cases rather a considerable, price upon the different articles, but there are, as far as I can see, hardly anything which the mind of man cannot find suitable for himself, his wife, or his family. Ladies and gentlemen, with these few remarks I now declare this bazaar open.

Dr. Findlater, in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to the Earl of March for the kind manner in which he had come to open the bazaar, remarked that if the things were likely to sell before, they would sell very much better now. He then, in name of the committee, presented his lordship with a beautiful piece of crewel work in crimson plush, which, he said, came from the country of the Forbeses, and was worked by a lady who was once a Macpherson, and was now to be presented to the representative of the Gordons.

The sales were then proceeded with, and carried on with much animation throughout the afternoon and evening. The Dufftown brass band, under the leadership of Mr. Spence, discoursed selections of music throughout the day.

On Saturday, the 25th ult. the north-east corner stone of the new Church of St. Luke, Dukinfield, was laid with Masonic rites by Lord Egerton R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cheshire There was a large gathering on the occasion. Three memorial stones were placed in the western wall of the building, by the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Brereton. The church will accommodate 500 people, and its erection is estimated to cost £4500.

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THE INQUIRY COMMISSION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on 27th July last, it was resolved that the Grand Registrar of the Order (Brother Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C.) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being at least Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper, for the purposes of an inquiry into the "discipline, expenditure and administration" of the Institution.

I beg to inform you that the undernamed brethren have been nominated, and have agreed to act with me as a Committee of Inquiry in pursuance of the above resolution, viz.:—

London—

John Derby Allcroft, Patron.
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Vice-President.
Samuel Pope, Q.C., Vice-Patron.

Provinces—

John C. Malcolm, Leeds, Life Governor, West Yorkshire.
Lt.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Wells, Life Governor, Somersetshire.
Robert Wylie, Liverpool, Life Governor, West Lancashire.

The Committee proposes to meet at the end of October, or early in November, at a date to be hereafter fixed, and of which notice will be given.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

FRED. A. PHILBRICK.

Lamb Building, Temple.
6th September 1888.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Two very interesting letters have appeared in your pages on the subject of our Boys' School since the one to which I referred in my communication to you of the 23rd ult., and I hope the series will not only be continued, but that other old pupils of the Institution will come forward and state their views, for, much as I honour and appreciate our worthy secretary, Bro. Binckes, I think he will excuse me when I say that in my estimation his and other letters on the internal management of the Boys' School sink into insignificance when placed beside those from old pupils. As a supporter of our noble Institutions, I love to look upon the results of what is done for the orphans of the Craft at the two Schools connected with it, and the letters which you have published from old pupils afford me especial gratification, as proving that the boys, at the least, are properly trained, and in such a manner as to fit them for combat with the world.

I do not attach much importance to the wide disparity which exists between the utterances of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY" and those of "AN OLD PUPIL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL." It would be very strange if different opinions did not exist in regard to such matters as these two writers refer to, but what pleases me most is the fact that two of our old pupils can and do write to you as these have done. No doubt there are many others educated in the School who might do equally well, and I think you are deserving of thanks in showing a disposition to allow them to express their views. Surely opinions and information from those who were brought up in the School should be more valuable than outside information.

I am afraid I cannot spare the time just now to touch upon the various points in the two letters which have appeared since I last wrote you. As you are aware, I am just now travelling about, but on my return home I hope to find time to again address you on the subject, and in doing so I trust I may be able to prove worthy of a corner in your columns.

There is, however, one point in the letter which appeared last week that should be forcibly impressed on the Craft just now. The writer of that letter says he left the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with sufficient knowledge of a number of advanced subjects, which he names, to enable him to matriculate at the University of London. Surely any amount of money devoted to his education has been well spent, and if there are even only one or two more like him I, for one, should urge that the Boys' School is most judiciously managed.

By the way, you made a slight mistake in my initials at the foot of my last letter, whether on account of my bad writing or not I cannot say; please amend it on this occasion and believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

G. W. N.

Llandudno, 4th September 1888.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

OPENING OF A NEW HALL IN HULL.

ON the 29th ult., the Kingston Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1010, assembled for the first time in their new Masonic Lodge premises, above the Lecture-hall, Kingston-square. This particular portion of the Old Protestant Hall has been leased for a term of years, conjointly by the Kingston and the De la Pole (1605) Lodges, and will in future be the house of the brethren of both organisations. Extensive alterations have been made to adapt the new rooms to Masonic needs, and the change will be very welcome, particularly to the De la Pole members, whose hall in Charlotte-street was ill adapted for the dispensing of Lodge hospitalities, the rooms in the first place being too small for a large meeting, and, what is more important still, the ventilation not being sufficient for an assembly of any size. The new premises will not be consecrated till the latter part of September, when it is expected that the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master N. and E. Yorks, will be present to perform the ceremony. Pending the consecration, his Lordship has granted a dispensation to the two Lodges, and their difficulty, therefore, as to their meeting together in the new premises before the consecration has been obviated. The alterations have been done under the superintendence of Mr. B. S. Jacobs, architect, Bow-alley-lane. Mr. Jacobs is a Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, and his undertaking the task has been a guarantee that the new premises will be in every respect adapted to the requirements of the Craft. The new Lodge premises are situate on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall. The premises have a separate entrance and staircase, and are entirely cut off from the other approaches to the building, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the sound rising from the Lecture Hall on the ground floor. The Lodge-room is in the form of a double cube, 48 feet long and 23 feet wide, with a raised platform at the east end and down the two sides. Adjoining the Lodge is a large ante-room 24 feet by 18 feet, and a candidate's room. The banqueting-room is 36 feet by 25 feet, and is arranged to seat a hundred brethren. Attached to the banqueting-room are two Stewards' stores, two store closets, and a hoist leading from the kitchens. The remainder of this floor is taken up by the lavatories, urinals, and water closets, and the kitchen staircase. Above the banqueting-room is a large kitchen, with two pantries and store rooms. The Lodge and banqueting-room are heated by high pressure hot water pipes, and fitted up with fresh air shafts and foul air extractors.

THE OLD ENGLAND MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A BENEVOLENT Association has been formed by the members of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, and the following have been appointed the Officers:—Bros. W. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland President, F. T. Ridpath W.M. P.G.S. Surrey Vice-President, H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey Treasurer, and James Buckley Secretary.

The Committee consist of Bros. H. Baber, F. C. Pascall, and W. H. Ranson P.M.'s, all the Officers of the Lodge, and the following brethren from other Lodges, viz.: Bros. W. Burn S.D. 858, C. Corke J.D. 1851, E. E. Cooper P.M. 1494 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, C. Daniel P.M. 65, W. G. Fenn S.W. 538, W. Fox Hawes S.W. 463, and H. C. Vickers W.M. 1632. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when sufficient funds for two Life Governorships of ten guineas each were received, which were obtained by Bros. S. Clarke and H. M. Hobbs.

The future meetings will take place, on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at nine o'clock, after the closing of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, when Brethren are cordially invited to attend, or the names and subscriptions of any desirous of joining the Association will be received, at any time, by Bro. James Buckley, Hon. Sec., Queens-road, Croydon.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed by the Worshipful Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Past Prov. G.S. Warden Norths and Hunts, Past Prov. G.J. Warden Herts, P.M. 228 1278 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, on Friday, 21st September 1888, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock sharp. Bro. H. Hill P.M. 1305 will act as Director of the Ceremonies, while the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 Preceptor. The brethren will wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. Bro. E. Wareham, the Secretary, assures us a cordial welcome will be offered to any brethren who may visit the Lodge of Instruction on this occasion.

MARRIAGE.

POVEY-TUCKER.—On the 30th ult., at All Hallows, Tottenham, Henry, son of H. Povey, Esq., of Enfield, to Edith Eleanor, daughter of the late W. D. Tucker, Esq., of Limehouse.

DEATH.

DREWETT—On 2nd September, at 72 Southwark Park Road, S.E., Bro. Thomas Drewett, in his 52nd year.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—The commencement of the theatrical season was well started by Mr. Beerbohm Tree last Saturday, when, before a most distinguished audience, he produced Mr. C. Haddon Chambers's well written and cleverly constructed play "Captain Swift." It will be in the memory of most of our readers that this play was successful at a matinée some few months ago, and undoubtedly Mr. Tree has done well in starting his season with it. The play was exceptionally strong in all parts, but since the matinée the alterations made have greatly improved it. For instance, the last act has been re-written, and by that means strengthened. The exposure of Mrs. Seabrook, however, is still continued. This is to be regretted; her grief at wrongdoing was so genuine that one feels kindly towards her. Her denunciations of her son were so heartfelt and sincere that Captain Swift, strong-willed man as he is, cannot withstand them. The situations in the play are most striking, and go home to every one in the house, while the motive is so romantic that it carries an audience with it. The great secret of having the several characters well represented has been looked after, and a most painstaking company has been secured, led by that rising actor Mr. Beerbohm Tree. As Captain Swift Mr. Tree has one of those parts that he is seen to advantage in. Each of the situations is grasped in such a way that every point tells, and with fullest effect. The introduction to Gardiner in the first act is skilfully conceived and carried out, while the lighter scenes are grasped in such a style that makes the audience thoroughly enjoy them. Mr. Tree gains for Captain Swift the sympathy of the house, notwithstanding his past career as a bushranger. Lady Monckton has improved her Mrs. Seabrook, and now throws such nervous force into the part that it becomes very effective. This lady rose to the occasion when speaking to her son, more especially in the third and fourth acts. Mrs. Tree, as Stella Darbisher, was charming; while Miss Rose Leclerq was a most cynical Lady Staunton. Mr. Macklin gave us an excellent presentation as Mr. Gardiner; his hints to Swift are thrown off with much point, while his love scenes are happily conceived. Mr. Kemble was a capital Mr. Seabrook, while Mr. Fuller Mellish showed a marked improvement on his matinée presentation. Mr. Brookfield was unsuited as Marshall, such behaviour as he displayed would scarcely be tolerated in private life. Miss Angela Cudmore was a most painstaking and interesting Mabel Seabrook, and Mr. Charles Allan a capital detective. The play was enthusiastically received, the loud calls for the author being answered by that gentleman.

Savoy.—We are much surprised to learn that there are some playgoers who have not yet seen the "Mikado," and are greatly at a loss to account for such remissness. The opera has had a splendid run, and we earnestly advise our readers to embrace the opportunity before it is too late. It is by far the best of the Gilbert-Sullivan series, the music is delightful and full of what musicians term "local colour;" the plot is intensely funny without the slightest trace of impropriety, and it is performed in a manner that is simply perfect. What more can any one desire for a pleasant evening's amusement? The opera will shortly be withdrawn, to make room for the winter novelty, the subject of which is a state secret, but we doubt the ability of these clever writers to beat the record of "The Mikado, or the Town of Titipa."

Toole's.—After a successful tour in the provinces Lecocq's comic opera "Pepita" has been produced in London, under the management of Messrs. Auguste Van Biene and Horace Lingard. It is, doubtless, generally known that "Pepita" is an English version of "La Princesse des Canaries," which was produced in Paris some few years ago. Although the plot is slight, it is interesting and exceedingly amusing. The music, if not of the highest class, is pretty, catchy, and in fact all that can be desired. Judging from the enthusiastic reception the production met with, and the numerous encores demanded, the opera has taken a strong hold on Londoners, who, we fear, will be loth to part with it. Miss Wadman's Pepita is decidedly a success; her vocal and histrionic powers command attention. Miss Kate Cutler was pretty and graceful as Inez. Although Miss Alma Stanley was allotted but a small part, she realised it majestically. Miss Gordon as Gomez, Captain of the Cadets, acted with spirit. Mr. Horace Lingard and Mr. Louis Kelleher, Inigo and Pedrillo respectively, caused roars of laughter by their excellent comedy business. They were especially funny in the third act, where they appear, the one as a vender of lemonade, the other as a purveyor of roasted chestnuts. Their comic song on the various topics of the day was deservedly applauded. Mr. Walker Marnock makes a colossal General Bombardos, while Mr. Frank Seymour represents the lilliputian General Pataques. Their funny duet, "My excellent friend," "caught on" at once. Mr. Lytton Grey acted well as the effeminate Prince Guzman. In the course of the piece a divertissement is introduced; this has been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and in this Mademoiselle Hoby disports herself as premiere danseuse.

Professor Baldwin takes his first benefit at the Alexandra Palace on the 13th instant, and we shall be surprised if the British public do not testify their admiration for his scientific discovery by congregating in thousands within the precincts of the Palace grounds. The professor intends on this occasion to outstrip his previous performances, and ascend two miles (nearly 11,000 feet), and he will descend in such a direction as the members of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain present desire him to take, in order to prove the steering qualities of his parachute. The gold medal which this society has voted Professor Baldwin for his invention will be presented on this occasion.

Miss Agnes Hewitt reopens the Olympic to-night (Saturday), with "The Ticket of Leave Man." Mr. Henry Neville has been engaged for his original part of Bob Brierly, while Miss Hewitt will sustain that of May Edwards.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LEWES LODGE, No. 391.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on the 5th inst., when the Lewes Lodge, No. 391, was consecrated. The Lodge, in the absence of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, was opened by Bro. C. J. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, assisted by his Officers. The following brethren were elected to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, viz., Bros. J. Adames, J. H. Every, W. W. Turner, G. Holman, W. Wright, and R. Weston. The Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. C. J. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Master, having addressed the founders of the new Lodge on the nature of the meeting, called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary, who stated the wishes of the founders, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the Lodge. The Petition and Warrant having been read and approved, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren. Three months, he said, had scarcely passed by since they were called together to Henfield at consecrate the Adur Lodge, and he trusted the foundation of the two Lodges would prove a happy augury for Mark Masonry in Sussex. Although many previous years had been passed in comparative idleness, the seeds of Mark Masonry had been sown broadcast, and they were now reaping the harvest. During that long period many good brethren had been gathered to their rest—notably Sir Cordy Burrows, Dr. Cunningham, T. J. Sabine, and George Smith. The gaps had happily been filled by young Masons of great ability, of whom they were all proud. He was personally grateful to Bros. H. W. G. Abell and A. F. Lamette for the interest they had taken in the new Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was ably carried out by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, while the duty of installing the W.M. elect devolved upon Bro. H. W. G. Abell. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Hallett, who presided at the organ. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz., R. Pidcock S.W., S. R. Legg J.W., S. Peters M.O., J. Adames S.O., J. H. Every J.O., Rev. W. A. Tooth Chaplain, H. W. G. Abell Treasurer, W. Webb Turner Reg. of Marks, G. Holman Secretary, W. Wright S.D., A. F. Lamette J.D., J. J. Abell Dir. of Cers., R. Weston I.G., and H. H. Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were pleasingly interspersed by songs rendered in charming style by Miss Minnie Freeman.

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ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

THE Companions held their annual conference at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 20th ult., there being a goodly attendance. The election of Officers for the year took place, as follows:—Comps. Kirk P.Z. Z. (for the fifth time), George Housham H., Frederick Baines J., C. F. Liversidge P.Z. P.S. Treasurer, F. J. Sowby S.E., J. Staniforth S.N., G. Scott Janitor. Two brethren of the Isle of Axholme and Yarborough Lodges having been exalted, and other business of the Chapter transacted, the annual banquet was afterwards held, and the usual R.A. toasts proposed. Companion Kirk presided.

ST. AUBYN CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting of the members was held on the 29th ult. at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. The M.W.S. elect, Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, J.P., was installed. The M.W.S. of the past year, Frater W. Trevena, officiated as the installing officer, assisted by Fraters C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Allen, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., F. B. Westlake, J. H. Keats, and E. Aitken-Davies. The Fraters invested as the Officers were Captain Quin, R.N., Pre., F. Cronch 1st G., G. L. Woodland 2nd G., C. Watson Treas., T. Goodall Recorder, W. H. Gillman Raphael, W. G. Watson G.M., J. Austin C.G., C. Newton O., E. Aitken-Davies Herald, S. Harvey Equerry. The Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Chapter a group of handsome photographs of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, appropriately framed. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to the St. Aubyn Chapter S.P.R.C., of H.R.D.M., No. 20, Devonport, by the I.B. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 degree, P.M.W.S., and High Prelate, August 29th, 1888." In the evening the Fraters dined together at William's Restaurant, Chapel-street. The M.W.S., Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, presided.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

e shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges ughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their s 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, 8th SEPTEMBER.

Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
Eccleston. Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1293—Bardett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1543—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
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)
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie
True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Lury St. Edmunds
Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
118—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
303—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
758—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
1—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
17—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
45—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
66—Hugues de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Regent, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
Farringdon, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
Stanhope, Cricket Hotel, Anerley
Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
Friars, Imperial Arms, Gunnel Lane, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
660—Star in the East, Pier, Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart, Retford
R.A. 690—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
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, 12th 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barnsbury-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—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. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
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
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
686—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1069—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1312—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—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Horsell, Hall (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1917—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastl
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Greata Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1966—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
787—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 3 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
26—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1165—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
463—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
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1389—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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.

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MASONIC CHARITY AND MASONIC REFRESHMENT.

THE Masonic Order has won for itself the reputation of being the most charitable and the most benevolent organisation of any in the country, and much as we may desire to support the reputation which has been secured, we sometimes pause and ask ourselves the question—is the honour deserved? Those of our present readers who saw the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of a few years back will perhaps remember that we then published a number of Lodge Balance Sheets, giving in each case the varied items of income and expenditure, but withholding the name, &c., of the Lodge, or other means of identification. Those Balance Sheets showed a very wide difference between the amounts disbursed in charity and the sums spent in refreshment, and no doubt if *sufficient* details had been given to render the Lodges *easily* identified the publication of the figures would have been most injudicious. It would not have been fair to the members of the Lodges concerned to hold them up to special notice, as they were really no exception to the rule. We were told that, despite the precautions we took, the returns were in some cases identified, so it was thought best to discontinue the series. As soon as it became known to what Lodges the figures referred, so we were told, the members were taunted with the disproportion which existed between the charity they preached and the charity they practised, and considerable annoyance resulted. This was most unfair, as the Balance Sheets published were not by any means selected with the object of making a case either one way or the other. They were published just as they came under notice, and if they created an unfavourable impression it was the fault of the whole system which existed, and still exists, rather than the outcome of any selection from it. The publication of the figures which came before us was discontinued, lest, in a desire to benefit the many, we injured the few, but we have since regretted that the work was not persevered in, for we are of opinion that were it possible to collect details of the expenditure of a large number of our Lodges—say one-fourth of the whole number—such a statement could be submitted as would startle many of the better class of Craftsmen into a desire for immediate and thorough reform.

We are fully aware it is no part of our duty to dictate to the members of a Lodge the way in which they shall dispense their funds. Masonry is free, and in the matter of Lodge expenditure a perfect freedom of action rests with the members, but we cannot, as we say above, help asking ourselves the question—Is the reputation which Freemasonry enjoys in regard to charity really deserved? There can be no doubt that a vast sum is annually subscribed by Freemasons for the support of the decayed brother, the widow, and the orphan, and perhaps all that is done by individual members of the Craft should be accredited to Freemasonry as a whole, but on the other hand it may be asked, how much is done by the Masonic Lodges, as Lodges, to maintain the reputation of the Order?

Freemasonry, we are told, is not a Benevolent Society, a statement which a very brief association with Lodge expenditure would at once justify, and regarding the matter in the light of our present subject it is almost to be regretted that it is not conducted on strictly Benevolent Society rules. Would it not be much better if some sort of systematic benevolence was enforced in every Lodge? We do not say the money should be devoted to either of the existing Charities, or to any object in particular, but it seems out of character for Freemasons to boast of the Benevolence of their Order, when in truth some nine-tenths of the income of our Lodges is devoted to personal enjoyment, while the claims of charity are totally disregarded in a very large majority of cases. It is not sufficient for a Lodge to say that the members dispense their charity individually, nor is it a fair excuse for brethren to say that their Lodges support the Benevolent Funds of the Craft. Both should do their share, Lodges setting aside a proportion of their income, and individual Masons giving as far as their position in life warranted.

As the case stands now there is nothing like system, and nothing like fairness in the matter. Even the three Institutions of the Craft are without any real support from the Lodges which make use of them, and the several committees are quite unable to even guess at the amount of next year's receipts. This would not be the case if Lodge support became the custom, rather than what it is at present, the exception, and as a result it would not be necessary to make such strong appeals for aid to individual Masons as is now imperative.

Looking at the matter from another point of view, we may ask, What does Freemasonry really do to deserve the high character it has secured? It is admittedly the most wealthy society in existence, it has Lodges and representatives in every part of the country, and numbers in its ranks, we may say, the wealth and prosperity of the nation. Yet with all this its contributions to the three Institutions of the Craft last year amounted to just over £61,000. This was a grand total, we admit, and we have already expressed our gratification that so large a sum was subscribed, but after all it does not appear so very grand when viewed side by side with some outside collections, or when considered in comparison with the amount expended in Masonic refreshment. At present we shall only refer to one outside collection, and that the latest brought under our notice, and we ask all who peruse these lines to look at the matter in an unbiassed spirit, and then answer for themselves the question we propounded in the earlier part of these remarks.

The figures we refer to are those in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes and Mission, which shows an

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income for the past year of £103,091, which total we consider quite puts in the shade the work of Freemasonry in the cause of charity. With such a total as this before us is it right to give Freemasonry the first place among the charities of the world? especially when it is remembered that there are three Institutions of the Craft and that their united income last year was little more than half the sum subscribed to one outside charity.

OUR DUTIES AS FREEMASONS.

An Address delivered by Bro. William R. Frazier W.M., at the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, 26th June 1888.

DURING the time I have been passing through the chairs, and especially while I have been occupying the Oriental chair, my purpose and desire has been, and is, to the best of my ability, to measure up to the duties and obligations required of me, both as a man and a Mason, placed as I have been by your favour in the exalted and responsible position of Master of this Lodge. It has not only been my desire to measure up to this high standard myself, but also my ambition to incite others to the same laudable purpose, thereby creating a desire for and a willingness to assist in, restoring Mount Moriah Lodge to the exalted position she once did, and now ought to, occupy in the Masonic Fraternity. Sometimes I have felt very much encouraged, sometimes very much discouraged. Encouraged because of the increased interest manifested by many of the members, and at times to the enlarged attendance at the Lodge, the good order that prevailed, the attention paid to the work, and the disposition to more faithfully perform our Masonic obligations, especially in regard to the sick, the helpless, the needy and the erring. Discouraged, because the attendance at the Lodge is not far greater, as it should be, and because of the seemingly little interest manifested by so many of the members in Freemasonry in general, and in their own Lodge in particular. Frequently we have met men whom we did not know as Masons, but have been informed that they are not only Masons, but also members of Mount Moriah Lodge. Brethren, such a condition of facts should not exist; we ought not to be strangers to and unknown by members of our own family. Though such things do exist, and many manifest little or no interest in the prosperity and welfare of the Lodge, yet I feel that I should return thanks, and I do return my most sincere and grateful thanks, to the officers elected and appointed, to the past officers and to the members who have so kindly, freely and fraternally aided and assisted me in trying to awaken an increased interest in the members in regard to their Masonic obligations, and the prosperity of the Lodge. We often hear the remark, the world was not made in a day; and who has not heard of Bruce and the spider? Then if we would faithfully fulfil our Masonic obligations, and accomplish our desires, let us remember that it can only be done by a fixed determination on our part to faithfully discharge every duty, and a firm resolution to continue to work unitedly and harmoniously together, until Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, has reached a position second to none in the mystic Brotherhood, for their fidelity to usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity, for their obedience to the rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge, for their faithful attendance at, and their correct and solemn performance of the work of the Lodge, for their faithful attention to and care of the sick, the needy and the helpless, and for their forbearance with and brotherly love for one another.

Brethren, let us endeavour to make the Brethren who occasionally visit the Lodge feel at home among us, and not as though they were strangers in their own household; let us pay some attention to them, bid them a hearty welcome and make their attendance so pleasant among us that they will realize that they are in truth one of us, and ought to take a part with us in performing the duties and advancing the interests of the Lodge. Let us make a special effort to convince those who seldom or never attend the Lodge of the obligations they are under, the duties they owe and the importance and the necessity (if they would see the Lodge prosper), not only for them to attend the meetings and assist by their presence, but also show a willingness to take a part, and help in the performance of the work of the Lodge.

Brethren it seems to me there is a duty as Masons in which we all more or less fail. It is in regard to our reception and treatment of visitors among us. I am well aware that, as a general thing, if some distinguished Brethren or delegation make a fraternal visit, they are fraternally received and well taken care of, but too often we let visiting Brethren come in among us, and go out from us, feeling as though they were strangers, instead of members of the same Mystic Tie an universal Masonic Brotherhood of which they and we form a part. Brethren, this is not Masonic, and ought not so to be, for a Mason among Masons should always receive a cordial welcome, and be recognised not only as a Mason, but also as a Brother. Let us then extend to our visiting Brethren a hearty welcome, and give to them a fraternal greeting, thereby compelling them to feel at home among us, and that they are of and among Brethren of the Mystic Brotherhood.

Brethren, in a little over four years (before our present J.W. shall have completed his term of office in the East) we will celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary, and for which preparation ought soon to be commenced.

On 1st December 1817, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, was constituted, with Bro. Joseph E. Bowen W.M.; Bro. Richard Cahill S.W.; Bro. Chester Chattin J.W.; Bro. Joseph Cooper Treas., and Bro. Samuel Simpson Sec'y. These five were the charter members. In 1818 (the first year of its existence), there were admitted and initiated thirty-four. This, for youngsters of only one year's groth, was certainly a very good year's work. I am very sure we would think so, did we do that amount of work in one year now though we are over seventy years old. fifty years afterwards, or when the corner-stone of this Temple was laid, the membership had increased to 366, and five years later, or when the Temple was dedicated, the membership was 404. From that time to the present (a little less than fifteen years) there has been a gradual decrease in our membership, numbering now (according to our last report to the Grand Lodge) only 264. Brethren, why this decrease? Surely there must be *some* cause or reason for it. Death, we know, has for *some years* been very active in depleting our number; then, too, there have been resignations and suspensions, to further decrease our number. But while this is true, yet it seems to me that there must be some other cause besides these for this gradual decrease, for while death has been active, and there have been resignations and suspensions, there have been also initiations and affiliations. If this be true then, why, year after year, for the past fifteen years, has our membership gradually decreased, instead of increasing as it did prior to that time? This to us is a very serious question, and one that it behoves us to inquire well into and ask ourselves the question, How much have we contributed towards this decrease? Is it because the Officers have not understood, and faithfully performed, the duties required of them. Is it because some of those who have received the highest honour the Lodge could confer on them seem to have lost all their interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge, and seldom, or never, come near us? Is it because so many of the members never attend the Lodge, and by their actions (at least) seem to have little or no concern for its prosperity or existence? Is it because we do not fully understand and realize what Freemasonry is, what its principles and teachings are, what it requires of us, and therefore fail in the performance of our Masonic obligations and duties? Brethren, I am well aware that Freemasonry does not consist merely in numbers, but requires of all its votaries uprightness of heart and rectitude of conduct; that its grandeur is not in numbers, but in its pure principles and moral teachings; and its beauty is in its belief in the universal Fatherhood of God, the universal Brotherhood of man, and for its brotherly love, protection and care for one another; and men should be drawn to it, and its numbers increased, because of its pure principles, moral teachings and universal brotherhood. Though its principles are pure, its standard high, and though it receives all who voluntarily offer themselves for admission (provided they are not morally or physically disqualified), yet in the face of this, for years our number has been gradually decreasing instead of increasing. Now let the cause be what it may, let us resolve and determine that we will not cease to labour, nor rest satisfied, until the cause is removed and Mount Moriah

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Lodge, No. 155, has again resumed her rightful position in the Masonic Brotherhood.

Brethren, I sometimes think that we do not fully realize the high honour conferred on us, and the responsibility imposed on us, by being admitted to membership in this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and becoming Brothers of this Mystic Brotherhood. We claim that it is the noblest and grandest Fraternity ever instituted by man, and so it is. Noble and grand, not merely because it is so ancient, and has withstood all the tests of ages, and remains unchanged in its pure principles and moral teachings from the first until the present, and will continue to remain unchanged until time shall be no more, but noble and grand because of its belief in the universal Fatherhood of God, and universal Brotherhood of man, and because it unites together so many men into one common bond of brotherhood and elevates and ennobles them both by precept and example.

There is a justifiable pleasure and pardonable pride in which we may all indulge, not only because we have been admitted as members into this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, but also because we are members of Mount Moriah Lodge. Many times have I rejoiced that there was a Lodge named Mount Moriah, and many a time have I been proud that I was ever admitted to membership in it.

Brethren, have you ever thought about how much honour and glory there is connected with that grand old mountain, Mount Moriah, from which we derive our name? Nearly four thousand years ago God appeared to Abraham (he to whom the Almighty promised that in him and his seed should all the nations of the earth be blessed), and commanded him to take his beloved son, the son of his old age, and go into the land of promise, and on one of the mountains which He would show him, there to offer him as a sacrifice to the One only true and living God. Abraham, as commanded, started on his journey. On the third day he beheld Mount Moriah afar off. Thither he went, erected an altar, bound his son, laid him on the altar, and when about to strike the fatal blow, his arm was stayed by the Almighty, who, accepting the will for the deed, provided a lamb for the sacrifice, typical of the spotless Lamb of God, to be sacrificed in due time on Calvary (Calvary being a portion of Mount Moriah) for the sins of the whole world, and through whose merits and atonement you and I as Christians may find everlasting life. Though Mount Moriah was a high mountain, and visible from afar, yet it seems to have been farmed, for we learn that some eight hundred and fifty or more years after Abraham went there to offer up his son as a sacrifice to the Almighty, David, King of Israel, purchased from Ornan the Jebusite a threshing floor, situated on Mount Moriah, on which he erected an altar, and offered sacrifices and appeased the wrath of the destroying angel after 70,000 of the Israelites had perished by the plague for their transgressions. A few years after this event, this lofty mountain top was levelled down, and on it King Solomon erected the most magnificent and costliest Temple the world ever saw, and dedicated it as a place in which to worship the only true and living God. There in the Holy of Holies and on the solid rock of the mountain rested the Ark of the Covenant. There the Divine presence manifested itself over the Mercy seat. From there went forth the light and truth of the Urim and Thummim. And there our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity was formulated, there its principles were so beautifully illustrated, and there the arts and sciences were made the basis of an institution which has continued until the present time, of which institution we are a part, and whose principles we endorse and teach. That magnificent Temple (the glory of which has spread to all countries) has crumbled into dust. The Divine Presence is seen there no more over the Mercy Seat. The Ark of the Covenant rests no longer there on the solid rock. It is gone, nor has any one to the present time been able to tell what has become of it. The city built on Mount Moriah, the people who dwelt therein, and who were once so numerous, active and prosperous, have all passed away. But the grand old mountain, Mount Moriah, still remains, and beneath its surface, beneath the ruins of the city and Temple, and beneath the accumulated rubbish of centuries, are to-day to be found massive foundation walls, subterraneous passage ways, caverns, aqueducts, and pools, as memorials and relics of the ancient city and Temple that once adorned the lofty summit of Mount Moriah. The Light and Truth there unfolded from the Urim and Thummim still continue, and are spreading and increasing throughout all countries. The Fraternity there instituted, and the pure principles and moral teachings there formulated, still continue, still are endorsed, taught and practised throughout the world, and will continue to exist and be practised until there are no more rough Ashlars to be fitted as living stones for that spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Brethren, have we not a right to feel proud of our Fraternity, proud that we have been admitted as brothers into this Mystic Brotherhood, proud of the name of our Lodge, and proud that we are members of Mount Moriah Lodge, a Lodge deriving its name from a place where so many remarkable, important and glorious transactions have transpired? If we are proud of our Fraternity, if we are proud of our connection with the Masonic Brotherhood, if we are proud of our Lodge and its name, and of our membership in it, let us now and for the future resolve and determine not only to maintain the pure principles and moral virtues formulated, taught and practised by our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, of being a true and lawful brother in the Mystic Brotherhood, but also to the utmost of our ability to do our part in making Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, what she Masonically ought to be, and placing her where she rightfully belongs, in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Brethren, it is perfectly right and just that there should be contentions among us (or rather emulations) of who can accomplish the most towards this laudable purpose, and as the Urim and Thummim, contained in Aaron's Breastplate, were the source of Light and Truth, so also may Mount Moriah Lodge not only be a source of Masonic Light and Truth, an example of Fidelity to the Fraternity, an example of obedience to the Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, and an example of brotherly love, protection and care for one another, but also a pattern of what Esoteric Freemasonry is and ought to be.—*Keystone.*

In July last the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales voted a third share in a probable outlay of £1000 or more for the purposes of making the election and installation of the Grand Master all it should be. The importance of the occasion, the wealth and influence of the members, and the exalted position of the Grand Master elect, demand that the coming ceremonies shall not lack in splendour and importance. The board were of opinion that every facility should be afforded to every subscribing Mason to take some part in the ceremonials, and that the purely formal business be as brief as consistent with legality, so that as many as possible may participate in such auspicious ceremonies.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the remains of Bro. William Pierson Smith were interred at St. Anne's Cemetery, Stanley, the chief mourners being Mrs. Smith, and daughters, Messrs. Etchells, T. Taylor, D. Taylor, and H. Ockleston. The Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, of which he was a highly respected member, was represented by Brothers Hugh H. Hughes W.M., Lawrance Phillips S.W., Haydn P. Cowell O., John Hughes, &c.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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A NEW Lodge was opened at Malmsbury on Tuesday, the 10th July, under the title of the Sandiford Lodge. Bro. T. W. Fowler, D.G.D.C. and I.P.M. of the Gippsland Forest Lodge, Warragul, performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, assisted by Bros. Elliott P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton, Storey P.M. Zetland Lodge; and Nind W.M. Gippsland Forest Lodge. Bro. W. Smyth W.M. designate was installed into the chair, after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. Young S.W., J. Hunter J.W., S. Hoopell S.D., S. Sandiford J.D., and R. R. Fretwell I.G. Seven candidates were proposed, and the Lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to Mrs. Horsfield's Hotel, where the brethren partook of an excellent supper. A couple of hours were very pleasantly passed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed by songs and recitations.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness and Dyspepsia.—There is no organ in the human body more liable to derangement than the Liver; food, fatigue, climate, and anxiety, all disorder its action and render its secretion, the Bile, more or less depraved, superabundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side or on the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough and difficulty of breathing, restlessness at night, alarming dreams, dry mouth, furred tongue with morning squeamishness, are signs of Liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointment over the pit of the stomach and right side. The Pills should be taken without delay. Peers and paupers will alike be cured.

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LAYING THE CORNER STONES OF THE NEW HALL AT KIRKBURTON.

THE time-honoured institution of Freemasonry has ever been to the fore where the interests of the nation have been involved, and in the cause of charity and the social improvement of the people the mystic Craft has accomplished untold good. The circumstance which brought together so large a company of gentlemen on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Kirkburton was an exemplification of the foregoing remarks, and was none the less laudable and gratifying than many an undertaking on a much larger scale. The ancient village of Kirkburton has long felt the want of some public meeting place, and the new Masonic Hall which is being erected within the shadow of the venerable Parish Church, and situated upon a site leased from the Sheffield Hospital Trustees, on the north side of the Vicarage grounds, will fully meet the wants of all classes, for it is understood that the use of the hall will not be exclusively taken up by the Freemasons themselves, but that it will be available on any occasion of public demonstration, &c. The ground taken up by the building at some period within the recollection of some of the older inhabitants has been filled in over an arched culvert, through which runs the beck, making the site a very expensive one to build upon, although situated in one of the best positions in the neighbourhood. The foundation work has had to be carried down in some places to a depth of 5ft. below the beck, or 25 ft. below the main floor. This, however, has been utilised to form a workshop or stone shed, suitable for a mason, joiner, or similar trade, and the front portion as caretaker's living room, keeping cellar, storage for forms, &c., and heating apparatus. The ground or main floor contains large hall (36 ft. by 21 ft.), with retiring room in rear, supper room, capable of being thrown as additional space into the main room; lavatory and robing room, and on the upper floor two bedrooms, which are approached by separate staircases from basement, so as not to interfere with the large hall, &c. The building is carried out in an early half timbered style, as being more suitable for the country, and of which there are still examples in the immediate locality. The works are being carried out under the supervision of Bro. Cocking W.M., architect; W. Moorhouse and Sons, masons, Kirkburton; F. and H. Shaw, joiners, Kirkburton; Brook and North, plumbers, Huddersfield; W. E. Jowett, plasterer and slater, Huddersfield; and J. Preston, painter, Huddersfield.

About 3 p.m. the W.M. and Officers of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, opened the Lodge at the Lodge room, George Inn, in the Three Degrees, and after a short interval formed in procession and proceeded to the new building, where there had already assembled a large gathering, representative of the district for miles round. Having reached the site of the intended building, the brethren opened out right and left, and Bro. W. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.P. and the Officers passed to the platform, after which the Lodge again closed in and followed. Soon after getting into position the W.M. (Bro. Cocking) asked the Past Grand Chaplain of England (Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D.) to offer prayer, after which the Secretary (Bro. Drummond) read the following report:—

Some years ago it was suggested by a number of brethren, as well as by several gentlemen resident in the district who were wishful to become Masons, that it was very desirable that a Lodge should be founded in Kirkburton, which was thought to be a convenient centre for the surrounding villages, if His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, would be graciously pleased to grant a warrant for that purpose. A petition was accordingly duly presented to His Royal Highness in the latter part of the year 1883, which H.R.H. was good enough to entertain, and a warrant was granted by him and dated the 15th of February 1884. It was decided that the Lodge should be called the Beaumont Lodge as a compliment to Henry F. Beaumont, Esq., M.P., of Whitley Beaumont, who, though not a Mason, so loyally entertained H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on his visiting Huddersfield in October 1883. The Lodge was consecrated by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., on the 8th of May 1884, a day long to be remembered in Kirkburton, both by members of the Craft and by others who then had the privilege of being present. A most excellent sermon was on that occasion preached by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Pearce P.M., in the venerable Parish Church of the village. There being no suitable room available wherein to transact the business of the Lodge the brethren had had to hold their meetings at an hotel up to the present time, and although the greatest kindness and courtesy had been extended to the brethren there, yet it was felt, with the increasing numbers of the Lodge, that the business of Freemasonry could not be conducted with that decorum which is so great an element in the Craft as it could on premises specially adopted for that purpose. Accordingly several of the brethren of the Beaumont Lodge, most kindly assisted by brethren of other Lodges, magnanimously determined to form themselves into a company for the purpose of building the new hall, of which the corner stones were that day being laid. About £700 had been already subscribed in share capital, and it was hoped that a yet larger sum would be raised in that way, as it was calculated that the cost of the undertaking would be £1200 before the work was fully completed. It was expected that the new building would be completed and ready for the use of the Lodge, as well as for local purposes, early in the ensuing year. The directors trust that the Great Architect of the Universe would enable the workmen and contractors engaged on the work to proceed with and complete the same with all convenient speed and without accident to life or limb, and that when it is completed it will prove not only an ornament in this historic village, but will also promote the interest and pleasures of its inhabitants, and at the same time forward the great cause of Freemasonry throughout the district.

The W.M., on behalf of the Craft in Kirkburton, asked Bro. W. Schofield to lay the main corner stone, at the same time presenting him with a silver trowel, supplied by Messrs. Fillans and Son, Market Walk, Huddersfield. The stone was then raised, and the Secretary read aloud the inscription upon the brass plate, which is as follows:—

"This stone was laid by Bro. William Schofield P.M., P.P.G.P., September 8th 1888."

The Treasurer having deposited the phial into the cavity of the stone, and the architect placed the plate in position, cement was put on the upper face of the lower stone, and Bro. Schofield spread it with the trowel, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered by three distinct stops. He then proved the just position of the stone by the square, level, and plumb rule, which were successively handed to him. Being satisfied in those particulars, the W.M. presented him with a mallet, with which he gave the stone three knocks, and declared the stone well and truly laid. The Past Grand Chaplain of England then stepped forward, and taking the cornucopia and the ewers he strewed the corn, emblem of plenty, and poured the wine and oil, emblems of cheerfulness and gladness, over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The architect presented the plans, which Bro. Schofield remarked he had examined, and returned them to Bro. Cocking, bidding him at the same time to proceed with the work without loss of time. The W.M., on behalf of the Kirkburton Masonic Hall Company, Limited, thanked Bro. Schofield for his services, and, in reply, that gentleman expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a number present, if only as spectators. His had also been an unmixed pleasure, as the first Master of Beaumont Lodge, in having been asked to lay the corner stone that day of the Masonic Hall, which he hoped would not only prove an ornament to the village, but a home for the Beaumont Lodge for years and years to come, and also that it would be of great use to the church, parish, and district in other social ways. They had hoped to have had present with them the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to perform the duty which he had so inadequately done. It had, however, fallen to his lot to perform this pleasing but not altogether onerous duty, for the hard work had been done by practical masons, and he was only a speculative one. The little part he had taken had given him great pleasure. He was glad to contribute his mite to what would be a great handmaid and help to Freemasonry; where the rite of Freemasonry would be in its freest and fullest manner perpetuated. Those outside knew nothing of it until they joined their ranks. But all in the village who wished to join the Lodge might have the opportunity of doing so. They asked no one, but those wishing to partake of the glorious principles of Freemasonry might do so if they came freely and voluntarily. They would always be pleased to admit them. Good and true men never made bad Freemasons, and a good Freemason could not be a bad man. He had additional pleasure in laying that stone, for he had been connected with the village for over 50 years. His association bound him very close to the village. Fifty years ago he was a scholar in the school and a member of the Parish Church. He took his wife from the village. He was sorry to say he had buried some of his children in the churchyard, and when he came to his last moments his wish and desire was to be laid by them in the churchyard of, not his native, but his adopted village.

Bro. Cocking W.M. then laid the second stone, followed by Bros. Rev. R. Collins J.W. P.G.C., Bro. William Fitton P.M. and Bro. Hargreaves S.W., all of whom addressed suitable remarks to the assemblage.

This concluded the ceremony, and the brethren again formed in procession as before, and proceeded to the Parish Church, where a service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D.

At the service the church was literally packed. The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," was first sung, the Evening Service afterwards being said by Bro. Rev. R. Collins, M.A., vicar, P.G.C. Bro. Rev. J. N. Lee, chaplain, read the first lesson, and Bro. Rev. T. M. Turnbull the second. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimmittis (Dr. Smith, Dublin) were very ably sung by the ladies and gentlemen who composed the choir. Boyce's anthem, "I have surely built Thee an house," was also beautifully rendered, the vocalist amongst others being Miss Smyth, Miss England, and Bro. Riley, Mr. T. Haigh and Bro. B. Stocks. The hymn before the sermon was "Christ is made the sure foundation." Bro. Joshua Marshall presided at the organ.

Dr. Smyth selected his text from the sixth chapter of the first book of Kings, and the seventh verse: "And the house when it was in building was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building."

In the course of his remarks the rev. gentleman said the Temple of Solomon was the noblest structure ever made by human hands In its architectural design, the material employed, the labou bestowed, the excellence of the work, and the stateliness and grandeur of the whole edifice, it surpassed the proudest of human devices. The massiveness of its structure, the magnificent arrangement of its porches, and its Holy and Most Holy places, were worthy of the Great Being to whom it was dedicated. Leaving, however, the interesting points connected with this stupendous work, he asked them to turn their attention to the singular fact of which the sacred historian spoke in the words of his text. It was difficult, he said, for them to understand how a work so vast could possibly be erected in that silent manner, and the fact would be still more remarkable if they bore in mind the nature and dimensions of the material used. They were hewn, carried and fitted for their places before they were brought to Mount Moriah with such nicety and skill that the smallest interstices were not perceptible between the stones. No tool was needed to adjust them and frame them in grand harmonious proportion. This gorgeous Temple was destroyed by a Captain of the Great Nebuchadnezzar, and another was raised in the same spot, and met the same fate. The nation which worshipped within this sanctuary had been scattered also to the winds of Heaven, but the structure furnished by this text was still remaining, and as the great portion of the congregation consisted of those who were not Freemasons he would teach them in a general way the spiritual meaning that might be drawn from the incident related.

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They knew the Church in the New Testament was called the Temple of God, of the living God, an habitation of God through the Spirit. Those terms denoted that as God was pleased to manifest His presence in the stately Temple built by Solomon, so in His Spirit did he live in the hearts of individuals and in the Church collectively. The stone was a shapeless mass of rock, which could never fashion itself into classic beauty, and never set itself up as a stately column. And such by nature was the spiritual state of their race that they possessed no power to see, to move, to hear, to feel, and to believe, being hard and insensible as stones of the earth. Believers, however, having been hewn from the quarry by the grace of the Spirit were termed "living stones," not masses of rock and blocks of marble, but full of vigour, zeal, and action, and spoken thus of because the Redeemer was the tried corner stone, the sure foundation. Each stone, from foundation to top, was made precious through the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Light. The way in which those living stones were prepared was a profitable subject. The wood and the stone used in the Temple were carefully prepared at a distance from the place at which the edifice was intended to be built, and thus, although the infant was made in baptism a Member of Christ, and an inheritor of Heaven, how much was required to bring out its beauties so that its surface might bring back the rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and earth was the place where that work must be done, for as no noise of axe or tool of iron was heard on Moriah, so in the New Jerusalem above would be heard no crushing strokes of conviction, no sharp heavings of the conscience, no sound whatever of preparatory discipline. Earth was the place for that preparation, and the process was effected by the axe, the hammer, and the tools of iron of God's wise dispensation. The rev. gentleman then went on to prove that all God's dealings with His people had respect to their future existence, and he urged the Christian who was called upon to pass through trials and afflictions, thorough and discouraging, to remember that he was thus being hewn and squared here in order that he may be a well prepared and living stone, may be by and bye built up in the living temple, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. He would next consider the end for which these living stones thus prepared on earth were designed. Christians, as living stones, chosen of God, grew into a holy temple in the Lord. The spiritual structure was now being erected like their Lodge, of which the corner stones had been laid that day, and it was going on daily before their eyes. The prattling infant, the loving child, the youth of promise, the doting mother, the cherished wife, the fond husband, the revered parent, the loved sister, the manly brother, had all been taken away from their midst. And while households had put on mourning and wailed with anguish, angels had rejoiced that another living stone had been transferred to Paradise to be set hereafter in Heaven for ever. Let them look, then, he urged, at the glorious end, and remember that the moment they were fitted by the Great Architect to take their place as living stones in the Temple above their sorrows would cease, and when the saints looked back to the quarry from which they were hewn and considered their rough appearance, they would bless the God who had not left them as unshapely blocks at the quarry mouths. They were met that day to celebrate the corner stone of an earthly temple in connection with an old and time-honoured Order, of which he felt it a privilege to be a humble member—an Order whose glory it was to inculcate many of those exalted truths he had been speaking of, and an Order based upon the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and, in conclusion, as an instance of the liberality and the charitable disposition of the Craft the rev. gentleman cited the gathering in connection with the Centenary of their Girls' Institution in London, when £50,600 was the the result of the collection of the stewards attending that day.

A collection was taken, the proceeds of which it was announced were to be given to the poor and the Sunday School in Kirkburton in two equal proportions. The sum raised amounted to over £5. The hymn "Christ is our corner stone" was then sung, the Benediction pronounced by the Vicar, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded a beautiful and attractive service.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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STIRLING CASTLE CONCLAVE, No. 14.

AT a meeting which was held on Wednesday evening, 5th instant, under the presidency of the M.P.S. Captain A. Wilson, with Lieut. J. Denholm as E.V.E., Brothers William Gourlay and James Sandeman, both of Stirling Ancient, No. 30, were duly admitted into the Red Cross Order, receiving the degree at the hands of the M.P.S. Companion the Rev. George Mure Smith delivered the historical exhortation to the newly-admitted brethren, and after the transaction of some routine business the meeting was closed in due and solemn form.

"Illustrations" for October, commencing the 4th volume of Mr. Francis George Heath's Magazine, will include a contribution from the author of "Lorna Doone"; and a new story by Mrs. Molesworth, called "Bronzie"; and amongst the series of papers in that and succeeding numbers will be comprised portrait biographies of Royal Academicians, photo-gravure reproductions of National Gallery pictures, "Pen and Pencil portraits" of distinguished authors and artists, and a continuation of the illustrated papers on "Schools, private and public," "Pretty places," "Railway men," "Iron roads," "Musical notes," "Garden, field and farm," "Fern gossip," "Church buildings," and "New Inventions," as well as numerous articles under the headings of Amusement, Art, Biography, Economy, Literature and Science.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

IN the good old days of Freemasonry the "recess" was looked upon with some amount of satisfaction, especially by the ladies. Pater-familias, during the winter, had his own Lodge meetings to attend once a month, and then he had a mind to see a "bit of working" elsewhere; then no true lady, who valued the good opinion of her lord, could possibly object to his seeking for a little "Instruction," and surely two evenings a month could not be considered misspent if the enthusiastic Craftsman so willed it that his time should be thus expended. This roundly gives us four evenings a month spent in the exercise of Masonic functions. But when summer came, our ancient "sisterhood" asserted their claims, and "Masonic night" had to be devoted to their service. Now, however, all this has been altered. Recess, we have none; the ball is kept rolling throughout the year. What with Provincial Meetings, Summer Lodges, and Festive Gatherings, the "bright" Craftsman has little difficulty in fitting himself with a Masonic "outing" once a week. However true these remarks may be, we have got ourselves into the habit of associating the commencement of the London Masonic Season with the Installation Meeting of the Lodge now under notice. This event took place on Saturday last, the 8th instant, when the brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Henry Cattermole, who was supported by his Officers; Past Masters J. W. Brooke, G. F. Smith, A. Staley, Dr. Bott, A. J. Dixie, T. C. Corpe (Treasurer), J. W. Dewsnap (Secretary). Amongst the Visitors were Brothers C. J. Marcus 1583, J. Tilley 1691, W. Nead 237, J. A. Sayer U.S.A., F. R. Dalton 1351, W. Walker P.M. 65, J. Bunker P.M. Southern Star, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, S. Scherer S.D. 1540, W. H. Matthews P.M. 1423, R. A. Kemp 1706, D. Crombie P.M. 28, H. G. Martins J.D. 1622, H. W. Taylor 901, B. Mann Mount Edgcumbe, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Walter Martin P.M. 819, R. Hilton 2000, W. H. Hook P.M. 186, E. Samuel S.W. 2096, F. H. Horscroft 211, Tarle Lee 1922, &c. After the minutes of the regular meeting of 4th April had been read and confirmed the reports of the Audit Committees of the Lodge Funds and the Benevolent Fund were presented. These reports showed the Lodge was progressing in a most satisfactory way. The W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. B. Marcus S.W., was presented for the benefits of installation. Bro. Marcus having signified his readiness to uphold the tenets and principles of the Craft was obligated and duly installed. The officers were then invested, as follows:—Bros. H. Cattermole Immediate Past Master, A. H. Jakins S.W., C. H. Cox J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, J. T. Williams S.D., J. Bladon J.D., J. Culver I.G., H. S. Trego Director of Ceremonies and Organist, M. Keith Frith and W. H. Foot Stewards, Bowler Tyler. Brother Cattermole then gave, in splendid style, the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren, and received the hearty congratulations of the members and visitors for the ability he had displayed in conducting the proceedings. The ballot was then brought into requisition for two candidates who desired to participate in our mysteries and privileges, viz., Mr. Albert Lambert, who was proposed by Bro. F. A. Simmonds and seconded by Bro. J. W. Dewsnap Sec.; also for Mr. James Frederick Perrins, who had for sponsors Bros. E. N. Ensworth and John Culver. In each case the result was unanimous in favour of the candidates, and both gentlemen being in attendance they were introduced and regularly initiated by the new W.M. Bro. Marcus. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to Bro. Cattermole, and graceful allusion was made to the zeal and ability he had displayed throughout the year on behalf of the members. Routine work followed, the resignation of a member, on account of residental inconvenience was announced, and then Lodge was closed.

The banquet, which was of a very récherché character, was served in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern. Advantage had been taken of the "close" time, and this at all times elegant room was resplendent after the "touch up" the decorator's pencil had given it. Bro. Madell overlooked the service, and all present expressed their satisfaction with his efforts. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to, The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Offices present and past," said he was sorry that they had that night been disappointed by some of the Grand Officers who had been invited. As a Lodge they had been favoured from time to time with the presence of many Grand Officers; but, unfortunately, the Lodge met at a time when many people were out of town, and the letters received that evening shewed that many brethren would have been present if they could. However, they had Brother Brownrigg, a Past Grand Chaplain, with them, and he coupled that reverend brother's name with the toast. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., in reply said, the evening was passing very pleasantly, because the Worshipful Master was not making long speeches. He hoped that every brother who was going to be installed during the new season would follow his excellent example, and he also hoped that all the brethren who would respond to this toast during the coming year would follow his (Bro. Brownrigg's) excellent example, and simply say, "I thank you." Bro. Cattermole P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," assured the brethren he did it in all sincerity. To the members of the Lodge the W.M.'s qualities were so well known that nothing that could be said by him (Bro. Cattermole) would give them any information. But those who honoured the Lodge with their presence as visitors might not know Brother Marcus as well, and for their information he begged to say that Brother Marcus had been connected with the Lodge from its commencement; he had studied the interests of the Lodge more than the interests of himself, and would prove a very worthy Mason, one who had carried

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out his duties with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself up to the present position which he occupied. He (Bro. Cattermole), on behalf of the Lodge, wished him a most successful year of office, and that he might be blessed with health, and at the end of his year he might find himself in the same happy position as he (Bro. Cattermole) now found himself in. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He was sure the remarks which Bro. Cattermole uttered touched him to the heart. It always had been his endeavour, since he joined this Lodge, when Bro. Brooke, the first W.M., was in the chair, to endeavour to do all he could for the interest and welfare of the Lodge. He had tried hard, and he thought that during that long time he had never had a wry word with any brother of the Lodge. He was proud to have succeeded in occupying the W.M.'s chair; he hoped he had merited it, and he would try to show he deserved it at the end of his year of office. The Worshipful Master proposed the Installing Master (Bro. Cattermole), and said that brother was so well worthy of the reception accorded to the toast that he was not surprised at the warmth with which it was received. As Master of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge Bro. Cattermole met with the highest compliments from every quarter. He worked each degree during his year to the greatest satisfaction of the Lodge, and it must be a satisfaction to himself that he did so. He had to-day worked the installation ceremony in a way which had never been excelled in the Lodge. There was not a hitch all the way through; he went perfectly through it, and he deserved the thanks of the Lodge for the way in which he performed it. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Cattermole, in reply, said if he had an excuse for making a short speech it was in the short speeches made by the Master and the P. Grand Chaplain. In that case he would say do not listen to my voice, because you have the musical brethren whose voices they would prefer to his. He had been very grateful to the W.M. and to the brethren for the hearty way in which they received his name. Whatever services he had rendered to the Lodge he had done them with more pleasure to himself than to the brethren. He had always looked upon the ritual of Freemasonry as most beautiful, and it had been a labour of love to him to commit it to memory. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the way in which they had received the toast. Before he sat down he begged to express his best thanks to the Officers of the Lodge who had assisted him during his year of office, from the S.W. to the Tyler. All of them were ever ready to do all they could for him, and he thought the success of their Lodge during the past year was due to the very valuable assistance they had given him. The W.M. in giving the Initiates said if it had not been for the Initiates that night he should not have had the same pleasure as he now had in appearing before them. With two such brethren as they had initiated that evening he felt the Lodge must prosper. The way they went through the ceremony showed they appreciated it. He might not have done it perfectly, but perhaps the other ceremonies might be put a little stronger, still they would find them perfectly easy and harmless. Bro. Lambert, who was the first to reply, said he felt a great honour had been conferred upon him, and he could not help thanking the W.M., and especially Bro. Simmonds, for proposing him as a member. Bro. Perrin said he had been deeply impressed with the ceremony and the honour conferred upon him, and he begged to assure the brethren that it would be his constant effort to make himself a good Mason. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," a body of brethren that the Duke of Cornwall Lodge was always happy to see at their ceremonies and the banquet table. After he read the names, he said the Duke of Cornwall Lodge was a very united Lodge, and they were glad that other brethren should see their unity. There was not a more united Lodge than this. Bro. Hook said the late W.M. had done his duties admirably, while the new W.M. had done his work in a way that did him great credit. The W.M. had fulfilled his duties as a son, a son-in-law and a husband, and in every career of life had been upright and honourable. Sitting in the chair the Wor. Master was a brother who would do honour to the Lodge and not belie any credit that would be given him that night. The Lodge would have a good year with him; he was a man that would rise to the top, and put everything in the right place. Bro. Walter Martin, in reply said, regarding the W.M., he echoed the remarks that had fallen from his father-in-law; he was sure that Bro. Marcus would at the end of his year of office retire from the chair with the same well-deserved honour as the I.P.M. had taken from it that night. Although he had not had the pleasure of being acquainted with the W.M. and Bro. Cattermole for long, he had found them prove themselves in and out of the Masonic world as worthy members of that great body, able and willing to help in every good cause. The W.M. did not show the least sign of nervousness in the ceremony of initiation, which was conducted in a most able manner. Bro. Crombie said he had known the W.M. many years, and it was a great pleasure to see him installed in the chair, and then go through the first degree so well. He hoped his year of office would be strengthened by the accession of a large number of initiates. He thought the Lodge had reason to be proud of their new W.M. Bro. Sayer (Cincinnati) was delighted to see the work so well done, and he had enjoyed himself very much. He would like to see all the brethren around him as visitors to his Lodge. Bro. Brooke, in replying to the toast of the P.M.'s, said it was with intense feelings of satisfaction he found himself once more among the brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. He could not tell them how much he missed these meetings when in a foreign land. Before speaking of himself, he thought it was only fair he should pay a deserved tribute of praise to the Immediate Past Master and the Worshipful Master. They all knew what Brother Cattermole had been during his year of office. He had the honour to initiate [illegible] his observation of him but he had the honour of introducing him to the Lodge, and from what he knew of him previously he felt he would turn out as he had, a thoroughly good Mason, with the interests of Freemasonry at heart. He had not pushed himself forward, but he had devoted himself to every good work, and he would prove worthy of his predecessors. It was a great pleasure to see so many Past Masters and founders of the Lodge, and to see such good Masons in the chair year by year. They had now commenced their tenth year of the Lodge, and there was not one brother who had filled the office of Master who had not done his duty. It was a great comfort to the Past Masters to see there were so many brethren working with the same view, intending to do their duty in the position they were in. Bro. Dr. Bott also replied. The W.M. in giving the Treasurer and Secretary said Bro. Corpe had been Treasurer many years, and it was the wish of the brethren that he should continue many years yet to come, for the work of Treasurer could not be more efficiently performed. Bro. Dewsnap, the Secretary, was covered with jewels, which showed what he had done for Masonry. It was a great honour for a Lodge to have such a Mason among them as Secretary; he seemed to thrive on it, too, for he was to be the Secretary of a new Lodge shortly to be consecrated. In whatever Lodge he took work, it was sure to be efficiently done. Bro. Corpe replying said, he had not one single bill in his possession that remained unpaid. The Lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and it was his whole aim in life to carry out the duties of Treasurer to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Dewsnap said it had been quite a pleasure to him to do the work of Secretary. He was sure the brethren would take in good part what he was going to say. He had heard it said on one or two occasions that he wrote a little too curtly to brethren when applying for subscriptions, but he assured the brethren it was only in their interest. If he sent a reminder they should not be offended. In all he did for the Lodge he had no personal end to serve. He had all the honours he could get, and he only wished to serve the Lodge. If the brethren would assist him and the Treasurer they would conduce to the success of the Lodge. "The Masonic Press" was responded to by Bros. Morgan and Massey. "The Officers" and "The Musical Brethren" followed, and Bro. Horscroft replied to the latter toast. The musical programme that had been prepared was an admirable one, and it was splendidly carried out. The artistes who assisted entered heart and soul into their work, and general praise was awarded them. We append their names:—Bros. H. Taylor, F. H. Horscroft, Dalzell, and R. Hilton. Bro. Turle Lee presided at the piano.

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1181.

THE annual meeting of the members took place at the Beach House Hotel, Seaton, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Samuel Pile S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. Ford. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. Evans, Rev. R. Swansborough, Rev. R. J. Tyacke, W. H. Aplin, A. W. Oakley, E. H. Wilton, Rev. L. H. P. Maurice, W. Adams, E. Chapple, E. M. P. Dadson, J. G. Oldridge, J. Thomas, C. B. Gage, J. Stevens, C. F. Gosney, W. H. Evans, E. Gaddes, H. Briston, R. Chaffer, F. Berkeley Jarvis, and C. R. Mason. After the installation the W.M. elect appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ford I.P.M., Wilton S.W., Oldridge J.W., Dr. Evans Treasurer, Dadson Secretary, Aplin D.C., Thomas S.D., C. B. Gage J.D., Jarvis I.G. A banquet was afterwards held in the Assembly Rooms of the Hotel, the catering of Bro. Adams giving the fullest satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Some capital songs were rendered, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

FERMOR HESKETH LODGE, No. 1350.

THE annual investiture of Officers belonging to this Lodge took place on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, in the presence of a fairly large gathering of brethren. Bro. E. King Ellison, the retiring Worshipful Master, presided at the opening of the proceedings, being supported by his Officers. The W.M. elect, Bro. Staedell, was duly presented for installation, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Dr. Samuels. Bro. Staedell afterwards invested his colleagues for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. E. King Ellison I.P.M., R. Norris Jones S.W., Charles Coker Robin J.W., Dr. A. Samuels P.M. D.C., Rev. John Stowell P.M. Chaplain, A. F. Thomas Secretary, W. Hudson Organist, Capt. D. Conner S.D., W. Taylor J.D., Rev. D. Grahame Cox I.G., G. M. Richardson S.S., Henry B. Brown Treasurer (re-elected).

SOUTHWELL LODGE, No. 1405.

ON Friday, the 7th inst., the members of this Lodge assembled in considerable numbers at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, to assist at the installation of Bro. G. W. Dominy late S.W. Among the many visitors were—Bros. R. G. Hanson P.G.J.W., A. Lawson P.G.T., and R. C. Wills P.G.D.C. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. T. Mitchell P.P.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.D. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. S. F. Beslow I.P.M., George Green S.W., Councillor Farrands J.W., Alderman Blackburn Treas., Edwin Clarke Sec., J. Severn S.D., N. W. Nead J.D., E. Griffiths D.C., Walter Macfarlane Organist, Henry Hallam I.G., G. Sollory, J. C. James, J. T. Farr, R. H. Lacy Stewards, C. H. Benham Tyler. Immediately after closing the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by Mrs. Simpson, the stewardess of the hall, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met at the

took place. The ceremony of installing Bro. H. Winkley, the W.M. elect, into the chair of King Solomon was performed by the Immediate Past Master, J. Chamberlain, to whom the highest credit is due for the very efficient and able manner in which he conducted the duties. Although there was really little or no need for assistance, Past Master Myers, with his usual kindness, was present to give any help that he might be called upon for. Bro. Winkley has a bright prospect before him, and is to be hoped the brethren will attend regularly and that he may have a very successful year of office.

LODGE OF CRAIGELLACHIE, No. 241 (S.C).

AT a meeting of the members held at Grantown, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., the Rev. J. A. Alloway, of Ventnor, was presented with an album of photographs of the district, by the members of the Lodge, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his brother Masons in Grantown. The *Elgin Courant and Courier* says that during his visit to Strathspey, Mr. Alloway has taken a great interest in the welfare of the Freemasons, has attended all their meetings, and on more than one occasion addressed the brethren present. He has also conducted Church of England services in the Public Hall each Sabbath in August, to the great convenience of many of the visitors at present residing in the town and neighbourhood. The presentation was made by Bro. Steward R.W.M., and the album bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Alloway feelingly replied, and acknowledged the kindness he had received during his stay in Grantown.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—In dramatising novels it is a great mistake for adaptors to assume that all playgoers have read the book previous to witnessing its performance on the stage. Through this mistake it frequently happens that a disjointed and inconsequent play is presented, which a little more care would have obviated. This is the case with Mr. Rider Haggard's exciting but extravagant story "She," which has been dramatised by Mr. Edward Rose, and revised by Mr. William Sidney and Miss Cto Graves. Those to whom the book is familiar will readily imagine the difficulty that arose in compressing it for the stage, and it speaks well for the adaptors that they have been able to retain the pith of the story in the version they presented for public approval on the 6th instant. An exceedingly well written prologue introduces the audience to the incident narrated on the potsherd that subsequently finds its way into the possession of Leo Vincz, a Cambridge scholar and a descendant of the murdered Kallikrates, who thereupon proceeds to test the truth of the story. Taking passage in an Arab dhow, he is conveniently shipwrecked at the very spot indicated. He is claimed in marriage immediately upon arrival by a beautiful young savage, and is eventually taken possession of by the immortal Queen Ayesha. To secure for him similar immortality they journey to the mysterious cavern of the Fire of Life where, to give Leo confidence, Ayesha precedes him through the flames, and issues forth a shrivelled and white-haired hag, to fall at his feet and die. The denouement must be inexplicable to the uninitiated, and is a very unsatisfactory termination to the play. Of the acting we can speak in the highest terms. Miss Sophie Eyre portrays with admirable contrast the beautiful and passionate Queen, and she is declared by the author to have fully realised his conception of the character. Her acting in the cavern scenes elicited the hearty approval of the audience. Mr. Edmund Maurice is a manly representative of the ancient Kallikrates and the modern Leo, while Mr. Julian Cross is earnest and pathetic as the good-hearted Holly. The most poetic impersonation is undoubtedly that of Miss Mary Rorke, as the young savage Ustane. The remaining characters are well sustained, but need no special mention. The scenery by H. Emden represents the barbarous splendour of the mysterious country, while the incidental music, which has been specially composed by Messrs. Hamilton Clarke and Edward Solomon, is characteristically appropriate and melodious. With judicious curtailment there is no reason why the public—ever believers in the supernatural—should not, for some time to come, flock to witness this performance.

Olympic.—If we may judge from the way the time-worn piece "The Ticket of Leave Man" was received at this theatre last Saturday, we may say there is yet a successful run in store for it. The piece was revived at this house when it was under Mr. Yorke Stephens's management, and now Miss Agnes Hewitt selects it for her re-opening venture, but with almost a new caste. A revival of this piece, however, would not be complete without Mr. Henry Neville to impersonate Bob Brierly. Notwithstanding the many hundred times this gentleman has played this character, we never saw him do it better; his vigorous acting suits the part capitally. Mr. C. Sugden was a capable James Dalton, more especially in his scene with Mr. Gibson. With a little more toning Mr. Sugden's performance will be first rate. Mr. J. P. Burnett was a good Hawkshaw; but Mr. F. Motly Wood was but a conventional Melter Moss. Mr. Robert Courtneidge gave a careful rendering of Mr. Gibson. Miss Agnes Hewitt gained much sympathy by her painstaking acting as May Edwards, but Miss Helen Ferrers was too self conscious as Emily St. Evremond. Mrs. Huntley's Mrs. Willoughby was amusing, while Miss Jenny Lee soon established herself favourably as Sam Willoughby. Mr. Compton Coutts was amusing as Green Jones. The play is well mounted and may prove attractive enough to warrant its being kept in the bill for some time to come.

Alhambra.—The management of this popular place of amusement, deeming it necessary to introduce a new ballet for their patrons, have produced one that will compare favourably with its predecessors. Although "Ideala" is not so long as is usually the case in this class of work, it loses nothing on that account. Every care and attention has been given to its production; the groupings being perfect, while an interesting story can easily be made out of the dumb show of Mdlle. De Lorensi, Miss Thurgate, and Mdlle. Maria. Pretty and striking music has been composed by that ever ready author Mons. G. Jacobi, while the scene by Mr. J. E. Ryan is an exceptionally pretty one. A capital miscellaneous programme is now being given at this house, it includes the popular ballet "Antiope," consequently it will be seen the management is doing all in its power to make the house attractive. Assuredly they succeed if we judge from the numbers who nightly attend.

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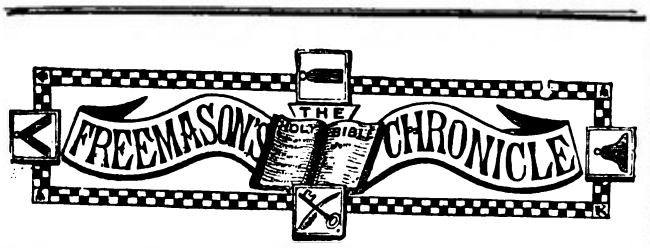
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STOCKPORT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

THE visit of Alderman De Keyser, Lord Mayor of London, to Stockport, to lay the foundation stone of a new technical school, on Saturday, the 8th inst., was made the occasion of the greatest public demonstration that has been seen in that flourishing manufacturing centre within the memory of the present generation. The day was regarded as a holiday, and numerous excursions entered the town from different parts of Cheshire and East Lancashire. Although nothing of a special character was done by the Corporation towards embellishing the town, the public spirit of the inhabitants was fully equal to the emergency. Venetian masts, wrapped in scarlet cloth, and ornamented with trophies, were placed in one or two of the principal thoroughfares at allotted distances, connected with each other by strings of streamers and festoons. On nearly every public edifice a flag was to be seen gaily floating in the breeze, and many individuals along the line of route lavishly decorated the fronts of their premises with bunting.

The technical school movement was first mooted in 1886, and the subject was helped to the front by Mr. L. J. Jennings, one of the members for the borough. The present Mayor (Mr. Joseph Leigh) upon being elected as chief-magistrate in November 1886, expressed a hope that the foundation stone of such an institution might be laid while he held office, and in the following month a small but representative committee was formed to decide upon a line of action. Subsequently Mr. S. Gedge, M.P., at the London Mansion House, gave the movement a stimulus. Public interest was by this time fully aroused in the scheme, and a town's meeting was called in February 1887 to consider the subject. This was followed by another mass meeting in March, when it was resolved to commemorate her Majesty's jubilee by founding a technical and art school. An executive committee was appointed, and before the meeting closed the Mayor intimated that he and a friend were prepared to start the subscription list by giving £7,000 between them. This considerable sum so very generously given was augmented by several large sums, such as £500 from Mr. T. Kay, £500 from Mr. S. Kay; Mr. T. H. Sykes £250, Mr. R. Hammond £200, Lord Vernon £200, and several amounts of £100. The donations promised so far for the building and the endowment are about £11,000, and the committee hope to obtain a grant of £1500 from the South Kensington Science and Art Department in aid of fittings and apparatus. A most gratifying fillip has been given to the movement by the recent offer from Lady Whitworth to give £10,000 to the undertaking on behalf of the residuary legatees of her late husband, Sir Joseph Whitworth.

The Lord Mayor, who arrived from Sheffield on the previous afternoon, was the guest of the Mayor at Bankhall, where on Friday evening a number of gentlemen were invited to meet him. At about eleven o'clock on Saturday morning his lordship paid a visit to the Courthouse, accompanied by the Mayor, the Mayoress, and Brother A. M. Broadley (Past Deputy District Grand Master of Malta), the party being driven to the place in an open carriage drawn by a couple of magnificent greys. In the meantime a special meeting of the Town Council had been convened, and the members, together with a large number of privileged ladies and gentlemen, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the distinguished visitor. On reaching the Courthouse the Lord Mayor was escorted by the Mayor (Mr. Leigh) to the Council Chamber, where his Worship moved, and Alderman Hallam seconded, that an address be presented to his lordship on the occasion of his visit to lay the foundation stone. The proposition was received with acclamation, and shortly afterwards the Town Clerk (Mr. W. Hyde) read the address.

The Lord Mayor, in replying, reciprocated the desire of the Corporation to cement the bonds of friendship which should unite all municipal institutions. Such institutions were now upon their trial, for they had been called upon in many parts of the country to alter their constitution and take upon themselves larger and more responsible duties. Those duties, he was sure, would be carried out with the sense of that unity and fraternity which should exist in all those interested in municipal life and constitution. He had said at Sheffield that he looked upon municipal institutions as one of the two great powers of this country, for to the municipality belonged the responsibility of defending the rights and privileges of the community. Every citizen was bound to take his fair share of work for the benefit of his fellow-citizens; and in Stockport they had shown the true spirit which every prosperous town required from its sons. As to his work in London, he had had but one desire, to do his duty and to recognise the tolerant, generous spirit of the citizens who had elected him, a naturalised British subject, to the high position he now filled. For the last twenty-five years he had worked in every department of municipal life, and he would do so as long as he could continue to serve the country of his adoption.

After a few remarks from the Mayor of Stockport the proceedings terminated.

A special session of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was opened shortly after two o'clock in the Mechanics' Institute, Wellington-road-south. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, Judge Horatio Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by brethren high in the the Craft. The business before the Lodge was of little public interest, except that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in alluding to the Masonic programme of the day at the Technical Schools, referred to the ready disposition on the part of the Lord Mayor of London, himself a distinguished member of the Craft, to perform the ceremony which, unfortunately, the Prov. Grand Master was prevented from undertaking. On the conclusion of the business the brethren marched into Wellington-road in procession.

Upon the head of the Masonic part of the procession arriving at the site of the Technical School, after a parade through the centre of the town, the brethren divided to right and left, facing inwards, and so formed an avenue through which the Lord Mayor as acting Prov. Grand Master passed, being preceded by the Heralds, the P.G. Standard Bearer, and the P.G. Sword Bearer, and followed by a Past Master bearing the Ionic Light. The Grand Officers of England, the Deputy P.G. Master, and the P.G. Officers and Brethren then followed in succession from the rear, and thus inverted the order of procession. The arrival of the acting P.G. Master at the site was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and the procession then entered the enclosure. The officiating brethren took the positions assigned to them by the P.G. acting Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and deposited the vessels, &c., borne in the procession on pedestals placed for their reception.

The arrival of the Lord Mayor was the signal for a great outburst of cheering from the many thousands of people who were massed in front of the site, restrained within barricades. The ceremony began by the singing of the Old Hundredth Psalm, after which the Mayor read the letter from Lady Whitworth, to which we have already referred, and having invited his Lordship to lay the foundation-stone, handed him a silver trowel for that purpose, suitably inscribed.

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Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.D. then presented an address on behalf of the four Masonic Lodges of Stockport, and signed by Bros. W. Gleave W.M. 104, Geo. M'Clelland W.M. 287, David Higson W.M. 322, and James Breen W.M. 323. The main part of the address was as under:—

Freemasonry has ever been identified with objects and institutions tending to promote the well-being, happiness, and prosperity of the community at large. Believing, as we do, that the Stockport Technical School, commenced with such good and hopeful intentions, is eminently calculated to yield the most beneficent results, we feel sure that your Lordship and the members of the Craft who have assisted you in this interesting ceremonial will always look back with pride and satisfaction on the work that your Lordship has this day so kindly inaugurated.

The Lord Mayor, acknowledging the presentations, testified the pleasure he experienced in being present to lay the foundation-stone of a building which would be the cause of the greater prosperity of Stockport. Regarding the address so kindly given him by Colonel Wilkinson, he had the greatest faith in Masonry, and had been a member of the Craft for 28 years. The more he saw of Masonry, the more he was convinced that it was one of those bonds of union between men, and an institution that destroyed prejudice, an enemy of mankind. He heartily reciprocated the warm sentiments contained in both addresses. Proceeding, then, to inaugurate the ceremonial of the day, his Lordship spoke the following words to those assembled, in accordance with ancient usage:—Men, women, and children here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them, unimpaired, to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all, to assist in laying in ancient form the corner-stone of this building, which we pray the Great Architect to prosper, for the promotion of godliness, harmony, and Brotherly Love, until time shall be no more."

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., of St. Margaret's, Altrincham, the upper stone was raised, and a phial containing coins and records placed in the cavity by the Prov. G.T. Bro. Gibson P.G.Supt. Works fixed the plate in position, and the workmen then laid the cement on the upper face of the stone, this being followed by the acting Prov. Grand Master (the Lord Mayor) spreading the cement with the silver trowel which was prudently encased in a handkerchief. The stone was lowered into its position with three distinct stops, the following anthem being sung meanwhile by a choir consisting of Bros. Mark Stafford (Hyde) alto, W. Dumville and N. Dumville (Manchester) tenors, George Ball (Stockport) bass:—

When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending,
A stillness like death the scene reigned around;
There thousands of gazers in silence were bending,
Till rested the ponderous mass on the ground.
Then shouts filled the air, and joy was like madness,
The Founder alone weeping meekly apart;
Until from his lips burst flowing with gladness,
The wish that for ever might "Prosper the Art."

When the Temple had reared its magnificent crest,
And the wealth of the world embellished its walls;
The nations drew near from the East and the West,
Their homage to pay in its beautiful halls.
Then they paused at the porch with feelings delighted,
Bestowing fond looks ere they turned to depart;
As homeward they trod with voices united,
They joined in full chorus—"Prosper the Art!"

The Acting Provincial Grand Master afterwards adjusted the stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the setting maul, and the plumb rule, level, and square were each in turn presented to him for use. Having employed them, his lordship announced that he found the corner stone to be plumbed, levelled, and squared, and he declared it to have been duly prepared and properly laid. Three taps on the stone with the mallet by the Acting Provincial Grand Master practically completed the ceremony, and subsequently corn was strewn over the stone as an emblem of plenty, wine was poured across it as a token of joy and gladness, oil was placed upon it as a symbol of peace and unanimity, and salt was sprinkled over it in proof of hospitality and friendship. The Provincial Grand Chaplain recited a second prayer, and the ceremony was concluded by the Provincial Grand Treasurer putting money upon the stone for the refreshment of the Craftsmen.

Mr. Thomas Kay, Hon. Treasurer of the Technical School Committee, moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Provincial Grand Lodge for their attendance, to which his lordship made reply, promising that if they applied to him for aid on behalf of the new School they would never call upon him in vain.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. his Honour Horatio Lloyd, then presented to the Mayor, as a souvenir of the occasion, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the ebony mallet, mounted in silver, which the Lord Mayor had used for the ceremony. The Masonic version of the National Anthem followed, and the Freemasons, re-forming into procession, returned in reversed order to the Mechanics' Institute, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed down. Bros. Finch and Booth were the Directors of the Ceremonies, and the Committee who had charge of the Masonic arrangements for the day were,—Bros. Wilkinson 322 president, Gleave 104 vice president, Brady 322 treasurer, Brooks 323 secretary, Finch 104, Booth 104, Balfe 104, Bell 104, M'Clelland 287, Blakehurst 287, Taylor 287, Higson 322, Gould 322, Fleming 322, Breen 323, Slack 323, and Pritchard 323.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE official circular calling the annual meeting of this Lodge was issued Thursday, 6th September, by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S.B. England. The Lodge will be held under the presidency of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., in the Town Hall, Gateshead, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 2·30 p.m. The Charities Committee will meet at 12·45, and the Fund Committee at 1·30, at the same place. The banquet after the Lodge will be held in the Drill Hall, Bart Terrace, Hexham Road. It is about nine years since Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held at Gateshead, and in the interval the Craft has seen many changes. Two Provincial Grand Masters have passed away—the late Bro. John Fawcett, who was P.G.M. when the Provincial Lodge last met at Gateshead, and who, by the way, installed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master; and the late Marquess of Londonderry, K.P. Other conspicuous figures have also passed away from the Masonic Provincial Lodge—notably among these being the late Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.D. of C., and Bro. H. W. Crookes, of Sunderland, for some years Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Lodge at Gateshead—or at least the Senior Lodge, the Industry, No. 48—is the oldest in the province of Durham. Its warrant dates back over 150 years, to 24th June 1735; and it has a most interesting history, which was written briefly a few years ago by one of its distinguished Past Masters, Bro. R. B. Reed P.P.G. Treasurer. The old Lodge possesses a good roll of Past Masters, who rank high in the Craft, among those on the list being Bros. R. J. Banning, R. B. Reed, Dr. R. F. Cook, D. Sinclair, M. Corbitt, R. Whitfield, John Wood, J. G. Smith, John Moult, William Garbitt, Adamson Rhagg, and William Mark Pybus. The present W.M. is Bro. W. Dalrymple, and the I.P.M. Bro. E. Shewbrooks. Next to Gateshead in point of time comes the old Sunderland Lodges, the Phoenix (1755), the Palatine, formerly the Sea Captain's Lodge (1757), and the St. John's (1776). Under the banners of these centenarian Lodges have held sway many distinguished brethren, including the present Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., who was W.M. of the Palatine Lodge exactly 30 years ago; Bro. Benj. Levy, who was W.M. in 1857, and is still a most excellent worker; and only last week there died Bro. G. S. Ranson, of Sunderland, who was Master of the Palatine Lodge in 1850. Among other notable brethren who still flourish, whose record goes far back, are Bro. Ald. Potts, Bro. M. Douglas, Bro. Dr. Welford, Sunderland; Bro. G. J. Wilson, who was W.M. of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington in 1835, over half a century ago; Bro. Rev. John Cundill of the Lambton Lodge, for many years Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Jos. Dodds, M.P. Stockton, who was W.M. of the Tees Lodge in 1855; while connected with the Marquis of Granby Lodge, Durham, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. P.G.M. South Wales; Bro. G. W. Elliot, M.P. and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, are joining Past Masters. Bro. Robt. Hudson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, has a long and honourable record of service in connection with Durham province, and has been attached during a long period to the Palatine, Williamson, Fenwick, and Londonderry Lodges, Sunderland, of the latter of which he was the first W.M. Last year, on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting in London, he was created a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. Some years having elapsed since the last Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Gateshead, and many Masonic changes having occurred in the interval, the meeting will be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by the brethren of the Province, and no doubt by many connected with the Province of Northumberland, whose interest and sympathy run together with those of the neighbouring province.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

A MEETING was held under the banner of the Masefield Lodge, No. 2,034, at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, on the 12th instant. The Masefield Lodge was duly opened at noon. It was then "called off," and at half-past twelve o'clock, with Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. in the chair, Lady Lechmere and a number of ladies were introduced by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. The brethren present included Bros. Bloomer, H. Wilson, D. Fitzgerald, W. H. Westwood, W. B. Williamson, D. S. Smith, the Revs. A. B. Turnbull W. J. Down, A. Green, J. Joseland, G. Taylor, F. G. Russell, J. Foley, W. E. Walker and T. R. Arter. The visitors present included Bros. J. T. Collings D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, E. Warrall P.G.W. Warwickshire, Colonel Gough Acting P.G.M. Staffordshire, J. Bodenham P.G. Treasurer Staffordshire. Lady Lechmere, at the close of a thoroughly Masonic speech, presented to the Province two magnificent banners. On behalf of the Province, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere duly acknowledged the gifts. The ladies, together with the Provincial Grand Lodge then retired. Subsequently the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers were announced and received with the customary honours. The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and the Officers duly appointed. Stourbridge was selected for the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The members of the Lodge formed in line outside the Institute, and headed by two Officers of the Worcestershire constabulary marched in procession to the Parish Church, Moseley. About 120 brethren joined in the procession. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Down P.G.A.C., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Knight Law P.G.C. Bro. F. H. Bell P.M. presided at the organ, and played the "March of the Priests" (Mozart) as the introductory voluntary. The Old Hundredth was sung as the processional hymn. The ordinary form of the evening service was used, and the anthem "Stand up and bless the Lord" was admirably rendered by the choir. At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the parish schools of Moseley and Balsall Heath. The members afterwards proceeded to the Institute, where a banquet took place.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., Henry Maudslay P.G.D., A. H. Tattershall, J. Newton, James Brett P.G.P., Henry Garrod, W. Belchamber, W. B. Daniell, E. West, Herbert J. Adams G.S.B., William Smith, W. H. Perryman, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., W. Hilton, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Charles J. Perceval, J. J. Berry, B. J. Blasby, and James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a widow annuitant and also of a widow receiving half her late husband's annuity. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and the applications from the widows of two recently deceased male annuitants to be allowed the half of their late husband's annuities were granted. The Secretary read certain letters relating to the purchase of land in front of the Institution, over which it has enjoyed a right of way, and also as to the surrender of the lease of the adjoining meadow, which the Institution has rented for some years past; and it was resolved that the offer be accepted, that notice be given to the sub-tenant determining his lease of the meadow, and that the matter be left in the hands of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to carry out. Six petitions were then taken into consideration (three male and three female), those of the three male and two widow petitioners being accepted, and the remaining widow's petition deferred. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A CARD.—An Important Discovery is announced in the "Paris

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I take the earliest opportunity afforded me of replying to the letters of Bro. Binckes (for so I am entitled to call him), G. N. W., and an "Old Pupil of the Boys' School." On reading the first and last of those letters I was much pained to observe that both writers indirectly accuse me of ingratitude. Of that heinous sin, I know no one of my many friends among the Craft who will not instantly acquit me. Truth is that I know of no boy who had more cause for gratitude to Freemasonry than myself. Perhaps the most beautiful bit of English prose is De Quincey's "Levana and Our Ladies of Sorrow." I constantly read it, and never do so without comparing what "Levana" does for her children with what Freemasonry has done for me.

Unlike an "Old Pupil" I entered business on leaving the Institution seven years ago, without the doubtful advantage of going to a finishing school—which I could not afford. I have found that the education I received at Wood Green has thoroughly fitted me to consider myself the equal, in intelligence, of the average professional man. No fault whatever can be found with the educational results of the Institution. Probably in no school in the kingdom are the pupils better grounded in that most important of studies—their own language; and that they owe to the head master, Dr. Morris, than whom "English" has not a better interpreter. Him—at parting with whom my eyes were not quite dry—I always remember with reverence, affection, and gratitude, for the many acts of kindness of which, with others, I was the object.

I must now confess to two mistakes I made in my last letter. The less important one was that I made an incontinent use of the word *gentleman*, and its attributes. I should have used a better word to express my meaning, but could not find one, nor can I now. To substitute *manliness* for *gentlemanliness* will, at any rate, do no harm, as it is that quality I desire to see fostered in our School.

My second error was in allowing a reader so to construe my words as to infer that I stated facts. My intention was very different. I wished only to convey that I stated something which was, *in my opinion*, a fact.

Bro. Binckes's letter proves him to be a moderately accomplished rhetorician—nothing more. I made no attack upon the governing body of the School, but merely suggested as a subject for inquiry a matter which is certainly not unimportant. The suggestion is at once met with a defence *in personâ*.

My letter has achieved its object, which was to call attention to what I considered to be a fact, namely, that in our Institution there is lacking a system of training which fits the boys to be in the future good Freemasons.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

An Old Masonic Boy.

A SUGGESTION.—ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—A few days ago I was talking with a friend over the merits of our magnificent Boys' School, and how to increase the income and benefits, when he suggested that a *limited* number of *paying* pupils should be admitted to the Institution,

I know many of our brethren would gladly pay, say fifty guineas, for their boys to have the advantages of the excellent training and teaching to be obtained under the efficient Head Master.

In order to make room for such, arrangements might be made to board out, in their own localities, those boys who, were their parents living, would be educated at Board or National Schools, or their mothers might receive such assistance as would maintain them in their own homes.

This would have a double advantage, as I am told many boys are really taken out of the position in which God has placed them, and perhaps are liable to look down on their mothers, who have not had the advantages they possess.

With hearty good wishes for the continued success of the Institution, which has grown so remarkably, owing to the able and indefatigable exertions of the worthy Secretary,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A Life Governor.

MARK MASONRY.

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BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 67.

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Bro. J. Gibb Smith P.M. presided on the 30th ult., at a meeting

TWO PRICELESS PICTURES.

An Extract from an Oration by Bro. Chauncey M. Depew, at the Thirteenth Anniversary of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A.M., New York, 4th April, 1888.

"Captain Kane saw, in the Northern sky, the Masonic sign of distress."

LODGES of Masonry select their names from characters in Sacred Writ; from distinguished Masons of the present or of the past, or from localities; but the most difficult thing in this world for a great ship, a Lodge, or a girl, is to give the proper name; one which not only describes and separates the object or the person from all other things of the kind, but which shall in itself be a poem, a history, and a description. The other Lodges have designations of a character which are cold and expressionless beside the warm, heroic, and perpetual immortality which is symbolized in the name of Kane.

We as a people are young, have little of ancestry, and nothing of antiquities; we are too apt to think that the present is everything and the past is nothing; we believe in the philosophy expressed so beautifully by the Poet Laureate, when he said:

"Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay."

But what he meant was a comparison of the dead civilizations of the East with the living, growing, developing life of Europe and America. And yet, as you go over the Old World, the shrines which attract visitors are those which are hallowed by the ages and by the memory of great events and mighty deeds. There would be little of inspiration and instruction in America, except for the glorious recollections of the Revolution and its heroes; of the great men who brought about the independence of the country, who formulated the Constitution which has stood the test of all trials, and who, under all conditions, in the Senate, on the field and on the wave, have upheld the honour of the American name, protected American nationality, and given us precepts and examples equal to the best traditions of antiquity.

But while we have, as a nation, little that is old, there is in this country one organisation whose vigour has outlived all nationalities and dynasties, which here is architecturally and distinctively American, and yet is as old as anything in the world; an institution whose greatness is due not only to the merits which recommend it to its members, but to that glorious life running back to the dawn of time, which, coming down along the centuries, has accumulated in each one of them a grand body of treasure, in virtue, genius, patriotism, love and friendship—in all that makes life worth the living; I mean the Masonry of America.

It is an extraordinary tribute to American Masonry, that fifty-two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence out of the fifty-five, could have formed a Lodge; and all of the Major-Generals in the Army of the Revolution were bound by the mystic tie. One was expelled from the Order, but his infamy and its punishment have given more brilliant and permanent fame to the virtues of the rest. The unknown grave, and the execrated memory of Benedict Arnold serve by contrast to exalt to nobler and grander heights the pure Masonic patriotism of George Washington.

It appears from the records of King Solomon's Lodge, of Ploughkeepsie, that from 1771 Benedict Arnold was a frequent visitor. In 1781 is found this remarkable entry: "Ordered, that the name of Benedict Arnold be considered as obliterated from the minutes of this Lodge, a traitor." There is no more interesting relic in the archives of our Order than this mutilated record.

There have been many famous assemblages which have formed the theme for the orator and the inspiration of the artist. Upon their deliberations have depended the fate of nations and the welfare of peoples. Many of the most interesting pages of history recount the story of these parliaments, conventions, and popular assemblies. But none of them have left such lasting and vital forces at work through all succeeding centuries as the unrecorded and unheralded meeting of the Architects and Master Workmen of King Solomon's Temple, who founded Masonry. What a picturesque gathering, and how infinitely better than they knew did they build! The best constructive talent of the age had been secured for this sacred work. They represented all the creeds and faiths of the time. The followers of the Assyrian Baal, of the Tyrian Aphrodite, of the Chaldean Moloch, and of the Grecian Jupiter, had come to join their Hebrew craftsmen in building a Temple to the ever-living God. Mutual interests naturally led them to organize a guild, and in their grips, signs, and pass-words, these men of many tongues found a common language. As they better knew the great work in which they were engaged, they became of one faith, and their souls were in harmony with the spirit of the place. They separated to carry back to their homes the Order they had formed, and the religion to which they had been converted. They prepared the soil in Gentile lands for the New Dispensation. When Paul the Apostle, who was close to Masonry, if not one of the Craft, spoke to the philosophers of Athens, he not only astonished them with a learning and subtlety equal to their own, but finding there an altar erected to the unknown God, possibly by the builders of the Temple on the Acropolis as a silent protest, he revealed its significance and irraditated the schools of Socrates and Plato with their first knowledge of the truth.

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MOCK MNEMONICS.

IN the dark or middle ages men spent their lives and fortunes in vain pursuit of the philosopher's stone which would turn all baser metals into gold, or the elixir of life which would restore crabbed old age to youth. In this era of science and advancement men are prone to look upon these foolish pastimes with disdain, although they laid the foundation of our present chemistry, which can justly be called the mother of invention. But when we come to consider our own case, a certain amount of doubt arises whether with all our wisdom some future generation may not compare many of our vain pursuits with those of the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life.

The latest fad in this direction is the memory cure. In this fast age it is necessary that a man should be possessed of an A1 memory, and it is not strange therefore that many schemes have been devised whereby the memory may be improved. Occasionally a man can be met with who professes to be able to furnish new and complete memories, warranted to wash and not sag at the ends, for the small sum of 5 dols., and other people can be found who are willing to put up the soutage for the patent right on this new and improved article, only to find themselves duped. Recently was arrested Professor Frederick H. Wood, a memory improver of this sort, at the Humber. Wood is a young married man of about twenty-eight, well educated, and of very pleasing address. He has visited and victimized almost every city and town in America. Last winter Ontario was his stamping ground, and he victimized a number of young ladies, colleges and other institutions with his memory lessons. At Whitby he narrowly escaped being mobbed, and at Cobourg a warrant was issued for his arrest, but he skipped, and latterly has confined his operations to Detroit. He professes to be a D.D., M.D., and F.L.S. of Trinity College, Dublin; also a member of the Masonic Lodge 758, Runcorn, England. In his pocket was found the following circular:—

THE MEMORY AND HOW TO IMPROVE IT.

Professor Fred. H. Wood, F.L.S. (lecturer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland), has pleasure in submitting a brief prospectus of this system of memory culture, by the aid of which the necessity of repetition in committing any subject to memory is dispensed with. Having successfully introduced his system in the colleges of Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States; Glasgow University; Methodist College, Manchester; Trinity College, Dublin; St. Arden's Methodist College, Manchester; Trinity College, Dublin; St. Arden's Theological College, near Liverpool; Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa.; McMaster College, Toronto; Victoria University, Canada, &c.; he has undertaken a course of lecture lessons in this country. It is not necessary that personal instruction be given, as the lessons can be taken by correspondence with equal facility.

To collegians in divinity, medicine, or literature the system is invaluable, nor is it less valuable to senators, statisticians, lawyers, and all public speakers. It enables them to commit to memory the most intricate figures and data. Figures, the most difficult of all subjects to remember, cannot be forgotten after once reading. Foreign languages learned at the rate of from 80 to 100 words per hour. Lectures, sermons, &c., fixed in the mind by once reading. The genders of 14,568 French nouns learned in ten minutes. The system is applicable to all branches of business, literature, science, and language, which can be mastered with ease by the young and old without any mental strain, the complete system being learned in three lessons. Proficiency is guaranteed. No oath of secrecy required. The system is based upon purely psychological principles, and is entirely opposed to the ancient and useless systems of mnemonics. It is arranged in the simplest possible way to enable those having only an average education to master it with ease, and reap the great benefits of a good memory. Terms for a complete course of three lessons, 5 dollars. Address Professor Wood, F.L.S., 33 22nd street, Detroit, Mich.

A special notice on the back of the circular states that the memory system can be had in book form for the small sum of one dollar. Wood has been selecting Masons as his peculiar prey, and strange to say, in his pocket was found a letter exposing him as a swindler and a fraud. The letter referred to an exposure of his ways that was published in the *Keystone*, and contained a copy of a letter to the same effect from Bro. G. Moss P.M. and Secretary of Lodge 758, Runcorn, England, to F. J. Bradshaw, 1120 Holland-street, Erie, Pa. In his pocket also was a recommendation signed by a number of leading members of the craft in Detroit asking Masons to patronize him.—*Toronto Mail.*

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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, 15th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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.

MONDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

12—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Porchester Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 2 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Ho , Victo Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Fi ury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1583—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwel Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Bickham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
418—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Yarborough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, 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 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.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
854—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Chilton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
859—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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)
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)
[illegible]ley, 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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
453—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
96[illegible]—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullon, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bolton
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 160 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, Wilesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
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. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct.)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1360—Roy l Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
162[illegible]—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
168[illegible]—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2306—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 2a[illegible]hitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—[illegible]el Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—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
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockman Lwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Peckham
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Oswestry
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
582—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Eglesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Rodwell, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract

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nor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
d Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
gustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
ty, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
Mason's Hall, Driffield, Yorks
, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
ad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
s, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
ose, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
f Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
y and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
be, Town Hall, High Wycombe
dra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
e, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
rigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
'alley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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ortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
ity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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vonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
rmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
yal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
rtescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
riory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
ernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

nittee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
an, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
an, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Inst. uction)
e, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
ry, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
n, 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., Pother the New Rd. (In)
rn Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
t Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
n, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
matic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
ell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
n, White Hart, Clapton
f Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
naught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
d, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
gh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
erton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
t Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
gar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
n, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
lers, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
e Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
n, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
n, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
ate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
f Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
estbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
nce Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
uke of Connaught, Paversick, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
rd, High-street, Arundel
rtin, Town Hall, Burslem
Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
t Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
ny, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastingden
ar, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
on, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
erance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
y and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
one Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
Sun Hotel, Hitchin
ers, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
f Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
ny, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
rmore, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
Masonic Hall, Morpeth
n, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
ond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
or, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
er, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
f Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Masonic Hall, Battle
ke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
eath, Green Man, Blackheath
Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
n, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
nion Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
arne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
es, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
ns, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
ledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
35—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
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)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1647—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 63C—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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MASONIC DAMPERS.

THE popular idea of the present day seems to be to imagine that every one and each thing around us is quite different to what was known in the time of our forefathers—that period which so many writers love to describe as the "good old times." It is true that in many respects there have been great and radical changes, and no doubt the present generation presents many differences when compared with their ancestors of even a hundred years ago, but on the other hand there are many points of similarity, and we doubt if there is nearly so much distinction between the two periods as is generally supposed. It is very certain to our mind that the sect of the "Dampers"—both Masonically and generally—is much the same now as it was then, and in support of this dictum we shall quote from the pages of a work which has recently come under our notice, and which is upwards of a hundred years old. Therein we find a description of the "Sect of the Dampers," and were it not for the fact that the title of the book bears the date 1787, while there are other unmistakable signs of its age, we should hardly believe we were not reading a description of modern principles and practices. It is very certain that in the work of "damping," at least, the world is very much the same to-day as it was then, and from the opening remarks of the writer referred to, and the evidence he adduces in his essay, it was much the same long before his time. It is true our author does not make any particular reference in his work, so far as we have discovered, to the peculiar system and tenets of Freemasonry, but much of what he says is so applicable to the disciples of the Order as to convince us that at heart he possessed many of the qualifications necessary for a good Mason. His remarks on this subject of "damping" are so good that we shall extract at length from them, and we hope that in doing so we may be the means of removing a little of that superfluous dampness which pervades Freemasonry at times, as it does all other earthly organizations.

There is a pretty numerous sect of philosophers in this kingdom, writes the authority already mentioned, whom I cannot describe by any apter denomination than that of *Dampers*. They are to be known in society by a sudden damp which they are sure to cause upon all companies where they enter. The human heart that comes within their atmosphere never fails to be chilled; and the quickest sense of feeling is as effectually benumbed as the touch is with the torpedo. As this sect is of very ancient standing in the world, and has been taken notice of by several heathen writers, I have sometimes thought that it might originate in the school of Thales, who held water to be the first principle of all things. If I were certain that this ancient philosopher always administered his water cold to his disciples I should incline to think the present sect of Dampers was really a branch from the Thalesian root, for it is certain they make great use of his first principle in the philosophy they practise.

It is not necessary to look far around us to find instances of the Masonic Damper, and we think it would be difficult to give a better definition of the Sect than to say that they throw a dampness upon all companies where they enter. Their business in society seems to be to check the flights and sallies of those volatile beings who are subject to be carried away by imagination and fancy, or, in other words, to act as a counterpoise against genius. Of the vices of mankind they take little notice, but they are at great pains to correct vanity. They have various receipts for curing this evil; the ordinary method being to keep stern silence and an unmoved countenance in companies which are disposed to be cheerful.

The Masonic Damper will sit in Lodge and give unmistakable evidence of his utter indifference to all that is going on around him. He will appear to know far better than the Worshipful Master or others engaged in a ceremony, and his looks will evidence the contempt he feels towards them for the way in which they are working. At the banquet he maintains the same rigid indifference, and it often happens that his peculiar tactics stop or materially check the festivities around him. Even at the period to which we have already referred—upwards of a hundred years ago—this section of the Dampers were distinguished by their cold water tendencies, and at the present time it is safe to say that the most ardent members of the sect are those who in their great love for water strive to prevent others enjoying anything else. We have never been opposed to those who drink nothing but water, so long as they keep their peculiar taste to themselves, but when a disciple of the so-called Temperance cause presses on all around him the wickedness of indulging in stronger drinks, he becomes a nuisance, as much so as would be the case if an habitual tippler urged on his hearers the benefits of following his example. Freemasonry teaches us the benefits of Temperance in all things, but in this respect we do not consider that Temperance implies total abstention, that is as much an excess as the opposite extreme, and in many cases its practice gives proof of weakness; the total abstainer being afraid to indulge temperately, lest he should take too much. These remarks do not of course apply in every case. There are some who choose to lay down certain laws for themselves, but who take good care that they shall not cause discomfort or annoyance to their friends, who, unless they are very observant, would fail to notice anything unusual. Happily this class is in the ascendant, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, and it is only on rare occasions we come across one who makes himself a nuisance, or deserves the name of Damper.

Continuing the subject, we are told that if the Damper looks morose everybody wonders what the

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moody gentleman is displeased with, and each in his turn suspects himself as the cause; if the Damper looks wise, all are expecting when the dumb oracle will utter, and in the meantime his silence infects the whole circle; if a shrug of the shoulders or a shake of the head is judiciously thrown in when any talkative fellow raises a laugh, it is all but certain he will not open his lips again that evening, and thus the desire of the Damper seems to be gratified; with the same object he will ask at the end of a story if that is all? or where lies the point of the joke? or make some senseless inquiry, which at once removes the charm of a well-told tale. All these and many more peculiar characteristics of the Damper are to be met with within the portals of Freemasonry, but, as we have said, it is fortunate that the sect, so far as it affects our Order, is not very numerous, otherwise it would not be possible for the members of the Craft to secure as much enjoyment from its practices as they now do. If perchance these remarks should come under the notice of any who are troubled with a desire to cause a dampness around them, or who aspire to membership of the peculiar sect here referred to, we would ask them to pause before they again put their tactics into practice, and ask themselves the question if it is not better to abandon their peculiar principles, even though they may be older than Freemasonry itself, and adopt the more Masonic formula of being happy and striving to communicate happiness.

TWO PRICELESS PICTURES.

An Extract from an Oration by Bro. Chauncey M. Depew, at the Thirtieth Anniversary of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A.M., New York, 4th April 1888.

(Continued from page 171.)

All of you who have been to Europe have stood in those grand cathedrals in England and on the continent. We have nothing like them in our time, and the liberality and genius of our period do not seem equal to the construction of their types. We have been for years, in New York, with all the wealth there is in this city, and all its ambition and piety, tying to build a cathedral which should rank with those which have come down to us from the Dark Ages, and we are no nearer to it than we were fifty years ago. You wonder who designed and erected these grand edifices, because they symbolize in stone the piety of the times and the aspirations and immortality of the human soul. There is nothing so impressive in the world as these old cathedrals, whose architects and builders are unknown, and yet you can see that while they were constructed in an age which had no architects whose names survive, their builders must have been men of both faith and culture, and it is for us to claim that their creeds and skill have been transmitted down the lines and in the chapters of both Speculative and Operative Masonry.

In all ages of the world, the one thing beyond others which has lifted man above the earthly, and freed him from the weight of the grossest materialism, has been hero worship, and it has been the fruitful creator of heroes. The noble stories which fire the orator, inspire the poet, illumine the pages of history, and make the themes for the painter and sculptor, are warriors and their triumphs. But the knights who, trained to arms, believed that for their prowess was the laurel crown, the smile of beauty, the princely title, or the great estate, charged, and fought and dared for grand prizes. The soldier rushing into the imminent deadly breach has before him glory, promotion, fame, and the gratitude of posterity, and these inspire him. But Captain Kane went to the Arctic Ocean to brave perils the crusader never met; to endure hardships the soldier never faced; to sustain, by patience and heroic endurance, trials such as never came before to those who have been the advance guard in the great struggles of humanity. What was his incentive? There was the unknown and frigid North; there the icy barriers which had never been overcome; there the prospect of suffering and without glory; there the almost certainty of death. What lured him on; what impelled him forward? It was simply that a brother Mason of an alien nation and foreign land had gone to the North Pole for the purpose of scientific research, and, imprisoned by the ice, had not returned nor been heard from; civilization regarded him lost; but Captain Kane saw in the Northern sky, and in the aurora borealis, the Masonic sign of distress; he heard in the Northern gale the Masonic cry for help, and he said "I will go to his rescue." That expedition, with all its achievements and heroic surroundings, was a Masonic crusade set forth in the sublimest spirit of the Order of Friendship, and of Faith, Hope, and Charity, to rescue a brother from the gravest peril.

This anniversary suggests two pictures of priceless value to humanity. Captain Kane's ship was shut in the ice. The Arctic night, the fearful cold, and the hopeless desolation all around had broken the spirits of the crew. Part of the company despaired of ever seeing friends or home again, and Kane said, "I shall remain here one year more to prosecute the search; those whose hearts fail them may go southward and see if they can find the open sea and the opportunity to return." Half said, "We will go." He gave them part of all he had which supports life in that most inhospitable clime. They disappeared in the snow and sleet, marching for home. They lost their way; weeks elapsed and the survivors came back, weak, broken in health, and helpless, and the hero received them as brothers, forgave them, divided with them again his stores and nursed them back to life.

Our hero lay in the little cabin, sick. He had become so enfeebled that he weighed less than a hundred pounds. His companions expected every day that death would claim their frail commander. But he was an extraordinary example of the triumph of mind over matter. His dauntless spirit conquered his physical weakness. An expedition had been sent out to find the open Polar Sea. Suddenly and unexpectedly two of them appeared before the astonished captain. "Why are you here?—Where are the rest?" were questions quickly put. The wanderers' story was soon told. A storm, unprecedented even for that region, had overtaken the party. The thermometer fell to fifty degrees below zero, and all of them had succumbed but these two messengers. "Where did you leave the others?" said Captain Kane. "Fifty miles north, and buried in the snow." "Then," said he, "a rescuing expedition must start at once, and I will lead it." There could be no laggards in the presence of such a leader. When men's lives were to be saved, his heroic soul, overcoming the limitations of disease, seemed to inspire his frail body with supernatural strength. With an enthusiasm which was contagious, and with resistless purpose, he marched at the head of the stalwart crew over mountains of ice and through sleet and snow, until they came in sight of a little American flag floating over a drift. As they dug down they found a Masonic banner, and beneath that lay their companions benumbed with the cold and welcoming death. They were taken out, revived and inspirited with hopeful words and good cheer, placed upon the sleds, carried safely to the ship, and with tenderest care brought again to strength and usefulness. The dangers faced and the difficulties overcome in this immortal rescue under the emblem of our Order, form one of the noblest recorded illustrations of unselfish heroism and the devotion of Masonic brothers to the principles and practices of their faith.

In the trophy room at Windsor Castle are the captured banners and standards which mark the world-wide conquests of England and the glories of her sovereigns and generals. But the most famous of them are not more worthy of preservation than the National and Masonic flags of the Kane expedition which adorn the walls of our Lodge. Of that expedition we have with us two survivors. One is our friend Captain Wilson, the companion of the gallant Kane, and the other is the fair Augusta. The fair Augusta was the figure-head of Kane's ship, and with a devotion to the noble hero worthy of all praise, and exhibiting what the sex can do, she kept her position in ceaseless battles with the surging ice until she lost her nose, and no woman could be expected to head an expedition after her nose was gone. But the despairing look she gave to the departing men whose vessel she had led through all storms until it was frozen and abandoned was such that they broke her away from her surroundings and brought her back to civilisation, and Kane Lodge keeps her as its presiding angel. She knows all our secrets and never has given one away. She is not pretty but she is good.

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And now, ladies and gentlemen, thirty years have passed since this Lodge was born. It has become one of the strongest Lodges of the Order in the United States, or in the world. There is a peculiar warmth to the mottoes of Friendship, of Faith, Hope and Charity in Kane, through the perpetual presence of the spirit of him after whom it was named. He seems to have belonged to the distant past, and yet if he had lived he would have been only sixty-eight years of age. We, in celebrating our thirtieth anniversary commemorate also his sixty-eighth year. Byron died at thirty-six, and it was said his genius had dried up. Kane died at thirty-seven, and his genius outlived the miserable frame in which it was encased, and his soul, which survived Arctic winters, heroic battles for his country against a foreign foe, and physical infirmities such as few men contend with, bursting the bonds of earth, and soaring to heaven, where God has welcomed it, hovers to-night over this gathering, giving us a Masonic blessing and a brother's grasp.

SQUABBLES AMONG SCOTCH RITERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WE have, or recently had, no less than seven Scotch Rite concerns in the United States, and each of these claimed to be the only legitimate body of that Rite. Thus we have "the Southern Jurisdiction," which is ruled by the world renowned Bro. Albert Pike. Louisiana, however, which belongs to Bro. Pike's dominions, refuses to acknowledge his legitimacy and supremacy. We have also the "Northern Jurisdiction," within the claimed limits whereof are two Cerneau Councils, and a De La Granje Council; and each of the last named three Councils claim jurisdiction "all over the United States of America;" and we have also two independent and antagonistic Supreme Coloured Councils; and the following spicy document, issued by one of the coloured Scotch Rite sovereigns, will give the reader a faint idea of the state of things among our American Scotch Riters.

FEATHER MASONS.

Scottish Rite Masonry Among Coloured Men in Philadelphia.

By Feather Masons, or Feather Masonry, we mean that kind of Masonry which has nothing for its foundation, save assumption—with feathers, double headed eagles, gilt lace, and other outward symbols of the Order to distinguish them.

Such is the condition of the Coloured Scottish Rite Masons of Philadelphia, as represented by Rev. Moses Wheeler, Wm. H. Miller, Joshua D. Kelley, Geo. W. Roper, H. H. Gilbert, Wm. F. Powell, and others.

The Masonry of these gentlemen is founded upon a fraudulent document, purporting to have been issued by the Grand Orient of France, through one of its deputies, one Larine, and others, whose names are written upon it as Officers of the Grand Orient, having never been officers of that body, nor of any other body of Scottish Rite Masons. The Grand Orient wrote in reply to an inquiry from Dr. P. W. Ray, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the *only* legitimate body of Scottish Rite Masons among coloured men in the United States, that their body had not issued the document in question, nor had they delegated such authority to either of the persons named. If the Philadelphia Masons can only be prevailed upon to exhibit the "Leary" document to any intelligent Mason or Masons these facts can be readily proven by all who will take the pains to inquire.

Now, it is true that these brethren have had made known to them the character of the document possessed by the late David Leary, and upon which their pretensions to the Scottish Rite degrees are founded; yet it appears that they have the effrontery to perpetuate their fraudulent institution by pretending to confer the Scottish Rite degrees upon coloured men in various parts of the country, and we are informed that they are getting ready to sow the seed broadcast during the coming Masonic Centennial celebration in their city in September.

It is our aim to prevent this imposition upon intelligent coloured Masons, that they may not lend the weight of their good names and offices to the perpetuation of a fraud, a body claiming to be Masons of the Thirty-third Degree, whose only right to be considered Scottish Rite Masons lies entirely in the fact that they brazenly wear the feathers, swords, lace, and other outward distinguishing marks prescribed for the Order.

Is it a fact that the eagerness of coloured men to wear gilt lace, feathers and double headed eagles is so great that they are willing to assume them even at the hands of those who have never had the slightest reason or right to confer the degrees which entitle one to wear them? We hope not.

The only legitimate body of Scottish Rite Masons of the Thirty-third Degree among coloured men in the United States is that body established by the illustrious Baron A. Hugo De Bulow, Thirty-third Degree, an active member of the Supreme Council of France, who established the Supreme Council for the United States of America and the territories and dependencies thereof in 1864, with its Grand East at the city of New York, and at present presided over by the illustrious Peter W. Wray, Thirty-third Degree, M.D., of Brooklyn, N.Y., Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

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The *Sunday Mercury*, New York, 28th July 1888, contains a continuation of a series of papers headed "Memories of the Metropolis," by William Cauldwell. The *fourth chapter* of the *ninth part* throws some light on the early history or origin of Scotch Riticism in the city of New York, and I shall therefore give it in full. It is headed as follows:—The Way in which the Two New York Politicians Worked as the Masons. How William H. Mulligan captured the Triple Alliance, and how Dicky Riker tried to euchre them with a Sublime Grand Lodge, which got the best of the game, and why? Then it goes on thus:—

"Everybody knows that in the good old times politicians tried to make capital by opposing the Masonic Fraternity—getting up an anti-Masonic excitement, a propos of the real or pretended murder of Morgan—but everybody has probably forgotten that at first the politicians tried to make political capital by puffing and by joining this same Masonic Order. It was, in fact, only after they found they could not control the Order that the politicians tried to crush it.

"Some of the early refugees from San Domingo, who settled in New York, founded a Masonic Lodge in this city, which swelled into large numbers and great popularity. Among the founders of this Lodge was Joseph Cerneau. He was a watchmaker and jeweller, and opened a store in William-street. He did not make much money, but he did make many friends, and instituted a Masonic Chapter called 'The Triple Alliance,' which attracted wide-spread attention among the Craft. It was composed originally of Frenchmen, or rather French speaking New Yorkers, so that its numbers were limited, being chiefly fellow countrymen of Cerneau.

"But the Frenchmen talked so much about this new 'Triple Alliance,' and plumed themselves so highly on the degrees conferred by it, and the honour it was to belong to it, that the native born New York Masons got their backs up and got huffed because they did not belong to it. The American does not feel satisfied with taking a back seat in any thing, not even in Masonry, and he is particularly anxious to get the highest degree in every thing, from base ball up.

"Besides, there had already been started in Albany an association with the modest title of 'The Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection,' and consequently no New York Mason was willing to let Albany get ahead of him. Therefore, ere long a determined effort was organized by the New York Masons to get into the (Cerneau) 'Triple Alliance,' and of course they succeeded. At first the new members tried to talk French, or to pretend that they were Frenchmen, but of course this racket was soon found out; so this humbug was dropped, and the 'Triple Alliance' soon became divided into a French and an American contingent.

"And, as often happens, to use one of Dundreary's similies, 'the tail wagged the dog,' the American contingent became numerically larger than the French, and so gradually overshadowed it and froze it out. As a last resort the Frenchmen tried to talk out the Americans, but the Americans can gab, brag, eat, drink and fight against the world. So the Frenchmen shrugged their shoulders and subsided.

"And ere long this Americanized Lodge or Order was taken possession of by that ubiquitous individual who sooner or later takes possession of everything and everybody in New York, viz.: *The politician*. He swooped down upon 'The Triple Alliance,' and captured it. The politician's name in this case was Mulligan, and he was acting in the interest of Clinton, the Governor of the State. 'The Triple Alliance' proved quite an effective political medium, especially as Mulligan would not give the original Frenchmen in it any show in their own Order, but coolly coming to the front, ran the 'T. A.' to suit Clinton and himself. Mulligan may not have been much of a Mason, but there was such an amount of cheek about his style of procedure that he ought to have gone up to the head of the Fraternity; but of course this sort of thing was too good for Mulligan to be allowed to have it all to himself. He had a political opponent, who hated Mulligan,

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almost as much as he did Clinton, and who had a nice little boom that he wanted to get up for himself. His (the opponent's) name was Richard Riker, 'Dicky Riker' everybody called him, and a good fellow he was too, and a smart one also.

"Well! Riker, who was then Attorney General of New York State, determined to get up his own Masonic Lodge or Order, so he started a species of Mason factory. He got hold of a Hebrew schoolmaster in New York, viz., Abraham Jacobs, who was up in Masonry, and induced him to start a 'Sublime Grand Lodge,' composed of any number of old Tammany Hall politicians, who knew as much about Masonry as they did about astronomy, but who were for Tammany, Dicky Riker, and themselves every time.

"Riker thought that by this 'Sublime Grand Lodge' he had *euchered* Mulligan and his 'Triple Alliance,'* but he did not, for Mulligan played one trump card that completely wound Riker up. He came out with a manifesto to Masons, in which he showed what happened just by his dumb luck to be really true—that Jacobs, the Hebrew Mason, whom Riker had got to start his Lodge, did not stand as high in the Order as Cerneau, the French Mason, who had started the concern which Mulligan had captured. He also showed that Cerneau had a right to start a Lodge, while Jacobs, according to Masonic usage, had not. In short, Mulligan showed that from a Masonic standpoint of view Riker's concern was bogus, while his own was genuine. And, as of course, the political depended for its success on the Masonic—when the latter was dropped out the former fell through. So Dick Riker's Sublime Grand Lodge and Tammany Hall got a black eye, while Mulligan and Clinton held on to the 'Triple Alliance,' which served to hold them up."

I have already said that each Scotch Rite faction claimed pure and unadulterated legitimacy, while it condemned its opponents as bogus, illegitimate, &c. Now, I know not whether Jacobs was a Thirty-thirder when he started his concern in New York, but on the other hand Cerneau's legitimacy was also denied. Thus I find in document 17 in Folger's History of the Scotch Rite, dated September 1813, that Emanuel De La Motta, a Charleston High Degree luminary, after a preamble in the usual Scotch Rite style, goes on to say—

"Be it known and remembered, therefore, that by and in virtue of my high power, rights and prerogatives as a lawful Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree in the United States of America, I do hereby publish and declare to the whole world, as well as in my own name, and * * * * at the special request of my Supreme Council in Charleston, South Carolina, the aforesaid Joseph Cerneau * * * as an impostor of the first magnitude, &c.

In short, De La Motta was positive that Cerneau was not a thirty-third *at all*. Bro. Albert Pike is ready to swear up and down to the truth of Da La Motta's opinion, and even Bro. Daniel Sickles &c., who was originally thirty-*thirded* in a Cerneau concern in New York, frankly admitted to the above opinion. But on the other hand the Cerneauites also swear up and down that De La Motta was an impostor, and that Pike is illegitimate and bogus. Indeed, they even assert that Pike himself does not know *when* he was sublimed into a *Thirty-thirder*.

Such being the case we may well ask—

"Who is to decide when the learned disagree?"

BOSTON, U.S., 7th Sept. 1888.

* "Euchre" is an American game of cards, and the one who loses the game is said to be *euchered*.

WOMAN IN FREEMASONRY.

WOMAN is excluded from the benefits of Freemasonry. She is not recognised in all its arrangements. Can that be good which excludes from its enclosure the wife of our bosom, the mother of our reverence — the sister and daughter of our affection? And this is gravely urged as if it was true, while nothing can be further from the fact. What, woman deprived of the benefits of Freemasonry? When was this cruel edict given forth? What council of our Fraternity has been assembled to remove a Landmark that has stood for ages, in the sight of every Mason's eye, and beyond the power of the highest Mason to remove. If this charge is sustained —if proof be brought home to the Craft that woman is deprived of its advantages, I renounce my allegiance to the Craft, strip myself of the decorations which I have earned with almost seven lustres of service, and own myself no longer a Mason. Or, perhaps in the dark ages from which the Craft is just now (A.D. 1847) emerging, the evil found its way into the Lodge of this section of the country and the Freemasons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Master of the State of Virginia deny to woman the benefits of Freemasonry. If so, I have authority to declare that your Lodges are out of order and have placed themselves beyond all fellowship with the rest of the Craft. Woman, indeed, without the benefits of Masonry! The mother, the wife, the sister, the daughter and orphan child of either sex whose delicacy and innocence make him like woman, why these are they for whose advantage the Lodges stand! The Brother of the Craft may not command the benefits without ample proof not only of his Masonry, but of his fair standing with the Brethren—but woman comes and claims, and scarcely need she present the proof of her relationship with a Mason! For her, the fund is poured out—for her, the advice is ready—in her presence inquiry almost ceases. The passions themselves are hushed, and Masonry becomes the guide, the friend of woman, her refuge in distress, the guardian of her purity and the champion of her fame.

But woman is not admitted to the rites of the Craft. The rites of Masonry are appropriated to the character and uses of the Fraternity. They come to us through centuries that have seen changes in all else but have wrought none in these. Let the woman who would complain at being excluded from the rites of Freemasonry first inquire whether she comprehends those rites, and let her be assured that the husband, the father, the brother and the friend could find no pleasure in excluding woman from any associations to which her charms could give attraction, or in which the delicacy of her sex would find appropriate exercise. Let woman be assured that man, whether Mason or uninitiated, prizes too highly the pleasures of her intercourse to debar himself from the enjoyment whenever the gratification can be possessed without a sacrifice of what is most lovely in her sex.

The exclusion of woman from what by its character or by divine appointment seems inconsistent with the peculiar delicacy of her condition, and the elevated position to which she was evidently designed is not new, nor peculiar to Freemasonry. The Hebrew church scarcely allowed woman to be present at much of the public worship of the Temple, and now when the sacrifice has ceased and the Holy of Holies is closed, woman is admitted to no share in the services of the Synagogue, and is only allowed to be present in some confined nook where she seems to occupy a place between man and his now unpermitted sacrifice, rather than the position between man and the objects of his prayers. St. Paul himself with celibetic asceticism says, "I suffer not a woman to teach"—Freemasonry, bowing to all that is of authority in the Christian rule, places woman where she may teach by her beautiful example and shine in the lustre of her feminine virtues. It imposes upon her neither the labour nor the secrets of the Craft, but it makes each Craftsman the willing labourer for her comfort, and the dispenser of the mysteries in her behalf.

In the foundation of the Craft in the dark centuries, in the very twilight of civilisation, when woman was the sport of man's passions and the slave of his convenience, then Freemasonry recognised not only her claims upon man's highest earthly consideration, but it incorporated her name and her condition in its ritual, and connected the most solemn duties of its members with her comfort, her elevation, her honour, her purity.

And never, from that distant time to this day, have Masons assembled to dispense their mysteries that woman's highest and holiest qualifications have not been regarded as the true characteristics of her sex, and her tenderest, purest relations with man, made the grounds of her irresistible claims upon the affections, sympathy, aid and self-sacrifice of the Craft. Enshrined in the Mason's highest affections he treasures the image of her virtues as the object for private devotion. The things that he estimates as the ordinary property of life, he exposes to ordinary gaze, but he hides from inspection the particular treasure of his soul, as Rachel, the wife of Jacob, saw the flocks and herds that constituted the wealth of herself and her husband exposed to the gaze and cupidity of the grasping Laban, while the sacred treasures of her maiden life, the household gods of her idolatry, she had hidden away as the precious things of her heart.—*Keystone.*

We hear that a new Lodge is about to be established in the suburb of Fairfield. The brethren who have interested themselves in this matter consist of Bros. Thomas Clarke, T. Verdon, Bradley, Parkinson, Barrett, Hunter, Smythe, Neale, Tarbuck, Hassell, Hudson, Humphreys, Thomas Saxon, A. Wright, &c. These names augur well for the ultimate success of the scheme, coupled with the fact that it has the cordial approval of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodacre, and judging from the promises already in the hands of the promoters it will add greatly to the strength of the Masonic Fraternity in the Province of West Lancashire. Suitable premises have already been secured for the holding of the meetings of the proposed Lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dyspepsia, Jaundice.—These complaints are the result of a disordered liver, which secretes bile in quality or quantity incapable of digesting food. Digestion requires a free flow of healthy bile, to insure which Holloway's Pills and Ointment have long been famous, far eclipsing other medicines. Food, irregularity of living, climates and other causes, are constantly throwing the liver into disorder, but that important organ can under all circumstances soon be regulated and healthily adjusted by Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which act directly upon its vital secretions. The Ointment rubbed upon the skin, penetrates immediately to the liver whose blood and nerves it rectifies. One trial is all that is needed—a cure will soon follow.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

WITH the month devoted to St. Partridge we have been in the habit of associating the installation of this Lodge, consequently when we attended its meeting on the 14th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, we were somewhat surprised to learn that the installation meeting would not take place for another six months. It appears that during the past year the members of the Lodge have had it under consideration to make a change in the dates of their meetings, and it has been decided that in future there shall be but four regular assemblages of the brethren, and that these be held on the second Friday in the month, instead of the fourth Friday as heretofore. Moreover, the installation meeting shall be held in March instead of September. The Lodge was opened on the occasion now under notice by the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles Coombs. In the absence of Bro. W. Rowe, Bro. Henry Lloyd P.M. filled the Senior Warden's chair; the other Officers were in their places—E. Cox J.W., B. E. Blasby I.P.M., W. Hilton P.M. Sec., J. Edwards S.D., J. Brooks J.D., S. P. Keech I.G., E. Eydmann Steward, John Gilbert Tyler. The other Past Masters present were Bros. W. D. Beckett and J. G. Littlewood. Among the visitors were—Bros. George Gardner P.M. Sec. 2012, H. F. Nash 2032, G. Stockwin 860, Henry Sapsworth S.W. 2032, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. H. J. Saunders and A. W. Brake, candidates for passing, were examined and entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, and the candidates, who had retired for preparation, were severally re-admitted and had conferred upon them the responsibilities of the second degree. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first. The condition of a distressed brother, who some twenty years since was a member of the Lodge, was then discussed, but as it was shown that this applicant had already been assisted, indeed on several applications, it was decided the petition should "lay on the table." Very handsome photographs of Bros. Past Masters Blasby and Hilton, which had been provided at the expense and by resolution of the Lodge, were then formally presented to and accepted by the Lodge. They will in future be hanged on the Lodge room walls. Bro. W. D. Beckett P.M., who, on behalf of the Lodge, made the presentation, gracefully alluded to the eminent services both Bros. Hilton and Blasby had rendered to the Lodge. To Bro. Blasby he (Bro. Beckett) was indebted for his introduction to Freemasonry, and he, indeed he might say every member of the Lodge, recognised the zeal and energy both worthy brethren displayed for the welfare of the Lodge and the happiness of its members. The petition on behalf of a distressed member was then considered by the Lodge, and it was formally signed, with a view to its being presented to the Board of Benevolence. One resignation was announced, and the name of a candidate who desired to rejoin the Lodge was handed in to the Secretary. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in Bro. Brill's large hall, and on the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were introduced by the W.M. in very happy terms. Bro. Blasby the I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Coombs the W.M. Their Worshipful Master was the son of an old member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, a Mason who during his association with the Craft gained the good opinion and esteem of his fellows. Their present Worshipful Master was following in his father's footsteps; he had long been a member of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Blasby) felt he was expressing the opinion of all the members when he said they were proud in seeing Bro. Coombs in his exalted position. The W.M. in reply expressed his thanks to Bro. Blasby for the cordial way in which he had expressed himself. He trusted he might long be associated with the Royal Alfred Lodge, and that he should retain the good opinion and esteem of its members. Several other toasts followed, and in due course the Tyler closed the proceedings, which throughout were of a most harmonious and agreeable character.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

ON Wednesday evening, 12th September, at the regular meeting of this Lodge, at Scarborough, Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Raincliffe was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bros. T. Raven, Ascough P.M., and Fisher P.M. P.G.D.C. At the close of the Lodge the brethren repaired to the Grand Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. De Leidi. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Earl Londesborough P.M. P.G.W., Lord Raincliffe, Leasowe Walker (Mayor of Scarborough), Captain H. Darley P.M. P.P.G.W., Dr. Ivor Murray P.M. P.P.G.W., Barlowe W.M. 566, Harland W.M. 643, and about sixty brethren, amongst whom were several Visitors. Pritchard's band was in attendance, and performed a pleasing and varied selection of music, which was highly appreciated.

LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the meeting was called for the early hour of four o'clock, and with exemplary punctuality the W.M., Bro. R. S. Cushing, took the chair and opened the Lodge. The first business after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting was the installation of the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. Arthur John Clark, and this was performed with faultless precision by Bro. Cushing. The new W.M. having received the greetings and salutations of the brethren, in due form appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Holsworth S.W., C. H. Halford J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, J. Hattersley S.D., F. W. Rose J.D., G. S. Denney I.G., J. Dunham D.C., C. H. Webb P.M. W.S, J. Verry Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. R. S. Cushing in a most impressive manner, and the installation ceremony was continued and completed. The initiation of a candidate was then proceeded with, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a manner worthy of the high traditions of the Lodge of Loyalty. The brethren afterwards sat down to a *récherché* banquet. In response to the toast of "the Initiate," Bro. Walter Clark felt proud at his reception that day. He had long contemplated seeking admission to the Craft but had been deterred by fears of some unknown liabilities he might be called upon to incur, he rejoiced, however, to find that the obligations which he had been called upon to take in no way interfered with his personal freedom, which, as a bachelor, he would be exceedingly loth to forego. It was a happy coincidence that he should be initiated by a namesake, his old friend Bro. Arthur Clark, and he trusted that he might prove as able, as popular, and as honoured a member of the Craft as the illustrious W.M. Replying to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Arthur Clark gracefully thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic reception which they had accorded him. He accepted the Mastership with some misgivings, in view of the high standard which had been reached by previous Masters. He relied, however, upon the assistance and the hearty co-operation of his officers and the brethren, and he trusted that when his term of office came to a close he might hand over to his successor the charter of the Lodge as unsullied as he that day received it. A large number of visitors from other Lodges greeted the W.M., and the brethren were entertained to a high-class selection of music, contributed by Bros. H. J. Dutton, Albert James, Edward Plater and Fredk. Bevan. The Lodge met at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE annual installation meeting took place at the Foresters' Hall on Thursday, the 13th instant, when Bro. Sibert Saunders was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. S. W. Graystone being the I.P.M. The former appointed as his Officers the following:—Bros. T. W. Porter and J. Wood Wardens, F. T. Browning and W. B. London Deacons, A. Anderson Treasurer, E. G. Walthew Secretary, F. A. Johnson Organist, B. Lightfoot I.G., W. W. Gammon Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. Ward P.P.G.W. for Kent. After the Lodge the brethren, with a large number of Visitors, sat down to a banquet at the Bear and Key Hotel, provided in excellent style by Bro. W. Brannan.

WHITWORTH LODGE, No. 1932.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., the members held their seventh anniversary and eighth installation in the Masonic Hall, Dundas-street, Spennymoor. There was a large gathering. The chief business was to induct Bro. J. Teasdale S.W. as W.M. and the Officers for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Bro. James Laidler, Durham, after which the following appointments were made:—Farthing I.P.M., Rutter S.W., Sanderson J.W., Gaskill Chaplain, Morgan S.D., Flemming J.D., Brown I.G., Black jun. and Scarr Stewards, Taylor Tyler. The members present included Bros. Lillico, Rutter, Tate, Shaw, Hardy, Turner, Rutherford and Heslop. Visitors:—Bros. Burnett 531, Sinclair 764, Carter 764, Bruman 764, Clark 764, Hall 2019, Arnott 1121, Adamson 1618, Harrison 1334, Armstrong 1121, Craig 1121, Lidster 1121, Thompson 1121, Todd 1121, Bowman 1121, Beckwith 101, Turner 1435, Mitchell 1879, Hodgson 371, Sewell 1650, Rev. R. Coulton 111.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Monday afternoon, the 17th instant. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, under Bro. Shawyer P.G.S.B., the WM. The visitors included Bros. A. Barritt W.M. 1024, F. G. Green 1024 P.P.G.S.W., E. Gowers 1024 P.P.G.O., F. Quilter W.M. 51, B. Thomas Davy W.M. 1437, W. H. De Cean I.P.M. 1024, F. Manley 51, and C. Dabben 1024 The ceremony of installation was very impressively rendered by Bro. E. Gowers, and the new Master, Bro. Mark W. Meade, then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Rudmur S.W., J. Grout J.W., W. Strutt Treasurer, George A. Eustace Secretary, W. R. Hance S.D., George Davis J.D., John Turner D.C., E. A. Basham I.G., C. Porter, W. A. Hunt, and F. Davies Stewards, E. Pearman Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, under the genial presidency of the W.M. Bro. Meade, who was supported by a large number of members and visitors. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Ellis, Gowers, Davis, Hunt, Clifford, and Shawyer.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present: Bros. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. Works Middlesex P.M. 2018 W.M., J. Thom S.W. and W.M. elect, H. E. Fraser J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah Secretary, G. Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., A. M. Parsons W.S., E. Wheeler Organist, Whiting Tyler, and a large number of members and visitors, including Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. England. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, and the emergency meetings of 7th July and 1st September were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Thom W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Scurrah the retiring W.M. acting as installing Officer. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. A. Scurrah I.P.M., Fraser S.W., A. Scurrah J.W., Stiles Treasurer, W. A. Scurrah Secretary, Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. Parsons A.D.C., A. Parsons W.S., C. Watts A.W.S., Wheeler Organist, F. Hearn Assist. Organist, and Whiting Tyler. The W.M. next presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, for which Bro. Scurrah expressed his thanks. The I.P.M. then presented a jewel which had been voted by the brethren to Bro. W. M. Stiles, in recognition of his

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valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Stiles returned thanks, and assured the brethren that his services were always at their disposal. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. The brethren subsequently assembled in the banquet room, where Bro. Warner had provided a most excellent dinner. The room was tastefully decorated, and the tables well supplied with flowers, &c. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in appropriate terms, the speaker's remarks being most enthusiastically received and honoured by the brethren. Bro. Thom, who on rising to reply, was loudly applauded, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having elected him; he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and carry on the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the members of the Lodge. In reply to the toast of the Installing Master and I.P.M., Brother Scurrah thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had responded. It was his opinion every retiring W.M. should instal his successor. With regard to their Lodge, it had progressed in a remarkable manner. At their first meeting they had four initiates, at the second four more, and since then they had been steadily increasing; they now numbered thirty members. He believed them to be good and true men, and no doubt they would turn out bright ornaments in the Craft. The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Levander, H. Stiles, and Edmonds. Bro. Terry replied for the Charities. Other toasts followed, the W.M. complimenting his Officers, and especially mentioning the valuable services of Bro. Wheeler and the members of the Lodge choir—Bros. F. Hearn, J. Hudson, and J. Dobbs. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent music, vocal and instrumental, Bro. Cheeseman P.M. causing great laughter by his comical songs.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

SPECIAL interest was attached to the monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, by the presence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dunedin, who is an old Past Master of the Lodge, and who met with a hearty welcome from a large number of the brethren of the Lodge, and numerous visitors from various neighbouring Lodges. After the usual business the brethren sat down to supper in the hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Tunnicliff. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured from the chair, Bro. E. V. Greatbatch Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works submitted the toast of the Visitors, and made special reference to the presence of the Bishop of Dunedin, who he stated, as the Rev. S. T. Nevill, was W.M. of the Lodge twenty years ago, and amongst his Officers in that year were Bros. J. Beaumont Piercy J.W., Rev. J. Westbury Chaplain, J. S. Crapper Treasurer, W. H. Hales Secretary, Thomas Taylor S.D., E. E. Scrivener J.D., and T. Bickley I.G. The members of the Menturia Lodge, Bro. Greatbach added, welcomed the Bishop of Dunedin on this occasion, not simply and solely because of his elevated position, but because they regarded him as a brother, and as an old Past Master. As Masons they recognised the position their brother had been elevated to, and they all felt conscious that he had served his Queen and country in the distant parts to which he had been called to labour, and they heartily welcomed his lordship home to his mother country. The Bishop of Dunedin, in replying, said he was sure they would not regard it as a mere commonplace remark when he said that he did esteem it to be a very great privilege to be permitted to respond to this toast. It was not a very common thing in one's life history to come back to their own country, but it was a pleasure to find that there was one memory green in the part of the country in which one had lived, and he could not but feel very grateful to those who had remembered that he once lived amongst them, and more particularly to the brethren who had greeted him so heartily. It was, indeed, a great pleasure to him to be once again permitted to visit that Lodge. Bro. Greatbatch had recalled before him the names of brethren who still were members of the Menturia Lodge, and with whom he (Bishop of Dunedin) had been associated with in the past, but there was also names that Bro. Greatbach did not mention, who had been called away, and who had assisted him in the past. Amongst them were Bros. Sargeant and Bro. Hall, from whom he always received assistance and instruction; and Bro. Hales, whom he was sorry he could not welcome that night. Bro. Taylor also was not present, but he had frequently addressed letters to him in New Zealand about brethren. He wished to say that Freemasonry had not been neglected by him in the country and in the sphere in which he had been called upon to occupy, and there had been times when he had invited the assistance of brethren in the Lodges of New Zealand on the occasions of laying the foundation-stones of churches, and other such buildings, in order that they might join with him in seeing that such stones were truly and properly laid, because it was on those occasions that Freemasonry was so closely attached to the principles of religion. In thus prominently allying himself with the Order as a Bishop, perhaps he might have suffered just a little, but he had never hesitated to do so for these reasons. First of all, because in a less prominent position he did not discover in the working of Lodges of Freemasons, or amongst worthy brethren of the Order, anything of which a Christian minister might be ashamed of. On the contrary the principles of Freemasonry were associated with the principles of religion; they were founded on the Holy Book, which they all acknowledged. He repeated, as an ordinary minister of religion he could not discover anything contrary to those principles which he had been called upon to teach, and he did not see because he had been placed in a position of great influence that he should pretend to cast a slur on an Order with which he had worked amicably, friendly, and conscientiously in times past. Secondly, because the principles of religion included that which is holy just, upright and pure, and in proportion so were the principles of Freemasonry. He was willing to accept anything derogatory that might be said as to a bishop belonging to a particular order so long as the principles of that order were consistent with the principles of religion which he represented. His Lordship went on to say that people in a colony were drawn from almost every country under the sun, and many elements of humanity were represented in that country. They professed as Masons that their principles were world-wide, therefore it was the duty, in one sense, of one occupying a prominent position in a country, where he had been called upon to labour, to do what he could to weld together the various elements of which society consisted. The principles of Freemasonry operated in that direction, because they professed brotherly love and unity, and they were brothers wherever they were. In conclusion his Lordship said amongst the many pleasures he had experienced in coming back to the land of his birth, in seeing his relatives and friends, in associating with many persons of learning and distinction, in going about from place to place, and being heartily received, there were few greater pleasures than that of associating himself with the brethren of a Lodge with which he had worked so long in harmony. Bro. R. Tooth W.M. 2214 also responded.

ROYAL EDWARD LODGE, No. 892.

A COMPLIMENTARY banquet was given to Bro. S. Goode, of Bodenham Road, Hereford, but late of Ivingtonbury, near Leominster, at the Royal Oak Hotel, in that town, on Thursday, the 13th inst., by the Officers and Brethren of this Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. W. R. Stafford) presided, and the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. M. J. Ellwood. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. P. Brown, Bro. W. T. Sale occupied the Junior Warden's chair. The following brethren, with others, were present:—Bros. C. J. Saxby P.M., C. Weaver P.M., J. Collins, J. Coates, G. F. Colebatch, S. Mayor (Organist), H. Wilmot, T. J. Salwey 611, P. Prince, W. S. Boyce, A. G. Hudson, R. B. Sandiland, &c. The Worshipful Master, on rising to propose the toast of the evening, namely, Our Guest, and to wish him God speed, read a number of letters which he had received from brethren who were unable to be present. He then expressed his sense of the difficult task he had to perform in proposing the health of their departing brother, Mr. Goode. It was a matter for deep regret to him—as it was to the other brethren of the Lodge—that they were going to lose Bro. Goode. With all good feeling they wished him Godspeed on his voyage, and a safe return to his mother Lodge if at any time he desired it. That was, perhaps, not improbable if Bro. Goode was spared. He would always find a hearty welcome from the brethren who might at that future time be members of the Lodge. In conclusion, he wished their guest long life and happiness. After other speakers had supported the toast, it was drunk with enthusiasm, the brethren singing "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. Goode, in responding, said their Worshipful Master had owned himself in a difficult position in having to propose the toast, but must not the same be the case in a much greater degree with himself in responding? After all the kind words that had been said of him he scarcely knew how to reply. He was not a young man, although a young Mason. He had known Leominster for over fifty years. He had left it once; indeed, had gone round the world; but during his absence he had never forgotten his old home. He came back to find the place some little altered, but friendships unchanged. He had never regretted becoming a Freemason. Since he had been a member of the Lodge the kindnesses he had received had been many, and he could assure them that they were highly appreciated, and so long as life lasted they would never be forgotten. Perhaps at some time they would find it necessary, in consequence of their increasing numbers, to have a Lodge room of their own. When such was the case he trusted to have the honour and pleasure of putting at least one brick in the walls. He had always noticed with pleasure the kind feeling and the unity that existed in this Lodge. He knew also what an advantage it was for a man in the Colonies to be a Freemason. He had seen and heard something of the Lodges where he was going, and he should certainly look up the Freemasons in that part of the world. If it should please God to permit him to return to England—a treat in store—he should hasten to pay a visit to his old brethren in Freemasonry at Leominster. Though he was going, he would not say "farewell;" life was uncertain, yet he hoped to see them all again. Their kindness to him had been unbounded, and, he thought, little deserved. Other toasts followed, including that of the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Salwey who remarked that brethren of the stamp of Bro. Goode, both here and at the Antipodes, were sure to be respected. Freemasonry was widely spread over the globe, and while it continued to be upheld by men like Bro. Goode must hold its own and carry its sway. Bro. Goode proposed the health of the W.M., whom he had known ever since he had been in Leominster, and whom he had seen working in the Lodge through all its offices. He was a worthy Worshipful Master, and he could recommend him to their continued good wishes. The Worshipful Master responded. During the evening the speeches were interspersed with songs by some of the Brethren; Bro. Mayor ably accompanying the songs on the piano.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Morgan P.M. W.M. elect took place on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. There was a large attendance of members, including Bros. Hughan P.S.G.D. England, Chapman P.P.G.J.D., Lane P.M. P.P.G.Registrar, Murray P.P.G.D.C., Prust W.M., Morgan P.M. S.W., Wills J.D., Blamey Chaplain, Dodge Treasurer, McKellar S.D., Wills D. of C., Harsey and Taylor Stewards, Brooks Organist, Newton Tyler. The Visitors were Bros. Burt 328, Crowe Organist 2189, Magford W.M. 328, Kendrick W.M. 248, Bridgman W.M. 1358, Grant P.M. 328, Beer S.S. 328, James J.W. 248, Salter P.M. D.C. 328. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Lane, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Prust I.P.M., Wills S.W., McKellar J.W., Chapman Chaplain, Dodge Treasurer, Hext P.M. Secretary, Crossman S.D., Taylor J.D., Harsey Dir. of Cers., Brooks Organist, Winget and West Stewards, Wills I.G., Newton Tyler.

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The I.P.M. received a handsome gold jewel as Past Master of the Lodge, voted unanimously at the previous meeting. Bro. Blamey also received the clothing as a Deacon of the Province. Bro. Dodge made the presentations in felicitous language, and the recipients acknowledged the same. Bro. John Lane was re-elected a representative on the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel.

STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and numerous visitors. The W.M., Bro. Needham, opened the Lodge, and transacted some formal business, including the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency meeting. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Needham. At the close of the ceremony, the new W.M., Bro. W. F. Crook, invested Bro. Needham as I.P.M., and also his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Pringle S.W., Long J.W., Major Williams Treasurer, C. W. Williams Secretary, Dr. Collis Chaplain, Blanchard S.D., Coate J.D., Schrier I.G., Woodliffe D.C., Bore Steward, Pearson Assistant-Steward, W. J. Kipps jun. Organist, and Gilbert Tyler. The W.M.'s next act was to present Bro. Needham with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been accorded him by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, which was then closed, and the brothers of the Lodge, with their guests, subsequently dined together. The W.M. proposed in flattering terms The Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M. They were all well aware the W.M. had discharged his duties in a thoroughly conscientious manner as S.W., and he had no doubt that he would do similar credit to the choice of the Lodge during the present year. Bro. W. J. Kipps presided most efficiently at the pianoforte, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

MUSSOORIE.

THE Correspondent of the *Morning Post* writes as follows:—Our great excitement last week was the Masonic Ball, and some of us have not got over it yet. I don't intend to follow the lead of a local paper, edited by a prominent Mason, and say that everything connected with the ball was lovely in every respect. That it was a good ball in most respects is now a matter of history. The band played to perfection, the dancing was good and popular, the dresses were notably, with but very few exceptions, shabby, and had evidently seen their best days. Great credit is due to Mrs. Church and her *satellites* for the way in which the hall was decorated, the effects *obtained being very tasteful* and pretty. It says a great deal for the *improved moral tone* of Mussoorie that the Chinese lanterns in the *kala jagas* were yet alight at 4·30 a.m. on Friday; in former years they have usually been extinguished at periods varying from ten minutes to half-an-hour after the ball opened. The supper was not good; it was coarse and heavy, and not what we have been led to expect. At these kinds of entertainment we don't want quantity but quality—"little and good" should be the motto. I trust the caterer (somewhat of an amateur) will take these words to heart, and try and do better on the next occasion. The wines again were not "all there," and are responsible for many, many aching heads. One doesn't like to see champagne poured out of a bottle three feet *high*, with black sealing wax running down the neck of it. The effect is not appetising!

And while on the subject of balls, the return ball (Fancy Dress) to the volunteers and Masons is to be given on the 24th inst. The leader in the movement (the gallant proprietor of a piggery in Mussoorie) is a gentleman who is very fond of organising bazaars, Christmas trees, and the like, on which occasions he induces tradesmen in the station to provide toys and other trifles at cost price. In return for these favours he has, at the earliest opportunity, taken the precaution of *wiring* to Calcutta for the wines for the forthcoming ball, without even asking the local tradesmen to tender (though they have always done so). Such patriotism and disinterestedness should verily meet its reward, and I trust a substantial one. The supper will be in the hands of the gentleman who catered for the Masons, but he will on this occasion be aided by the manager of a well-known hotel. The joint production should be interesting.

MASONIC HISTORY.

MASONIC history is untainted by crime or cruelty. Its record is clean and untarnished. It has never violated its professions as an organisation, although like other human organisations it is compelled to blush for some of its individual members. It has always proceeded upon the theory that—

> "Truths on which depend our main concern,
> That 'tis our shame and misery not to learn,
> Shine by the side of every path we tread
> With such a lustre, he that runs may read."

This constant and tireless search after truth, and the fostering care bestowed upon education, has endeared Masonry to all who love truth better than error, and has enabled this grand old Institution to retain the germ of intellectual integrity by which the world has been enlightened through the dark ages of mental thraldom.

A great philosopher has said that "one truth discovered is immortal, and entitles its author to be so; for, like a new substance in nature, it cannot be destroyed."

Thus Masonry has ever been engaged in discovering new truths and in endeavouring to preserve from obscurity those old truths which had already shed their refulgent rays upon the benighted understandings of men.

Is not this grand old institution worthy of immortal honour if it has performed no other work than to preserve from the iconoclasm of ecclesiastical fury the sacred germ of all truth—

> "That golden key
> That opens the palace of eternity."

Why should we permit the selfish passions of men and the demoralising sentiments of a grovelling herd to taint or mar the fair form of this majestic edifice, reared and sustained upon the Corner-stone of fraternal virtue? Should any of its parts be weakened, or should decay of time or the disintegration of moral subsidence threaten its perpetuity, let the fabric be at once strengthened by the exclusion of worthless debris, and its rehabilitation by the infusion of new work from the quarry which cannot fail to meet the requirements of rigid and technical inspection.—*Zabriskie.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Alexandra Palace.—Owing to adverse atmospheric influences Professor Baldwin was unable on Thursday, the 13th instant, to fulfil his intention of rising "up above the world so high" as two miles before he commenced his perilous descent; but nevertheless he managed to reach rather more than half the distance, viz. 6000 feet, and alighted in perfect safety at Highgate Woods about a mile from the Palace grounds. The apparatus used on this occasion was constructed on improved principles which enabled the performer to steer and otherwise manipulate the parachute so as to render the descent more or less rapid as suited his convenience. The easy manner and perfect grace with which Professor Baldwin drops from the balloon considerably minimizes the danger in the minds of the spectators, and the roar of applause that greets him on his return to the Palace must assure him that the public highly appreciate his intrepidity. Accompanied by Mr. Coxwell, the veteran aeronaut, Mr. Farini, and some of the directors of the exhibition, Mr. Baldwin subsequently appeared on the stage of the Centre Transept, and received a perfect ovation. The noise was too great to allow any one beyond the footlights to hear what was said, but it was understood that in consequence of the great success of the performance, the Professor had been offered and had accepted a re-engagement.

Crystal Palace.—The directors have arranged for Aquatic Firework Fêtes on Saturdays, 22nd and 29th September. The Band of the Grenadier Guards has been specially engaged, and there will be concerts by the renowned Crystal Palace Orchestral Band. The other great attractions include the beautiful al-fresco Ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" a display of all the great fountains, and grand aquatic fireworks by Messrs. Brock from the lake spanned by the "Tower" Bridge. This bridge, it will be remembered, is a facsimile (quarter size) of that now being erected across the Thames, at the Tower, by the Corporation of London, at a cost of three-quarters of a million sterling. Among the pyrotechnic marvels promised by Messrs. Brock are a swan race, spouting whales and fiery dolphin, antediluvian scene, helix fountains and luminous sphere, a screen of diamond sparks, a sea of flitting fire, revolving rocket fountains, pentapyric shells, and huge rockets with prismatic tints. The park, gardens, lakes, and rosery will be brilliantly illuminated.

Mr. Augustus Harris commences his season at Drury Lane to-night (Saturday), with the grand spectacular drama "The Armada." Mr. Harris has collaborated with Mr. Henry Hamilton, and we hear they have built up a strong and exciting story, connecting several of the events of the Spanish Armada. The caste includes the names of the Misses Winifred Emery, Edith Bruce, Kate James, Ada Nelson, Maud Milton, Messrs. Leonard Boyne, Luigi Lablache, Edward Gardiner, Victor Stevens, A. Beaumont, S. Dawson, Mervin Dallas, Stanislaus Calhaem, and Harry Nicholls.

The new Court Theatre will be opened on Monday next, when there will be presented an English version of MM. Bisson and Mars farcical comedy, in three acts, "Les Surprises du Divorce," adapted by Mr. Sydney Grundy, and entitled "Mamma." Mrs. John Wood will play a prominent part, and will be supported by Messrs. John Hare, Charles Groves, Eric Lewis, Arthur Cecil, the Misses Annie Hughes, Filippi, Caldwell, and Fanny Brough. New scenery has been painted by Mr. William Harford.

The Opera Comique will re-open on Thursday, the 27th instant, with a new comic opera, entitled "Carina." The music has been composed by Julia Woolf, while the libretto is by Messrs. E. L. Blanchard and Cunningham Bridgman. An excellent caste has been secured.

On Monday, the 1st October, Mr. Richard Mansfield will produce, at the Lyceum, "A Parisian Romance," in five acts, by Octave Feuillet. Mr. Mansfield will play the Baron Chevrial.

Lately there has been a great increase in the articles, such as lace, embroidery, underclothing, painting, knitting, wood carving, &c., sent over to the Old Irish Market Place by poor peasants in Ireland. In most cases this work is the senders' sole means of support, and it is most desirable that it should not be returned to them unsold. Visitors to the Irish Exhibition would be giving material help and encouragement to these poor peasants by going to the Old Irish Market Place, and making some purchases, however small. The inmates of many a humble cottage in Ireland will have cause to be thankful during the coming winter if the work they have sent to the Exhibition is sold.

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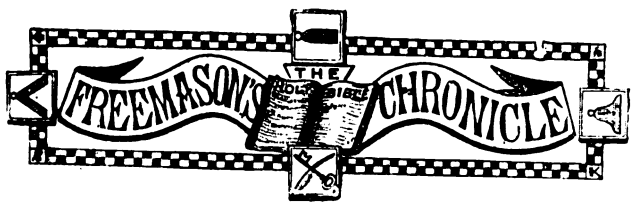
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 18th July, the M.W. the Grand Master presiding. There was a good attendance of Grand Lodge officers, members, and visitors. The report of the Board of General Purposes was brought up and read, by Bro. Solomon, as follows, and received and adopted:—

"REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—The Board have to report that the business transacted during the past quarter has been principally of a routine character. The following Notices of Motion are recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand

securing the privileges of a Life Membership of that Institution to the Grand Lodge.' By V.W. Bro. S. Solomon—'That the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon be conferred upon Wor. Bro. Brigadier-General Owen P.M.' The consideration of the Notice of Motion by V.W. Bro. Garner P.G.R., in reference to privileges of members struck off the books, postponed from last meeting of Grand Lodge, will form part of the business of this meeting. The Grand Lodge of Peru has conferred the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden upon Wor. Bro. G. C. Knight G.D.C. the representative of that Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and has requested this information to be notified to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Iowa requests the interchange of friendly and fraternal correspondence and of representatives, and suggests the name of Bro. Clark Varnum to be elected to represent this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Board advise that the name of R.W. Bro. Cockburn be suggested to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for election as their representative at this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has recognised this Grand Lodge as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge, and requests exchange of representatives. The Board advise that the name of Wor. Bro. E. Cooke P.M. be suggested for election as their representative to this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Michigan having advised that the term for which V.W. Bro. Bullock was elected as their representative has expired, the Board suggest that V.W. Bro. Bullock be nominated for re-election. The M.W. the Grand Master, with the advice of the Board, has granted his patronage and that of the Grand Lodge to the Adelaide Liedertafel, for a concert to be held in aid of a fund for the relief of the sufferers by the disastrous floods in Germany. The Board desire to call the attention of the Masters of Lodges to the necessity of communicating to their members the business transacted at the meetings of the Grand Lodge. Reports of proceedings are prepared by the Grand Secretary at considerable cost of time and money, and forwarded to the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens for the information of the Brethren; the principal portions of these reports should be read in Lodge for the information of the Brethren.—SAUL SOLOMON, President; J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary. Freemasons' Hall, July 4 1888."

Contingent upon Notice of Motion Bro. Garner moved, Bro. J. G. Jenkins seconded—"That this Grand Lodge be requested to frame a Constitution to the following effect:—'A Brother having been struck off the books of a Lodge for non-payment of dues shall forfeit all his privileges in any other Blue Lodge of which he may be a member.'" After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Board of General Purposes be requested to frame a new Constitution, embodying the principle, and submit to next meeting of Grand Lodge. A resolution proposed by Bro. Ramsey, seconded by Bro. Roberts—"That the sum of £30 in addition to the amount already voted by the Board be paid to the widow and family of the late Bro. Vockins," was carried. The proposition of Bro. McLean with reference to voting a donation to the Adelaide Hospital was postponed for further information. By resolution the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon was conferred upon P.M. Bro. Col. J. F. Owen. Bro. Clark Varnum was elected to represent this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The names of Bro. Dr. Cockburn and Bro. E. Cooke were suggested to the Grand Lodge of Iowa and District of Columbia, to represent these Lodges at the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Bro. Bullock was suggested to be re-elected to represent the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of England, informing this Grand Lodge that the M.W. the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had graciously consented to accept the office of Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. An extract from the speech of M.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon at the June meeting of the Grand Lodge of England was also read. The M.W. the Grand Master proposed—"That a loyal and humble address be prepared and forwarded to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge for his gracious acceptance of the office of Grand Patron." This was seconded by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and carried unanimously. The M.W. the Grand Master then said that as this consummation of our wishes had been brought about mainly by the influence of M.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon, he had much pleasure in moving—"That this Grand Lodge expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, for his fraternal and successful support of the petition of this Grand Lodge to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, praying His

the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lodge of Friendship in Adelaide and consequently the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, and suggested that the event should be celebrated in some manner. It was therefore resolved—"That this Grand Lodge hails the happy event of the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, and delegates to the Board of General Purposes the authority to make the best arrangements possible for its celebration." Bro. G. C. Knight, referring to the honour conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of Peru, assured the Grand Lodge that however proud he might be of such distinction, he valued far more highly the respect and esteem of his brethren of the Grand Lodge. No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

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LODGE OF GOOD HOPE, No. 863.

THE installation of the W.M. and investiture of Officers took place at the Masonic Temple on the Hill, Port Elizabeth, on Thursday, 23rd August. There was an unusually large attendance of members of the Craft, including the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and many of the brethren of the sister Lodge of Goodwill, the Meridian Lodge of Cradock, and the Southern Cross Lodge of Uitenhage, besides visitors from other parts. The ceremony was ably performed by the I.P.M. Bro. C. A. Carter, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Wheelwright and Smyth. The Lodge is now constituted as follows:—Bros. A. Knox W.M., Carter I.P.M., Hope S.W., Yeo J.W., Rapaport Chaplain, Cherrington Treasurer, Smyth P.M. Secretary, Scamf S.D., Milward J.D., Griffin D.C., Thomas I.G., Lewis and Holmes Stewards, Henderson Tyler. The impressive ceremony being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, which had been very appropriately decorated, and about 80 members and guests sat down to an excellent repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the health of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. Carter. The toast was enthusiastically received and thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Knox. Bro. Wheelwright gave "The Installing Master," which was also well received and suitably responded to by Bro. Carter. The newly-invested officers and the retiring officers were toasted, with appreciative remarks. Then followed "Our Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by the three visiting W.M.'s and other brethren on behalf of the Lodges they represented. "The Ladies," "The Banquet Committee," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" completed the toast list. The intervals were most agreeably filled in by songs and recitations, and a very pleasant evening terminated at a rather late hour by the singing of the National Anthem.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Owing to absence from business I did not see your article, on "The Cost of the Masonic Institutions," of 8th inst., until too late to reply in your last number, and now I feel at a loss how to give expression to my views—which, be it understood, are my individual views—with reference to the tone and spirit of the article in question, which appears to me to be penned in a studiedly ingenious style, so that while ostensibly it may be regarded as advocating the interests of the Institution, must also be accepted as couched in a pessimistic spirit, and eminently calculated to arouse feelings of despondency and distrust. It may, perhaps, be sufficient to content myself with this exposition of my sentiments, after careful perusal of your editorial lucubrations, with a request that it may be accepted as a protest against the conclusions you seem desirous to draw from the circumstances alluded to on which you base your opinions.

The second letter of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY," in your issue of 15th inst., is to my mind a weak supplement to his original communication. It may be that, as I am "a moderately accomplished rhetorician—*nothing more*," I am without the ability to discuss its merits, but it certainly strikes me as unsatisfactory, while evidently intended to be explanatory. Whether I appreciate the quality of my poor talent or not is beside the question, but I must demur to the description as "rhetoric" of my plain statement of facts in connection with the efforts made—successfully, as believed—to eliminate the idea of charity from the administration of the Boys' School.

The concluding paragraph of "AN OLD MASONIC BOY'S" letter opens up a new aspect of our responsibilities. Generous maintenance and sound education I admit we may be justifiably expected to provide, but it is a new revelation to find that our duties are to include a "training which fits the boys to be in the future *good Freemasons*." That a "good Freemason" must of necessity be a good citizen, goes without saying, and in this sense I humbly submit that our training for good citizenship and reputable membership of society has, by results, been proved to be extremely successful.

I am writing without the leisure essential for a carefully considered rejoinder, and must accept the consequences. Craving space for little more than an allusion to the suggestion of your second correspondent, "A LIFE GOVERNOR," which is assuredly the product of a kindly, sympathetic supporter, and embodies a suggestion which has for many years been a subject of consideration with me, and one I think deserving of serious attention,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 17th September 1888.

MASONIC CHARITY AND REFRESHMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not a pleasant occupation to wash dirty linen in public, and yet I do not know how Masonic grievances are to be remedied without such means as the CHRONICLE affords. In your leader of last week you have hit a blot which is an offence and a stumbling block to many, indeed I may say that the best members of the Craft feel that the reckless and extravagant expenditure in self-indulgence practised by a great many, if not by most Lodges, is a grievous fault, a mockery of the word charity, and a fraud upon the high pretences of the Order. I am no Mawworm, no teetotaller, no ascetic or self-righteous Pharisee. On the contrary, I can enjoy the good things of this life, and am perhaps as great an admirer of the banquet and the amenities of the table as any brother can be. Notwithstanding all this, I say that charity ought to be the first consideration, and by charity I mean love and goodwill to all men, especially to our brethren; liberality in thought, word and deed, relieving the wants of others before gratifying our own high-strung tastes and selfish desires. Most Bible readers will remember David's refusal to offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing. The conduct of most Masonic Lodges is just the opposite of that of David's. Wherein lies the merit of giving out of abundance, or out of that which remains after every whim, wish and pleasure, has been gratified? True charity means sacrifice, without which the deed is not hallowed. But Masonic Lodges, or some of them, do not even give the crumbs that fall from their choicely-laden table; they eat and drink and make merry without a thought of the great Institutions which do them an undeserved honour. The brethren who assemble in such Lodges are neither better nor worse than the ordinary run of mankind; but they forget duty in the enjoyment of privileges, they belie the professions they made at their initiation, and live in the present only for themselves.

Without professing to know the exact proportion of money given privately and by Lodges in support of our Institutions, I believe I am right in saying that more is subscribed by the former than by the latter method. I know I shall lay myself open to the charge of lack of charity—the charity that thinketh no evil—in what I am going to say, but I ask my censors, in anticipation, to look the facts squarely in the face, and then deny, if they can, this accusation, that a great many brethren subscribe to our Charitable Institutions for the sake of obtaining a position and honours in the Craft; that more obtain office and honour by purchase than by any special qualification of their own; nay, I go further, and say that the question of equality is as great a moral fraud as is that of real charity. All the great principles of the Craft are more or less subservient to wealth, to selfish gratification, and ostentatious display. I know there are many Masons who try to act up to their obligations, who believe that the principles embodied in the ritual are real and ought to be active, but these are of the old school, men who either have lived in the time before Masonry became so popular, or who inherit the traditions of the past and who reverence all that is good in them. Now the object seems to be to found a Lodge, in some instances to blazon a name, to establish a reputation for conviviality and lavishness at the banquet table. In other cases men seem to be eaten up with the pride of superior working, and think more of tickling the ear than of instructing the sense and stimulating the noblest attributes of the soul. If I were asked to describe in one word what I mean, I should simply say "artificial"—the great sin of the age, and which is as prevalent among Masons as among any other class.

Yours fraternally, WATCHMAN.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother James Brett occupied the President's chair, Brother C. A. Cottebrune took the chair of Senior Vice President, and Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg occupied the chair of Junior Vice President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Todd, and W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's department; and the other brethren present were Bros. Maudslay, Spaull, Mercer, Garrod, Perryman, Grieve, Woodward, Dairy, Britten, Hopekirk, Cull, Read, Taylor, Dumas, Tracy, Cawte, West, Gladwell, Massey, Williams, Johnson, Langley, Hooper, Nuding, Finch, Bolton, Bamber, Coombs, Deane, Twyman, Webb, Moore, Wyndham Hart, Brown, and Clarkson. The recommendations made to the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the August meeting, to the amount of £305 were confirmed. There were 28 cases on the new list; two of these were deferred, being incomplete, the remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £740. This comprised one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, three of £50 each, four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, three of £30 each, and ten grants of £20, three of £10, and two of £5.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THERE was a large gatherimg of Freemasons at Knutsford, in Cheshire, on the 19th instant, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The weather being highly favourable, the number of brethren from a distance was unusually large, and when the roll was called there were nearly 500 present. Convenient railway arrangements had been made for the occasion, and the great bulk of the brethren arrived in the quaint old Cheshire town fully an hour before the opening of the Provincial Lodge. Many of the leading inhabitants and tradesmen displayed flags and bunting in honour of the occasion, and one kind of decoration which was unique in its character was very extensively resorted to. This consisted of representations of the signs peculiar to the various degrees in Masonry worked by ingenious hands with red sand on the enclosure round the Town Hall, and here and there on the streets. The Lodge was opened in the assembly room of the Town Hall in the three degrees by Bro. J. Burgess W.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, Knutsford, after which the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form. In the absence of Bro. his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd, Bro. Alderman C. W. Dutton, of Chester, was acting D.P.G.M.

The roll of Lodges having been called the P.G. Secretary announced amid applause that every Lodge in the Province was represented, whilst all the Officers were present or represented. The receipt of a letter of apology from Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W. was intimated, and of another from Bro. his Honour Judge Lloyd. The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. G. E. Gilbson) reported that there was a balance in favour of the Lodge of £241 2s 5d, in favour of the Fund of Benevolence of £1026 10s 11d, and in favour of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution of £2 14s 6d, or a total of £1270 7s 10d. The accounts were passed on the motion of Bro. J. Salmon P.P.G.D. Bro. Lance Bentley P.P.G. Reg. proposed the appointment of Bro. W. Wildgoose P.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, 941, as Treasurer, remarking that he had known Bro. Wildgoose for the last twenty years, and had had many opportunities of judging of his good qualities. The proposition was duly seconded and supported by Bro. Potter, of Altrincham, and unanimously carried.

The R.W. P.G.M., in the course of a short address, said that beyond the limits of this Province the past year had been an eventful one in Masonry for various reasons. They had had to lament the death of the Protector of Masons in Germany, the Emperor Frederick, who was connected with our Royal Family and the brother-in-law of the Grand Master of England. He was one of those whose career was eminently Masonic, for he was always endeavouring to do his duty in the high position to which he was called, and was always acting with the greatest sympathy towards all classes, and endeavouring to promote their welfare in a truly charitable and Masonic spirit. He (Lord Egerton) was glad that the Grand Lodge had, through the Grand Master, condoled with the Empress Victoria on the loss of so excellent a Mason to Germany, and one who was connected with their own Grand Master. They had also had this year a most remarkable meeting in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was to those who saw it a sight which they would never forget. They had their Grand Master, the heir to the throne of England, and the king of a neighbouring friendly country, the King of Sweden, and several thousands of Masons acting together in the cause of charity, and showing the power of Masonry in that cause; and, at the banquet which took place, the largest sum ever announced on a similar occasion was contributed, namely, £50,000. These things, he thought, should give a stimulus to Masonry, as showing what Masonry could do, and the high principles with which their Order was intimately bound up and indissolubly connected. The numbers of Masons in the province, he was glad to say, were retained, although there was no received excellent reports from the various Lodges in the Province, which the Secretary had visited at his request. He regretted that he was unable personally to visit them all, and hoped they would accept as an excuse the fact that he had been engaged in the Masonic work of investigating into the condition of the blind and deaf and dumb. He begged to move that 75 guineas be given to the Masonic Charities from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge. They now received in the Province from the London Institutions the sum of £1000, namely:—Six boys at £45, six girls at £40, eight aged Masons at £40, and six widows at £32 a-year. This, he thought, was very substantial aid from the London Charities, and he thought he might fairly ask the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire to contribute liberally towards those Charities.

Bro. C. W. Dutton acting D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Charity jewels were presented to Bro. Collier, of Cope Lodge, Brooklands, and Bro. Wildgoose, of the De Tabley Lodge. Lord Egerton intimated that he would accede to the request of one of the brethren from Hyde that the next meeting should be held in that town, no other application being made. Bro. Platt was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Benevolence. The following Officers for the year were appointed:—

Bro. Horatio Lloyd	Deputy Master
George Sheldon 533	Senior Warden
Francis Preston 104	Junior Warden
Rev. Richard Hodgson 1045	Chaplains
W. C. Martin 941	Chaplains
W. Wildgoose 941	Treasurer
Thomas Pattinson 295	Registrar
R. Newhouse 1045	Secretary
Charles Booth 287	Senior Deacons
James Needham 295	Senior Deacons
Henry B. Brown 2132	Junior Deacons
William Ramsden 1166	Junior Deacons
Thomas Maples 537	Superintendent of Works
George H. Brown 537	Director of Ceremonies
Walter Kenworthy 89	Deputy D.C.
John Coxbill 78	Assistant D.C.
Richard G. Walker 1126	Sword Bearer
W. C. Fleming 322	Assistant Secretary
W. H. Maxfield 1957	Organist
S. Booth 830	Pursuivant
W. Parker 461	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Peers 721	Stewards
A. Ingham 2144	Stewards
J. Burgess 941	Stewards
W. Hough 941	Stewards
A. Orrett 941	Stewards
Stephen Smith 425	Tyler

After some formal business had been transacted the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards attended a special service, held in the old parish church, marching thereto in procession, headed by a band. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Martin P.G.C., vicar of Marthall, Knutsford. An anthem was sung by a Masonic choir, assisted by the choir of St. John's, Altrincham. Afterwards the members drove to Tatton, where they were hospitably entertained by the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Obituary.

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THE EARL OF MAR AND KELLIE.

THE death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Immediate Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, which occurred on Sunday, the 16th inst., was an event that was little anticipated, inasmuch as his Lordship was under 50 years of age, and though he had been suffering, more or less, for the past six months, a fatal termination had not been anticipated. Our brother was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1860. He was Depute Grand Master to Bro. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and succeeded that brother as Grand Master in 1881. He was also Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire, and representative of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands at his Grand Lodge; Past First Grand Principal of the Grand

and, while his services had been publicly recognised by the presentation to the Countess of Mar and Kellie of a bust of his lordship, who was highly gratified by the kindness and appreciation which had prompted the gift.

DR. THOMAS LLOYD EVANS.

THE remains of Dr. Thomas Lloyd Evans, of Glanrafon, Amlwch, were, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., consigned to their last resting place in Amlwch Cemetery. The deceased gentleman was a prominent Freemason—P.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, and Mark Master Overseer of the St. Eilian Lodge. The cortège started from Glanrafon shortly after two o'clock, in the following order:—Members of the St. Eleth Lodge and visiting brethren, hearse and bearers, mourners, consisting of the two youthful daughters, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law of the deceased, friends and acquaintances, four abreast. The coffin was of polished oak. The Freemasons present were—Bros. T. Jervis W.M. of the St. Eleth Lodge, J. J. Sherlock S.D., C. E. Penny J.D., L. Hughes J.W., W. Jones Treas., W. Thomas Sec., J. Matthews P.M., Rev. H. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.C., W. Jones P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Hughes, T. Fanning Evans, T. Jones, M. Beynon, Alliance (667), O. R. Williams, Royal Irish (100), Rev. Hugh Thomas, Royal Leek (1849) P.P.G.C., J. Hughes, R. Bridson, Derby (724), W. H. Evans, Segontium (606), J. Gibbons (St. Eleth, &c.).

BRO. W. PERCIVAL.

THE remains of the late Bro. W. Percival, who carried on business as a licensed victualler, in Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, and who was much esteemed by a wide circle of friends, were interred on the 5th inst., in Anfield Cemetery, where there was a large gathering. Besides the relatives of the deceased, there were present Messrs. Crippin, Garnett, Davey and Johnson (representing Rigby and Co.), and the following members of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, with which the deceased had been long connected:—Bros. J. B. Parker W.M., J. Stillings S.W., J. Williams S.S., D. Jackson P.M. P.G.S.W., W. Brackenbury P.M. P.P.D.C., T. Clark P.M., T. Roberts P.M., Captain Barry, Bramwell, Ramsden, and J. Edgar.

A DEMOCRATIC PRINCE.

IT is a curious phenomenon that, in the Southern nations of Europe, popular opinion identified Freemasonry with extreme Liberalism—as the last two Popes have sufficiently asserted in their allocutions—whereas, in the Northern nations, to be a Freemason is regarded equivalent to being a strong Conservative. Prince Eugene, the youngest son of the King of Sweden, has just resigned his membership of the Order. The cause of his resignation is of course not made public; but few persons have any doubt that the known democratic sympathies of the young Prince have made it impossible for him to work comfortably with such stark Conservative colleagues. While Leo XIII. is loudly proclaiming that "the secret Order of Freemasons is engaged upon a world-wide scheme for the destruction of the Church and of religion," the Lutherans of the Scandinavian kingdoms look upon the same Order as a bulwark of monarchy and of orthodoxy. The Swedish Lodges, as we learn from a Stockholm acquaintance, are organised upon an "exclusive Christian orthodox" basis. The very Radical Prince, who is an eager advocate of unrestricted liberty of thought and speech, has found this basis a considerable stumbling-block. To the great regret of his father, "who is a Mason body and soul," as our informant says, "and is reputed the wisest Vicar of Solomon," the Prince has quietly turned his back upon the Freemasons. King Oscar, Conservative as he is, has never exercised any pressure upon his sons, but has left them the fullest liberty to take their own line in politics, life, and religion. His second son, the Duke of Gotland, as English readers will remember, not long ago resigned his dignity and position as a "Royal Highness" out of pure love to Miss Ebba Monck, whom he married in Bournemouth. He now lives as a plain citizen in Karlskrona, where he is known by courtesy as "Prince Bernadotte." The youngest son, Prince Eugene, goes by the popular nickname of the "Red Prince," by reason of his supposed revolutionary tendencies. It would seem as if some survival of the original principles of the founder of the house, the old French revolutionary hero of 1790, Citizen Bernadotte, had all along been lurking in the royal blood, and that it had broken out in one of them in the shape of "Equality," and in the other in the shape of "Liberty." Napoleon, though he made Bernadotte a King, had serious doubts for some time whether he was not too radical for the office. Prince Eugene has always had a predilection for the native land of his great-grandfather, who developed out of a French revolutionary general into a Swedish King. Some time ago he went to Paris, and studied painting in the *atelier* of M. Servex, where he mixed with the other students as a comrade amongst comrades. His earnestness and artistic capacity made him very popular in the colony of Scandinavian artists, nearly all of whom are strongly Republican. A few months since an anxious Swedish statesman ventured to appeal humbly to the King to put some restrait upon the pronounced Radicalism of his youngest son. The literary monarch reminded the fearful Conservative of a story related of King Gustavus III., who appointed a declared Republican as tutor to his son, Gustavus Adolphus. "Our future King," said one of the Ministers, "will, perhaps, grow up a Republican." "Never mind," said Gustavus III., "as soon as he becomes a King he will be converted into a Royalist."—*Echo.*

Old Warrants.

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COPY OF CENTENARY WARRANT 13.

G.M. Albert Edward.

To the W.M., Wardens and other Officers and Members of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich, in the county of Kent, and all others whom it may concern.

GREETING.

Whereas by the records of the Grand Lodge it appears that a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients on the 29th of January 1752 and marked 7, which warrant having ceased to be worked was purchased by certain members of the then lodge No. 86 on the 4th of June 1788 and became No. 13 at the union of the two Grand lodges, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th of Dec^r 1813, and whereas a warrant was also granted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients on the 25th of June 1785, and numbered 230 which became 288 at the said union in 1813; and whereas in the year 1826 the said lodges Nos. 13 and 288 together with lodge 418 (which had been formed in the year 1802) surrendered their warrants to the Grand Master for the purpose of being consolidated into one lodge for which a warrant of confirmation was accordingly issued bearing date 1st Dec. 1826 and registered in the list of lodges as No. 13 under the name of the "Union Waterloo," and whereas the said lodge 288 had been in continuous existence from the 25th June 1785 down to its consolidation with lodge 13 in the year 1826 since which period the latter lodge has regularly continued to work under the title or denomination of

The Union Waterloo Lodge.

And whereas the Brethren composing the said lodge are desirous now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence, from the Constitution on the 25th June 1785 of lodge 230 cited above to be permitted to wear a jewel commemorative of such event and have prayed our sanction for that purpose. Now know ye, That we having taken the subject into our consideration have acceded to their request, and in virtue of our prerogative, Do hereby give and grant to all and each of the subscribing members of the said lodge being Master Masons, permission to wear in all Masonic meetings suspended to the left breast by a sky blue ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a Jewel or Medal of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a Centenary Jewel; But such jewel is to be worn only by those Brethren who are bona-fide subscribing members of the lodge, and for so long only as each shall pay his regular stipulated subscriptions to the Funds thereof, and be only returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at London this 25 August 5886 A.D. 1886.

By command of the M.W.G.M.,

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE G.S.

The installation meeting of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, took place on Wednesday, at Kingston-on-Thames. A full report shall appear in our next.

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMAN receive daily, and undertake to teach ladies and gentlemen, who have never had the slightest previous knowledge or instruction, to go through every fashionable ball-dance in a few easy lessons. Private lessons any hour. Morning and evening classes.

ACADEMY—74 NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET.

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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, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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.
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. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 25th 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Inst. uction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—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)
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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
224—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
247—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
1403—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
1573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1616—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1656—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne,

WEDNESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instrus.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—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. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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)
1328—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
11[illegible]—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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
70[illegible]—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
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1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Harrer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

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THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THIS year's October election for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Saturday, the 27th proximo, and may be looked forward for as likely to produce results very different from those of years gone by. We shall be much surprised if even the most experienced in such affairs do not find the outcome of the approaching election far from what they anticipate; indeed, we imagine it is almost impossible to form any reliable estimate of what will be the result of the poll on that occasion.

The cause for all this uncertainty is to be found in the fact that the coming election is the first wherein will be experienced the full result of the special efforts which were put forward to ensure a proper celebration of the Centenary of the Institution. Any calculations based on the experience of the past will be quite valueless as a guide to the number of votes needed to carry a candidate at the coming election, for not only have the exceptional donations in celebration of the Centenary entitled the donors to new votes for the contest, but we must also bear in mind there are the many extra votes to be considered which were conferred in connection with the "special" advantages offered as inducements to ensure the exceptional support which was given to the Centenary; while, as a climax to the whole, there are but nine vacancies to be filled, with sixty-three candidates eligible to compete for them; more than half that number of applicants now making their first appeal. For these several reasons we may aptly describe the coming contest as calling for "a leap in the dark" from those whose duty it will be to conduct the cases of the several candidates.

It will be quite useless to ask the oft-repeated questions of election days—How many votes will it require to make a candidate secure? or, At what number will it be safe to stop polling? unless one is content to take for an answer a mere expression of opinion, formed on most meagre details, and quite impossible of being endorsed by actual calculation or rational argument. It is true we shall know the number of votes issued, and the number brought forward, but we shall lack that knowledge of their distribution which experience can alone supply. The whole conditions in regard to the distribution of votes will be so changed as to necessitate fresh calculations and fresh consideration of the several features which affect them. It will be impossible to form any estimate of probable results unless it be known exactly how the larger Provinces and organizations stand in regard to new votes, and how their several representatives intend to adapt themselves to the new state of affairs, and even then all will depend on the number of candidates coming forward from these particular centres. We need hardly say it will be quite impossible to ascertain these necessary details from those who will take part in the election, as each will, to a certain extent, keep his own counsel, in the hope of securing for his own particular district or combination one of the few prizes which are available.

At the last election twelve girls were placed from a list of forty-two approved candidates. The one highest on the poll on that occasion secured 3888 votes, while the highest on the unsuccessful list had 1883 recorded on her behalf, the latter total being 131 below that of the lowest successful candidate. These figures were certainly high enough, but we expect they will appear low when we come to read the result of next month's polling, for, as we have already said, there will be a much larger number of votes out, while there are three—twenty-five per cent.—less vacancies available for competition, although unfortunately there is a much larger number of candidates among whom the votes will be divided.

The ballot paper which has just been issued in connection with this approaching election will prove a great disappointment to many, for it was the opinion of a large section of the Craft that the grand result of the Centenary Festival would enable the Committee of the Institution to take on all candidates, without the trouble of an election, but they could hardly have anticipated so long a list as is now presented. No doubt this feeling has done much to swell the list of candidates to its present huge dimensions, for it must be borne in mind that of the sixty-three candidates no less than fifty-four have been approved during the last twelve months; that is, during the period of excitement in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Charity. No doubt the special efforts put forward in connection with that event resulted in much larger receipts than would have been the case had the year been an ordinary one, but they also attracted a large number of candidates, for the majority of whom it will be impossible ever to make any provision, notwithstanding the great and rapid advances which have taken place in the affairs of the Institution during the last few years.

As it seems we must expect permanent disappointment for a large number of the candidates now on the list for this Institution, we think the opportunity a favourable one for once more considering the advisability of offering "half a loaf rather than no bread." Would it not be possible to help some—if not all—of the unsuccessful candidates with grants towards their maintenance at home, out of what we may term the excess of the Centenary. We know that a large part of this "excess" is already bespoke, but surely it is not all appropriated, and we think the question of affording a little help in a certain number of cases might reasonably be considered in connection with a part of the remaining surplus. If some such plan as this is not adopted we fear that at least one half of the sixty-three candidates at present on the list will never have the privilege of reaping

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benefit from the Charity they are now applicants for, and surely that would be but a poor sequel to the grand success of the Albert Hall gathering.

As a counter proposition we are prepared to hear suggestions put forward to still further increase the buildings of the Institution at Battersea Rise, and much as we should like to know that provision was being made for an increased number of pupils, we are almost afraid of the ultimate consequences of making further additions to the buildings there. Already the Charity has spent a fortune on land, bricks and mortar at that spot. Would the property realize anything like its cost if it had to be sold? Is it wise to still further increase the outlay in what has become a really expensive suburb of London, and what must ultimately become an even closer associate of the great metropolis? Would it not be better to look further afield, and make a start with some new idea, rather than spend too much in maintaining an old fancy? At present there may be no reason to anticipate a change being necessary, but who shall say what the next few years shall bring forth, and it is well to look at matters from different points of view. As soon as the Craft has had time to consider the state of affairs in connection with the Girls' School—a splendid balance, an enormous number of candidates, and but few vacancies—we may expect that proposals will be mooted for enlarging the scope of that Charity, and in view of such a contingency we strongly advise a careful consideration of the matter in its several aspects, and more particularly do we urge the advisability of adopting a system of grants in aid of education, so long as it is found impossible to take entire responsibility on behalf of all who are considered eligible and worthy.

THE FREEMASON'S CREED.

Address Delivered by the V.W. the Rev. J. W. Owen, B.A., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

WHEN, at the command of our Worshipful Master, I last had the honour of addressing you, my brothers, in this our Lodge of Harmony, we considered as subject, "What is intended to constitute the serious outcome of the institution of the Craft?" and we arrived at the conclusion that the main intention of Freemasonry is "the association of men, in implicit reliance upon their Maker, to help one another to do their duty in life's battle." Since then we have been addressed in words of wise advice and helpfulness by another brother, who desired to stimulate us more and more to realize our intended outcome; and although but few of us heard his utterances, I am sure they will not fail of their reward, for no utterance in this mysterious circle of life, wherein our allotted tasks are done or left undone, ever dies with itself, but, like the descent of a pebble on the surface of some river, spreads an ever-widening circle of its onward communication until the latest ripple dies away upon the marge.

It is assumed that we are agreed as to the outcome of our Craft; it is also assumed further that we all feel the need of doing what we can towards its more perfect realization; and these two thoughts combined must, it seems to me, serve to raise in every thoughtful mind inquiry as to the foundation on which we base our intended outcome, and by which we are nerved to fulfil that outcome. Here, as elsewhere, we are forced back on first principles, in which lie all the virtues of any system man has elaborated, in neglect or denial of which lies also all consequent errror and wandering. Finding some such questioning in myself, I conclude, therefore, that it must be present with most of you, my brothers; we are of a like constitution of mind; and above all things I must be careful to remember whenever this Lodge, through its Master, shall call upon me to address it, that it would ill become me to assume any pedagogic attitude, but rather that it is my highest privilege to stand forth as a man and a brother, laying such thoughts as are in him before his fellows, and striving to learn rather than to teach.

I hold him great, who, for love's sake,
Can give with generous noble will;
Yet, him who takes for love's sweet sake,
I think I hold more generous still.

We men, my brothers, must have convictions by which to walk through life, if we are to walk in any true sense and not blindly stumble along. The man who leads most deeply the life of isolated contemplation knows this well—take away his convictions, and he has nothing to steer by. Men who more wisely, as I deem, resolve to cast their lot in the associated life, and to project the range of their usefulness beyond the narrow limit of the study and the home, know also the force of convictions, and the absolute necessity for underlying unity of conviction. "Shall two walk together unless they have agreed?" asked the herdman of Tekoa, one of those lonely ones of deep insight whom the wisdom of God chose out to tell the world certain plain truths of which it is ever stood in need, and whose utterances will live on when the names of fashionable theorists and empirics shall be forgotten. Let us cast our thoughts backward over the long roll of the bye-gone days, and ask, When were the ancient kindoms of the earth making that history which is still the lesson-book and guide of our modern world? When were Egypt, and Palestine, and Assyria, and Persia, and Greece, and Rome really prosperous and able to do those mighty deeds which have rendered the race as we know it capable of what it is wholesomely doing and yet shall do? Was it not when their convictions were real to them, and their men acted up to them? and was it not just when their convictions ceased to be real, that men's action ceased to be strenuous, and decline grew on—until a palsied make-believe usurped the place of faith which gives life, and a descent from bad to worse set in? And the storied memory, and the forfeited inheritance handed on to nations worthier than themselves, are—as far as the annals of earth are concerned—all that remain of those wondrous empires and dominating dynasties which, in their turn, reigned supreme. And as with nations so it is with men. Pick me out one who has signalized himself, whether for good or for evil, from the common herd, and it requires no prophet to recognize a man of strong convictions, whether on a right method or on a wrong method we need not now stop to inquire. *All* our argument is concerned to prove is that in order to truly recognize that there is work to be done, and to further feel that there is an impelling necessity to get such work carried through, presupposes the existence within the minds of those who perceive how "correspondence with environment" after all, constitutes

Our being's end and aim—

of settled conviction, of firm belief in the existence of One who, of right, demands from His creatures such "correspondence," and consequently of a creed by which man expresses to himself, and to his co-labourers, as best he is able, the convictions by which he sees how to live, and ceases to fear to die, and expects to attain to larger and yet more beneficent activity in the life beyond the veil.

Yes, it is true. The science of man as he ought to be must be based upon man as he is in the totality of his nature, a spiritual as well as an intellectual and animal being. Freemasonry lays before itself the great task of helping man to become as he ought to be. Freemasonry then must deal with man as he is, and it finds that man when he is really man, not a mere buying and selling machine, not a screen on which to hang clothes and opinions, not a mere pleasure consumer, but a rational creature, capable of joy and sorrow—looking before and after—and precisely because he is rational, seeing the necessity for regulative truth which is designed not so much to satisfy his curiosity as to guide his practice—when he is possessed of that

Faith which comes of self-control—

imperatively demands a creed. Freemasonry, therefore, must have a creed to offer and it must be one which will stand examination, and prove its worth by its general adaptability to human needs, for it is a great saying, spoken by one of the deepest and most earnest and largest-minded thinkers of this century, that "the truth which is highest is the most universal." What, then, let us inquire, is the creed of the Mason in its simplest form of expression? It is belief in God. Belief, I say, in God, not as an abstract idea; not as a "tendency for righteousness," not as some metaphysical subtlety on which men bestow the name of Deity as a convenient cover for their ignorance of powers and forces which they feel to exist, but are unskilled to

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trace to the fountain-head; but in God as a Living Being, Himself the Love and Light and Truth which radiate from Him, giving witness of Himself in nature and in science, Architect of the wondrous world in which He has placed His creatures to dwell, Disposer and Supreme Ruler of all that happens in that world, Leader and Guide of men up the great altar steps which "slope through darkness" to His Throne, Giver of every good gift man possesses, Inspirer of every true and wise and holy and beneficent thought man has ever reached, Bestower of the highest graces and virtues of pillar-like strength and wisdom and beauty, of the ascending rounds of faith and hope and charity, of the pure pendants of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice—a personal God, an ever-present Father, who has never ceased to communicate Himself to the souls of His children, and that whether they have given heedful obedience to such communication or not who comes into direct contact with man in consequence of His own most gracious original endowment of man's nature, and Who is at once imperious in claim to be heard, and tender in response to the higher promptings of man's spirit—promptings, dim and shadowy doubtless, all ill-expressed by the stammering utterance of the Finite, trying to express the Infinite—in its struggle to heave the real self to light—but still genuine spiritual promptings:—

> Which, be they what they may,
> Are yet the fountain-light of all our day,
> Are yet the Master-light of all our seeing.

This assured belief in God, it seems to me, is the Mason's Creed, pure and simple. And it is glorious and catholic (in the true sense of that much-abused word), for it embraces every soul into whose nostrils have been breathed the spirit of lives, and unites one and all of every age and clime and race to the Living Rock whence all are hewn.

The rest follows from this all-embracing belief. Eliminate this, and there is nothing to follow. Apart from this "man walketh in a vain shadow and disquieteth himself in vain." But given the good God, as every self-controlled Mason allows, and given also a bewildered race, which the common sense of every observant man must grant, then the necessity for this good God's unveiling of Himself to His creatures that they may progressively come to know of *Him* is apparent. To God the candidate for Masonic rights and privileges is from the earliest stage of his career directed. As he stands, poor and blind, and anxious, without the door of the Lodge, he is denied entrance until it is asserted of him that he puts his trust in God; he himself, on his earliest entrance, makes personal assertion of his entire dependence on God's aid—and from that moment until he rises from the symbolical tomb of transgression as a newly-obligated Master Mason, he is continually and most solemnly, under various titles which are designed to express various sides of the wondrous whole of His infinite perfection, recalled into the presence of God—and I learn from tried and trusted brothers who have attained eminences which are unknown to me personally, that to what ever height in the Craft perseverance and fortitude may carry us, such recall to God is at once the encouragement to yet further effort, and the safeguard against self pride and all creaturely presumption.

With a like faithful insistance are we all of us reminded by those worthy brothers who are elected to rule our Lodges, of God's revelation of Himself to man in His written Word, in that treasury of wisdom to which the consensus of the best and brightest of those who have at all known it has applied the title of "*The* Book"—"the Bible." At every stage of his career does this book comfort the aspirant for Masonic culture. On the volume of the Sacred Law are his various vows sealed, in that volume is he charged to find that "unerring standard of truth and justice" whereby to regulate his actions and to estimate properly his duty to God, and to neighbours, and to self; and I put it to you, my brothers, in no spirit of fault-finding, and in such total absence of any taint of pharisaic pride that I desire that what I shall say shall be held chiefly to apply to the speaker, I put it then to myself first of all and to you, my brothers, whom I desire to help—Are we, as Masons, as careful as we should be to discharge in this respect Masonic duty "with fervency and zeal?" Some doubtless are; some, alas, are not. Let us all strive to do better. For it was, remember, by careful observance and by patient study of signs, tokens, and words, that in its most pathetic and touching incident our allegory represents us to have obtained such light as we have. Who knows—who shall dare to limit—what reward awaits yet more careful observance, yet more diligent study of the "signs, tokens, and words" within our reach in the Book of Books. Are we doomed to be for ever obliged to confess to fruitless search, and to rest content with "substituted secrets?" We cannot think so. Do we not solemnly pray that "the rays of heaven may shed their benign influence over us to enlighten us in the paths of nature and science?" Doubtless from its material side that prayer has been largely answered, and the very fact that this is thus is earnest to my mind that such prayer will yet be answered in its fairest outcome—for to know Nature is surely to learn yet more of Nature's God, and that is but a halting and short-sighted science which falls short of Him in whom all things consist, and in knowledge of whom stands man's eternal life. More and more the great modern school of physical science, which has worked such wonders and bestowed with stewardly hands such countless blessings is coming, in that genuine reverence which sets truth before gain and principle before profit, to find God behind all its searching, to get fuller sight of Him beneath the manifold diversity of His revelation of Himself—in the unwritten book of earth, and sky, and sea, in the living book of man's body, soul, and spirit—and to find strange and expected witness in the written books of the lawgiver, the psalmist, the poet, the historian, the prophet, the evangelist, and apostle, and to discover under successful analysis, and working hypothesis, and hard-wrought theory and daring guesses that the everlasting arms are evermore outstretched, leading on to victory those in whose hearts He has set His truth. Shall Masons, whose creed is summed up in utter reliance on the One True Living God, lag behind in such a quest as this? Brothers, I trow not so!

Such is, as I understand it, the Mason's Creed. He believes utterly in God as the Great All-Father, and consequently in the brotherhood of man; he acknowledges duty to his Father and his brothers, and in due discharge of such duty best learns to respect himself—and for guidance in discharge of these duties he turns him in patient search to revelation, in all its ways of expression and especially in that Book wherein the wisest may learn fresh wisdom and the simplest find plain direction.

And it is this foundation on truth which gives Freemasonry its life. Apart from this it must die. For true religion ("religion" means "that which binds man to God," and if Freemasonry serves not this end it serves no end) is not primarily a system of dogmas addressed to the intellect, it is not a ritual, neither is it a collection of precepts enjoined on the will. True religion may be developed (seeing we men are a race whose learning must be progressively acquired) by reflection and by a process of external training, and therefore dogma, ritual and precept have their due place; it may act upon all departments of human interest, and even come to include in its sphere the intellectual and moral science, but primarily it is not these—it resolves itself into a simple but certain conviction of man's entire dependence upon God. This is *the* landmark of our Order, and to preserve this Freemasonry has its own dogmas, and ritual, and precepts—its own way of teaching—its own reverent and impressive usages and ceremonies. It never ventures to deny that there are other ways of preserving and extending this main truth; it declines altogether to depreciate those other ways; it claims, as I read its claims, no patent for exclusive possession of God's light; it allows men, who honestly deem that in other systems fuller and truer light than the comparative "darkness visible" of a Master Mason is attainable, to stand in its ranks and to faithfully follow such fuller light, otherwise I should not dare to be among you to-night; it labours with might and main to preserve inviolate the sure foundation other than which no man can lay, on whom, the living God, the Saviour of all men, the hope of the race of man is set. To this end it pursues its way in large-hearted charity and in patient assurance of ultimate attainment, sure that God knows best how to guide those who long for Him to Himself, sure that nothing can divide us from Him but that selfishness which would exclude our brothers, sure, too, that over all the wisdom which God-directed human ingenuity and study may attain—beautiful, holy, peerless, and encouraging as it may be—must be spoken by the true of heart who are bound to be humble before the Supreme in the heaven of heavens, the truly scientific dictum of the great Jew of Tarsus, a Master builder in a nobler temple than that of King Solomon:—"That we know in part and we tell forth in part, but when that which is perfect is come that which is in part shall be done away."

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MASONIC FELLOWSHIP.

IT is allowed by all careful observers of Freemasonry that it furnishes some strong bonds, by means of which its members are united in a pleasant and abiding fellowship. In this respect its power is acknowledged and its utility made manifest. What is the basis of such a fellowship?

Why is it, and how is it, that the Masonic organization holds its members so closely to itself, and brings them into such friendly regard with each other?

The fellowship created by Freemasonry is more than that of the social club. Good cheer and free, hearty companionship have their place in Masonic associations. The Lodge, like the club, ministers to the social side of man's nature, and makes the opportunity for an expression of much of friendliness. We may not despise the offerings of organised Freemasonry in this respect. The laugh, the song, the story, the good humour, and the good cheer which belong to the unrestrained social intercourse of Masonic gatherings, ought not to be esteemed as of little or no value. But it is derogatory to the high character of the Masonic Institution to regard its clubable features as constituting its most important ties of fellowship. We must recognise the privileges of sociability and good cheer provided under its auspices, but in the scale of relative values they do not weigh so much as some other things. There are ties depending on Masonic sentiment, faith, teaching, obligations, work, &c., which are of the first importance and the most enduring character.

Freemasonry presents itself as a science to be studied and applied; a philosophy to be unfolded; a system of ethics binding the life to duty and to humanity, and a system of faith and devotion uniting the heart to God. Regarded in this light it is not so very difficult to discover the fellowship it imposes, and the basis on which it rests. That basis most certainly is nothing less than the principles, ideas and purposes, which belong to Freemasonry and give it character—a vital force without which it would have perished long ago. Men who stand together on a platform of noble and grand ideas, who pledge themselves alike to beneficent services, and become interested in common studies and pursuits, must of necessity be brought into friendly communion, and their souls must be knit together by a sweet and gracious fellowship.

It is as a working body specially that the Masonic organisation creates and develops this true, hearty fellowship. When we begin to do for others our brotherly love warms and increases. The benevolent service that we render as Craftsmen—the charity we express by word or deed—all faithful discharge of the active duties of related life will bring us more and more into sympathetic accord and help to a realization of the full import of Masonic Brotherhood. It is no cause for complaint that Freemasonry has this practical side, and that so much is required in the way of mutual regard and helpfulness—rather a cause for rejoicing, for thus the spirit of brotherly love is deepened and quickened, and the best possible basis of a true Masonic fellowship established. So may we be glad to—

> "Give each other pity, aid, and strength,
> And consolation; man was made for man."

YOUNG MEN IN MASONRY.

THERE are no old men in Masonry. There are Brethren whose heads are crowned with hair of snowy whiteness, whose eyes are dim with years of continual seeing, whose limbs are tottering with the weight they have borne for so long a period, but their hearts are young, their spirit is unbroken, their fraternal zeal is unabated, and they are still young men in Masonry. It is a characteristic of our Craft that it is a fountain of youth to its members. Cicero once said, "As I approve of the youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of the youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body, but he can never be so in mind." Cicero is said to have been an initiate in the Eleusinian Mysteries, and he tells us that "men came from the most distant shores to be initiated at Eleusis." If he was an initiate, he realised in his own experience, and in that of his Brethren, the fact that all remained young who shared in the Mysteries.

There is something in "Masonic Light" which illumines all the dark places in life a Freemason is called on to pass through. There is something in Masonic fellowship which guarantees exemption from the carping cares too often incident to human existence. There is something in Masonic charity which is more than money, more than sympathy, more than worldly assistance, to him who is in distress. Even when clouds obscure the light of day, and misfortune wickedly assails, and friends desert a Brother, who is left worn with years, and with an empty purse, then his Brethren surround him with the arms of their love, and give him a home—the Masonic Home, where with self-respect and comfort he may pass his last years, surrounded by his friends, who are eager not only to minister to his absolute needs, but to give him also some of the luxuries of life.

All Brethren being thus young men in Masonry, let us enter a Lodge and note what we there see.

The Master of a Lodge is often what any one would call a young man, and so are the Wardens, while the appointed officers are certainly young, often very young. Deacons, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant, all are unmistakably young. They perform their duties with ability. They are active, vigilant, discreet. They are ambitious of knowledge, of preferment, of performing their work well. They are even proud to "go to school," since they know that one can never be too old to learn. Freemasonry is thus a school of discipline, of culture, of knowledge. And the offices in Masonry, rising one above another in a scale of increasing dignity and honour, open a field of unexampled breadth for the display of individual ability. Where else can one derive equal information and pleasure in return for the expenditure of the same amount of time and effort? Did it confer no other advantage than exemption from the benumbing influences of age, Freemasonry would be worth all the labour one can expend upon it. Young Masons, would you remain always young? Maintain your active connection with the Craft, meet statedly with your Brethren, associate with those whose spirits never flag, and your days will be prolonged—and your nights also—and you will unanimously vote that life is worth living.

But who are those sages in the Lodge who occupy the higher seats; who, perhaps, perform comparatively *little of* the active work, but are there for an emergency? Some of them are apparently Masonic veterans; three score, or three score years and ten, may have passed over them, but still they are there, wise counsellors in case of need. They are entitled to their ease, and they enjoy it.

> How blest is he who crowns, in shades like these,
> A youth of labour with an age of ease.

But at any moment these Past Masters may become active Freemasons. They are ready, at a moment's notice, to don the Master's clothing and do his work, or do that of the humblest appointed officer. And if counsel be needed, they are there to give it. They are still young men in Masonry, and they will never grow old. Brethren, do not you feel this "fountain of immortal youth" welling up in your hearts, and sending life through your veins? It is the Craft's gift; treasure it as you ought, and use it as you may for promoting the best interests of Freemasonry.

—*Keystone.*

The gavel is the emblem of authority. It is the lever which moves the Masonic world. When wielded by the Master in his Lodge it is more potent than a monarch's sceptre. The Master there is sovereign, and his will alone becomes the law by which the Craft are governed, and to which they must bow with graceful submission and strict obedience. For the Master to permit the slightest deviation from this rule would sap his prerogative and plant the seed that would produce turmoil, disorder, dissension, and ultimately anarchy. It is the province of the chosen few to command, while it is the duty of others to obey. Upon the very threshold of Masonry the novice is instructed that the peace and harmony of the Lodge must not be disturbed. Whenever a Mason so far forgets himself as to bring anything offensive into the Lodge whereby disturbance may be caused, he becomes guilty of one of the greatest offences known to our Masonic calendar, and amenable to the severest penalty which our Masonic code can impose.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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SERMON BY THE REV. FATHER HACKETT.

AT St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sunday, 22nd July, the Very Rev. Father Hackett preached on the subject of "Freemasonry." Father Hackett, in introducing the subject, said he would rather have left it untouched, but the duties of his ministry as a Catholic priest compelled him to speak openly and fearlessly. Attempts had recently been made in certain quarters of this city to induce some Catholic young men to join the Masonic brotherhood—a society which was opposed in all parts of the Christian world by the Catholic Church. How far these attempts had been successful had not up to the present time been ascertained. This, however, was known—that Masonry had found a zealous and not very truthful exponent of its principles and practices among us—a man who was once, to their shame be it said, a Catholic, and who having lost his faith, was now in the camp of the enemy, endeavouring to induce others to follow in his footsteps. This was the sole reason why he (Father Hackett) came before them that evening to speak on "Freemasonry." Some Catholics would judge of Freemasonry from what they read in the newspapers friendly to the society, or from the characters of individual Masons of their acquaintance; they were reluctant to believe what the Pope, bishops, and priests of the Catholic Church said against the society. In the eyes of many, Masonry was but a benevolent society, whose sole aim and object was charity—a society with no thought of conspiracy save that of uniting in one common fraternity all classes of society in the world. To such as those he addressed himself that evening, as well as to those who were not Catholics, and who considered that the Catholic view of Masonry was prejudiced, unfounded and unreasonable. On the origin of Masonry there rested a dark cloud, which Masons themselves were not fully able to lift. It claimed, however, to be of very remote origin, for they had it on the authority of a distinguished Mason himself—M. de Branville, ex-officer of the Grand Orient of Paris—that the religious doctrines of Masonry were the continuation of the Egyptian mysteries preserved in the Temple of Isis and transmitted by the Templars, who, in order to escape persecution, founded the Masonic Association. In the Constitution drawn up by the Masonic Order in Italy, the following articles of religious belief were found:—"Article No. 4: Masonry recognises its God in the principle of the natural and moral order under the symbol of the Great Architect of the Universe." "Article No. 8: Masonry proposes to itself as its final object to unite all men in one vast family, which may and ought to take the place of all Churches founded on blind faith and theocratic authority, and of all kinds of religious worship, thereby to constitute the true and only Church of Humanity." The doctrine contained in these articles was anti-Christian, for two reasons—first, by reason of what it excluded, and secondly by reason of what it asserted. Father Hackett referred to the meaning of the phrase "Great Architect of the Universe," and pointed out that a learned Freemason named Jojé, who amongst other offices held that of Grand Inspector-General of the 33rd degree, Grand Orient of Paris, in his writings states that the phrase "Great Architect of the Universe" means that "Masonry recognises but one God co-eternal with being itself, not divisible into persons, not subject to human misery, and who consequently never died nor can die." According to this testimony, the religious belief of Masonry did away completely with the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, the Blessed Trinity, and altogether ignored the Three Divine Persons. Christian belief was a belief in the Blessed Trinity, but here there was but one God, "the Great Architect of the Universe." It was also asserted that God could not die; therefore, Masons ignored the great work of the Redemption of man. In all their articles the name of Jesus Christ never once occurred. M. Hayman, another learned Mason, said that the phrase, "Great Architect of the Universe," was a generic denomination of God, which every Mason might accept for the God he adored, even those who did not believe in God; and in a speech delivered in 1863, in which he referred to the spread of Masonry in England, Mr. Hayman said, "Those whose reason and good sense do not find satisfaction in the ancient dogmas of Christianity flock in crowds to the English Masonic temples, where reason, good sense, and philosophy are represented under a touching symbolism." From this it would appear that Freemasonry was in England a substitute for Christianity. Father Hackett quoted the writings of Goffin, who, in 1863, founded the Lodge Verviers, which Lodge received letters of authorisation from the Grand Lodge of Memphis, of London. Goffin, in his "Popular History of Freemasonry," held that no person should be admitted into his Lodge, the Lodge of Verviers, "who will not make a formal engagement in writing never to have recourse to the ministry of the Church in case of having to contract marriage, and who will not oblige himself never to consent to receive religious burial after death, to that effect signing a Masonic will by which fulfilment of the obligation may be secured." How far this represented the feelings of the English Lodge which granted the letters of institution to the Verviers Masons, they had no means of ascertaining, but there existed between the English and Verviers Lodges the same relationship that existed between a mother and her daughter. The preacher read the Louvain Declaration, which is to the effect that Freemason meant Freethinker, and that all philosophical doctrines had liberty in the Order; this was, too, the opinion of the Philadelphi of London, which, in a manifesto issued by them, stated that "in order to labour for the general welfare there is no need to bear the stamp of any church, of any sect, of any philosophical system, or the belly-band of any Government whatsoever." Up to the year 1865 the documents and articles of the Society of the Philadelphi Masons contained the following inscription:—"To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe," but in the year 1866 that motto was erased, and the following substituted in its stead:—"In the name of reason and of universal fraternity." It might be said that the passages he had quoted were merely the views of individual Masons; but if they were, why not repudiate them? Why did Freemasons continue to remain in close relationship to those who held these opinions? The secrecy which shadowed the meetings and the workings of the society at once stamped it as objectionable. Secrecy was the hiding-place of moral evil. If the aims and the ends of Masonry were good, why not reveal them to the world? Freemasons said that the Catholic Church condemned their Order unjustly; but why did they not lay bare their organisation, and prove that the Catholic Church was a false accuser? It was said that Masonry was a benevolent society; so were the societies of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hibernian Society: why not imitate these bodies in their openness? Again, it was immoral and dishonourable in a man to bind himself down by a solemn oath to obey the command of irresponsible leaders. One could hardly imagine that human liberty would descend so low as to assent to an oath such as the following:—"If I violate my obligation. . . . I allow my tongue to be torn away, my heart to be dragged out, my body to be burned, reduced to ashes, and flung to the winds, so that no memory of me remain among men." This was admitted to be the oath of Freemasonry by M. de Branville, of the Grand Orient of Paris. If Masonry was a benevolent society, why seal the lips of its members by such an oath as this? Who gave any Mason the right over his own body—the right to give up his body to be burned? God alone was the owner of man's body. Supposing a Catholic entered the Masonic Order for the purpose of gaining some temporal advantage, and at the hour of death would send for the priest, that man was acting dishonourably to the Masons, and was a deceiver and a cheat. Men who had left the Masonic Order and had joined the Catholic Church were marked men; they were followed everywhere—not certainly to be murdered, but to be kept out of any position under Masonic control. He knew Masons who had entered the Church, and who were hunted men. Father Hackett concluded by appealing to the Catholic men who were amongst his hearers to keep their faith. There was a crowded congregation present, including many persons of other denominations.—*Auckland News.*

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN BRETHREN.

THE Steamer *City of Richmond*, of the Inman Line, arrived at Jersey City, on Sunday, 9th September 1888, at 4 o'clock p.m., bringing among its passengers a delegation from the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of London, England, to visit (in compliance with a promise made one year ago) their Brethren of the City of Philadelphia, who last year visited Europe. The English Brothers were George Reynolds, Secretary, and John Skinner, Past Master of Lodge No. 538, and Director of Ceremonies of Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, F. and A.M., of London, England, of which Lodge they were both charter members. They were met at the steamer and escorted at once to Philadelphia, reaching that place at 11 o'clock Sunday night. The delay in the arrival of the steamer interfered very materially with the arrangements made for their entertainment, which was to have commenced on Saturday afternoon, so that all had to be contracted into one day. On Monday, they visited the Masonic Temple, being received and welcomed by Bros. Charles E. Meyer, Daniel Sutter, John L. Young, Charles Mathews jun., James McCauley, Samuel W. Wray, Augustus R. Hall, John H Crankshaw, and Charles W. Packer. After a thorough inspection of the magnificent Temple, they met R.W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla; R.W. Junior Grand Warden Bro. the Hon. Judge Michael Arnold; R.W. Grand Treasurer Bro. Thomas R. Patton, and the Grand Master's Private Secretary Bro. William A. Sinn. From the Temple the visitors were escorted to the United States Mint, where they were welcomed by W. Bro. Daniel M. Fox, P.M. of Lodge No. 72, Superintendent of the Mint, and by him shown through all the most interesting and important portions of the building, seeing the manufacture of money in all its branches. From the Mint they were escorted to the New City Hall, and after examining the beautiful granite staircase, the electrical department and its battery room, they were lifted to the top of the lofty tower, and had a bird's eye view of the largest city (as to area) in the world, and its stately Broad-street, the longest street in the world. The atmosphere was fortunately clear and the view was magnificent. After leaving City Hall lunch was taken, after which a carriage drive was had through the West Park, passing the reminiscences of the Centennial, to the grand Horticultural Hall, with its unsurpassed sunken parterres of landscape gardening, then to the falls of Schuylkill, returning along the river road to the East Park Reservoir, one of the most stupendous works in this country, a reservoir so large that when filled could float the largest vessel in the world. At six o'clock the American Brethren, to the number of twenty, met at Bro. Jocob Wiener's, 866 North Seventh Street, and tendered to the Anglo-American Brethren their congratulations on their safe and pleasant voyage, their pleasure at meeting them on this side of the water, and wishing them a pleasant visit, after which they all sat down to refreshment, which was heartily enjoyed. The banquet was of Bro. Wiener's best efforts. The table was most beautifully decorated with flowers, candelabras, fairy lamps, fruits and greens. The cooking was exquisite, the serving most excellent—in fact anything that could add pleasure to the occasion was not omitted. After the dinner, toasts were drank, under the chairmanship of Bro. Charles E. Meyer, and as a matter of record we give the menu, the toasts and names of those present—speeches were also made by P.M. Bros. Augustus R. Hall, and John Sartain, and songs by Bros. Crankshaw and Piper.

FRATERNAL WELCOME

TO

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191, F. AND A.M.,
LONDON, England, by

THE AMERICAN BRETHREN,

Philadelphia, 10th September 1888.

MENU.

First Course—Cape May Salts. Oysters on Half Shell. **Sauterne.**
Latour Blanche.

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Second Course—Bouillon à la Café. Rasp Sandwichs. Sherry.
Third Course—Rock Fish. Oyster Sauce. Cucumbers. Hashed Potatoes. Niersteiner.
Fourth Course—Chicken Cotelettes à la Financière. French Asparagus. Niersteiner.
Fifth Course—Sweetbreads and French Peas. Escalloped Oysters. Burgundy.
Sixth Course—English Punch. Cigarettes.
Seventh Course—Reed Birds on Toast. Mayonnaise Tomatoes. Champagne, Pommery Sec.
Eighth Course—Terrapin à la Weiner. Saratoga Chips. Celery. Olives. Gherkins.
Dessert—Assorted Ice Creams. Water Ices. French Meringues. Fruits. Watermelons. Green Mint. Coffee and Cigars.

The following toasts were drank:

THE PAST.

1.—Our Native Land. Replied to Bro. William J. Kelly P.M.
2.—The Grand Lodges of England and Pennsylvania. Replied to by Bros. John Skinner P.M. and Daniel Sutter P.M.

THE PRESENT.

3.—Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, F. and A.M. London. Replied by Bro. George Reynolds.
4.—Masonry Around the Globe. Replied to by Bro. Edward Perry P.M.
5.—Those that I Love. Those that Love Me. Those that Love those that I Love. Those that Love those that Love Me. Replied to by Bro. Dr. Wm. A. Piper P.M.

THE FUTURE.

6.—May the Future bring Us, as Masons, still closer than the Past, and the Present remind us, "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Replied to by Bro. Samuel W. Wray P.M.

The following brethren were present:—Geo. Reynolds Secretary Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, F. and A.M. London, John Skinner P.M. 538 Dir. of Cers. Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, Charles E. Meyer P.M. 295 hon. member Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, Daniel Sutter P.M. and Treasurer 130, John L. Young P.M. 130, Charles W. Packer P.M. 72, John Sartain P.M. 134, Edwd. B. Spencer P.M. 368, Louis Schmidt P.M. 384, Daniel K. Spry P.M. 332, Edwd. Perry P.M. 158, James Macaulay 211, John Beavan 484, William McCarter 295, Jesse G. Mecutcheon 134, Joseph Shaw 190, Joseph Fling 296, Graham L. Littlewood 9, William A. Piper P.M. 285, Augustus R. Hall P.M. and Secretary 72, William J. Kelly P.M. 59 Chairman of Temple Committee, Samuel W. Wray P.M. 59 Secretary of Temple Committee, Charles Matthews jun. P.M. 481, Abraham A. Landis 2, John P. Crankshaw 19, and Jacob Weiner 121.

On Tuesday morning Bro. John Sartain took charge of the visiting brethren, and showed them the colossal statue of William Penn (37 feet high), designed for the top of the tower of the new City Hall, and they were afterwards taken to the Academy of Fine Arts.

In the evening the brethren went to Baltimore, where Bro. Thos. Shyrock Grand Master received and entertained them.

These visits of brethren from beyond the great waters, and the interchange of courtesies, tend to unite us, not only as Masons but as men more closely; and with the Brotherhood of man made stronger, the Fatherhood of God becomes the more distinct, and men realise that Freemasonry teaches that which makes plain our walk in this life, and points to the land of immortality, the abiding place of peace and eternal rest.

Our Anglo-American brethren having finished their Masonic visit, will leave for home on the *Inman* steamer, City of New York, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, carrying with them the God speed and *au revoir* of the American brethren.—*Keystone.*

The restoration of the church of Cwmamman, South Wales, being completed, an east window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, has been presented to the church, the gift of the parishioners; the subject is, Christ as the Good Shepherd.

Obituary.

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BRO. R. CALVERT.

We regret having to record the death of this worthy brother, one of the oldest foremen at the Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield Lock. The deceased, who was widely known and respected in the district, where he had resided the greater portion of his life, had been in poor health for some time, owing to an affection of the liver. Upon this dropsy supervened, and he expired on Thursday, the 6th inst., at his residence in Pultney-road, in the 57th year of his age. For the long period of thirty-two years had Bro. Calvert been employed at the Factory, having had under his supervision up to the time of his fatal illness the finishing department. He leaves a widow and a family of five—one son, and four daughters, two of whom are married—to mourn his loss. He was a member of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327.

SCOTLAND.

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GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday evening, the 19th instant, Comp. W. Mann, Depute Grand Principal, presiding. The chairman referred in appropriate terms to the recent death of Lord Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Principal, and it was on his motion resolved that the Grand Scribe E., Companion W. Edwards, should address a letter of condolence to the eldest son of the deceased nobleman. It was agreed to grant a charter to St. Ninians, Skelmorlie, and several dispensations were granted to Glasgow Chapters to meet for election of office bearers on a day other than that of the annual meeting. This was all the business.

THETIS CHAPTER, No. 122.

AT the monthly meeting of this Chapter, held on the 21st inst., the following were elected and installed for the ensuing year:—Comps. John Paterson M.E.Z., Robert Carey H., Andrew Cochrane J., J. Quigley S.E., W. C. Mackie S.N., James Simpson Treasurer, James Wilson 1st Soj., J. N. Paton 2nd Soj., James Allan 3rd Soj., Thomas M'Lean Chancellor, and D. Gillies Janitor.

PROVINCE OF SOMERSET.

AN important Masonic gathering took place on the 17th inst., at Wellington, in connection with a ceremony of exceptional interest to Church people of the town and neighbourhood, namely, the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Church of All Saints, Rockwell Green. In the absence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset (the Earl of Carnarvon), and by invitation of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the ceremony was performed by Brigadier-General S. W. Adair, P.P.G.M., assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Rockwell Green is a poor but populous outlying portion of the town, which has for long past stood sorely in need of the accommodation which is now to be provided. The scheme for building a new Church in this part of Wellington was first brought forward publicly at a meeting held at Rockwell Green last November, at which a committee was appointed, with the Rev. Prebendary Knowling (Vicar) as chairman, Mr. F. T. Elworthy, of Foxdown, as hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. Bowyer as hon. secretary. It was announced at the meeting that Mr. S. Dobree, of Wellington, had offered to give the site; that the Vicar of Wellington, the Rev. Prebendary Knowling, had promised £60 a year towards the Incumbent's stipend so long as he should hold his present living; and that Mr. T. Elworthy, of Foxdown, who, in fact, has been the leading spirit throughout in promoting the scheme, was prepared to subscribe the handsome sum of £1000. Mr. J. H. Spencer, of Taunton, was appointed architect. A subscription list was opened, and the contract of Mr. Templeman, of Taunton, for the erection of the edifice, with the exception of the tower, was accepted at the sum of £2,765. The subscriptions announced up to Friday included £300 from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Church Building Society, and £10 from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Steps have been taken whereby the western portion of Wellington, comprising Rockwell Green, will be formed into a separate ecclesiastical district.

Brother Edward Roberts, M.A., Her Majesty's Assistant Inspector of Schools, has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Harlech, the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales will be held this year at Carnarvon, on 17th October.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the Session on Tuesday, 2nd October, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, at half-past six o'clock, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May.

Miss Florence Warden will contribute to the new volume of "Cassell's Saturday Journal," commencing with the number published on 26th Sept., a new serial story of North Country Life, entitled "St. Cuthbert's Tower." Among other special features of the new volume may be mentioned a new serial story of New York life, by David Graham Adee, and a series of "True Tales of London Streets," which will narrate interesting and exciting episodes connected with various streets and houses in the metropolis.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The suggestion made by your correspondent, A LIFE GOVERNOR, in the issue of your paper of the 15th inst., is worthy just now of careful consideration at the hands of the Craft. He proposes that a *limited* number of *paying* pupils should be admitted to the Institution, and names fifty guineas per annum as a sum likely to be paid by many brethren to secure for their sons the benefits of the education provided at Wood Green. If he is correct in his surmise I think a splendid opportunity presents itself to extend the usefulness of the Institution, and at the same time add to the funds of the Charity. The idea is, of course, a very old one in connection with public schools, many of which, in addition to their paying pupils, have a limited number "on the foundation." If anything of the sort were attempted in connection with our Boys' School there would be one great difference, as compared with the majority of others, that whereas it is usual to have but a small proportion "on the foundation," the Masonic School would show an opposite distribution, the majority would be foundation, and the minority paying pupils.

I believe there is ample room at the School for more boys than are at present accommodated there, the lack of funds preventing the Institution being worked to its full capacity, so that on this score there would be no difficulty; but if this were not the case, your correspondent provides for the new comers in a way which I venture to think would be equitable and satisfactory to all concerned, that is, he suggests that some of the lads should be educated in the locality in which their friends live.

I am aware that any proposal for a change is looked upon with alarm by a large section of mankind, and perhaps it is as well to keep quietly along on a course we know rather than to launch out and run the risk of ultimate failure. But if this principle was always acted upon we should never have any of the changes or improvements which lead to the enjoyment of life.

I was very pleased to see the esteemed Secretary of the Institution (Bro. Frederick Binckes) express himself kindly towards this scheme. *He thinks it* deserving of "serious attention," and such being the case I am convinced it is both practicable and likely to meet with his approval. I would suggest that a letter be circulated, inviting applications for a few vacancies, at such a price as would well repay all expenses, and on the result of that canvass it would be possible to formulate a plan of operations for the future.

Yours fraternally,

S. F. P.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the constitution of the Committee of Inquiry has been publicly announced, and the date of the first meeting is rapidly approaching, it is desirable that the collation of evidence to be submitted shall be promptly proceeded with.

In this immediate neighbourhood a local committee, consisting of one member from ten Lodges, is taking the matter in hand, and a general meeting of the Staffordshire Charitable Association will be held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., to consider the subject. If similar steps have been, or are about to be taken in other Provinces, we shall be glad to hear from the brethren who have charge thereof, so that united action may result, or if individual brethren or old scholars have any information which may be laid before the Committee of Inquiry, with advantage, it is to be hoped that they will communicate with us, or with brethren interested in the matter in their own Province, so that the entire facts may be fully laid before the Committee of Inquiry, from every point of view.

Beyond a doubt there has for years past been much complaining in at least some of the Provinces as to the management of the Institution, and as a channel has now been opened for submitting these complaints to a competent and impartial tribunal, nothing should be wanting in order to enable that Committee to present a decisive and imperative report, which shall, at once and for all, sweep away what may be defective (if anything), and result in placing the Institution on such a basis that the Craft generally may feel impelled in future to provide liberally and generously that support which the object it has in view so richly deserves.

In the interest of the Institution we crave space for the insertion of this letter in your next issue.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. TUNNICLIFF, W.M. Menturia, No. 418,
Chairman and Secretary Local Committee, Jasper Street, Hanley.

E. V. GREATBATCH, 8 Brook Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

22nd Sept. 1888.

The *Australian Times* says that Lord Carrington, Grand Master, has appointed Dr. H. Tarrant Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

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FREDERICK BLAND,

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Son of Bro. F. G. BLAND, late of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, who died 16th November 1887, leaving a widow and five boys under 11 years of age totally unprovided for.

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OCTOBER ELECTION 1888.

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARGARET E. M. ROBERTS,

AGED 10 YEARS,

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

ST. JOHN'S Day was celebrated on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Bugle Hotel, Lymington, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren, including several visitors. The Lodge ceremonies were performed by the W.M. Bro. Mee, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, and the installation of Bro. J. Slater as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. Doman. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Mee I.P.M., Pearse S.W., Harrison J.W., Doman Treasurer, Le Roy P.M. Secretary, Bist S.D., Gidden J.D., Jackman I.G., Hayball D.C., Cherrett Organist, Mott Steward. During the Lodge proceedings a pleasant incident occurred, in the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Mee, in token of the brethren's appreciation of his services in the chair during the past year. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, and spent a most enjoyable evening together, the heartiest of good wishes being expressed that Bro. Slater's year of office might prove a very pleasant and prosperous one in the history of the Lodge.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

THE annual autumn banquet was held at the Royal Pavilion, on the 13th instant. The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. Willard, presided, and among those present were Bros. Botting I.P.M., Harker J.W., Nell P.M. acting S.D., Ledger J.D., Smith P.M., Davey P.M., Soper P.M., Smith, Field, Clements, Bennett, Booth, Tuff, Clement, Stonehouse, with the following Visitors, viz.:—Bros. Isworth J.W. 1636, Hollands 1636, Guy 1636, Nicholson 315, Wood jun. P.M. 1636, Cole P.M. Organist 1636, and Roe 1636. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The Queen and the Craft and the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England having been proposed by the W.M. Bro. Willard, the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past was given by Bro. Davey. Bro. Soper proposed the R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and referring to the splendid gathering in the dome, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed his Royal brother as Prov. G. Master, expressed the hope that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would soon return from India and visit the Sussex Province. The toast of the W. Bro. Gerard Ford Pro Grand Master of Sussex, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past was given by Bro. Leger, and acknowledged by Bros. Smith and Davey. Bro. Botting then submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, and paid a high compliment to Bro. Willard for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. The Worshipful Master, he said, had introduced five initiates and two young members, and had given the greatest satisfaction to the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Willard, who was cordially received on rising to respond, expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding over the Lodge, and bore testimony to the admirable assistance he had received from his Officers. Bro. Wood responded for the Visitors, Bros. Stonehouse and Tuff for the Initiates and Young Members, and Bro. Harker for the Officers. The Tyler's toast, submitted by Bro. Hughes, completed the list. During the evening some pleasant songs were sung by Bros. Soper, Booth, Clements, Nicholson, Willard and Cole, the duty of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. Roe.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 19th instant, a meeting of a very interesting character took place. The Master and Officers of the above Lodge invited Dr. R. H. D. Johnson to dinner, and afterwards the W.M., Bro. Alexander, in the name of the Officers of the Lodge, presented him with a piece of siver plate, and also a very handsome suite of silver in morocco case to Mrs. Johnson, that being the occasion of celebrating their silver wedding day. In happy and feeling terms the W.M. alluded to the high estimation in which Bro. Johnson is held by the Officers and members of the Temple Lodge, of which he is the first Master, and expressed a wish that Bro. and Mrs. Johnson might live to celebrate their golden wedding. Songs and recitations followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E. Bros. C. J. Free W.M., John Stroud S.W. (W.M. elect), G. H. Clark J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, W. Hayward S.D., S. Toye J.D., E. Hill I.G., H. W. Sherwin Organist, C. Schmidt W.S., Past Master C. Patrick; also Bros. M. Döerr, N. Anstey, G. A. Christel, A. J. Millington, W. J. Barnes, T. Taylor, R. Everett, C. Reifenstein; Visitors: Bros. J. Garrod P.M. 754, W. Hudden 55, Albert Clark 166, H. Ludwig 179, C. Kramm 879, W. Mead 1269, C. W. Flack 1306, F. Byrne 1922. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Everett and Reifenstein, having given proofs of their proficiency, were entrusted; they then retired. Lodge was

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advanced a degree, and these brethren were readmitted and regularly passed to Fellow Craft. The report of the Auditors as to the past year's accounts was given; these showed a balance in favour of the Lodge. The report was unanimously adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. W. Fenner P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. John Stroud, the W.M. elect. After obligation Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the brethren below Installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was now formed, and Bro. Stroud was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. After he had invested his I.P.M. the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were admitted and the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. G. H. Clark S.W., W. Hayward J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, S. Toye S.D., E. Hill J.D., C. Schmidt I.G., H. W. Sherwin Organist, N. Anstey W.S., A. J. Millington D.C., W. J. Barnes A.D.C., T. Bowler Tyler. The usual addresses were given by the Installing Master; these elicited the approbation of all present. A member of the Lodge having recently met with an accident, by which his leg was broken, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent him through Bro. Secretary, expressing the regret of the brethren, and expressing their hope of his speedy recovery. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was of ample character and was ably superintended by the genial manager of the Hotel (Mr. Glover). We need hardly say it was done full justice to. The loyal toasts were heartily responded to. In giving the toast of the new W.M. Bro. C. J. Free, the I.P.M. observed that the Lodge had had worthy and distinguished Masters in years gone by, and he was sure the present one would uphold the dignity of the office in as graceful a manner as his predecessors; he felt sure Bro. Stroud would strive to do all the good he could to ensure the approbation of the members, and while he did that the officers and members of the Lodge would accord him their hearty support. The toast was heartily honoured. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Free for the kind way he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to it; he assured them that he never felt the responsibilities of being Master until that night; now he was at the head of the Lodge he would do his utmost to merit the approbation and support of the brethren. He relied upon their unity in supporting him, as they had his predecessor, and he trusted nothing might occur to mar the harmony of the Lodge. He trusted he should have a successful year of office, and hoped when the time came round he should retire with the good wishes of the brethren. The health of the I.P.M. was the next toast. Bro. Free, the W.M. remarked, had done his utmost to carry out his duties during the year, and had succeeded to the satisfaction of the brethren. No member of the Lodge had its prosperity more at heart than Bro. Free,—he had been a hard working member since his initiation, had discharged the duties of the various offices he held with energy, and to the satisfaction of all, and now he had gained the proud distinction of I.P.M. of the Lodge. He (the W.M.) had great pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel, which the brethren had voted him, and which he was justly entitled to; he hoped he might live many years to wear it. At the same time he would also present him with a handsome gold necklet and locket, for Mrs. Free; this was the gift of the brethren, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Free, in reply, said he could scarcely find words sufficiently to express his feelings; he assured them that both himself and his wife were deeply grateful for the handsome gifts of the brethren. He would strive to do his best to promote the prosperity of the "Upton." He concluded by thanking the officers for the excellent manner they had performed their duties during his year of office. The visitors' toast followed; this the W.M. proposed in a neat speech, in which he congratulated the Lodge on having such visitors. In response, Bro. Garrod P.M. of the High Cross Lodge said he felt a double pleasure in being present, on account of his long friendship with the I.P.M. Bro. Free, who he sincerely congratulated on his obtaining the highest honour in the Lodge; also in knowing many of its members, with whom he had worked Masonically, notably their respected Secretary Bro. Fenner. He congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to that office, and sincerely trusted he would have a successful and happy year. Having Masonry at heart he would like to make a long speech, but as Father Time was inexorable he must conclude with many thanks for the handsome manner in which he had been received. Bros. Haddon, Flack, Kramm, Mead and Byrne also responded. The P.M.'s, Treasurer and Secretary's toast was combined, and was given by the W.M. It was responded to by Bro. Patrick P.M., Bros. Treasurer and Secretary, in speeches which were much to the point. The Officers' toast was then given, and Bro. G. H. Clark the S.W. responded. The Tyler brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in the Upton Lodge. Bros. Sherwin (Pianist), Patrick P.M., Free I.P.M. and G. H. Clark S.W. contributed some excellent music and singing.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th instant, at the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, there being present Bros. Brittain W.M., Weston S.W., Jones J.W., Perkins S.D., Dale J.D., and a large gathering of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Weston W.M. elect was installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient rites. The W.M. then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Jones S.W., Perkins J.W., Dale S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Hall I.G., Arter Dir. of Cers., Hill Steward. The appointments being finished, the W.M. then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. J. B. Abbott. We might consider, if this is an example of the W.M.'s working, a successful year is open to the Burdett Coutts Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Stewart. Fifty-two brethren were present at the interesting ceremonies. The usual toasts were proposed and suitably responded to; they were interspersed with harmony, and one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings of the Burdett Coutts Lodge was thus brought to a close.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

AN emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich. Present—Bros. F. W. Cash W.M., C. Grassi I.P.M., J. D. Grahame S.W., J. H. Meyer J.W., T. Grunman P.M. Secretary, W. Cowley P.M. D.C., &c. Lodge being duly opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Rodolfo Volpicelli, who was unanimously elected and duly initiated by Bro. Grassi P.M. Bro. Homer was then raised by Bro. Cash W.M., and Bro. G. H. Boncey, of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, after being duly balloted for, was admitted as member. Nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

IN anticipation that there would be a very large attendance at the installation meeting of this Lodge, which took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the worthy Secretary, Bro. Abel Laurence, had applied for, and secured a dispensation, in order that the members might assemble in a larger building than the headquarters of the Lodge present at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. Consequently it was arranged that the gathering should take place at the Albany Hall. At the last hour a hitch arose. However, a room at the Kingston Hotel, which is now under the management of Bro. Ratcliff, was courteously placed at the disposal of the Lodge. Here Lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, when the following brethren were in attendance:—Bros. George Moorman P.G.P. W.M., W. Drewett P.G.S. W.M. 889 S.W., H. W. Humphreys J.W., C. E. Oldridge P.P.G.S.B. P.M. Treasurer, A. Laurence P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, T. Montague S.D., Bultz acting J.D., F. J. Hunt Organist, H. W. Willis I.G., F. J. Home P.P.G. Organist D.C., John Drewett I.P.M., W. Lane P.M., and W. Youlden P.M. Visitors—Bros. R. Ratcliff 889, W. Rivers 1341, C. F. Davis 1981, H. Wheatley W.M. 1312, C. J. Pettit 889, R. T. Elsam P.P.G.D.C., P. Colron J.W. 889, A. Wilson W.M. 2146, J. Youlden I.P.M. 1981, H. J. Shelley J.W. 1981, W. G. Jordon 1580, E. J. Williams W.M. 1539, John Hodges P.M. 1706, C. Greenwood Provincial Grand Secretary, Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B., A. Kenningham, Gilby, Stanley Smith, W. W. Lee 1897, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' Report, which showed an improved balance, was received and adopted. Bros. Dorey and Bugler were passed, and Brothers Woodhouse and Clay were raised. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Henry Willard Humphreys, the Junior Warden of the previous year, having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair as W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested—Bros. W. Drewett P.G.S. S.W., Montague J.W., Oldridge P.P.G.S.B. Treas., Laurence P.P.S.G.D. Sec., Willis S.D., Horne J.D., Hunt P.P.G.O. Organist, Taylor I.G., Rumblow D. of C., Treverton and Bultz Stewards, and Lane Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Moorman. The W.M. presented Brother Moorman I.P.M. with the P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge, in recognition of valuable services rendered. Bro. Humphreys said no effort had been spared by Bro. Moorman to keep the Lodge in a state of prosperity, and the members hoped he would continue to give the members the benefit of his services. Bro. Moorman briefly acknowledged the kindly gift. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ratcliff for his courtesy and kindness in placing his room at the disposal of the Lodge. After routine business the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Sun Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Frayling. After the Loyal toasts had been proposed by the W.M., and full honour done them, the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers was proposed, and with it was associated the name of Brother F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, who in reply said the exceptional combination of the toast rendered his task very difficult, where under ordinary circumstances it would have been easy. With reference to the M.W. the Grand Master he need hardly say no one had a power to take upon himself the right to return thanks for His Royal Highness. All they could do was to congratulate themselves on having at the head of the administration of the finest Society in the world the Heir Apparent. They all knew the progress made under his wise rule. He might be permitted on behalf of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master to return thanks. They were two noblemen who were well-known and highly honoured, and to mention their names was to evoke a kindly reception for the services they render in assisting the M.W. the Grand Master in ruling the Order. This was fully understood by those who from time to time marked the assistance they gave the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties. As the Grand Masters of two important Provinces, they had for a series of years earned the highest tribute of praise, esteem, and respect. The Grand Officers were a numerous body, and he had no doubt the names of many were familiar in the Province of Surrey. He hoped the services they had rendered were recognised, and that there was no feeling of envy amongst those who had not obtained preferment. He trusted service in past years had justified the choice of the Grand Master. They all knew the difficulty of selection was extreme, and that there were many not yet honoured who deserved distinction. There was an old French proverb, "Every thing comes to him who waits;" if they waited long enough he had no doubt there were some amongst the brethren present who would be numbered with the Grand Officers. With reference to the responsibilities of those who held office, down to the youngest initiate, he would say that from the highest to the lowest there was one obligation resting upon them—to do all in their power for the best interests of their magnificent Order. He felt complimented that night, the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting their Lodge, to have his name associated with this toast.

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He regretted circumstances over which he had no control prevented his attendance to witness the working of the Immediate Past Master which, he was sure, had been to the satisfaction and advantage of the Lodge. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he congratulated the Worshipful Master on his installation, and wished him health, strength, happiness, and prosperity for a successful year of office. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers. Those included in the toast did their work well, and afforded the brethren instruction, that enabled them to walk in the right path. The Provincial Grand Master had been frequently toasted in the Brownrigg Lodge, and his name had been handed down with reverence. The Deputy Prov. G.M. visited them a year ago, and there were several Prov. Grand Officers present that evening. He would especially mention the Prov. Grand Secretary, whom the brethren would receive with the greatest cordiality. Bro. Charles Greenwood, in responding, said it would doubtless interest the brethren to know that their beloved Prov. G.M., who, as they were aware, had been indisposed, was recovering rapidly, and, he trusted, would soon be amongst them. The interest taken by the Prov. G.M. was proverbial; for him to be absent from the performance of his duties was a matter of the deepest possible regret. On behalf of the Province he felt he should express his thanks to this Lodge for the very great strides it had made in that which was the duty of every Mason—the exercise of Charity. This Lodge had expended no less than one-sixth of its income in Masonic Charity, and he thought Bro. Binckes, who gave his whole life to the furtherance of Charity, would agree that this was a very satisfactory state of affairs. They had much to be proud of in the Masonic progress made by this Lodge. It had had good men in it, and had still, and he felt sure that if the same spirit for Masonic work he saw evinced that afternoon by the W.M. and I.P.M was followed out, the Brownrigg Lodge would be second to none in the Province. He congratulated them on having such an able Master to preside, and congratulated Bro. Humphreys on having such a talented I.P.M. on whom to lean if the arduous duties he would be called upon to fulfil should tax him too heavily. It would be his (Bro. Greenwood's) privilege and duty to report to the Prov. Grand Master the progress made by this Lodge, the very satisfactory state of its finances, and, in short, its tout ensemble. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers and for himself, he thanked the Lodge not only for their reception of the toast, but for the good it was doing in furthering the interests of Masonry in the Province of Surrey. Bro. Moorman I.P.M. now rose; for the first time he had the pleasure of proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Humphreys had given them a taste of his quality that evening, and he felt all were certain they would have a good Master during the next year. From the manner in which Bro. Humphreys had carried out the investiture of his Officers, it was evident he was not lacking in those qualities which constituted a good and efficient ruler for a Lodge. Bro. Humphreys thanked the I.P.M. and brethren most heartily. Nothing he could do with a view to maintain the honour and reputation of the Lodge would be wanting on his part. He was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him, especially as it came unexpectedly. He trusted that twelve months hence the brethren would be able to say their Lodge was even in a better state than it was that day. He would but add, he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which they had received him, and he trusted, with them, that he should enjoy good health to carry on the work of Masonry in their Lodge. In giving "Their Guests" the W.M. in the name of the Lodge, tendered the visiting brethren a hearty greeting, he assured them the members would continue to do all they could to offer them a cordial welcome whenever they visited them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Elsam, Wheatley, Wilson, and Croker. Bro. Elsam P.P.G.D.C., in response, said it was not the first time he had visited them. Although the W.M. might have called upon a brother who would have replied more eloquently, there were none who could respond with greater cordiality than he. Bros. Wheatley W.M. 1512, Wilson W.M. 2146, and Croker also replied. The Masonic Charities was next given, in appropriate terms, by the W.M., and Bro. F. Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys replied. The Installing Master and P.M.'s, and the Officers in due course were complimented, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A beautiful selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. J. Hodges P.M. 1706. It is needless to add it was rendered in a manner that delighted all present. Bro. Hodges was assisted by Bros. Alfred Kenningham, Gilby, Stanley Smith, and F. J. Hunt P.P.G.O.

ELDEN LODGE, No. 1755.

THE ceremony of installing the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly S.W., in the chair of King Solomon, was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, on Saturday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic rooms connected with the Royal Hotel, Portishead, and in the presence of a large number of Masons. The following were the Officers appointed by the W.M.—Bros. W. H. Thomas I.P.M. and Organist, W. Glasspole S.W., W. R. Shapland J.W., E. Davey S.D., G. Daltry J.D., W. Rich P.M. D.C., J. Green A.D.C., W. Ramsden and Billing Stewards, W. Minns P.M. Secretary, J. Thebridge P.M. Treasurer, J. Carey I.G., F. Simpkins Tyler. After the ceremony upwards of 45 brethren sat down to a banquet, prepared by Mrs. Boulter in her "never-to-be-beaten" style, at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the W.M. The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs by Dr. L. A. Weatherly and others, and violin solos by Bro. Carrington.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE first regular meeting of the season of the above Lodge was held on Saturday, 15th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W. The occasion being the installation of new Officers, a fairly representative body of brethren attended, including the following:—Bros. Williams W.M., Read Secretary, Barclay W.M. elect, Metcalfe, Walters, Barker Treasurer, Wiggins J.D., Oliver S.D., Mackay D.C., Freeman I.G., Vassie, Davies, W. Taylor, T. G. Taylor, Turner, Vickeray, Fitzpatrick, Kirke, Neville and Walsham. The Visitors included Bros. Room 2090, Brownrigg, Dare 299, Gartley 205, Goffin 1572, Tippin 185, Cockrell 211, Wood 642, Sims 834, Lone 1275. The usual routine business having been satisfactorily gone through, the installation of the W.M. and subordinate Officers was proceeded with, and with the assistance of the several Officers was most admirably carried out, the installation ceremony calling for special praise from the brethren present. The business of the evening being concluded, adjournment was made to the dining-hall, where ample justice was done to the admirable banquet provided by Mr. Linscott. During the evening the usual toasts incident to the Craft were proposed and enthusiastically received, and with songs and recitations by several of the brethren a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, at 11 p.m.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—On Monday, 24th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., there were present Bros. S. Toye W.M., C. J. Free S.W., W. J. Barnes J.W., Fenner Preceptor, C. Schmidt S.D., Bailey I.G., also Bros. W. Hayward, T. Taylor, Lemare and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayward candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. J. Free was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 1st Oct., at 8 p.m.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Mr. Augustus Harris is to be congratulated on the success he has achieved by his latest effort at this theatre. Year after year Mr. Harris has produced scenic effects that have made the theatrical world wonder, and now he has beaten them all by his magnificent realisation of the destruction of the Spanish Armada. There is seemingly plenty of scope for an author to build an interesting story on the well-known events which occurred about the year 1588, and to this object the aid of Mr. Henry Hamilton was called in. But this gentleman has only furnished a story that is, we are sorry to say it, both uninteresting and weak. Whether this is caused by so much being put aside for scenic effects we cannot say, but the fact remains that the story of "The Armada" is thin and weak, and one gets tired of it long before the fifth act is reached. Even the comedy portions of the play are poor, and that universal favourite Mr. Harry Nicholls is at his wits' end to amuse his audience. However, *it will* be well for us to outline the play, which starts with a pleasant scene representing a harvest field on the heights near Plymouth. Vyvyan Foster, in love with Sybil Tilney, has a rival in Don Alvarez da Silva. Vyvyan is the accepted lover, but not to be defeated Don Alvarez abducts Sybil and conveys her to Spain, where Vyvyan follows, with intent to rescue her. Sybil, will not listen to her abductor, so he causes her to be arrested by the officers of the Inquisition. Vyvyan has now arrived in Spain, and applies to the Alcalde, who promises to assist in securing the release of Sybil. Instead of this he makes an attempt to capture the "Vixen," Vyvyan's ship. A capital hand-to-hand fight takes place between the Spanish soldiers and the English sailors, with the result that the English are eventually victorious, and the Alcalde, to save his life, admits to Vyvyan that the great Armada will that night sail for England. On hearing this our hero has to choose between two things—his duty to his country, or the rescue of his sweetheart. He decides for the former alternative, and at once sets sail for England, where he acquaints Queen Elizabeth of the intended invasion. At this period a capital idea has been introduced. A tableau, representing the game of bowls at Plymouth Hoe is shown, while Miss Maud Milton, as Fame, steps forward and delivers some capital lines on the unanimity that marked the English people of that time, and finishes by saying that the present generation would not be found wanting were England threatened in a similar manner. This brief interruption is acceptable, more especially as the lines were delivered with most telling effect by Miss Milton. Three or four scenes are now devoted to the enrolling of volunteers and the getting ready for the invasion, which is depicted in such startling fashion that we feel sure this alone will draw the playgoers of London. All the available space of the stage is taken up with ships manœuvring, firing broadsides into one another in rapid succession. One English ship comes across the stage, and, turning round, delivers a volley into the Spanish vessel, after which the fire ships are introduced, while the boarding of one of the Spanish vessels brings the curtain down on one of the most realistic scenes ever witnessed. Every care and attention has been bestowed on this scene by Mr. Augustus Harris, not a hitch of any kind occurs to spoil the effect. After the Armada is vanquished, we are introduced to the Inquisition; here the action of the play is most revolting. A man just taken from the rack is disposed of by being thrown down a hole. Next Sybil is brought on, to be tried for witchcraft. She is sentenced to be burnt at the stake on the morrow; the Grand Place and the Auto-da-Fé is next shown. A procession of priests bearing candles and crosses is followed by Sybil and the executioners, the choristers chanting a doleful dirge. Sybil is led to the stake, and chained thereto; the wood is heaped around, but just as the order is given to fire the pile, Vyvyan and his men rush on, and after a tussle with the Spanish soldiers, rescues his love and carries her away. The action of the play here has, however, been of so revolting a nature as to cast a gloom over the audience, and all feel glad when the curtain goes up for the finale. Here Vyvyan is knighted; Elizabeth proceeds to St. Paul's to return thanks. There are attempts to enliven the story by scenes allotted to Mr. Nicholls, who represents a boy who runs away to sea, and who is the friend of Vyvyan, but the

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lines allotted this gentleman are weak, and in most cases without point. As we have said before, the scenery and stage management is all that could be desired, but the plot is terribly weak, and considerable alteration will have to be made. A capable company has been secured, but they have but few opportunities. Mr. Luigi Lablache made the most of the part of Don Alvarez da Silva, and at times was most effective. Mr. Leonard Boyne gives us a dashing and vigorous Vyvyan Foster. This gentleman, however, would do well if he mastered the style he adopted in such pieces as "Sophia" and "Sister Mary." Of Mr. Harry Nicholls we have already spoken; Mr. E. W. Gardiner acted well as the Alcalde; Mr. A. Beaumont was good as a disguised priest, but Mr. Victor Stevens was too boisterous. Miss Winifred Emery was a most sympathetic Sybil Tilney; this lady deserves considerable praise for the way in which she attacked the scene in the fourth act. Miss Ada Neilson's portrayal of Queen Elizabeth was excellent, her hasty style and make up thoroughly suits the part. Miss Edith Bruce and Miss Kate James rendered Mr. Nicholls substantial aid.

"The Monk's Room," by John Lart, will be produced at the Globe on Tuesday next. Mr. E. S. Willard will be the Sir Darrell Erne, Mr. Hermann Vezin the Lazinski, Miss Alma Murray the Elinor Brandon, and they will be supported by Messrs. Forbes Dawson, Stephen Caffrey, Ivan Watson, Edward Rose, A. J. Byde, Edwin Shepherd; Mesdames Helen Leyton, E. H. Brooke, Marion Lea. Mr. W. Sidney will produce the play, while Mr. Bruce Smith will provide new scenery.

A novel sight will be witnessed on Wednesday next, 3rd Oct. The procession led by the immortal Jack Falstaff through Coventry was commonplace compared with the spectacle which will be presented on Wednesday, by the appearance of two hundred animated sandwiches parading the streets of London, indicating to the public the fact that upon that day the two hundredth performance of that successful play "Sweet Lavender" will be given at Terry's Theatre.

The dinner at the Criterion, on Wednesday, to Bro. John Maclean, on the occasion of his leaving this country to join Miss Mary Anderson's company, shortly returning to America, was a very successful affair. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, the present Master of the Savage Club Lodge, presided, and over two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present.

"The World of Adventure" is the title of a new serial work, the first part of which will be published by Messrs. Cassell and Co. next month. It will contain a graphic narrative of the brave and daring deeds done in the present day and in past centuries, and will be illustrated with several hundred engravings from original drawings.

In view of the Bunyan Bicentenary, Messrs. Cassell and Co. will issue a new and cheaper edition of their illustrated "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" and "Holy War." A new Life of Bunyan has been prepared for this popular edition by the Rev. John Brown, D.D., Minister of Bunyan Meeting, Bedford.

As a contribution to the marriage controversy, Messrs. Dean and Son (160A Fleet Street), have in preparation a new chromo-lithographic book, designed by Lucien Besche, of the "*Queen*," entitled "A Girl's Anticipation and Realisation of Marriage," which consists of twenty artistically coloured plates, with appropriate letterpress by C. N. Phillips.

The next volume of Dean and Son's series of "Books for Elocutionists" is to be entitled "Speech Studies." The volume, which is from the pen of Mr. Edwin Drew, is dedicated to Sir Morell Mackenzie.

GLEANINGS.

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VOUCHING.—To Masons, this is a word of great importance. Craftsmen cannot be too careful in regard to it, in these days of impostors and frauds who are posing as Masons. What is lawful information, and how far is a brother to exercise his right to assist a brother in gaining admission to a Lodge? Our answer is, he should know from personal *identification* that the party vouched for is a Freemason, and this is the conclusion of the whole matter. What is known by "personal identification?" says the Craftsman. Our reply to this question is, if I sat in a Lodge with a brother, I can vouch for him without hesitation. If a brother, with whom I have sat in a Lodge brings a stranger to me and vouches for him, I may or may not vouch for the latter. I am aware that it is generally accepted that one Mason can introduce a stranger to another and vouch for him as a Craftsman, but I demur at its being obligatory upon the brother so informed to accept such information, and I believe it would be more advantageous to the Fraternity if "lawful information" was limited to knowledge gained by sitting in a Lodge with a brother. One thing should be borne in mind by our brethren, never vouch for a man unless you identify him at the time you perform the said service, and finally, never examine a stranger for the purpose of vouching for him unless you are requested to do so by the Master of your Lodge.—*New Zealand Mail.*

THE PRINCIPLES OF MASONRY.—For centuries had Freemasonry existed ere modern political controversies were ever heard of, and when the topics which now agitate society were not known, but all were united in brotherhood and affection. I know the institution to be founded on the great principles of charity, philanthropy, and brotherly love.

TOO TRUE.—After all it does not make a difference how one puts things. If one begins at forty or fifty to say that he is past his prime, that henceforth he cannot hope to work as he has done, that he has touched the decline and must suffer constantly diminishing powers so long as he lives—that is one way of putting things which will probably result in the very consequences he is deploring. But if he congratulates himself upon the fact of having attained to some measure of wisdom, of putting a vealy immaturity behind him, and got ready to live wisely and in a chastened spirit the remnant of the years left to him—that is another way of putting it, which will result in some of the best, most enduring work of his life. If one deplores often the lost yesterdays and their opportunities, and feels that so much being gone what is left may as well go with it, it cannot be as well with him as if, knowing that the coming to-morrows will all bring their opportunities, he holds himself ready to garner them up into a busy and fruitful life. Everything except the eternal, providential and adjustment depends upon the attitude we assume toward the things around us, or, as might be said, the subjective aspect of things.—*Light.*

WARNING TO ACTIVE WORKING LODGES.— We are pleased to notice so many Lodges working actively at the present time. The announcement made in this paper from week to week, especially since the spring of the present year, must have attracted the attention of our readers to the fact that the apathy, which had until recently hung over the Craft, is being rapidly dispersed. In almost all the Lodges there is work, and many have more than can be done in the regular time, so that it is necessary to call "specials." With this renewal of activity it will be judicious for members to be cautious as to the material introduced into the Temple. Committees of investigation should perform their duty carefully and fearlessly, so that all flaws may be found before the material is worked up. By the experience of the past it is not always a sign of strength for a long roll of workmen to exist in any Lodge. Unless they be good and faithful they become an element of weakness; for in the hour of trial they are not to be found. Be cautious in proposing members, and careful to see that they are worthy and well qualified to be admitted into the great Fraternity.—*Sunday Times.*

Pedestal, in architecture is the lowest part of a column, the base of the shaft. In Freemasonry the word is applied to the desks of the W.M. and the two Wardens, which are all supposed to represent the pedestal of the columns of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—or the three columns, the Ionic, the Doric, and the Corinthian. Sometimes, as a "part" is taken for the whole, the word is applied to the columns of the two Wardens.—*Freemason's Repository.*

The Covington (Ky.) *Star* says:—"A certain married lady in our town sat up until twelve o'clock one night last week waiting for her husband to come home from his Lodge. At last, weary and worn out with her long waiting, she went to her sleeping-room to retire, and there found the missing husband, sound asleep. Instead of going to the Lodge he had gone to his room and had never left the house. Such are the troubles some poor married women have to contend with in this life.

CANNOT BE RECKONED.—Masonic deeds of benefit cannot be reckoned—they are never counted, the left hand heeds not what the right hand doeth. They are unproclaimed, unseen; like the healing oil poured into the wound, its flow is not visible; that it has flowed is not seen by the eye until it has filled to the full the wound of the afflicted. This is the real majesty of that mystic tie, so charming to the initiated, as it throws its perpetual halo of religious light and radiant beauty around those immutable emblems fixed by the founders of our faith in beaming lustre in our Temples, to animate the young, to cheer the aged Brothers, to quicken the sluggish, to temper the enthusiastic, but above all to keep for ever bright and untiring remembrance of those Divine precepts which are at once the life, the light, the jewels and glory of Freemasonry.

The ceremonies in the symbolic degrees are always witnessed with interest if they are conducted with ability and decorum which is in harmony with the dignity of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. Nothing so mars our ceremonial as buffoonery and illiteracy, they are born of ignorance and are inseparable in their inspiration. The best officers we have seen are those who are intelligent and act themselves, and never try to ape another. Nothing so distresses a sensitive member who knows what "good work" is, as to hear an officer roar and rant, and display his illiteracy, a thing that should never occur in a Masonic body. A pompous ignorant man is a very poor piece of material out of which to make an officer. Our Brethren should respect intelligent novitiates, if they fail to do so to well-read members.

HONESTY IN MASONS.—G. Master Zeigler says,—In my judgment the time has come for this Grand Lodge to declare, in unmistakable terms, how far a Mason may act in confidence with a brother Mason, and still be within the bonds of propriety; how far he may betray the confidence of a brother, and still be considered honest and doing right under the section of the law referred to, and how near he may be to the line of dishonesty without snapping the chord of honour and duty to a brother. We have too much of this kind of sharp practice; a wilful disregard of our commercial obligations, which some are pleased to term sharp business practice. I tell you, my brethren, there is no business in this way of doing. True business is and must be conducted by the strictest rules of integrity, and without a strict observance of these rules business is a failure. I tell you we have too much of this, and Masonry must protect itself and say to its votaries: "You must lead an honest and upright life, deal honourably with all men, and not permit them to go about to ensnare the unwary, betray their confidence and defraud them of their lawful due." We cannot afford to let the world point the finger of scorn at our members and say, "That fellow is a Mason, and he has defrauded and cheated me, and the law of his Institution upholds him in it."

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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, 29th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
59—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.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—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.)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 234—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
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huys e Masonic Temple, Plymouth
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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)
396—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, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
632—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, Peterefield
1006—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Lundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1109—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
121 —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
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. 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, 2nd OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
172—Old Concord, 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.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1359—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1521—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1540—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—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)
1838—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
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)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

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
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
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, Larley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—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, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Elethi, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2133—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
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, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

Grand Master Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
38—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
190—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
22—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-rd., S.W.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Dansoms 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. (Inst.)
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., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1325—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1569—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Tuscle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 128—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
295—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
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire

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804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
811—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
845—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
879—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
888—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
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1293—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1548—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1630—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1682—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1843—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1908—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2048—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 358—Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 343—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

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)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
237—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
743—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
764—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1378—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1538—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1551—St. Clement Danes, 205 Strand
1560—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1638—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1788—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
60—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
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
435—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Mason's Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-lane, Great Grimsby
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—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—Equity, Alfords 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
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
2060—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. 581—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
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 168—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall. at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princes Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Lenge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—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, Essex. (Installation)
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
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Choriton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1538—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
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THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE ballot paper for the October Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys contains particulars in regard to seventy-seven candidates, but of this number two—Nos. 12 and 75—have been withdrawn, the former, Arthur Hughes Crane, by reason of an improvement in his circumstances; and the latter, Joseph Ashe Day, in consequence of his having been selected for presentation by the Province of Cheshire. We thus have a total of seventy-five candidates who may be expected to go to the poll for the next Election, which will take place on Friday, the 26th inst., on which occasion twenty-one vacancies are to be filled up; thus allowing about two vacancies for each seven applicants. It is very gratifying to know that so many of those eligible can be admitted, for a proportion of two in seven is a large one to provide for, in view of the ever increasing list of candidates which appear ready to come forward, and deserving of admission. We can only hope that the most deserving will be the most fortunate in the coming contest, and that each of the candidates may in turn reap the benefits which the Institution is able to offer.

Of the seventy-five who will go to the poll nine are last applications, and although it may be wrong to say that any one of these is more deserving than the others on the list it must not be forgotten that with them it is now or never. The question is, can the Institution afford to take on the whole of these last chance candidates and still have room for a fair proportion of the others? There are twenty-one vacancies, and nine candidates of full age. It certainly appears that all of them might be admitted, for even then there would remain twelve vacancies, and the candidates who were not successful in securing one of them would at least have another chance, a privilege denied to the nine of whom we are now speaking. These last applications are, No. 1, Joseph Wood, who comes forward for the seventh time, with a total of 1049 votes to his credit. He is one of six children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was a member of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, to which he subscribed until the time of his death, in March 1885. No. 2, Harold Gray, is a sixth application case, for whom 1024 votes have already been recorded. His father was initiated in the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, and rose to the dignities of Secretary and Junior Warden therein. He died in 1880, and his widow now has the child who is a candidate for the Boys' School dependent upon her. No. 4, Charles William Green, has been very successful in the four elections he has already taken part in, having secured on those occasions 2299 votes. He is one of two children dependent on their mother, the widow of a Mason initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Essex. The father died in 1880, after having subscribed to his Lodge for three years and a half. No. 6, Frederick William John Scott, is also a fifth application case, but unfortunately for him his friends are not so many, or have not been so active on his behalf as was the case with the lad just referred to. Scott goes to the poll on this occasion with but 119 votes to his credit, a number which will go but a very short way towards securing him a home in the Institution. He is one of three children now dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in December 1885. His father was initiated under the Scottish Constitution, and became an English Mason, through the St. John's Lodge, No. 828, Cape of Good Hope. No. 20, Arthur Henry Grimsey, has received grand support in the past, and goes to the poll this month, for the third time, with 2151 votes recorded on his behalf from past elections. He is one of two children left to a mother's care. His father was initiated in the Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953, Somerset, in 1882, and died four years later. There appears to be every chance of this lad's being successful at the coming election, when his friends will have good reason to be proud of the father's short association with the Masonic Order. No. 32, Edmund Arnold Greening Lamborn, was a candidate in April last, and at that election 72 votes were polled on his behalf. Both his parents are living. The father, a sufferer from paralysis of the brain, was admitted a Mason in October 1876, in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxfordshire, and subsequently joined the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Berks and Bucks. At the present time there are two children dependent, a condition of affairs which we sincerely hope will be altered ere long by the Masons of England undertaking the care of one. The father has been associated with two important districts, and we feel sure the brethren thereof will do all that lies in their power for this poor lad—now worse than fatherless. No. 34, Walter Land, now makes his last application,—by what we may term the irony of fate. He will be eleven years of age on the day of election in April next, so that, had no alteration taken place in the days of election which have been in force for some years past, he would have been eligible for that contest, but the alteration which was recently decided upon robs him of the privilege of competing after this election; still we hope it will not be the means of shutting him out from the School. He was a candidate in April last, and on that occasion 1177 votes were polled on his behalf, a number which gives evidence of his having many friends and supporters working for him. Still we fear it will take all their energy to secure one of the much coveted scholarships. He is one of four dependent children who have neither parent living, so that we may say he is doubly deserving of support. His father was initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norfolk, and died after a Masonic membership of 4¼ years. We trust the claims of this lad

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will be carefully weighed by those who have votes at their disposal, and his peculiar surroundings considered ere one subscriber decides to pass him over at the coming election. He and three others are parentless; the present is his last chance—in consequence of the election day being altered; and he has but 1177 votes to the good. No. 40, Frank Gowland Harvey, is also connected with the Province of Norfolk in association with that of Suffolk. The former district thus appears to be hard pressed on the present occasion. This lad was a candidate in April last, but no votes were then polled for him. He has both parents living, and there are four children dependent. As we are not supplied with further particulars in regard to the case we cannot say on what account the petitioner is considered eligible during the father's lifetime. No. 49, George Hancock Cox, is one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329, Somerset, as far back as 1861, and continued his membership thereof virtually up to the time of his death; indeed we look upon this as one of those cases where a little discretion might be used by some one in authority. This brother subscribed to his Lodge for 25½ years, and no doubt ceased his payments only when the illness overtook him which terminated in his death, and yet his record does not appear so good, in the eyes of many, as that of a brother who subscribed "until death," even though that may have happened only nine months after his initiation, as was the case with one brother whose son is among the present candidates. Seeing that the late Bro. Cox, here referred to, was, during a part of his quarter of a century's membership Master of his Lodge, that he filled the office of Treasurer thereof, was a Past Z. and a Past Provincial Grand Officer, it would not have been very extravagant for his Lodge to have paid his Grand Lodge dues "until death," even though they had no hope of being repaid for doing so, but probably it never occurred to them that so small a matter might prove of any consequence, but this lad's case and many others should be cited as evidence that a little attention to minor details is sometimes desirable. The lad was a candidate in April, and brings forward 62 votes.

This completes the last application cases. No doubt there are many others on the list equally deserving of special reference at our hands, but lest we should be thought to favour one more than another we refrain from referring to any more just now. Those we have particularly spoken of are peculiarly circumstanced. Theirs is a desperate plight—as we have said, it is now or never with them—and on that account we plead on their behalf for special consideration at the hands of the Subscribers and Governors of the Institution. However deserving the other cases may be, there is no gainsaying the fact that, provided the lad is really eligible, others cannot be so badly off as he who has but this one chance of being elected, and for this reason we once more urge the claims of the nine candidates whose age will preclude them from again competing if they are not successful at the coming contest.

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD LODGE.

IT is in the power of the members of any Masonic Lodge to make it a Good Lodge, and equally in their power to make it the reverse. To make or to mar their Lodge is the prerogative of its constituent members.

But what is a good Lodge?

It is one which it is pleasant to belong to and pleasant to visit; one which is distinguished for its correct and impressive rendering of the work; one which is noted for the high character and fraternal good feeling of its members; one which scans closely the qualities of every applicant for initiation and membership, and approves or rejects him accordingly as he is morally and materially fit or unfit, and does not accept him simply because he comes with money in his hands; one which is at unity with itself, and not a divided household; one which is noted for its charity, wisely and liberally dispensed; and one that combines Refreshment with Labour on all convenient occasions. Such a Lodge is a good Lodge, a credit to the Grand Lodge of which it is a constituent, and a beneficent power in the Craft and in the community.

Now, how shall such a Lodge be created, or fostered?

This work is not, and cannot be, the work of any one Brother, but must be the result of the harmonious co-operation and action of many, if not of all. If there be even one decided "crank" in a Lodge, he will mar the work of all the rest. But while one can destroy, no one can create. The honour of making a good Lodge cannot be claimed by any one Brother, although some, from their official positions of influence and power, naturally may contribute more than others to the happy result which the Brethren of all Lodges should aspire to accomplish, viz., the credit of having the best Lodge in their city or vicinity.

The first Brother in influence and power is unquestionably the W.M. of a Lodge. He is an officer whom the Craft has entrusted with regal prerogatives. He has no equal in the Lodge. Every proceeding is under his control.

He may convene his Lodge at pleasure, and close it at pleasure. Yet, though he be possessed of such authority, he rarely, if ever, uses it for aught but the promotion of the welfare of the Masonic body. The possession of great power is almost invariably accompanied by a sense of responsibility for its right exercise. Very, very few Masters of Lodges err in wilfully exercising their prerogatives for improper purposes. More than any other Brother, therefore, the Master has the ability to promote the highest prosperity of a Lodge. This he may do by the regularity and punctuality of his attendance at all meetings, the correctness and force with which he works the degrees, the example he sets of fraternal fellowship with the members, thereby promoting their mutual acquaintance, and the social virtues taught by the Craft; the promptness with which he visits, sympathizes with and relieves the sick, and the solemnity and fraternal feeling with which he buries the Masonic dead; the grace with which he presides over his Brethren while they surround the social board at Refreshment, and the interest he displays in all of the affairs of the Lodge. The Master who is facile in the performance of all these duties, contributes thereby the lion's share towards making a good Lodge.

The elective and appointed officers are the next most potent factors for good in the Lodge. If they be always in their places, doing their own proper work, it will be well done, and the machinery of the Lodge will be in good working order. With a good Master, Wardens and appointed officers, promptly in their places and knowing their work, one of the most valuable elements in a Lodge will be always present—skilfully performed work. Without this no Lodge can prosper; with it no Lodge can fail.

Next, the Past Masters should adequately and well support the officers of a Lodge, if it is to be permanently a good Lodge. The experience of the Past Masters cannot be dispensed with, if the Lodge is to prosper. They are the anchors of the Lodge when storms arise, while the officers are the sails of the Lodge when favouring breezes blow. Under any and all circumstances it is important that they be present, to lend, whenever needed, the aid of their counsel and advice.

Last of all, it is the duty of every member to contribute his proper share to the promotion of the general welfare, and if any large number of the members fail to do this, the difficulty will be measurably increased for the remainder to make a good Lodge. There must be hearty co-operation from all the members to ensure the ready accomplishment of this work.

Every Lodge ought to be, and might be, a good Lodge. Now that the Craft has fully entered upon another season of Labour, let each Brother see to it that he does his best to secure its prosperity. No one will enjoy this result more than himself. The monitions equally of duty and of pleasure unite to incite one to action in this matter; and remember this—he acts twice who acts quickly.

—*Keystone.*

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MASONRY AND EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read in your CHRONICLE of the 15th ultimo a letter from "A LIFE GOVERNOR," suggesting that "a limited number of paying pupils should be admitted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

He assures us that many of our brethren would gladly pay, say fifty guineas, for the advantage of having their boys trained by the efficient Head Master of that School. I have heard this before in another quarter, and can well believe it, but I doubt very much whether the Head Master would like to have the experiment tried. For my own part, I fear the scheme would not answer. Parents who can pay a fair sum for the education of their sons, in most cases have better prospects for them than can be entertained for the ordinary pupils of the Institution. Naturally, therefore, they would require a more advanced education; as for instance, such as would render them fit on leaving school for the Universities, Professions, Civil Service, or a high position in commercial life.

This could scarcely be managed without a considerable increase in the staff of masters, which would largely dip into an increased income. Moreover, would there not be great danger of unpleasantness between the two classes of boys? Before coming to any decision on this important matter I would suggest that we should await the issue of the movement alluded to a few weeks ago in your contemporary, *The Freemason*. I understand that the suggestion of "A PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN," therein made, has been acted on, and a company is now being formed having for its express object the foundation of a Public School, offering to sons of Freemasons the highest class of education at the least possible cost, and that the particulars will be shortly made known among the brethren.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours fraternally,
A PAST MASTER.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged by your kindly drawing attention to the case of "Harold Gray." His is the sixth and last application.

The case is from South Africa, Lodge No. 853, with about 1000 votes carried forward. I trust some of the colonial votes will find their way at this the last chance for the poor boy.

I am pleased to find my suggestion as to paying pupils has found favour with Bro. Binckes, as well as with one of your correspondents of last week.

Yours fraternally,
A LIFE GOVERNOR.

The monthly General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., Bro. H. A. Hunt in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and verified. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for a few small amounts. A small grant was made under Law 72 on behalf of an ex-pupil. The Chairman then submitted a proposition, of which notice had been given at a previous meeting in accordance with a resolution of the House Committee, that a gratuity and an increase of salary should be given to Bro. Hedges, in consideration of his great exertions at the Centenary Festival, and of his general efficiency in the discharge of his duties as Secretary. Bro. P. de Lande Long supported the proposition, but before it was put to the vote Bro. C. H. Webb said that he could bear witness to the fact that there exists a wide-spread and growing feeling among the general body of subscribers to the Institution against the practice of giving gratuities under such circumstances, and that the services of the Secretary would be more suitably acknowledged by a further increase of salary. He therefore proposed an amendment, that the salary of the Secretary should be increased to the same amount as that which had for some years past been paid to the Secretaries of the other Masonic Institutions. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, in seconding the amendment, endorsed Bro. Webb's remarks respecting the proposal of a gratuity, but said that he felt certain that the increase of salary would meet with general approval. After a discussion, in which all the speakers bore testimony to the admirable manner in which Bro. Hedges had devoted himself to the duties of office and to the interests of the Institution, the proposition for the gratuity was withdrawn, and Bro. Webb's amendment carried unanimously. Bro. Hedges (who had been absent from the Board-room during the discussion) was then called in, and on being informed by the Chairman of the resolution of the Committee, acknowledged in graceful and appropriate terms the liberality with which his services were requited. The business then terminated in the usual manner.

Next year will witness the first Centenary of a Masonic Lodge in Brighton—the Royal Clarence Lodge—which was consecrated on 26th August 1789, at the White Horse Inn, East-street (now forming part of Brill's Baths), by Mr. Samuel Hulse, Prov. Grand Master for the County of Sussex. The Lodge received its name from the Duke of Clarence (afterwards King William IV.) It subsequently met at the Old Ship, where, on 31st December 1800, "The festival of St. John the Evangelist" was duly celebrated. On 27th May 1839, the late Mr. Daniel Manthorp Folkard, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, laid the foundation-stone of the Railway Viaduct in New England-hill, with Masonic honours.

The Joppa Lodge of Instruction has removed from the Champion, Aldersgate-street, and now meets at the Manchester Hotel, every Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock. Visitors are invited.

THE NEW FUND OF SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

A NEW scheme has been adopted by the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and will be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges preparatory to the consideration of the whole subject at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in the beginning of November. The chief point in which it differs from the scheme formerly before the Committee is in regard to the constitution of the Board of Management. Formerly it was proposed that this Board should consist of the Grand Master, the Past, Depute, and Substitute Grand Masters, and thirty-six elected members; but now the proposal is that the fund shall be under the management of the Annuity Board, which shall consist simply of the members of the Grand Committee, and be supervised by the Finance Committee. It is proposed that the fund—to be named "The Annuity Branch of Scottish Masonic Benevolence"—shall consist of donations from Lodges and individual brethren, and one-half of the annual free income of Grand Lodge and any other sums that Grand Lodge may see proper to grant. One-half of all sums received shall be reserved to capital, and invested in the names of trustees; and it is proposed that the other half, with the income from capital during the preceding year, but under deduction of the expenses of management, shall, so far as may be required, be distributed in annuities. Any surplus shall be carried forward for disposal in subsequent years, but it shall not be competent to make grants in anticipation of income. It is proposed that the Board shall have power to grant ten annuities of £15 and five of £20 each, in cases considered deserving of special treatment, but that it shall not be competent to have more than these respective numbers of special grants current at the same time. All other annuities shall be of £10 each. Every Master Mason registered in the books of Grand Lodge and his widow or children shall be qualified to be placed on the roll of annuitants. Regulation 8 provides that every application for an annuity shall be forwarded by the Lodge of which the member applying is a member, or in the case of a widow or children, of the Lodge of which the brother in respect of whom they apply was a member. It is also proposed that the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary, and the Grand Cashier Treasurer to the Board, and that the annuities granted shall be reported to the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge in February and August, and the remuneration to be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and defrayed from the annual income. The accounts of the income and expenditure of the fund will, it is proposed, be kept separate from the other funds of Grand Lodge, and balanced and published simultaneously therewith.—*Dundee Advertiser.*

CHINESE FREEMASONS.

THIRTEEN Mongolians were initiated into the mysteries of Chinese Freemasonry at the Lodge-rooms of Chin Mon Yeck Lodge at a recent meeting. It was the most important ceremony that has taken place since the chapter, or company, as the Chinese call it was established. Two or three Americans, who are members of the Lodge, were present, and say that the work was most novel. Chin Mon Yeck Company comprises nearly five hundred members, and is growing rapidly. There are Lodges in all the principal cities, and the Yee Tong Hong Company, of San Francisco, is the recognised head. The Order was established about twelve years ago, and now has a membership exceeding 150,000. It is not any more a Masonic Order than is that of the Knights of Pythias or Oddfellows. The Chinaman knows nothing of Solomon's Temple or of the Bible, and could not therefore be a Freemason. He is quick to imitate, and knowing that the greatest organization among the whites is called Freemason, does not propose to be left, and so calls his society by the same name.—*Chicago Herald.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE anniversary was celebrated at Derby, on Tuesday, 25th ult., when there was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren. Bro. R. L. Horner Mole was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Rev. C. T. Bromwich I.P.M., H. Clarke Senior Warden, A. J. Flint Junior Warden, the Rev. H. Price Chaplain, W. Naylor P.M. P.G.S.B. England Treasurer, F. V. Edwards Secretary, T. H. Boam Senior Deacon, E. McKinnes Junior Deacon, T. Carter Wigg P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Montague Smith Organist, C. H. Claye I.G., F. E. Taylor and J. Murray Lindsay Stewards, W. Stone Tyler. Later on the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, 25th ult., when Bro. Henry George Past G.A.D.C. Eng. (Newark) duly installed Bro. Wilson Metcalfe P.G.S.B. as W.M. The W.M. afterwards invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Adolphus G. Maskell I.P.M., T. R. Jarvis S.W., T. J. D. Cramphorn J.W., J. C. Creswell M.O., A. W. Garrood S.O., H. P. Hay J.O., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, G. W. Pascall Treasurer, Arthur Mead Reg. of Marks, F. P. Sutthery Secretary, J. P. Lewin Dir. of Cers., E. W. Holland S.D., A. J. Pitts J.D., E. J. Wick I.G., S. B. Baker Steward, J. W. Hair O.G. The annual dinner was subsequently provided at the White Hart Hotel, and a list of twelve toasts was gone through.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

THE first meeting of the session of this Lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Thursday evening, 20th Sept., when Bro. Floyd W.M. presided, and amongst the brethren also present were Bros. Glasscock S.W., Bridgland J.W., Lucking Secretary, Warren jun. acting S.D., Thomas J.D., A. Vanderverd I.G., Barrett Dir. of Cers., Bowmaker Organist; Merritt P.M., Grayson P.M., Dawson P.M., G. L. Wood W.M. 160, E. F. Wood, Durham, Whistler, Halls, Cogill, G. F. Vanderverd, Bowmaker, Barnard, Pritchard, and A. Martin (members); Yorke, Walton and Lusty (visitors). Mr. Higgins, of Hill Park, Westerham, Kent, was balloted for, and having been approved, was initiated. After Lodge had been closed in due form, most of the brethren sat down to a capital repast provided by Bro. Pritchard.

TORBAY LODGE, No. 1358.

THE members held their annual meeting in the Paignton Town Hall last week. The Officers for the year were installed as follows:—Bros. Perrett W.M., Bridgman I.P.M., F. Falk P.M. P.P.G. Purs. Treas., Light S.W., Jarman J.W., A. W. Falk P.M. D.C., Bradford P.M. Secretary, Nicks S.D., Hoyles J.D., Wayoott and Lees Stewards, Drew I.G., and Warren representative of the Committee of Petitions. Subsequently, many members of the Lodge, joined by several friends, sat down to a banquet laid out in the Lodge room.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.

ON Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., the Lord Mayor was entertained by this Lodge at a grand banquet given at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. R. H. Clemow, the highly respected Master of the Lodge, presided, and there were present to meet the Chief Magistrate a numerous company of members and visitors, including Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Major and Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, Under-Sheriff Beard, Altman C.C., G. Manners C.C., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, C. F. Matier, E. Letchworth, J. Norrington, C. Webster, J. Jember, R. A. Kemp, F. A. Philbrick, D. Pain, J. Burnett, G. Chouston, W. C. Heaton, J. R. Tigon, R. Evans, J. Hattersley, H. Weeks, H. J. Selby, H. Adams, T. W. Green, C. Burchall, R. Clemow, W. Veale, Schuller, J. T. Roberson, J. A. Harrison, W. H. Kirby, R. C. Sudlow, T. Vernon, Gale, J. Bovill, C. T. Scrivener, T. B. Dobson, W. Robbing, G. T. Miles, C. J. W. Moore, T. Marshall, F. H. Eale, J. Jeffreys, J. Bamber, T. J. Robinson, D. Lowe, the Rev. W. Martin, W. H. White, W. Farrington, F. J. E. Young, R. Archer, W. Wellsman, H. W. Clemow, J. W. Beringfield, J. C. Dwarber, F. Farrington, and W. E. Farrington. In proposing the loyal and patriotic toasts, the Worshipful Master, reverting to the great advantages which accrued to the Craft by the fact that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was their Grand Master, said that above all it had resulted in a great accession of support to the three large Masonic Charities. With the toast of The Grand Officers, also given by the Master, the names of Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton and Philbrick were coupled. Sir J. B. Monckton, replying, thanked that distinguished Lodge for the honour done himself and the other Grand Officers by inviting them to be present to meet the Chief Magistrate and Sheriffs, all of whom, he was proud to say, were brethren of their Order. Bro. Philbrick remarked that the ranks of the Order were sufficiently wide, he was proud to say, to recognise and admit a Chief Magistrate coming from a neighbouring land as one of their own. Masonry, he was glad to say, knew no race, no church, and no politics. It was universal in its recognition and application. He believed that so long as its principles were truly and properly administered, its power—for it was a great power in the land—would be an influence for good in the country. The Master, in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, said that he believed this was the first occasion in the history of the St. Dunstan's Lodge that they had been visited by the Chief Magistrate. He was proud that it had fallen to his duty, as the representative of the Lodge, to express to his Lordship and the Sheriffs their hearty welcome and their cordial thanks for the kindness which the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs had done them in accepting their invitation. In that ward they could toast the Lord Mayor, but he thought that they might also take the liberty of going a little further, and say that there were at least twenty or thirty brethren round the tables who had watched his lordship's career—his distinguished career—almost from the first stepping stone. He knew nothing of the Lord Mayor in his severer moments, and would say nothing. It was not only in a Masonic Lodge, but wherever he went they had seen how well his lordship had been received. They had heard of it at Stockport, but more especially in his native country, where he had been entertained most cordially and sincerely. It was said that a man had little honour in his own country, but he flattered himself that the sage who had made that remark must have excepted their worthy and distinguished brother the Lord Mayor. They gave him a most hearty reception in the Farringdon ward, and he felt it no small honour to himself that it had fallen to his lot to preside on such an occasion. It was also their great honour to have present that evening the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and he congratulated the Lodge upon the great honour which that evening had been done by St. Dunstan's Lodge in having their brethren and so many distinguished visitors present. The Lord Mayor thanked the members of the Lodge for the kind, hearty, and he might say most sympathetic reception which they had given him. He felt that he was that evening surrounded by friends, most of whom had known him for years—friends who had made him what he was, and friends, therefore, to whom he had to tender his most grateful thanks. He thanked them most heartily for the cordial reception which they had given him in the St. Dunstan's Lodge. The Master might not be aware of the fact, but he had the honour of being an honorary member of the Lodge, and although he had not been so true to them as he might have been, for he had only visited them once previously, they knew how hard he had worked for the last few years. He was, however, looking forward to a period of rest, and if they would permit him he should have great pleasure in coming more often among them. He was glad to be present as their guest that evening, not only as a friend, but as a Mason. It was a matter of congratulation to himself to think that he was a member of the great Masonic Order. Bro. Philbrick had very truly said that Masonry was no local institution—it was not merely English, Belgian, Dutch, or German—it was universal. Masonry embodied the great principle which they hoped might some day or other prevail all over the world, viz., a true, brotherly feeling—an appreciation of what was good elsewhere as well as in their own limited circle. It comprehended that unity which with good and brotherly feeling tended to harmonise and make the world what it ought to be, and what they as Masons desired it to be. But for the generous sentiments which the great Masonic school did so much to develop among all nations, as well as in their own social circles, and which existed to such a large extent in this country, he should not have had the honour of occupying the proud position which it was his privilege to fill; and but for the high-minded principles, the tolerant and brotherly feelings, which Masonry taught, preached, and practised, the citizens of London would not have elected one not born in this country to the distinguished position of Lord Mayor. He owed his position entirely to the generous sentiments he had mentioned, and he was glad, therefore, to be present that evening, because he felt how much he was indebted to Masonry. The W.M. mentioned his (the Lord Mayor's) visit to Stockport, where he had recently been to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the technical school, which they all hoped and believed would do so much good to that important district, and he should never forget the brilliant and interesting reception accorded him. In addressing the thousands—he believed there were some 20,000 people before him—he informed them that himself and those taking part in the ceremony were present as lawful Masons, that they had their secrets, but that those secrets were not in any way opposed to the laws of God or the laws of man. Therein laid the true spirit of Masonry. And the reason why he, when he was called upon some time ago to give up his Masonic association, which for so many years he had cherished so dearly, refused to do it was, as he said, "As a Mason, I practise nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God and man, and I shall remain a Mason." He refused altogether to have anything to do with such an act of intolerance, recognising as he did to the fullest degree the tolerant and generous spirit exhibited by the citizens of London in electing him Chief Magistrate. It was his intention to remain a Mason, and as soon as he was released from the many duties which devolved upon him as Lord Mayor, he hoped to be able to devote more time to the Craft, and particularly in the direction of assisting the three great Masonic Institutions of which they were all so proud, and which did so much honour to Masonry. Although he was not called upon on this occasion to respond for the Corporation, over which it was his privilege to preside, he should not be doing his duty as Chief Magistrate if he did not refer to the kind reception they had accorded him as representing that old institution which as citizens they all so much respected. They were proud of the Corporation on account of the good works it had done for centuries, and which it was still doing. The Corporation represented the municipal power of the country, and was one of the two great institutions which governed society and governed the country. It was for them, as representing that municipal life, to defend their principles and to preserve their rights. The Executive Government defended the nation, but they as executive officers defended all that which related to the exclusive interest of localities. He hoped and trusted that the Corporation would long remain at the head of the great municipal life of the country to enjoy not only the confidence of the citizens, but the confidence of the municipalities themselves, and the nation at large. Let them set up as their motto that municipal institutions should be left to govern themselves, and should be independent of the Executive Government. He hoped that the City might be of use to the country as it had been in the past, and that as it was the heart of the empire, and represented the

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municipal institutions of the country, so it might in the future be enabled to fight for those institutions as it had done for its own. He would leave to his good and worthy friends the Sheriffs the task of replying for themselves, but he should not be doing his duty, and should be neglecting that which was uppermost in his mind upon this, the last occasion that he should meet them as his Sheriffs, if he did not express his warmest and most heartfelt thanks to them for the kind and generous support they had given him during his year of office. Nothing could have exceeded the cordial manner in which the two Sheriffs had worked with him in the discharge of the duties of the mayoralty, or the loyal support which they had given him upon every occasion he had called upon them. His friends had not only supported him upon almost every occasion with their presence, but whenever they were to attend charity dinners, as occasionally they were asked to do—if, in the few exceptional instances they were not able to be present in person, they reminded him of their absence by their cheques for the benefit of the institutions. The two Sheriffs had given him their support, their charming wives had been most kind to the Lady Mayoress, and had assisted her as sisters only could do. Under such circumstances he should be indeed ungrateful if on this occasion, the last, only officially speaking—for he hoped that the friendships which had been created between them would last for many long years to come—he should not publicly acknowledge how much he was indebted to them for the services they had rendered him in the mayoralty. He thanked the members of the St. Dunstan's Lodge for the cordial reception they had extended to him, for the generous hospitality with which they had entertained him, and for the flattering attention they had paid him—for it had not escaped his notice—in having his photograph placed on their bill of fare. Sheriff Major Davies, replying, said that he was glad to say that in performing the duties of the shrievalty they had had a distinguished leader to whom they could always look for assistance. In proposing the health of the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master had said that they were the leading spirits in Freemasonry, and he could only say that the Lord Mayor had always been, so far as the Sheriffs were concerned, the moving spirit, and had kept them thoroughly well up to their work. They had been reminded that their year of office had all but expired, and he could not but feel some regret that this was the last occasion on which the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex would be called upon to respond to the toast. They had spent the last twelve months happily together, and, thanks to the kindness of the Lord Mayor, they had done so in a manner which would never be forgotten by themselves. The Worshipful Master had referred to the visit of the Lord Mayor to his native country. It was his privilege and pleasure to accompany his Lordship on that occasion, and nothing could have been more hearty or more worthy of the event than the reception which greeted his Lordship. He should not forget the warmth, the heartiness, and the cordiality of the greetings extended to him in every place they visited, and on all occasions; and if for no other reason, he should ever be grateful to his Lordship, who, he was proud to say, was not only respected and beloved in his native country, but also he was equally beloved and respected in the land of his adoption. He could not conceive a more fitting opportunity than the present, assembled as they were in the ward of which the Lord Mayor was the worthy Alderman, for their official leave-taking. He and his colleague had discharged the duties of their office to the best of their ability, and he was bold enough to say that they had performed them well. That was a bold thing to say, no doubt, but he would not be hypercritical enough to say anything which would not lead them to believe that they had done their best. Bro. Sheriff Higgs, who was loudly cheered, stated that he thought his worthy colleague had said almost all that it was possible to say upon that occasion in reply to the toast which had been given and received with so much cordiality and good feeling. No doubt most of them were aware of the legend that when a certain gentleman forced his attentions on St. Dunstan, who was engaged at the time manufacturing church bells, the latter, in order to get rid of his visitor, took hold of him by the nose with a pair of red hot tongs. The name-sakes of St. Dunstan, as represented in the Lodge under whose auspices they were assembled, had served the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs very differently, and instead of doing that, had extended to them the greatest possible hospitality. He thanked them most heartily for their kind reception, and also the Lord Mayor for the brotherly sentiments he had uttered. The Lord Mayor next proposed the Health of the Worshipful Master, and wished every prosperity to the St. Dunstan's Lodge. In giving the health of the Master he was proposing the health of an old friend, whom he had known from a boy, and whom he had often seen playing in Chatham-place, Blackfriars. In later years he had seen with pleasure the Worshipful Master taking a conspicuous position in the management of the large hotel in which they were assembled; and he knew by his great activity, his great perseverance, and his great love of work, that he must be a good Mason. The toast having been received with much enthusiasm, the Worshipful Master responded. Bro. Dwarber proposed the Health of the Visitors, and the Rev. Weledon and Bro. Sudlow replied. The Past Masters and Officers was given by the Immediate Past Master, and was suitably replied to by Bro. Wellsman and others. The banquet arrangements were admirably carried out, and gave the utmost possible satisfaction, while the selections of music, performed under the direction of Bro. W. H. White (Organist of the Lodge), assisted by Mdme. Isabel George, Miss Alice Suter, Bros. J. A. Harrison, G. T. Miles, and W. Coates, were all that could be desired.

WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 1239.

THE monthly meeting on Monday was marked by proceedings of a specially interesting character. During the evening Bro. W. R. Thomas, who has lately removed from Sheffield to Bournemouth, was presented with a massive silver loving cup, subscribed for by a large number of brethren whose names were inscribed on a beautifully illuminated address. The presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. Isaac Eyre in eloquent terms, which were feelingly supplemented by Past Masters Garnett, Tyndall, Bennett, Holliday and Spargil, and Bros. Dodworth and Stokes. Dr. Thomas, in thanking the brethren for their expression of goodwill to him, said that the cup would remind him of the many happy evenings he had spent in the society of his Masonic brethren in Sheffield during the past 16 years. He felt grateful for the kindly appreciation of his Masonic, social, and professional services. Whilst regretting the circumstances causing his removal, he was glad to find that the true spirit of Masonry existed in Bournemouth, and he had been most fraternally received by the Bournemouth brethren, although he felt that he could not expect to find the same friendships that 25 years' residence in Sheffield had given him. Bros. Wragge, Brooke, Barker, Barber, Foxon, Stokes, Middleton and Drury added to the enjoyment of the brethren by an efficient rendering of a musical programme, and Bros. Holiday and Westenholm were equally successful in their recitations.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THE annual investiture in connection with No. 1609 always brings together a large number of members of the Craft, and the principal Lodge-room at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 25th ult., was fairly well filled with brethren. The chair was occupied at the commencement of the proceedings by the outgoing W.M. Bro. J. Cantor, the various other offices being filled by Bros. Henry Round S.W., Dr. E. H. Allen J.W., H. Heard Sec., J. Fineberg S.D., G. W. Harris J.D., J. H. Light I.G., A. Mein S.S., Eaton Batty J.S., B. Hughes A.S., A. E. Workman Organist, W. H. Ball Tyler. The following Past Masters belonging to the Lodge were also present—Bros. Lindo Courtenay, J. B. Mackenzie, W. W. Sandbrook, R. Burgess, O. W. Saunderson, Joseph Bell P.P.G.S.D., William Savage, J. L. Shrapnell Treasurer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Collinge P.P.G.J.W. East Lancashire, J. Gordon Napier J.W. 58 (Scotland), Henry Hatch P.M. 220, Joseph Sharples P.M. 724, W. Lewis J.W. 2042, S. Haden Jones W.M. 1299, John E. Hounsell P.M. 203, T. H. W. Walker P.M. 1675, J. Humphreys P.M. 724, Alfred Woolrich P.M. 1356, James T. Callan P.P. Grand Treasurer, R. Martin P.P. Grand Treasurer, Henry J. Nicholls W.M. 2114, G. H. Harradon P.M. 1713, A. Bucknall P.M. 651, E. R. Latham S.W. 594, Thomas W. Sergeant P.P.G.S.D., H. H. Smith P.P.A.G.D.C., J. A. Muir W.M. 2042, Stephen E. Jupp W.M. 1140, T. Clarke P.M. 673, Charles Birch P.M. 203, William Hudson Organist 724, B. Price P.M. 155, Lewis Peake P.M. 1035, &c. Two candidates having been initiated into the Order, the W.M.-elect Bro. Round was presented for installation by Bros. J. Bell P.M. P.P.G.S.D. and W. W. Sandbrook P.M., and the ceremony was performed with remarkable judgment and ability by Bro. Cantor, the retiring W.M. Subsequently Bro. Round invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under—Bros. J. Cantor I.P.M., Dr. E. H. Allen S.W., J. Fineberg J.W., J. L. Shrapnell P.M. Treasurer, H. Heard Secretary, J. H. Light S.D., A. Mein J.D., Eaton Batty I.G., A. E. Workman Organist, B. Hughes S.S., Barry Stuart J.S., R. C. Fulford A.S., J. Higginbotham C.S., W. W. Sandbrook P.M. D.C., and W. H. Ball Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge the W.M. presented the installing master with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted out of the funds of the Lodge, and also with a new and suitable set of Masonic clothing, subscribed for by various members. The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the evening Bro. Round further handed Bro. Cantor, on behalf of the Lodge, a tea and coffee service.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 1808.

BRO. W. B. ANTHONY was recently installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dixon. There was a large and influential attendance of brethren, and the newly installed W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Dixon I.P.M., E. Pugh S.W., H. Milton J.W., A. Wright S.D., Rev. George Sharley J.D. and Chaplain, John Boyce P.M. Treasurer, H. Randall Secretary, A. Bullard D. of C., W. T. Stargess Organist, H. Wells I.G., E. Skipper Steward, E. Hollidge Tyler. In the course of the evening a handsome Masonic ring was presented to Bro. Barnes, in recognition of his five years' services as Secretary, and on his retirement through ill-health. The W.M. received a P.M.'s jewel.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1817.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, on the 27th ult., when Bro. Lucking P.M. P.G.P. Prov. Grand Dir. of Cers. performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Cox as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in succession to Bro. Thomas. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. Burton S.W., Berridge J.W., Eltham Treasurer, Harris Secretary, Cooper S.D., Smith J.D., Kirkland I.G., Lightowlers Dir. of Cers., Gooderham and Cogill Stewards, Martin Tyler. The other business included the election of a brother to attend the Charity Committee, the raising of Bro. Hildyard, and the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. The brethren subsequently dined together.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsy, recent sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. His Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

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NEW MASONIC HALL AT HOWDEN.

ON Monday the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Howden by R.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire. A large number of brethren were assembled on the occasion, including Bros. M. C. Peck, Tesseyman, Beevers, G. H. Anderton, Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., Rev. W. Booth, Rev. G. L. M. Rees, H. Green, Lieutenant-Colonel Storry, H. B. Anderson, Rev. G. S. Dunbar, H. T. Gardiner, and a number of others, including the Worshipful Masters of several Lodges at Hull, Goole, and other towns in North and East Yorkshire. They were met by Bro. Robert Briggs W.M. of the Howden St. Cuthbert's Lodge, and Bro. T. C. Turton S.W., Bro. Rev. G. L. M. Rees J.W., and the other Officers. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, a procession was formed from the Town Hall to the site of the new building, which is situated at the outskirts of the town at the corner of the Selby-road. It should be mentioned that the necessary funds have been provided through the liberality of Miss Medcalf, of Boston Spa, as a memorial of her brother, the late Mr. Henry Calvert Medcalf, a Past Master of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, who for many years practised as a surgeon in Howden, and was very highly esteemed throughout the district. On the arrival of the procession at the site, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion, Bro. G. H. Anderton, Chairman of the Building Committee, having requested the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to lay the foundation-stone of the new Hall, Bro. Orde-Powlett gave a short address, in which he referred to the very pleasing circumstances under which they were met, and expressed the hope that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe would rest upon their work that day. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having offered a prayer, and a Masonic anthem having been sung, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the inscription placed upon the stone, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer deposited a phial containing the current coins of the realm. The stone was then duly and properly laid by Bro. Orde-Powlett, it having been proved with a plumb, rule, level, and square in accordance with Masonic ritual. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master having declared the Craftsmen had done their duty, corn, wine, and oil were strewn on the stone, and this part of the day's proceedings closed with a prayer by the Chaplain. The architect, Mr. Moore, was then presented to the D.P.G.M. by the Rev. W. Hutchinson P.P.G.C., and Bro. H. B. Anderson, in a few forcible and well-chosen remarks, thanked the D.P.G.M. for his presence and assistance. The ceremony being concluded, the procession was re-formed and returned to the Town Hall. Unfortunately, the afternoon was very wet, but notwithstanding there was a large attendance of spectators, including many ladies. The building is to be two stories in height, the outer dimensions being 39 ft. by 26 ft. 4 in. The interior arrangements have been very carefully considered by the local brethren so as to afford all the accommodation the St. Cuthbert's Lodge can possibly require, land being reserved so that extensions can be made if necessary. At the luncheon subsequently held at Mr. Walmsley's (Bowman's Hotel), Bro. Robert Briggs W.M. presided.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for South Wales was held under the banner of the Picton Castle Lodge, 297, at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, the 26th ultimo. The Picton Castle Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M.M. Bro. Hood-Williams Past Prov. G.S.O., at one o'clock p.m., and at 1·30 the acting D.P.G.M.M.M., the Rev. J. Marsden D.P.G.M.M., accompanied by his Officers, entered the Lodge and took the chair, and opened Provincial Grand Lodge. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Prov. G.M.M.M. Sir Pryse-Pryse. Masonic business being concluded, a collection was taken up in aid of local charity, amounting to £2 0s 3d, which was handed over to the W.M.M., and paid to the Secretary of the Pembrokeshire and Haverfordwest Infirmary.

Obituary.

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WILLIAM F. GREATHEAD.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., the remains of Bro. Wm. F. Greathead, P.M. of the Richmond Lennox Lodge, No. 123, were interred in St. Mary's Churchyard. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Roberts, M.A., rector, and the funeral was attended by Councillor T. C. Denham W.M. and brethren of the local Lodge. Amongst the wreaths was a delicate Masonic floral emblem of white asters, sent by members of the Craft.

Not only those who belong to the Craft, but those outside it as well, could not fail to be greatly struck with much that is stated in "Modern Freemasonry, as a Social and Moral Reformer," by J. Ramsden Riley. As it has been already remarked, "English Freemasonry has in its ranks few more indefatigable workers than Bro. Ramsden Riley, historian of the Airedale Lodge, and author of "The Yorkshire Lodges." We understand that Mr. Riley's pen is already at work on other matter, and we shall look forward with pleasure to what he may yet have to say on the matter of Freemasonry as a Social and Moral Reformer.—*Writer and Reader.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—During the interval deemed by the management necessary to give a more effective presentation of their new opera in November, a few performances of their latest success "The Old Guard" have been decided on. Though seemingly introduced as a stop-gap, the opera was received none the less with marked enthusiasm; and the patrons of comic opera who had assembled on Monday evening witnessed a highly successful inauguration of the 1888-9 autumn and winter season. The theatre, entirely re-decorated, had been re-upholstered, and the electric light installed throughout; the opera went splendidly; the acting and singing were exceptionally good, and the audience fairly large, enthusiastic, and good-humoured. In carrying out the work of renovation and improvement the management have scored, and their theatre is now as cosy and warm as could be desired. In saying that the opera went splendidly, much is meant. The ever-recurring fits of laughter and shouts of delight were in accordance with the piece, and quite as lusty and vigorous as when the 200th night was reached some time before the recess. As might have been expected, Mr. Arthur Roberts was the lion of the evening. As Polydore Poupart, the Maire and Landlord, he was excruciatingly funny, and his vagaries and eccentricities kept the house in one continuous roar of laughter. In introducing several new ideas he has scored a further success. In the second act he made a great hit. Previous to performing the marriage ceremony he relates to the Marquis D'Artemare the incident of the discovery of certain documents. After a long rambling speech, of quite five minutes' duration, during which the audience is convulsed with laughter, Mr. Roberts concludes his peroration in a solemn tone with the now hackneyed query, "Is Marriage a Failure?" Needless to say the house "caught on," and hardly knew how to contain itself. In the caste of the piece two important alterations have been made: Miss Ginlia Warwick plays Fraisette, formerly undertaken by Miss Violet Cameron. She was very effective, and her singing was really good, and quite in keeping with the reputation she has acquired on the London operatic stage. Miss Carrie Coote now essays the part of the Cantinière, previously allotted to Miss Phyllis Broughton. Miss Coote's vivacious and sprightly acting was a factor towards the success of the evening. As Capitaine Marcel Mr. Aleo Marsh worthily sustained his reputation, and his singing was greatly admired. Mr. Dallas in his old character of the Marquis was perfectly at home, and his interviews and parley with Polydor were keenly appreciated by the audience. On Monday, for the first time, was produced a short musical sketch, entitled "Quits." Doing duty as a curtain-raiser, it is amusing and affords plentiful scope for complicated situations and much embarrassment. Miss Carrie Coote also plays in this, and her rendering of Tattles gives the audience a foretaste of her qualifications for the part of the Cantinière. Mr. Grattan, as Jorkins, very ably supports her, and Miss Annie Halford and Mr. Ambrose Colini complete the quartette upon whom the success of "Quits" rests.

Lyceum.—Mr. Mansfield's choice wherein to appear before the British public has, so far, been anything but satisfactory. His Mr. Hyde was voted unsavoury, and now his Baron Chevrial in "A Parisian Romance" is a character that one does not care to make the acquaintance of. Clever actor as undoubtedly he is, Mr. Mansfield lacks finish and power in his interpretation of the broken-down old man. Baron Chevrial, as written by Mons. Octave Feuillet, is a man that is prone to all sorts of depravity, and never happy unless in the company of women. All this is carried out by Mr. Mansfield in a painstaking way, but, as we have said, there is something wanting, in the shape of finish. In the great scene of the piece—where Baron Chevrial dies, at a supper, of an apoplectic stroke—Mr. Mansfield had thoroughly grasped the situation, and his death struggles were most powerful. It was here he scored, and the applause accorded him after the fall of the curtain at the end of the act was well deserved. Capital support was accorded by Mr. John T. Sullivan as Henri de Tangy, a young man who beggars himself to pay a debt due to the Baron; Mr. D. H. Haskins as a doctor; Miss Emma Sheridan as the Baron's wife; and Miss Beatrice Cameron as the wife of Tangy. To sum up,—"A Parisian Romance" is a work that is not suited to the tastes of present-day playgoers, and the sooner Mr. Mansfield provides something more palatable the better.

Miss Agnes Hewitt will revive "The Two Orphans" at the Olympic on Thursday next, with Mr. Henry Neville, Mr. Charles Sugden, and Mrs. Huntley in the caste.

The St. James's will be re-opened on Saturday, the 13th instant, under the management of Mr. Rutland Barrington, with a new and original play by Messrs. Sydney Grundy and F. C. Philips, entitled "The Dean's Daughter."

Monday, the 8th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition (the Sixteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

LOOK AFTER YOUR VISITORS.—The Brooklyn *New York News* says: The secret of having plenty of visitors at our Lodge meetings and having them call often lies in the manner in which we receive and treat them. A cordial greeting should be extended to them. Let them know and feel that they are welcome, and that when they enter your Lodge they are at home. There is a great deal in the magnetism of a Lodge-room. You have seen cozy little sociable looking houses that seemed to say, "Come in, you are welcome," while other great square-shouldered structures seemed to say, "Get out, or I will throw a brickbat at your head." The same fact is true of the atmosphere of Lodge-rooms. You instantly feel on entering some halls as if you were in a refrigerator, while in others you instantly feel at home. The attitude of the brethren has everything to do in making such atmospheres. Cold indifference or frigid politeness to the visitor, or even among the members, is enough to freeze the life out of any Lodge.

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FREDERICK BLAND,

AGED 8 YEARS,

Son of Bro. F. G. BLAND, late of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, who died 16th November 1887, leaving a widow and five boys under 11 years of age totally unprovided for.

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MARGARET E. M. ROBERTS,

AGED 10 YEARS,

Daughter of the late Bro. A. F. Roberts, of Bow Lane, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, who died 10th May 1888, leaving a widow and six young children unprovided for.

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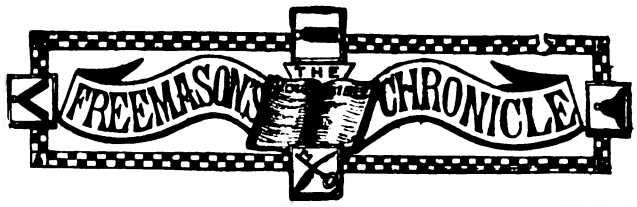
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

A MEETING of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Cheshire was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday afternoon, the 27th ult., when Companion the Rev. Charles William Spencer Stanhope, M.A., was installed as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, to which office he was appointed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of England, in succession to the late Companion Lord de Tabley. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings throughout were of a most imposing and impressive character. The Installing Officer was Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, of London, Grand Scribe E., who acted as first Grand Principal, Comp. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar and G.S. of Essex, officiated as Second Grand Principal, and the chair of J. was occupied by Comp. Colonel H. D. Sandeman Past G.Sup. of Bengal. The acting Grand Director of Ceremonies was Comp. J. H. Matthews Past A.G.D. of C. There was also present a numerous assemblage of Royal Arch Masons. The Installing Officer having taken the chair, opened Provincial Grand Chapter, and stated the object of the meeting. The roll of Chapters was called, when it was found that there were about 60 present, and that *four* Chapters were not represented. The Grand Superintendent Designate was announced, and sent in the patent which he had received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A deputation of Provincial Grand Officers and Past Principals then introduced the Grand Superintendent Designate in due form, and placed him in front of the pedestal. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," having been sung to the pianoforte accompaniment of Comp. Ellis, Comp. Lisle read the patent. The Installing Officer, addressing Comp. Stanhope, said it gave him great pleasure to come to instal him as Prov. Grand Superintendent. He (Comp. Stanhope) already possessed a distinguished Masonic record. He had been a Mason for a great many years, and had held the high position of Grand Chaplain of England, and a corresponding office in the Royal Arch degree. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was therefore confident that he could safely trust the good old Province of Cheshire to his care, feeling sure that he would not spare time or labour to continue to maintain the Province in the high and efficient position it had held in past years. Having satisfactorily answered the inquiry as to whether he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office, the Grand Superintendent Designate was duly obligated at the pedestal, and afterwards invested with the clothing and jewels of office. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed Comp. Stanhope Grand Superintendent of Cheshire. The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested Comp. Colonel Wilkinson, of Stockport, as Second Principal, and Comp. W. M. Lightfoot, of Chester, as Third Principal. The other Officers were appointed, as follow:—

Comp. H. C. Lisle	S.E.
S. W. Ramsden	S.N.
W. Cartwright	Principal Sojourner
J. Jackson	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Hamnett Brookes	2nd Assistant Sojourner
F. Drinkwater	Registrar
P. Wadsworth	Treasurer
S. Jones	Sword Bearer
J. T. Thomson	Standard Bearer
J. Wagstaffe	Director of Ceremonies
A. G. Peterkin	Organist
M. Alcock	Janitor

After the singing of an ode, the Grand Superintendent delivered a short address. He said he felt most proud to

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have been placed in that chair—an honour which he never expected, and did not wish to have conferred upon him, because he felt that it would be most difficult for him to fulfil the duties properly, following as he did in the steps of their late beloved Companion Lord de Tabley. The gathering around him that day showed that there was still a great deal of life in Royal Arch Masonry in Cheshire, and their feeling towards him, as expressed by their presence, was most gratifying. He promised that as long as health and strength were given to him he would do whatever he could to promote the interests of the Royal Arch degree in the Province, and he felt assured that they would all give him their kind sympathy and support. He was glad to know that the Province of Cheshire was in a flourishing condition. They did not perhaps figure so prominently at head quarters in London as they might do if their returns on the charity lists were larger, but it should be borne in mind that they had a most deserving system in that Province of helping children in the matter of education. They had a very good educational fund, which was doing a great deal of good, and he hoped that the members of that Provincial Grand Chapter would attend in large numbers at the next meeting of the institution in March. In conclusion, he thanked them again for the very hearty reception they had given him. Comp. Colonel Shadwell Clerke drew attention to the rule which prohibits the wearing of Royal Arch Collars in Craft Lodges. The jewel, however, could be worn. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter held at Crewe in October last were read and confirmed. The report of the Committee was presented, and showed the Province to be in a prosperous condition. The Committee congratulated M.E. Comp. Stanhope upon his appointment as Prov. Grand Superintendent, which they felt sure would be received with the warmest feelings of approval. They sincerely hoped that the Most High might grant him many years of health to continue his rule. The report was adopted and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. On the motion of Comp. Vaughan, seconded by the Grand Superintendent, it was resolved that a Committee be formed for the purpose of revising the bye-laws in connection with the Province of Cheshire. The following were elected members of the Committee:—The Grand Superintendent, the Scribe E., Comps. Goodacre, Clayton, Bellyse, Vaughan, and Johnson. On the proposition of the P.G.S. a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer and the other Grand Officers for having attended to take part in the ceremony. Comp. Shadwell Clerke, in reply, said it had been a sincere pleasure to them to have been able to come amongst them that day to make fresh acquaintances and resume old ones, and above all to place the P.G. Superintendent in the chair which he now so worthily occupied. The Treasurer's accounts having been read and passed, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in the customary manner. A banquet was subsequently served at the hotel, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened at the Masonic Chambers, Lord-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., which were filled by a large number of Companions. The Right Worshipful Superintendent the Earl of Lathom presided. The minutes of the last convocations at Eccles and Preston were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts were also passed, and Companion Gaskin was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The R.W. Superintendent invested his Officers, as follow:—

Comp.	Earl of Crawford and Balcarres	H.
	Dr: D. Dunlop Costine - -	J.
	W. Goodacre - -	S.E.
	Charles P. Richards - -	S.N.
	James Lambert - - -	Registrar
	H. James - - -	Principal Sojourner
	W. Elton - - -	1st Assistant Sojourner
	S. M'Kellar - - -	2nd Assistant Sojourner
	A. Beattie - - -	Sword Bearer
	A. Crossley - - -	Standard Bearer
	David Caugley - - -	Director of Ceremonies
	E. Littler - - -	Assistant D.C.
	R. Johnson - - -	Organist
	J. C. Robinson - - -	Assistant S.E.
	Peter Ball - - -	Janitor

The P.G. Scribe E. presented no formal report, but stated that it was with regret he noticed that some of the Chapters had no bye-laws, and he hoped that this would be rectified by some expression of opinion from the P.G. Supt. The Earl of Lathom remarked that he quite endorsed the remarks of the P.G. Scribe E., as he thought the adoption of this course would be conducive to the welfare of the various Chapters. The convocation was then closed.

CENTENARY OF THE VIGILANCE CHAPTER.

CONSIDERABLE interest was manifested in the ranks of local Royal Arch Masons in the celebration, on the 28th ult., of the centenary of Vigilance Chapter, No. 111, as a working chapter. Complete success attended the function and also the reception of the distinguished Grand Superintendent of the Province of Durham, Sir Hedworth Williamson. Punctually at half-past four the Vigilance Chapter was duly constituted by Companion S. F. Bousfield M.E.Z., assisted by the other office-bearers—Companions S. Wilson H., T. M. Barron J., F. Tovey I.P.Z., C. D. Hill-Drury, M.D., S.E., T. Watson S.W., H. A. Massingberg Treasurer and Principal Soj., J. Lambert and J. Graham Assistant Soj., R. Luck, M.A., P.M. Dir. of Cer., W. C. Barron Steward, and T. Prince Janitor. The following past first Principals and Companions were also present:—H. Maddison, Wm. Hobson, Chris. Jackson, G. Wilson, H. E. O. Müller, R. A. Luck P.P.G.J., and John Bailey P.P.G.S.N. Companions M. Love, R. Coultar, Wm. Mitford, John Hodgson, Edwin Cowper, C. H. Sharp, and J. K. Wilkes. The 105th Psalm having been sung, the S.E. read the minutes, from which it appeared that on the 10th April last, the S.E. and Comp. G. Wilson were requested to prepare a petition to the Grand Chapter, showing that the Vigilance Chapter had had an uninterrupted existence for 100 years, and praying that a centenary warrant should therefore be issued. The S.E. reported that Grand Chapter had found their existence for 100 years to be proved, and had issued a warrant accordingly. At this stage the Grand Superintendent and Officers of the P.G.C. were announced and admitted. The Officers were:—Sir Hedworth Williamson G.S., Canon Tristram P.P.G.H., Babington Boulton G.P.H., Comp. Levy Acting P.J., R. Hudson S.S.E., W. Logan D.C., T. J. Johnson Princ. Soj., Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Northumberland, and W. Mayson G. Sword Bearer. The following Visiting Companions were also present:—G. S. Shaw 1334, W. H. Cowper 602, R. H. Coulton 72, E. S. Spencer 509, and J. Wann 134. Sir Hedworth Williamson having now occupied the chair (vacated by the M.E.Z.), said that he need hardly tell them the great pleasure he felt in paying them his first visit, and on such an important occasion. This Chapter, as they would be aware, was the oldest active Chapter in the Province of Durham, although not the oldest according to the *Masonic Almanack* He observed from their own records that they claimed to have existence from the year 1769, and as a working Chapter from 1788. It must be a great satisfaction to them that evening to know that they had thus completed 100 years of a prosperous career, and he heartily wished that the next hundred would be as successful. The Supreme Grand Chapter having now admitted their claim to a centenary warrant, he had pleasure in handing them the same. The S.E. having read the warrant, the M.E.Z. acknowledged the same in suitable terms. The Masonic anthem having been sung by Mr. Whitehead, of Durham Cathedral, the S.E. read an interesting paper on "Early Royal Arch Masonry in Darlington." The earliest records of the Chapter are contained in a small copy-book, lost for a long time, but discovered about two years since by Bro. Bailey. Inscribed on the first page is "Transactions of the Hierarchical Lodge at Darlington from the 27th Aug. 1769." Comp. Levy Acting P.J. then presented to Comp. G. Wilson the centenary jewel, and referred in sympathetic terms to his long connection with Masonry and with the Vigilance Chapter, and trusted he would long be spared to wear the jewel. Comp. Wilson, who has been a Royal Arch Mason for fifty-four years, responded, thanking the Chapter for the honour they had conferred. A jewel was also presented by the G.P.H. to Dr. Hill-Drury S.E., who suitably acknowledged the honour, after which and the customary congratulations the Chapter was closed in due form. These proceedings were followed by a banquet in the Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by Comp. S. F. Bousfield, who was supported on his right by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Comps. Levy and S. Wilson, and on the left by Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Canon Tristram, B. Boulton, T. M. Barron, &c., &c. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Comp. Bousfield proposed the health of Sir Hedworth Williamson and the G.C. Officers of the Province of Durham. Sir Hedworth (received with great applause) in his reply remarked that he did not pretend to know so much about Royal Arch Masonry as he did about Craft Masonry, but certainly if he desired to extend his knowledge he could not possibly do better than come to the Vigilance Chapter. No one could help being struck by the way in which matters were carried out in the Vigilance Chapter, and he did not think he ever took part in such an impressive ceremony in his life as the one which had just taken place. Before he concluded he desired to testify to the successful manner in which Mr. Whitehead had contributed to the pleasantness of the evening by his marvellous vocal powers, and gratefully acknowledged the presence among them of Col. Addison Potter G.S. of Northumberland. He was glad to meet so old a Mason as Comp. Wilson, and certainly nobody was more delighted than he (the speaker) to hear from the lips of the worthy Scribe E. the history of the Chapter. Canon Tristram P.P.G.H. proposed Prosperity to the Vigilance Chapter, and in doing so remarked that, however the fact might be explained, a fact it was that the Quaker town seemed to concentrate and intensify and treasure the interest of Durham county in all that pertained to its local history. Darlington had given us Allan and Longstaff, and to their treasures should

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be added the history Comp. Drury had read to them that day. The M.E.Z. responded, after which came, by the E.J., the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Northumberland and the Visitors, replied to by Col. Addison Potter, C.B., and the interesting proceedings were brought to a close. Apologies and hearty congratulations were read from Col. S. H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. and other invited guests.

PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1000.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Middleton Hotel on Wednesday evening, 19th ult., when those present included Comps. Bridgland M.E.Z., Phillips Scribe E. acting H., Dawson J., Lucking P.Z. Treasurer, Barrett, Lusty, and Martin Janitor. Bros. Trist and Harrington were balloted for and unanimously elected members of the Chapter.

ATHOLE CHAPTER, No. 1004.

AT the annual meeting, held at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Thursday, the 20th ult., the following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Swinnerton 1st Principal, Dearden 2nd Principal, Kermode 3rd Principal, Heron P.Z. Dir. of Cers., Brown P.Z. Treasurer, Morris P.S., Challender S.E., Spencer S.N., and Lanaghan Janitor. The installation will take place in November. A vote of sympathy with Comp. Brown, on his recent domestic bereavement, was passed. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Brearley P.Z., and two candidates were proposed for exaltation.

FREEMASONRY IN SHROPSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge for Shropshire was held by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., the R.W. P.G.M., at Ironbridge, on Tuesday, 18th ult. The following Provincial Grand Officers were present:—Bros. Rowland G. Venables Past G.A.D. of C. D.P.G.M., Rev. J. T. W. Claridge P.G. Chaplain, J. P. White P.G.T., J. H. Cooksey P.G. Reg., W. H. Spaull G.A.D. of C. P.G. Sec., T. Whitefoot jun. P.G.D. of C., John Machin P.G.A.D. of C., Thomas Pratt P.G. Standard Bearer, E. A. Hicks P.G. Standard Bearer, Wm. Belton P.G.O., A. Lowcock P.G.P., Thomas Ginders P.G.A.P., A. S. Townsend, H. E. Roberts, Thos. J. Barnett P.G. Stewards, George Bonner P.G. Tyler, and several Past Provincial Grand Officers and representative brethren from the neighbouring districts. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read, amongst them from Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division of South Wales, and Bro. Capt. Homfray D.P.G.M. of Monmouth. The P.G.M. then invested and appointed the following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart.	Senior Warden
E. C. Peele	Junior Warden
Rev. J. T. W. Claridge, Rev. R. Lucas, M.A., LL.D.	Chaplains
V. C. L. Crump	Treasurer
E. A. Hicks	Registrar
W. H. Spaull	Secretary
L. E. Wolstein	Senior Deacon
H. E. Roberts	Junior Deacon
Arthur Lowcock	Superintendent of Works
T. Whitefoot jun.	Director of Ceremonies
A. T. Akeroyd	Assistant D.C.
Frederick Cox	Sword Bearer
L. A. Manning, H. G. U. Elliott	Standard Bearers
W. Belton	Organist
A. S. Townsend	Assistant Secretary
T. J. Barnett	Pursuivant
John Avery	Assistant Pursuivant
Herbert Major, William Westcott, Frederick Chubb, Samuel Bennion, T. C. Bird, W. J. Ogg	Stewards
George Bonner	Tyler

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. V. C. L. Crump) reported that in reply to the letter addressed to the Lodge by the P.G.M. he had received a contribution from each Lodge, amounting to £39 in all, and the finances of the Prov. Grand Lodge were now on a satisfactory footing. The P.G. Secretary (Bro. W. H. Spaull) reported that he had received a letter from Bro. Hedges, the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, saying how very sorry he was at being unable to attend this meeting, and expressing his warmest thanks for the liberal support of this Province, and particularly of the Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of the recent Centenary Festival of the Institution by presiding at the Festival. In connexion with this matter Bro. W. H. Spaull the P.G. Secretary remarked that in 1887 the Province sent up to the Royal Masonic Charities in London the sum of £1054 during this year they had already sent up £806. The report of the children in the Institutions from this Province as to conduct and progress was highly satisfactory. Offley Wakeman now said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master had honoured one who for many years had worked among them for the welfare of Masonry, by appointing him to office in the Grand Lodge of England. He referred to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. Spaull, and felt that it was not only an honour conferred on Bro. Spaull but through him on the Province. A number of the brethren had thought this a fitting opportunity to show their appreciation of Bro. Spaull's services by presenting him with the clothing for the office he held in Grand Lodge and for the position to which it pleased H.R.H. to appoint him in Grand Chapter. He had much pleasure in handing to Bro. Spaull the receipt for the fee of honour on his appointment, and the paraphernalia for the offices to which he had been appointed. Bro. Spaull, in a few suitable words, expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services in the Province. He said when he wore the clothing it would remind him of the many happy meetings they had had, and he hoped that in future, as in the past, his conduct would be such as to merit their approval. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Tontine Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held on the 1st inst., at Coventry. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1630, was opened at St. Mary's Hall by the W.M. Dr. Charles Davidson. The Provincial Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Leigh), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. James T. Collins), and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then received, and the Provincial Grand Master having taken his seat on the throne, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The usual Lodge business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. Lodge adjourned for Divine service at Holy Trinity Church, the brethren walking in procession through the streets, clad in full Masonic Craft clothing. Choral service was sustained by the choir, Mr. A. H. Brown being the organist. The Rev. T. W. Downing intoned the prayers, Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, vicar of St. Nicholas, Warwick, read the lessons, and a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Bridgman Boughton Leigh Past Provincial Grand Chaplain from the words "What doest thou here, Elijah?" (1 Kings xix. 13), in the course of which he made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The choir sang Dr. Boyce's anthem, "O, where is wisdom found?" A collection was taken on behalf of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, realising £12 1... The Blessing was pronounced by Bro. the Rev. F. M. Beaumont vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry, and rural dean and Provincial Grand Chaplain. The brethren then returned in procession to St. Mary's Hall, where Lodge was closed in due form. A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Leigh) in the chair, covers being laid for upwards of fifty.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF W... LANCASHIRE.

SOUTHPORT was this year chosen as the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lan... of which Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham is the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, ... gathering on the 3rd inst., not only gave empha... conclusive proof of the progress of the Craft

who came from all quarters within the Province, were of a highly satisfactory nature. The meeting for business purposes took place in the hall of the Winter Gardens, and ample supplementary provision was made in surrounding rooms for the comfort of the brethren from other parts of West Lancashire. The assembly was at once the most numerous and influential which has ever been held during Lord Lathom's long and popular Masonic reign, there being no fewer than about one thousand brethren of all ranks present, including an imposing array of P.G. Lodge Officers, W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Wardens and private members of the 89 Lodges now comprised in the division—the largest under the Grand Lodge of England with one exception. The business of the annual meeting was announced to commence at one o'clock and shortly after hour the P.G.L. Officers present and past, entered the hall which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The R.W.P.G. Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham, was received by the great assembly in Craft Lodge. He was accompanied by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres D.G.M. of Scotland, and was supported by his present and past P.G. Officers. After the Prov. G.M. had been saluted according to ancient form, the roll of Lodges was called every one responding. The minutes of the previous Prov. G. Lodge were then confirmed. The accounts, which were submitted by Bro. D. M. F. Gaskin, Prov. G. Treas., showed that the total receipts amounted to £1787, while the disbursements were £670, leaving a balance of £1017. On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie P.G.D., the account were adopted. In the annual report of the Prov. G. Sec., it was stated that the Craft continued to progress in the Province, and that three new Lodges had been consecrated since last year, a warrant had been granted for a fourth, and petitions for two others. The fund raised in the Province in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee had reached £5100. At the centenary celebration in London a short time ago of the Royal Masonic Institutisn for Girls the sum of £51,000 was subscribed upon the occasion by 1500 stewards, the stewards of West Lancashire alone contributing £2300. The Charities of the Province were *performing* a good and useful work and were increasing their operations. In conclusion, the Provincial Grand Secretary considered that the Grand Lodge should bestow charity jewels upon brethren presenting twenty-four guineas to Provincial institutions, instead of being compelled to subscribe only to the central Charities. He suggested that the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers might press the matter upon the attention of the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master said he had listened to the report with great pleasure, and was especially pleased that there was no fault to be found with any one Lodge in the Province. The Province was not only flourishing, but on the increase still, and he had that morning signed two petitions for new Lodges in the suburbs of Liverpool. There was only one fear, viz., that if they went on increasing in this way, other Provinces would become jealous and a move would be made to divide West Lancashire. Well, he presumed that could not be done without their own free will. He had again and again preached to them charity, and he was glad that the spirit of charity had so largely spread in the Province. He thought the sum named in the report as being raised in West Lancashire was really magnificent; and, on his own behalf, he thanked the brethren for the way in which they came forward at the Girls' School Centenary. The amount subscribed on that occasion had been reported all over the world as an unexampled feat. It did every one concerned the greatest credit. He was glad that a committee had been formed to inquire into the status of the Boys' School; and, in conclusion, he thanked the members of the craft for assembling in such large numbers to welcome him to Southport that day. Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith nominated, and Bro. J. B. Mackenzie seconded, the election of Bro. T. H. W. Walker P.M. 1675; and Bro. R. Wylie proposed, and Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer seconded, the appointment of Brother T. R. Jolly P.M. 113. Upon a show of hands Bro. Walker was declared elected the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The following brethren were elected auditors for the ensuing year: — Bros. F. Johnson, J. T. Callow, J. Platt, D. M. F. Gaskin, and S. H. Hartley. The Provincial Grand Master next announced the resignation of Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, in consequence of his appointment as Govenor-General of Canada. Lord Stanley wrote expressing deep regret at the separation, and stated that he would never forget the kindness with which the brethren had always received him. The Provincial Grand Master then selected Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres Deputy Grand Master of Scotland as Lord Stanley's successor. Lord Crawford was duly invested with the insignia of office and obligated, and afterwards returned thanks for the honour. The Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year as under:—

Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth	-	Senior Warden
Edward Segar	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. S. Gardner	-	Chaplain
T. H. W. Walker	-	Treasurer
W. Goodacre	-	Secretary
S. Hartley	-	Registrar
J. Slyman	-	Senior Deacons
Alfred Cross	-	
W. Y. Martin	-	Junior Deacons
J. Laidlaw	-	
J. H. Bradshaw	-	Supt. of Works
Major J. M'Tear	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
Alfred Henochsberg	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
F. H. Clarke	-	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
T. H. Hill	-	Sword Bearer
Isaac Turner	-	Standard Bearers
R. C. Yelland	-	
R. H. Johnson	-	Organist
R. Armitage	-	Assistant Secretar.
J. Tunstall	-	Pursuivant
T. Webster	-	Stewards
J. Turnbull	-	
T. Adams	-	
J. Pendleton	-	
J. Queen	-	
P. Ball	-	Tyler

Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Eli Brooks, A. Bamford, T. Adams, W. Erwin, W. Platt, R. Foote (Charity bars), and T. Sutton. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

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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, 6th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—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.

1323—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

22—Lonsborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gaudas Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1426—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.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2033—The 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—Bavard, 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 Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
263—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—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—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—Millington, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
102—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness

1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pendragon, 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
1593—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

R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyntе, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst
65—[illegible], Hercules Tavern, Lea[illegible]hall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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.
880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (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)
1594—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 Park, at 8.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruc
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (In

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
185—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
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instru
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Ins

171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
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
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Wroabridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knoyle, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Oakenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruct

1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Walbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
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. 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. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, a.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8
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, Barlett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instru
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instr
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8.
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1598—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1801—Wanderers, Victoria Masonic Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.3
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Ins
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Ins

1691—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1715—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1901—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1927—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
1965—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruc
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Ins
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

ortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
armony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
ympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
nity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
t. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
enevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
llesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
etland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
lbert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
t. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
hakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
letcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
armion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
orough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
emple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
rey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
ewisee, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
enison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
eptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
alker, 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)
arl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
iverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
erseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
ervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
tanford, Town Hall, Hove
est Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
0—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
2—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
3—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
9—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
77—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
46—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

gyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
truvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
t. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
astice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
riendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
ilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
lbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
amden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
elgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
gh Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
alhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
outhwark, Southwark Park Tavern
outhwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
apper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
outhern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
lacdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
urdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
t. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
ockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
oyal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
yde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
e Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
lington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
opold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
ey Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
kelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
r Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
est Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
vent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
ese, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
edegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
ngton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
nsaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
ucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
yal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
enton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
eston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
uthgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
rand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
-Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
3—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
dina, 85 High Street, Cowes
latine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
itannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
cient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE have already referred to the approaching Election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the number of candidates who will go to the poll, and the number who will be elected; but so far we have not followed our usual course of singling out a few of the cases which appear to be especially worthy of consideration, and we therefore recur to the subject on the present occasion. The election will take place on Saturday, the 27th inst., when sixty-three candidates will compete for nine vacancies. This very wide disproportion of vacancies to the number of candidates, following so closely on the grand result of the Centenary Festival, has called forth strong expressions of disappointment in many quarters, and it would certainly be hard to justify the action of the Committee in not declaring extra vacancies were we not convinced that such a course will be adopted at no very distant date. We can well understand that it is next to impossible suddenly to extend the scope of such a charity as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and on this account we would ask those who are strongest in their expressions of disapproval to wait a little longer, when we think they will experience the full benefit of the Centenary success. No doubt there are many who will say they paid their money months ago, and are anxious to see some good done with it, and in answer we refer them to the enlargements and alterations at the Institution, which were particularly set out as the object of the Centenary appeal. As soon as the various works which were then decided upon have been completed we shall find that steps will be taken to extend the work of the Charity. Until then it will be wise to wait patiently. In advising our readers to await the course of events it must not be understood that we depart from the line we took up a fortnight since, when we urged the desirability of spending some of the Centenary surplus in the creation of a limited number of "assistance" grants. We still think it would be better to set aside a portion of the funds of the Institution, for the purpose of helping a large number of candidates at their own homes, than to vote more money for the enlargement and extension of the existing School, with the object of there maintaining a much smaller number of children than could be "assisted" outside.

It would appear that the Craft is quite unable to keep up a supply of money sufficient to help all who are considered worthy of being helped, and the question is, whether it is best to help a few lavishly, or to assist the many sparingly. We are of opinion that the Craft already does enough in the way of total maintenance, so far as the Educational Institutions are concerned, and it is about time that steps were taken to find out how much of the benevolence which is wrung from the Craft is backed up by similar generosity on the part of those who are helped. We are quite sure that very many who are now reaping the full benefits of the Masonic Institutions are quite as capable of assisting in the maintenance of their children as are those who at present find all the money for that purpose, but of course if the friends are not asked to help they can hardly be expected to offer so to do; besides which the laws do not make any provision for such outbursts of, we were going to say generosity, but the correct term to apply is honesty. Is it possible to believe that of the hundreds who are helped by the two Educational Institutions there is never one to whom a stroke of good luck comes? And yet we seldom hear of a child being withdrawn from the Schools from such a cause; neither do we think either of the Secretaries is often called upon to give a receipt for a donation from those whose children are being maintained in the Schools, and there must be many whose circumstances so far improve as to allow of their giving something. But it may be asked, how does all this affect the subject touched upon at the commencement of our present remarks? In this way,—there are sixty-three candidates, and only nine vacancies. Now, our argument is, that that there would be more vacancies if only the really necessitous children were retained in the Schools, or if some plan were adopted of enforcing help from those parents whose position has so far improved as to enable them to pay a part of the expense of educating and maintaining their own children.

On the present list of sixty-three candidates there are four last applicants. No. 3, Nora Geach, has already made two attempts, and goes to the poll with 470 votes recorded on her behalf. She is one of two children dependent on her mother, the widow of a Brother made in the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Devonshire, and to which he subscribed for 14½ years. No. 4, Sarah Bissett, has also stood two previous elections, and her brought forward total is 394. She is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, London, in August 1876, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, which occurred between the years 1881 and 1882, the exact time not being known, as our deceased brother was "lost at sea." This is a case which calls for more than passing notice. It is one we venture to think no subscriber to the Institution would desire to see passed over, and yet what are the ultimate chances of success? The girls' friends will have to work hard—how hard only those who have managed an election can say—to secure one of the nine vacancies, and if they fail, what is the result? Nothing more can be done. Surely it must cause a pang to many of those who subscribe liberally to learn that there is even the possibility of ultimate failure for such a case. We fervently hope good luck is in store for the family. No. 11, Ethel Lilian Julia Wells, comes forward for the second time, with only 77 votes

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to her credit. She also is one of five children left to a mother's care. Her father was initiated in the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 959, Suffolk, and subscribed thereto until death. During his membership he qualified as a Life Subscriber of the Institution for which his daughter is now a candidate, and on this account he stands out conspicuously as one of the few on the present ballot paper who did anything for the Charities beyond what they contributed through their Lodges. No. 52, Ada Lilian Smith, is a first application case. Both her parents are living, and they have seven children dependent on them, one only being partially provided for. The father is an old member of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, to which he subscribed eleven years.

It will thus be seen that the last application cases are remarkably few on the present occasion, but it must not be forgotten that to elect them all it would monopolise nearly one-half of the vacancies. Still, as we said last week, it would be better to strain a point on their behalf rather than run the risk of excluding them for ever from benefits for which all the remaining candidates have other chances of competing.

There are several cases still unnoticed, for which we should like to say a word, but with so many to choose from it is really impossible to guess as to the most deserving. All we can do is to express a hope that the four last applications may be among the successful at the end of the present month, and that the remaining candidates may one and all in their turn secure a home in the Institution.

TRADITIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

THE traditions of Freemasonry form a precious heritage. Rightly interpreted they are as beneficent as they are authoritative. One of them floating down the stream of time, through so many centuries that antiquity obscures its source, is that when the ancient society here represented appears in public to perform ceremonies such as now calls us together, an eulogy upon the institution of Masonry itself shall invariably be included. This venerable Order performs its ceremonials, ordinarily, removed from the public eye; but when invited by the authorities in charge of the erection of public buildings to lay the corner stone of such edifices, it comes forth from its seclusion, and throwing oft its habitual reticence and reserve, enacts its allotted part in no spirit of misery, but boldly avows its aims and purposes, and indeed requires an exposition of its principles.

Freemasonry rests on a foundation of broad human sympathies. Its objects are, by precept and practice, to foster virtue, to inculcate charity, and to bind its members together in enduring bonds of brotherly love. He is the best exponent of the Order whose life is most luminous with good works; who can most tenderly feel for his fellow man in trial and affliction; who never breaks the laws of the land, but most loyally upholds constituted authority; and who loves virtue and frowns on vice. Indeed, he only can be an ideal Mason who is also an ideal citizen. If the members of our Order in their daily lives do not attain to this lofty standard, it must be borne in mind that precept is easier than practice, and theory than example; and that even the Christian Church whose divine founder points to heaven and led the way, is filled with those who strive to adequately exemplify its exalted doctrines, but strive in vain, because poor, weak erring humanity can never fully realize its ideals, and all terrestrial things must be imperfect so long as mankind exists under its present limitations. The institution of Masonry had its foundations deeply and securely laid in the hopes, aspirations and affections of men, or it never could have come down to us through the ages, evolving and developing with the lapse of time, adapting itself through revolving centuries to the changes of religion, civilisation and enlightenment, and ever retaining its hold upon the human heart.

Man is a sympathetic creature by nature and is prone to look to his fellow man for aid and counsel and for sympathy and companionship. The earliest associations or societies of which we have knowledge were occasioned by the community of interests existing among those engaged in the great building operations of the past—the artisans employed in erecting the temples whose ruins, like monuments to departed greatness, strew the lands of Asia, Africa and Southern Europe. Famous among these relics of antiquity was the Temple at Jerusalem, though no trace of it is known to exist in our day. The craft of those remote periods are supposed to have been the earliest societies in existence, and as the structures of those days were uniformly built of stone, it is believed that the Masons formed the most powerful of those organisations, and thus is explained the name and the adoption of many of the forms that characterise our present Order. When and how Masonry began—that august institution that has developed into what is now termed speculative Freemasonry—no man can tell; and it matters not, for the tree is known by its fruit whatever may have been its germ.

It has been objected by some that Masonry is a secret society, and therefore not entitled to public confidence and esteem. In any dangerous or obnoxious sense this charge is utterly groundless. While it is true that the initiation of members, and the proceedings of most of its meetings are removed from the public eye, as are the concerns of a family, a business corporation and an infinite variety of other associations, yet its list of membership is as open as the day; its aims, its motives and its principles are heralded in print, and proclaimed in public places, as they are now being on this occasion. All politics and political agitation are sedulously excluded from its action and consideration. The very character of its membership is a guarantee, not only of its freedom from aught that is harmful, but also of its possession of much that is laudable and desirable. The names of some of the most illustrious citizens of this and other nations illumine its rolls. In America, Presidents, Governors, Senators, Judges, and other high officials have taken pride and pleasure in their connection with it. George Washington, whose name is synonymous with all that is truest, most loyal, and most highly honoured in this republic, officiated as the Grand Master of Masons 95 years ago when the corner *stone* of our National Capitol was laid with the same ceremonies, save in elaborateness, as those which are being performed on this occasion. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the representative man of the British Empire, counts it as not the least of his honours that he is the Grand Master of British Masons. The late German Emperor, old Kaiser William, whose name will echo through the corridors of time as the founder of one of the most phenomenal Empires of this age, thought it detracted not from his august dignity to preside over the Grand Lodge of United Germany. If such men, who, of all others, would be jealous of aught that would interfere with legally constituted authority, could discern no danger in the harmless privacy surrounding some Masonic observances, surely the most timid conservatism may safely cast aside its apprehensions that the secrets of the Order are in any way a menace to the public weal.

Many ministers of God, likewise, belong to the Masonic Fraternity. Not only is Masonry not antagonist to the precept and example of the meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth, but no atheist can become a member of the Order. No Masonic meeting can be opened, and no business in a Masonic body can be transacted, unless a copy of the Holy Scriptures is there present; and the more staunch and loyal the citizen, the purer and truer the Christian, the more worthy and acceptable will be the Mason.

But the heat of summer, and the limitations of human endurance, admonish me not to linger too long, even on so grateful a theme as extolling thy virtues, O venerable and august institution of Masonry! During a membership of thirty years, in peace and in war, have I beheld thy beneficence. On the bloody field of Gettysburg have I witnessed Masonic soldiers of our own Rhode Island, clad in loyal blue, tenderly raise the prostrate form of a Masonic Georgia colonel, robed in Confederate gray, and at the peril of their lives bear their inanimate burden to an appropriate place and there inter it and mark the spot, with all the gentleness of brothers; though their conceptions of duty in life had forced the parties to that fraternal burial to engage in deadly strife. I have listened to the recital of exchanged prisoners how Masonry has softened the rigours of their grim experience, though it would not interfere with the performance of duty to the cause espoused by its members.

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I can never forget the many valued and delightful friendships, and the abundant sympathy and kindness Masonic association has secured for me; and in no presence, and on no proper occasion, will my gratitude, O venerable and august institution, permit me to fail to bear witness to thy merit and thy worth. Thou hast been to me, as to others, an unfailing source of satisfaction and delight, and thou hast furnished richest illustration of the truth of the Scriptural saying: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"—*General Horatio Rogers.*

A MYSTIC RELIC FROM POMPEII.

THERE is in the National Museum at Naples, Italy, a curious relic (No. 109-988) possibly Masonic, certainly Mystic, which is thus described in S. Russell Forbes's "Rambles in Naples:"

During explorations in Pompeii in 1874, there was found a most beautiful piece of Masonic work, which from its wonderful and unique formation and workmanship has caused much excitement. It is a Mosaic Table, of square shape, and little more than a foot square, fixed in a strong, wooden frame. It served as the top of the Pedestal in the Masonic Lodge at Pompeii. The ground is of a grey-green stone, in the middle of which is a human skull, made of white, grey and black colours. In appearance the skull is quite natural, and the beauty of its execution is such as to render it a model of anatomical precision and truthfulness. Above the skull is seen a Level, of coloured wood, the points being of brass, and from the top point, by a white thread, is suspended a plumb line. Below the skull is a wheel with six spokes, and on the upper rim of the wheel is a butterfly, with wings of a red colour, edged with yellow, the eyes being blue. The outline of the entire piece is symmetrical, so that the skull, wings and wheel, through the protaction of the plumb line, become halved. Looking sideways, the objects correspond with each other. On the left is an upright spear, the bottom of which is of iron. Resting on the ground from this there hangs, attached to a golden cord, a garment of scarlet, also a purple robe. Evidently this work of art is mystical and symbolical, and it appears to have some reference to the Royal Craft. The antiquity of the Brotherhood, and its fellowship with the Ancient Mysteries, becomes certified by this wondrous piece of Mosaic art."

Bro. Alex. Tocher, of Calcutta, while stopping at Naples, secured a fine photograph of the top of this curious mystic table or pedestal, which he presented to Bro. Randall Clunas, of St. Ninian's Lodge, No. 575, of Nairn, Scotland, but now of the city of Philadelphia, and Bro. Clunas has fraternally given us a view of the photograph, and of the reference to it from which we have quoted above.—*Keystone.*

PROV. G. LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Eastern Division, was held at the Masonic Hall, Merthyr, on Tuesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P. Among the other Officers of the Grand Lodge present were:—Bros. M. Tennant Deputy Prov. G.M., J. M. Jones P.S.G.W., J. R. Davies P.J.G.W., Thomas Walters Prov. Chap., Sidney Coleman Treasurer, W. Whittington Secretary, Robert A. Browning Assistant Secretary, Robert Parry and J. Sprague D. of C., J. J. Jones Assistant D. of C., R. C. Roper Sword B., L. Beha G.P. Geo. Bullewell Tyler. After the reading of the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, the report of the Treasurer, Bro. Sidney Coleman, from August 1887 to 5th July 1888, was presented. The receipt side included £137 19s 3d, balance in the Glamorganshire Bank, Neath; fees of honour £17 6s 6d, Provincial Grand Lodge dues £128 12s, dispensation fees 10s, total £289 17s. The disbursements included £5 9s 3d for local charities, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £105 (donation), Victoria Fund (Widows), £52 10s, miscellaneous £44 18s 2d, balance in bank, £81 19s 7d. The accounts were duly passed. The Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, which met at the Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea, on 5th July, reported that steady progress continued to be made by the various Lodges in the Province, and the most harmonious feeling existed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as Charity Steward for the Province, had great pleasure in reporting that, at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held in February last, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Grand Master Sir George Elliot, he took up the handsome sum of £870, including twenty guineas subscribed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as Chief Commissioner for the Province, also reported that, for the first time for some years, the account of votes with the Western Provinces Charity Association now showed a considerable balance—399 votes—in favour of the Province. The Officers were invested, as follow:—

Bro. John Rogers 1573	Senior Warden
D. R. Lewis 110	Junior Warden
Dr. Walters 1573	Chaplains
W. Williams 1807	Chaplains
D. S. Varzopollo 1992	Treasurer
J. Morgan 651	Registrar
W. Whittington 364	Secretary
A. Peters 364	Senior Deacon
N. Leich 1573	Junior Deacon
St. Lewis 1573	Supt. of Works
James Radley 960	Dir. of Ceremonies
George F. Harris 110	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
F. G. Hodges 1754	Sword Bearer
W. Pritchard 679	Standard Bearers
F. A. Miles 1822	Standard Bearers
J. C. Vye-Parminter 1323	Assistant Secretary
Jonah Watkins 1807	Pursuivant
Edward Dawson 36	Assistant Pursuivant
George Bullerwell 237	Tyler
John Williams 237	Stewards
W. F. Ulawood 960	Stewards
James S. Harris 1752	Stewards
W. H. Rosser 1573	Stewards
Arthur H. Roberts 36	Stewards

A collection in behalf of the new hospital realised £6 18s. A banquet was held at the Bush Hotel Assembly Rooms in the afternoon. Sir George Elliot proposed from the chair the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, and the Most Wor. Grand Master. Dr. Walters proposed the Prov. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant proposed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. Sir George proposed the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Marmaduke Tennant the Visitors, to the latter of which Bro. Pritchard Morgan responded. The catering of Mr. Michael gave every satisfaction.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Keighley, on Wednesday, 10th inst., under the banner of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265. It is thirty-three years since the meeting was held at Keighley before. The Keighley Lodge, on the 23rd August last, celebrated its 100th year of unbroken existence, the Warrant of Constitution bearing the date 23rd August 1788, and the Provincial Grand Lodge visited the town as a compliment to this very old Lodge. In the afternoon the business meeting was held in the Keighley Technical Institute, when about 200 members of the Order were present, from all parts of West Yorkshire. The Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract, presided at the meeting, and he was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, of Wakefield. The Centenary Warrant and jewels were presented to the Keighley Lodge, and was accepted by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edwin Lee. After the business of the Lodge had been concluded, the Brotherhood marched to church in full regalia, where Bro. the Rev. J. Room, Chaplain to the Keighley Lodge, preached a sermon from the words, "He was called the friend of God." Bro. Charles Blagbro sang the solo, "Be thou faithful." The Centenary Warrant presented to the Lodge is signed by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order. In the evening a banquet was held at the Devonshire Hotel. At the meeting in the afternoon the Provincial Master read the report. A collection was taken at the church for the funds of the Cottage Hospital.

We learn that Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., has consented to re-election as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and that he will accordingly be nominated for his fourth year in that office at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in the begining of November.

The Editor of the *New Zealand Mail* announces that he has re-opened his Masonic column, under the supervision of a Master in the Craft, and that he will be glad to receive from Secretaries of Lodges, and brethren generally, short reports of Lodge meetings and Masonic events of all kinds likely to be of interest to members of the Craft.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL YORKSHIRE LODGE, No. 265.

THIS Lodge attained its hundredth birthday in August last, the warrant constituting it bearing date 23rd August 1788. As a compliment to the old Lodge the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will hold its half-yearly meeting at the Technical Institute, Keighley, when the Provincial Grand Master will present to the Local Lodge its Centenary Warrant, signed by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order. It is thirty-three years since the Provincial Lodge last visited Keighley.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., a number of important presentations were made at the monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Past Masters' jewels were presented to the following worshipful brethren:—Bros. C. J. Harland, W. Wakeham, D. J. Allams, W. Taylor, J. Grant, J. Salter, and E. Richards. The presentations were made by Bro. R. L. Mugford W.M., and Bro. W. Richards having been made W.M. during the past year received a jubilee medal, the other jewels having a gold bar bearing the inscription "Veteran" in recognition of their services to the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Babbacombe, and Conway Couch were raised, and the brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation, which was served in the banqueting-room of the hall by Bro. Harrison, of the Queen's Hotel.

ANNESLEY LODGE, No. 1435.

A MEETING was held on Friday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham. Present—Bros. W. E. Hartshorn W.M., A. Phelps S.W., E. G. Sackett J.W., W. J. Rogerson P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Alenson P.M. Secretary, S. V. Holgate S.D., W. D. Pratt J.D., J. Levy Dir. of Cers., F. Wharton I.G., H. Kiddier Steward, T. Killingley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Lawson, H. W. Rice, W. J. Rogerson, J. Taylor, W. Sibley, T. Mitchell, J. A. Howitt. Visitors—Bros. H. G. Hanson, R. Fitzhugh, E. St. John Morse, T. Roberts, C. A. Bolton, W. F. Sanders, G. W. Dominy, W. Gadsby, E. Griffiths, W. Burrows, C. Gurden, I. P. Fearfield, W. H. Blackburn, N. W. Need, W. Hugh, J. White, H. Bickley, H. Clarke, J. T. Farr. Members—N. Ashhurst, S. Taylor, S. Brittle, A. Levy, G. Mycroft, S. Cass, J. Herz, J. H. Runge W.M. elect 1909, W. Cartledge, C. W. Warriner, and several other brethren. Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. W. E. Hartshorne, and the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. T. Alenson P.M. P.P.G.Std.Br., who in a faultless and most impressive manner installed the W.M. elect Bro. J. Levy in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, this being the fifth consecutive occasion in this Lodge that Bro. Alenson has officiated as Installing Master. The W.M. then invested the following brethren:—A. Phelps S.W., S. V. Holgate J.W., W. D. Pratt S.D., F. Wharton J.D., W. Sibley P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Alenson P.M. Secretary, A. Lawson P.M. Dir. of Cers., H. Kiddier I.G., S. Cass, G. Mycroft, A. Levy Stewards, T. Killingley Tyler. A valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented by the I.P.M. Bro. Hartshorn to Bro. W. J. Rogerson P.M., who has recently left the town to take up his residence in London. This gift was suitably acknowledged. The musical portion of the ceremony was most efficiently rendered by several brethren, under the guidance of Bro. Cockrein Organist. Three candidates for initiation were proposed and duly seconded. After hearty good wishes were tendered the W.M. by the visiting brethren the Lodge was closed. After the ceremony a most sumptuous banquet was provided; it was ably served by the Stewardess of the Hall, Mrs. Simpson. The usual toasts were duly given and were fully honoured.

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

THE installation of Bro. Henry Hirst as the W.M. took place in the newly consecrated Lodge room, Kingston Square, Hull, on the 4th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. Hirst was installed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett P.G.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The new W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers during the year:—Bros. John Chappell I.P.M., Aaron Peat S.W., Cook J.W., Ansdell Lecture Master, Stratford Chaplain, Jackson Treasurer, Hake Secretary, Tindell S.D., S. Cheesman J.D., Dodgson Director of Ceremonies, C. W. Cheesman Organist, Taylor Steward, Petch, McTurk, White, and Ellis Assistant Stewards, Winter I.G., Hewson Tyler. A banquet followed.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE brethren met at the Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E., on Thursday, 27th ult., when, notwithstanding the absence of many members who were away on their holidays, the attendance was good. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. Harcourt West) initiated Mr. A. Rantzer and Mr. G. Delahaye with much impressiveness, the charge after initiation being especially well given. It was proposed by Bro. E. Side and seconded by Bro. A. O. Side, that a Ladies' Night and Ball be given during the season. The proposal was carried unanimously. A committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements, the committee consisting of Bros. B. Cohen, S. F. Bygrave, R. Rowlands, T. Newall, A. O. Side, and E. Side. Bro. James Bayne was an excellent Organist. The dinner was enlivened by some capital speeches from the W.M., Officers, Visitors, &c., and excellent songs were given by Bros. Boys, Bygrave, and Greenwood. The W.M. also gave a recitation in his well-known style.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE annual meeting of this popular North of London Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station. The Lodge was opened by Bro. R. P. Forge the I.P.M. (in consequence of the death of the Master, Bro. G. F. Snook, in March last). Bro. Forge, assisted by Bro. Thos. Casely S.W. (W.M. elect), W. T. H. Mayer J.W., J. Cooper P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, H. C. Turner S.D., H. J. Hazel as I.G., T. Bowler Tyler, Past Masters C. K. Killick sen., C. K. Killick jun., H. Hall, and about thirty members, with several visitors. Lodge was opened in regular form. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, after which the business of the meeting was proceeded with. This, which was of a heavy character, included the working of the three degrees as well as the installation ceremony. The P.M.'s of the Lodge with their well known readiness shared the work between them. The W.M. elect was installed by the first Master of the Lodge, Bro. C. K. Killick jun. The new W.M. was saluted by the brethren in the usual manner. Bro. R. P. Forge was invested I.P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. T. H. Mayer S.W., H. C. Turner J.W., Jas. Cooper P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Sec., H. J. Hazel S.D., L. Simon J.D., W. Whittell I.G., J. Potter D.C., A. T. Whittell W.S., D. Harper A.W.S., W. Wright Organist, T. Bowler Tyler. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. W. A. Wetherfield; it proved unanimous. The new W.M. initiated the following gentlemen:—Mr. Thomas Casely (the father of the W.M.), Mr. Lewis Cully, and Mr. Samuel Jamieson. These candidates were balloted for at the previous Lodge meeting. Bro. Jas. Cooper P.M. gave the charge in a very impressive manner, eliciting the approbation of the brethren. Routine business followed, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Baker's well known style, and superintended by their new manager, Brother Joseph Sams. The Loyal toasts were given, and responded to most heartily, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The toasts of the W.M. and Visitors were also cordially received. That of the Initiates received an ovation. In responding, all expressed their pleasure in being made members of a Fraternity universally admired; they would do their utmost to become honourable members of the Order. The W.M. was complimented on the fact of his "father" becoming his "brother." The P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary, as also the Officers of the Lodge, were complimented, the toasts in each case being received with cordiality. Time pressing, the responses were necessarily shorter than was intended. The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close. The Visitors' list included:—Bros. John Osborn P.M. 1602 1897 P.P.G. Sword B. Middx., H. Charrington P.M. 386, 777, 1146, P.P.S.W. Dorset, W. Tron P.M. 1579 P.P.G. Supt. Works Middx., R. Baker P.M. 1946, P. A. Frost 184 W.M. 1096, H. Salter W.M. 861, A. E. Sarti W.M. 180, R. F. Brickdale I.P.M. 1623, J. Jones S.W. 1878, C. Dearing S.W. 1602, W. Chapman J.W. 907, A. Cook S.D. 1366, N. L. Western 813, C. W. Rae 2202, W. Wright Organist 1897, H. Lichtenfeld 205, E. Style 704, R. Stebbings 1685, 2063, S. Cole 1177, J. Bayne 1897, C. Gammon 704, Mittens 861. Bros. Bayne, Gammon, and Style contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent songs. Bro. W. Wright presided at the piano, and with his performance the brethren were highly gratified.

STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

THE annual installation took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool. The newly elected W.M., Bro. Geo. T. Walker, was installed by Bro. R. W. Simpson, in the presence of several eminent visiting brethren. The W.M. appointed the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Suggitt S.W., White J.W., Taylor Treasurer, Mearns Secretary, Abbey S.D., Barlow J.D., Metcalfe D.C., Smith Organist, Body I.G., and Baumann, Johnson, and Holland Stewards. A jewel was presented to Bro. Simpson (who has twice filled the chair) by Bro. C. S. Lane, and another to Bro. Hurworth, of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, in recognition of his musical services. At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

ST. OSYTH PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

ON Friday, 21st ult., the annual festival in connection with this Lodge took place at the Royal Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea, over fifty members of the Craft being present, including twenty-one Past Masters. Bro. J. P. Allen S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. J. Nunn I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Fred King, while Bro. J. C. Turner acted as Organist. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Henry Finer S.W., Fred J. Nunn J.W., John Mann Treasurer, M. H. Page Secretary, W. M. Jones Chaplain, F. Reed S.D., J. Starling J.D., S. J. Sparling I.G., J. Stebbings D.C., Murray Steward, H. Hart Tyler. Bro. W. M. Foxcroft I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which he had acted as W.M. during the past two years. Bro. Foxcroft was also appointed Representative on the Provincial Charity Committee.

JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

THE annual festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Wesleyan Schools, Etruria. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Richard Tooth was again installed W.M., the ceremony of installation being impressively performed by Bros. E. B. Jackson and D. Smith. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. Smith S.W., W. J. Cowlishaw J.W., R. Small Treasurer, G. A. Marsden Secretary, E. J. Hammersley S.D., W. R. Tooth J.D., E. B. Jackson D.C., J. White Organist, I. Snape I.G., C. E. Hedge, S. Frost Stewards, and S. Johnson Tyler. Previous to

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the Lodge being closed an interesting ceremony took place, the Lodge being presented with the portrait of Bro. R. Tooth, the first W.M., which had been subscribed for by the brethren. The portrait, which is an excellent one, and a most faithful likeness of Bro. R. Tooth, is 36 in. by 28 in. It is an enlarged photograph in carbon, being finished by hand, with white margin, representing an engraving with a massive gilt frame, with Masonic emblems attached. There is a gilt tablet at the bottom containing the following inscription:—

"W. Bro. Richard Tooth P.P.G.R., first W.M. of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge 2214, P.M. Portland Lodge 637. Presented by the brethren of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, September 27th 1888."

The artist is Bro. F. R. Ryles, of Burslem. Bro. Carr made the presentation, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be called upon to present the portrait of their first W.M. He said no one could tell the great time, trouble, and money that Bro. Tooth had spent in founding a Lodge at Etruria, but his efforts had been crowned with success. Bro. Tooth was elected the first W.M., and he had filled the office in a grand and dignified manner, and no doubt he would do the same in the ensuing year. He had known the W.M. for a great number of years, and he had always found him strictly honourable in all dealings both inside and outside that Lodge. Bro. R. Tooth returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the portrait. Alluding to the foundation of the present Lodge at Etruria he said there was a Masonic Lodge at Etruria in 1803, held at the Bridge Inn, which was now an iron foundry, and there were in existence at the present time several pieces of beautiful pottery, including a magnificent punch-bowl, with the name on it of Etruscan Lodge, 347. The Lodge was removed to Longton in 1807, and there was no account of its history after 1813. He (Bro. Tooth) therefore thought that if there was a Masonic Lodge in 1803, why not one in 1887 at Etruria? He thanked the brethren for the assistance they had given him in the formation and carrying on of the Lodge, which was now in a successful state, and in many respects equal to any of the neighbouring Lodges. A vote of thanks was then passed to Brother Ryles for the excellent way in which he had carried out the wishes of the brethren in producing such a beautiful portrait. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Basford, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, provided by Mr. G. Ashford. The W.M. presided. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft had been drunk, the W.M. proposed the health of H.R.H the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. Smith proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and Bro. Carr the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past. Bro. Tunnicliff submitted the toast of the Worshipful Bro. Colonel Foster Gough P.G.S.B., Acting Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, after which Bro. Carr proposed the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire Present and Past, which was responded to by Bros. Pedley and Ingamells. Bro. E. B. Jackson then proposed the W.M. for the ensuing year—Bro. W. R. Tooth, in complimentary terms. The W.M. having suitably responded, he proposed the health of the Installing Masters, which was acknowledged by Bros. E. B. Jackson and Smith. Bro. Small proposed the Visiting Brethren, which was responded to by Bros. Eardley and Gilbraith. The remaining toasts were: The Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Howson and responded to by Bro. Cowlishaw; and the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Hammersley and responded to by Bro. Tunnicliff. During the evening an excellent musical programme was gone through, under the direction of Bro. Baker, a special feature being the masterly violin solos of Bro. Young.

ABBEY LODGE OF WESTMINSTER, No. 2030.

THIS Lodge met on Monday, 8th inst., at the Town Hall, Caxton Street, the Worshipful Master Bro. James Gibson (Past Master of No. 1604) presiding over a very full attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Flattely, Badderley, Dotterill, J. Maidment, R. Kirk, D. Haslett, H. Robinson, B. E. Blasby, T. Bailey, J. C. Botton, James F. Roberts, William Holmes, James Ashton, Johnson S.W., L. A. Harrison, and George E. Saunders Included in the list of members present we noticed the Rev. Brother Simpson Past Grand Chaplain of England, Past Masters W. H. Baker (Treasurer), John E. Shand (Secretary), Thomas Bull; De Pinna, J. Montague, J. Grafton, Joseph Foster, A. G. Thomson, Thomas Hankin, W. Rogers, F. W. Smith, W. W. Power, J. A. Richards, T. Butler, W. Barnett, A. Cowley, T. Rintoul, T. J. Cocks, C. C. Morgan, Frank Morgan, T. W. Vaughan, John Irving, D. Stroud, A. E. Jeffery, Henry E. Poole, H. Cloots, W. Balchin, H. O. Hamborg, George White, John Kent, George Musson, J. J. Geisel, W. Gilson Holland, J. M. Birch, George Clarke, G. Dexter, John A. Yapp, R. Baughan, J. Chivers Irving, G. Bartlett, James Pain, A. Hambling (Steward), Hayler (Steward), C. C. Piper S.D., H. Mainwaring-Dunstan J.W., R. Goffin S.W., J. Bartlett Organist, &c., &c. The Lodge ceremonies were worked in the customary perfect manner, Bro. Gibson W.M. initiating Messrs. Louis Le Blanc, Frank Delay, and Carl F. Bennewitz, and raising Bro. George Bartlett. Bro. Arthur W. Cowley was passed to the second degree by Bro. Baker P.M., who took the chair to temporarily relieve Bro. Gibson. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren, to the number of about 70, adjourned to the banqueting chamber, where a récherché dinner was served in a manner worthy of the highest commendation, under the personal supervision of the caterer, Bro. Cloots, of the Victoria Mansions Restaurant. The wines were choice and well selected, and Bro. Cloots was congratulated on the success which he had achieved at very short notice. The *post prandial* proceedings were commenced by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, proposed from the chair. The Masonic Parliament who would illustrate its annals as well as did their Bro. Past Master Burdett-Coutts. He (Bro. Simpson) trusted that when the time came to elect a Grand Treasurer of England, the Abbey Lodge, through its Officers, would return a good and upright Mason who would be an ornament to the Craft. In conclusion he expressed his thanks for the honour they had done him in associating his name with the toast. Bro. Past Master W. H. Baker said the next toast it was his duty to propose would be received with the greatest enthusiam. Bro. Gibson their W.M. was a good Mason and a thorough worker. They had seen the masterly manner in which he had worked two of the degrees of Craft Masonry that evening, and if it had not been for the state of his health he would have also worked the ceremony of which he (Bro. Baker) relieved him. They knew too how well Bro. Gibson had served them in their various charities, and the deep and sympathetic interest he took in any orphan, widow, or poor deserving man. They all wished the Worshipful Master better health, and trusted that during his year of office he would be able to conduct the work to his own satisfaction. Bro. Gibson, in the course of a brief response, said he hoped he should continue to discharge the duties of his important office, as Bro. Baker had said, to the satisfaction of the Lodge generally. The Rev. Bro. Simpson said the W.M. had been kind enough to place the gavel in his hands for a few moments to propose what was, in one sense, especially the toast of the evening—he meant the health of the Initiates. Every one of them had passed through the process to which those brethren they desired to honour had that night submitted, and he did not suppose that any one had forgotten his position at the moment when he was received into Freemasonry. It was pleasant to recall that time, and he was glad to be able to have the pleasure of asking the Great Architect's blessing on the three brethren who had that night been initiated. He was quite sure that all three were very much impressed by the beautiful ceremony through which they passed, and that as they made progress they would learn more to appreciate the beautiful sentiments and useful lessons which Freemasonry taught, so that if they lived to be his age they would not repent joining such a glorious, old, and noble Order. They would soon know in the words of the good old song:—

"There's nought but what's good,
To be understood
By a free and an accepted Mason."

And though they must not at the same time expect they had come into an infallible Order, for there were of course Masons who erred as well as those who upheld the obligations they professed, he trusted that they would be amongst the number of those who sought to carry out the principles they were impressed with, and finally that they would have that reward which was held out to the good man and Freemason by finding everlasting joy in that Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The Initiates severally responded. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Goffin S.W., and responded to by Bros. Johnson, Saunders, and Harrison. The W.M. coupled the toast of the Past Masters with the names of Bros. Baker and Shand, respectively Treasurer and Secretary, and also with the name of Bro. Thomas Bull, a Past Master of other Lodges, and one who had rendered great service to the Abbey Lodge. Bro. W. H. Baker P.M. said he felt it a great honour to be able to say that he was the second Master of the Lodge, and he would, without egotism state, that he had done the very best he could for the Lodge since its foundation. At that moment they had over 100 members, and their funds were in a very satisfactory state. He hoped that they would never be in a worse position, and there was certainly no prospect of it, for the coming Officers were men of mark in Westminster, and would do as much credit to the Lodge as those who had gone before; their brother Senior Warden Goffin was a Past Master of another Lodge, and a most able worker, and the assiduity with which their Senior Deacon Bro. C. C. Piper made himself proficient in every succeeding office augured well for the future. In concluding his speech, Bros. Baker referred to the unavoidable absence of their Past Masters Bros. Burdett-Coutts and Seager-Hunt. The esteemed Secretary of the Lodge Bro. Shand, in the course of his reply, facetiously alluded to the absence of complaint from any one who had been called upon to pay his dues twice over, although sometimes he was obliged to send a second financial notice before the subject received the attention which its importance merited and business-like notions demanded. He suffered if these little mistakes sometimes miscarried; it was the fault of the Post Office, but he had not lately heard any complaints from members that the letters had not reached them in the usual course. Bro. Past Master Bull also said a few words in reply to the toast, and the Worshipful Master then proposed the health of his Officers, referring specifically to each of them, and thanking them for the support which they accorded him. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. During the evening a selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Bartlett, who was assisted by Madame. Fradersdorff and Miss Janet Bryson; Bros. Montague, Bartlett and Rinton also sang.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE stated meeting of this Lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 5th instant. Present—Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D. W.M., W. H. Rylands as S.W., Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Pratt J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis J.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott I.G., Rev. C. J. Ball, and E. Macbean. The Correspondence Circle was represented by Bros. J. Boldenham P.A.G.D.C., C. F. Hogard Past Grand Standard Bearer, F. A. Powell Prov. G.S., J. Barker P.P.G.S., J. W. H. Thompson, C. B. Barnes, F. Wood, G. J. Dunkley, F. W. Driver, W. Lake, J. S. Cumber-

posed as a joining member of the Lodge. The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the ballot proving unanimous in favour of Bro. Simpson S.W. as Master, and of Bro. Besant as Treasurer (re-elected). The routine business being concluded, Bro. Edward Macbean read the paper for the evening, which was entitled "Scottish Freemasonry in the present era," and in the subsequent discussion many brethren took part. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE season opened on Tuesday last. The members assembled at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Alex. Dickson, who was supported by P.M.'s Alfred Green (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), T. H. Peirce, Dr. Waters, F. J. Hentsch, and W. W. Morgan; Littlefield S.W., Nash J.W., King S.D., Orlton Cooper I.G., Banks Tyler; Bros. James Withers, Parsons, H. Green, Cockrell, and several other members and visitors. After preliminaries, two candidates were proposed for initiation at next meeting, and after routine work Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, and spent an hour or so in harmony.

ST. AUGUSTINE LODGE, No. 972.

THE installation of Bro. R. M. Mercer took place at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Thursday, 4th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Ward, in the presence of a goodly assemblage of brethren. After the ceremony the brethren retired to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Bro. H. Ward. The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and glees, by Mr. C. Kenningham, Bros. Plant, Higgins, and Rhodes, under the direction of Bro. J. Plant.

OLIVE UNION LODGE, No. 1304.

THE annual festival took place on Thursday, 4th instant. Bro. J. Hadden was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. the Rev. J. Chalmers most ably acting as Installing Officer. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Musgrave I.P.M., Kime S.W., Walter J.W., Ward Treasurer, Clitherow P.M. Secretary, Rev. J. A. Chalmers P.M. Chaplain, Short S.D., Jelland J.D., Ottway I.G., Marcham Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where the usual banquet took place.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AT a largely-attended meeting of the brethren of this Lodge, at their Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday night, Bro. S. J. Dalton the Senior Warden was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; Bro. G. Balmford was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hall was appointed Tyler. The installation of the Worshipful Master will take place on Monday, 12th November.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing young Lodge took place at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Monday, the 8th instant, when Bro. Lawrence W.M. presided. Bros. Ayling P.M. 975 P.Z. 73 1381 acting I.P.M., Price P.M. 177 acting S.W., Brown J.W., Gardner Secretary, Hopkins acting I.G., Wimpey S.D., Walden J.D., Rawlins D.C., Smither Organist, Hopkins and Kenyon Stewards. Visitors—Bros. Gammon 704, Richardson 1507, Thomas 1000, Chapman 255, Villiers 1194, Collings 1950, and several other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Skinner was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. Hartshorn and Phillips were passed. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of Mr. William James Bull, he was duly initiated. The whole of the ritual being delivered in a praiseworthy manner by the W.M. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Brill. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In proposing the Health of his Officers, Bro. Laurence congratulated the Lodge on their efficiency, and especially thanked Bro. Hopkins for his assistance; as a good I.G. always makes a good W.M. he was sure the Lodge would have pleasure in looking upon him as a future W.M. Some capital songs, &c., were contributed during the after proceedings.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104.

ON Tuesday the annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Stockton. Bro. J. F. Craggs installed Bro. W. Sudlow S.W. in the chair of K.S., in succession to Bro. R. Appleton. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Bage S.W., Seaman J.W., Broome Secretary, Long Treasurer, Gaston S.D., Harrison J.D., Raimes I.G., Appleton S.S., Taylor J.S., Smith Tyler. Bro. G. Lazonby acted as D.C. Subsequently the brethren, with a number of ladies—altogether upwards of 80—dined in the banqueting hall.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879.—A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, the 4th instant, at this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, when some 40 members met to do honour to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Beavis P.M. and Secretary 879 and W.M. 1310, who recently had the distinction of Provincial rank conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been transacted, Bro. Walter Martin P.M. 879 occupied the chair, and alluded to the indefatigable and willing way in which Bro. Beavis had given instruction to the brethren attending the Lodge, and how delighted they all were when they heard of the well-deserved honour he had received—an honour which the brethren of the Southwark Lodge appreciated very highly, as it was the first time that either of its members had attained that distinction. In addressing Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin explained how unanimous the brethren were in their desire to mark, in some slight manner, their high estimation of his invariable courtesy and kindness; and they thought they could not do better than present him with the full dress clothing of Grand Pursuivant of Middlesex, and in investing Brother Beavis with it, on behalf of the subscribers, he assured him of their earnest desire for his long-continued health and happiness, and their hope that for many years to come he would wear the clothing with kindly thoughts of the esteem and regard in which he was held by all the brethren of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Beavis, who on rising to respond met with quite an ovation, thanked the brethren for their very valuable and appropriate gift, and assured them that he appreciated very highly the kind feelings which had been just expressed towards him. It was always a pleasure to him to be of service to any member of the Lodge, and the many happy hours he had spent in it, and the invariable kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren would ever be in his recollection. The handsome gift they had been pleased to bestow upon him that evening he should consider a tie of affection to the Lodge he was so proud of, and for which he had worked with so much pleasure, and he should always wear it with pride and gratification. After again expressing his earnest thanks for the kindness of the brethren, Bro. Beavis resumed his seat amidst hearty applause and congratulations. The apron (together with the collar and gauntlets) was enclosed in a handsome leather case, which bore the following inscription:—

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Miss Agnes Hewitt revived "The Two Orphans" at this theatre on Thursday. Appealing, as this play does, to the heart of every one, it is sure to be acceptable. The several incidents in connection with the work are well-known to frequenters of the theatres, and on this occasion they were given with much care and precision. The story of the two orphan girls is wonderfully well constructed, and notwithstanding it is fourteen years since the play was produced it is found to be still to the taste of the present generation. Each incident is carefully led up to by another, while the interest is not allowed to abate for an instant. Much of this success was undoubtedly due to the artistes engaged. More than one of the old caste is included in the present; foremost of these is Mr. Henry Neville, whose embodiment of the cripple was most praiseworthy. Mr. Charles Sugden also played his old part of the Chevalier de Vaudray, in a way that left nothing to be desired. Mrs. Huntley once more has one of the parts she seems to delight in; her acting as the hypocritical La Frochard was most powerful. One of the best played parts was that undertaken by Miss Agnes Hewitt; her blind girl at once invoked the sympathies of her audience. This is one of the best parts Miss Hewitt has yet undertaken. Mr. Fred Gould gave us a bullying Pierre, while Mr. F. Motley Wood was amusing as Picard. Miss Marie Lewes scored well by her careful, yet effective, acting as Henriette. Mr. F. G. Darbishire was uneasy as the Count de Liniere, while Miss Talbot was not powerful enough for the Countess. Miss Helen Ferrers will do better if she does not pitch her words in such a high key. Mr. Courtneidge as the Doctor, and Miss F. Kingsley as the Superior at the Saltpetriere worked with discretion. The piece was well received, and a hearty call was accorded Miss Hewitt and others at the close.

Toole's.—The success that we predicted for "Pepita" has been fully realised. On visiting this theatre one evening this week we found a very good audience, which seemed greatly amused at the fun caused by this taking opera, while the different artistes appeared in capital fettle. Everything went smoothly, and encores were numerous throughout the evening. Miss Wadman and Miss Cutler sang capitally, while Mr. Walter Marnock and Mr. Frank Seymour were exceedingly funny throughout. Their duet, "My excellent friend," was encored several times. Mr. Frank Wyatt is now the Pedrillo, and is very amusing, while Mr. Horace Lingard lent him good aid as Inigo. "Pepita" may be said to be one of the brightest and most amusing operas London has seen for some time.

Corn Exchange Glee Club.—Amongst the most successful of our Metropolitan Musical Societies the "Corn Exchange Glee Club" undoubtedly takes high rank. The opening night of the Tenth Season was fixed for Wednesday last, when there was a full attendance of the members and their friends, at the Corn Exchange Hotel, Mark Lane. Mr. Gough was the Chairman of the evening, while Bro. John Newton was in his accustomed place as Hon. Secretary. A capital programme was gone through, the artistes assisting being Brothers Arthur Thompson, Fred Bevan, Henry Taylor, Herbert Schartau and Edward Plater, with Masters Steward and Gwynier. The future days of meeting are fixed for 24th instant, 14th and 28th November, 12th December, 9th and 23rd January, 13th and 27th February, 13th and 27th March, and 10th April. We can cordially recommend our Brother Craftsmen who are not members to make an effort to secure an invitation for one or other of these meetings; we can guarantee they will be satisfied with the entertainment provided.

Alexandra Palace.—Thursday, the 18th instant, promises to be one of the most brilliant days which has been witnessed at the Alexandra Palace during a season characterised by the most successful days that has ever been known in the history of the Palace. The general manager is arranging a Harvest Festival, which will

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eclipse all the Bank Holiday programmes. Unless the weather should unfortunately be unpropitious, Professor Baldwin, the aeronaut (who is week by week demonstrating the perfect safety of descending gracefully from a balloon by means of his scientifically constructed parachute) will make make an ascent of two miles before taking his leap. It will be remembered that the extraordinary escape of gas from his new ballon prevented him accomplishing this feat on his benefit day, but profiting by the experience then gained, he will make such arrangements as will enable him to accomplish this gigantic feat. Inside the Palace the most elaborate preparations are being made to render the enjoyment of those who attend complete. We understand that there will be harvest decorations in the Central Hall, with trophies of corn, fruit, flowers, and vegetables. The small stage of the Central Hall will be the scene of two of the best varieties entertainments that have been given at the Palace, many celebrated artistes having been secured for this occasion. We believe that there will also be arranged a grand ballet concert, to be given in the theatre, and at which a number of the leading vocalists, who have appeared at the Palace Grand Concerts, will give their valued services. The concert will take place at half-past five p.m., and terminate at half-past seven p.m.; after which Messrs. Pain and Son's grand representation of the Last Days of Pompeii will be produced on a scale of unexampled grandeur, and will be followed by a display of fireworks. Besides the special arrangements for the day, there will be the attractions of the International Circus, the Picture Galleries, and the Life Saving Exhibition. Many new appliances for saving life from loss by shipwreck or fire have now been added to this Exhibition, and the whole is now arranged in the enormous hall known as the bazaar.

Brewers' and Catering Exhibition.—On Monday, the 22nd inst., will be opened, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, an extension of the famous Brewers' Exhibition and Market for the exhibition, sale, and supply of all kinds of manufactures, machinery, culinary apparatus, foods, furniture, and other productions used in hotels, restaurants, dining-rooms, refreshment bars, and other catering establishments. Lord Mayor Polydore de Keyser, of the Royal Hotel, Blackfriars, has consented to inaugurate the opening day.

The new theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue will be opened on Saturday, the 20th instant, with an elaborate production of "As You Like It." Miss Wallis will be the Rosalind, and will be supported by Mr. Forbes Robertson as Orlando, Mr. Arthur Stirling, Jaques; Mr. William Farren, Old Adam; Mr. Macintosh, Touchstone; Mr. J. R. Crauford, the Banished Duke; Mr. Charles Cooper, Oliver; Mr. Matthew Brodie, Silvius; Mr. Seymour Lucas, Amiens; Miss Annie Rose, Celia; Miss Kate Fayne, Phœbe; Mrs. Edward Saker, Audrey.

The pretty little theatre in Great Queen-street will once more be opened, this time by Mrs. Churchill Jodrell, who starts her season on the 7th instant, with Anton Rubinstein's Grand Opera "The Demon," in which the Russian National Opera Company will appear. It is intended to alter the name of the theatre to the Jodrell, while fees of all kinds will be abolished. Colonel H. J. Sargent is the business manager.

Notwithstanding the crowded houses nightly at the Princess's, "The Still Alarm" will shortly be withdrawn for the production of "Hands Across the Sea," by Henry Pettitt. However, when Mr. Harry Lacy returns to America, on the 15th inst., the part of Jack Manley will be played by Mr. Charles Glenny, while Mr. Bassett Roe will play the part of Doc Wilbur in lieu of Mr. Harry Parker. Miss Grace Hawthorne has recently renewed for five years her lease of this theatre.

Mr. Sydney Alport, the acting manager of the Vaudeville, will take his annual benefit at that theatre next Thursday evening. "Joseph's Sweetheart" will be given, after which several well-known ladies and gentlemen have promised to provide a miscellaneous entertainment.

We are compelled to hold over our report of the Consecration Meeting of the Chough Lodge, which took place, on Monday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel.

The Temperance Lodge of Instruction resumed its weekly meetings on Friday, 5th inst. The members will meet every Friday, at 8 p.m., at the Railway Tavern, New Cross Road.

Alderman Thomas Wright, Mayor, on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of a new Children's Hospital at Leicester, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The hospital will cost about £8000, and the whole of this sum has already been subscribed, together with the cost of all the appliances and about £1000 towards the endowment. The Freemasons of the district attended in full Masonic costume.

A meeting of the Executive of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria was recently held. Reports were received from 70 Lodges, out of 130, in

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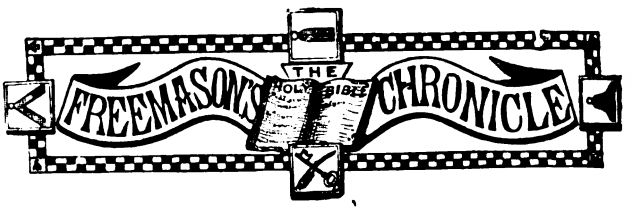
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THE negotiations which have been in progress for the past six months for a re-union of the Masonic bodies of this colony culminated, on the evening of the 16th August, in one of the most imposing gatherings of the brethren of the mystic tie ever seen in New South Wales. The scene was the Great Hall of the Sydney University, where some 700 of the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the Lodges hailing under the English, Scottish and New South Wales Constitutions assembled for the purpose of formally constituting the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The presiding officer's chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Bro. W. H. Simpson P.D.D.G.M. E.C., and an occasional Lodge was opened. The appearance of the hall was bright and cheerful, the light blue aprons and collars of the brethren of the English and New South Wales Constitutions being relieved and set off by the dark blue of the Grand Lodge Officers and the parti-coloured regalia of the Scottish brethren. The chairs were occupied by Bros. A. Henry N.S.W.C. as S.W., and A. Rofe S.C. as J.W. Prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. E. D. Madgwick, and an anthem, specially composed for the occasion, was sung by the assembled brethren. The official heads of the various Constitutions were then announced and were received with honours. Bro. Dr. H. J. Tarrant, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was introduced by Bro. J. Hunt, Bro. C. F. Stokes E.C. by Bro. F. A. Wright, and Bro. Dr. Sedgwick D.G.M. S.C. by Bro. F. B. Davidson. The Chairman pointed out that by their gathering that evening they were laying the foundation-stone of a Masonic building that he trusted would be perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders. He hoped that the unanimity of the brethren who had brought forward the present position of affairs would be emulated in that gathering and that the same spirit of brotherly love and Masonic unity would prevail that night. Bro. J. C. Remington read the following history of Freemasonry in New South Wales, which led up to the establishment of the United Grand Lodge:—

The history of Freemasonry in New South Wales, and in fact in Australia, dating back to a period early in the present century, when the Government was that of a Crown colony, it was natural that the early Lodges should have been in direct and individual communication with the Grand Lodges of the mother country.

And when passing years had increased their number, so that some form of local government became necessary, it was not to be wondered at that nothing was thought of but such a subordinate organization as obtained in the counties of the United Kingdom in the shape of Provincial Grand Lodges.

Nor even when the popular agitation for responsible government in the colony at large reached a head, and when the control of the mother country had been lightened till it became only a silken thread in the hands of the Governor, did the Freemasons of New South Wales seem to desire any more independent position than they had theretofore enjoyed.

There had indeed been an increase of the power of the local governing bodies, by their being created "District" instead of "Provincial" Grand Lodges; and this is perhaps the proper place to record a passing reference to the services rendered by Right Worshipful Brother John Williams, the Past District Grand Master under the English Constitution, who, at interviews in the year 1856 with the Earl of Zetland, then Grand Master of England, obtained many important concessions for the benefit of the Craft in this colony.

And it would ill become us on this auspicious occasion to refrain from a tribute of respect to the old Conservative principles which actuated that Right Worshipful Brother and the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution, Dr. Sedgwick, in so long holding, at all hazards, to the original form of Masonic rule in Australia, even when times had changed and a new order of things was imminent.

The first important movement in the direction of self-government was made by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in the year 1877 and its success during the last 11 years, including the complete absorption of the Lodges under the Irish Constitution, among which was the oldest in the colony, is the best justification of its origin.

But the yoke of England and Scotland was such a light one, grievances, if any, were so readily redressed and the direct connection with

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the mother country was held to be such a valued distinction, that it was not till this centennial year of Australia that any tangible step was taken by their Lodges towards amalgamation.

And even now it is not disloyalty, and not disaffection, which have led the brethren under these two Constitutions to join hands with the others in forming "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," which takes its first step as an established body to-night.

What then is the cause of this new departure? Is not it a feeling that the continued existence of three governing powers would be an evidence of disunion, which might well make the world doubt the genuineness of the principles of brotherly love, which we all profess to hold dear?

Is not it the certainty that great as has been the progress of the Craft heretofore, it will be tenfold greater and its influence be an hundredfold more when it confronts its detractors as a strong (because united) band, powerful in its "brotherly love, relief and truth," to "diffuse the light of wisdom and the strength of reason, dispense the bounties of charity and lessen the aggregate of human misery and vice."

It is not to be supposed that these feelings had no existence or found no expression during the long period of comparative estrangement.

On the contrary, they were many times enunciated in our gatherings and always applauded by the brethren, who deplored a state of affairs which they, however, saw no immediate way of remedying. For, by the form of government, under the English Constitution at all events, the rulers of District Grand Lodges were appointed by and during the pleasure of the Grand Master, and so long as they conscientiously opposed a change in our system feelings of respect and affection due to their advanced years and faithful service to the Craft restrained even the most enthusiastic advocates of amalgamation from moving.

It was, however, well understood that some change must be made when time and circumstances warranted, and the opportune moment arrived when, during the visit to this colony of the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon, a few months ago, he recognised so fully the harm Freemasonry was suffering and was likely to suffer by disunion that he urged immediate steps to end it, and aided with valuable suggestions and encouragement a committee of brethren from various Lodges under the different Constitutions who had taken upon themselves the task of drawing up a "basis of union."

They duly submitted this to the Craft, but, it being viewed as scarcely broad enough to ensure all Constitutions meeting on an equal footing, resolutions were passed by the English, Scotch and New South Wales Masons, referring the question to a conference of Past Masters, five from each Constitution.

In the meantime, Right Worshipful Bro. John Williams had resigned his position as District Grand Master, and the Grand Master of England had appointed His Excellency Lord Carrington, the Governor of this colony, as his successor. The New South Wales brethren, with the full approval of their head, Dr. Tarrant, had signified their intention of electing the same illustrious brother as their Grand Master; and it was known that his acceptance of the supreme rule would also be welcomed by the Scotch Masons.

Lord Carrington himself, though Past Grand Senior Warden of England, was heartily in accord with the movement; and so everything was propitious for the success of the conference.

Of the spirit in which these worshipful brethren met the Craft has already had evidence.

From the first it was manifest that brotherly feeling, mutual forbearance, concessions on minor points, and yet withal a determination to adhere closely to the landmarks of the Order would guide their deliberations.

Ten meetings in all have been held, and the "Articles of Union," agreed upon in June last, have since received the almost unanimous assent of all the Lodges.

They will now be read to you, as forming our authority for meeting here to-night to elect our Grand Master, and may the Great Architect of the Universe make our union perpetual.

Bro. Stokes having read the Articles of Union, he said that he trusted the Almighty Father and Supreme Ruler might favourably regard their present undertaking, and that it might be a means of bringing under the banner of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales the whole of the Masonic brethren of the colony in the Masonic unity and fraternal love which might last until time should be no more. The Chairman said: Worshipful brethren and brethren, I proclaim for the first time and in the east the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New South Wales to be duly constituted and formed in accordance with the Masonic rules and customs regulating the formation of Grand Lodges. A similar proclamation was then made by the S.W. in the west and by the J.W. in the south, and an anthem of praise was sung. Bro. Dr. Tarrant M.W.G.M. then nominated Bro. Lord Carrington P.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Bro. C. F. Stokes D.G.M. seconded, and Bro. Dr. Sedgwick D.G.M. supported the nomination, and a ballot having been taken, the Chairman said: I have to announce that the election has been unanimous in favour of Very Worshipful Brother Lord Carrington Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, who is now elected as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. An anthem, written for the occasion, was then sung. Bro. J. C. Remington proposed—

That it is hereby resolved that, the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, being now duly and legally established according to Masonic precedent and custom, we do authorise our M.W. Grand Master elect to issue to each Lodge a dispensation empowering it to continue Masonic work until such time as the more formal documents refered to in the Articles of Union shall have been executed and issued after his installation.

Bro. F. B. Davidson seconded the motion, which was carried *nem con.* The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

Bros. Stokes	Deputy Master
M'Lachlan	Senior Warden
Henry	Junior Warden
Right Rev. Bishop of Bathurst	Chaplains
Rev. D'Arcy Irvine	Chaplains
Rev. R. V. Gale	Chaplains
Remington	Registrar
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Thompson	Sword Bearers
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Bro. Stokes moved—

That until such time as Constitutions could be prepared the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, with verbal alterations, be adopted; that the Grand Master have power to appoint a Pro. Grand Master; that the fees of Office be half those fixed in the Grand Lodge of England; and that every Lodge should within six months pay into the Grand Lodge Fund the sum of £10.

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. C. Remington and agreed to unanimously. Bro. Stokes then moved—

That the date of installation of the M.W. the Grand Master and Officers of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales be fixed for Tuesday, 18th September prox.

He stated that Lord Carrington had been consulted with regard to this matter, and this date suited his convenience in every way, and in the hope that the brethren assembled that evening would approve of the date named the conference composed of representatives of the three Constitutions had made preliminary arrangements for the engagement of the Exhibition Building for the purpose. Bro. F. B. Davidson seconded the motion, which was agreed to *nem con.* Bro. E. O. Smith then moved—

That a Ceremonial Committee, to consist of the members of the present conference, be formed, and that they be appointed to act as the Board of General Purposes and as the Board of Benevolence until such time as these Boards could be duly elected.

Bro. J. Hunt seconded the motion, which was carried. Bro. Dr. Tarrant said that he thought the Masonic Craft in New South Wales was to be congratulated upon the auspicious event which had taken place in the history of Freemasonry within those walls that evening, and upon the unanimous manner in which the United Grand Lodge had been established and its Officers elected. He did not think, as one who was retiring from a prominent position in the Masonic Craft in the colony, that he would be discharging his duties properly if he did not propose a vote of thanks to the worthy brethren who had been the means of promoting that union which had occurred that evening. It afforded him extreme satisfaction to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren composing the Masonic Union Conference for the manner in which they had up to the present stage conducted the proceedings of the union. Bro. Dr. Sedgwick had very great pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by the M.W. the Grand Master

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Dr. Tarrant, and he could only endorse his sentiments by saying that Dr. Tarrant had said just what he (Dr. Sedgwick) would have wished to say. He was sure they were all much indebted to the conference for the manner in which they had conducted their business. The resolution was unanimously carried. Bro. C. T. Stokes said that, on behalf of the committees appointed from the three Constitutions to form a basis of union which had now been unanimously adopted, he had great pleasure in returning their hearty and grateful thanks for the very kind way in which those present had shown their appreciation of their efforts. Those efforts had now been happily consummated in the formation of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and it was to the members of the conference a source of the greatest gratification that their labours had so pleasantly ended. He could assure them that no effort would be spared to bring to perfection the whole of the work necessary to carry out the grand object which they had now inaugurated. The labours of the conference had been very onerous; each of the three Constitutions had to discuss night after night most keenly any points which they thought might interfere with the dignity of those whom they represented. Their opinions were listened to by all with the greatest consideration, and with the largest amount of brotherly and Masonic feeling. Occasionally little differences arose, but everything had been amicably arranged, for they were all united in one grand object, which was to attain Masonic union. Nothing had been allowed to interfere with that one bright guiding star, and keeping it in view they had got over all their difficulties. They had not transgressed any point of Masonic law, nor had they violated a single point of Constitutional law. They had ended their labours so far by arriving at that noble consummation of all their work. He had very great pleasure on behalf of the conference in thanking the Grand Lodge, and now he had to thank the members of the conference themselves for their very great forbearance and the very kind manner in which they had shown consideration to him in the sometimes difficult position of chairman. His labour had been one of love and scarcely one of work, for they had all had the one object in view, and hence had avoided splitting upon any rock or difficulty that had presented itself. The heads of the three Constitutions then retired, and were accorded grand honours as they marched down the hall. The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DEVONSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Priory of Knights Templars was held on Thursday, the 4th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot, under the banner of Royal Sussex Preceptory. The V.E. Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, Provincial Prior of Devon, occupied the throne, and was supported by V.E. Sir Knights John Brewer 18° P.P. Trinity-in-Unity Prov. Grand Sub-Prior, E. Sir Knight the Rev. J. F. Chanter, M.A., Trinity-in-Unity P.G. Prelate, E. Sir Knights Henry Stocker, Major G. C. Davie, J.P., F.R.G.S., F. W. Westlake, John Stocker, John Lane, F.C.A., Rev. G. Townshend Warner, M.A., James H. Keats, Richard Pengelly, J. B. Gover, William Taylor, James Gidley, E. Aitken-Davies, G. R. Barrett, P. B. Clemens, John Iffey, F. C. Frost, William B. Maye, John Chapman, W. Taylor, Fritz P. Regar, Frank R. Thomas, J. R. Wilson, George Dunsterville, and John Taylour. The Provincial Priory having been opened in due form, the muster-roll was called. Various letters of apology were read from Sir Knights, regretting their inability to be present. The Provincial Grand Prior reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Tanner-Davy, acknowledging the vote of condolence from the Province on the death of her husband, Colonel Tanner-Davy, the late Provincial Grand Prior. The letter was handed to the Provincial Grand Chancellor, to be preserved among the archives of the Province. Sir Knight Lemon reported that he had paid his homage to the Grand Priory of London on his appointment as Provincial Grand Prior. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, in presenting his report, said the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £20 16s 5d, and after fifteen guineas had been paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and other expenses met, there was a balance in hand of £9 8s 11d. The Committee of General Purposes recommended that £5 5s should be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £3 15s to the Devon Masonic Education Fund. Sir Knight Lane proposed that the report be received and adopted. Sir Knight Clemens seconded, and this was agreed to. On the proposition of Sir Knight Westlake Sir Knight Wilson was unanimously elected Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Prior then invested the following Knights as his Officers for the year ensuing:—E. Sir Knights John Brewer Sub Prior, Rev. George Townsend Warner, M.A., Prelate, Henry Stocker Chancellor, E. Aitken-Davies Constable, John M. Iley Marshal, J. R. Wilson Treasurer, George R. Barrett Registrar. Provincial Officers—Sir Knights James Jeeman Vice Chancellor, W. Bennett Maye Sub Marshal, Richard Pengelly Almoner and Chaplain, Frederick Cornish Frost Warden of Regalia, Dr. E. B. Thomson, M.D., Herald, William Anwyl Roberts Standard Bearer, John Allen Standard Bearer (Pexillum Belli), William Taylor Provincial Prior's Banner Bearer, Daniel Cross and George Dunsterville Aides-de-Camp, John Du Pré Chamberlain, James H. Seldon and Richard K. Norris Captains of Guards, Fritz Philip Regar Sword Bearer, Edwin Binding Organist, James Gidley (Serving Fratre) Guard. It was decided to ask the various Preceptories to elect a Committee for General Purposes. The alms collected, amounting to £1 1s, were given to the Newton Cottage Hospital. The Provincial Priory was then closed in due form.

THE DEVON AND CORNWALL MASONIC CLUB.

THERE was quite a brilliant gathering at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Club and Hall on Monday evening, the 1st inst., on the occasion of the formal opening of the new Masonic Temple. The foundation stone was laid by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, in December last, in the presence of about six hundred brethren, and good progress has been made with the work by the contractors, Messrs. Lapthorne and Goad. The premises at No. 1 Princess Square, were utilized for the purposes of the club, and a handsome building, three storeys high, classical in design, has been erected at the back. The lower room, which is 18 ft. by 28 ft. and 14 ft. high, is intended for banqueting purposes, and will comfortably seat 150 persons. On the next storey are two handsome Lodge rooms, together with the necessary offices and retiring rooms, whilst on the third storey is a magnificent Lodge room, 60 ft. by 29 ft. and 24 ft. high, capable of seating about 700 brethren. The building will be completely finished before Christmas. It will then be dedicated by the P.G.M. Viscount Ebrington, and it is proposed to have a grand demonstration in connection with it. This will probably take the form of a ball and conversazione on an extensive scale. Lodge Harmony, No. 156, which opened the Huyshe Masonic Temple in Princess Square about sixteen years since, most appropriately held the first Lodge meeting at the new building on Monday evening. The W.M. Bro. John Little presided, and was numerously supported. The W.M. welcomed the brethren of the Lodge to their new Masonic home, and trusted that they would continue to have a prosperous and successful career and would work with that good Masonic feeling which had characterised Lodge Harmony in the past. Complimentary speeches were made by Bros. Major Tracey, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and others. At the festive board Bro. W. K. Mitchell gave an interesting résumé of the history of the Lodge. Reference was made to the fact that the suggestion that the Masons of the three towns should celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by the erection of a Masonic Temple emanated from Bro. W. Derry P.M. 156, who was now the Chairman of the Directors. Bro. J. R. Lord, Chairman of the House Committee, acknowledged the toast. He expressed a hope that all the Lodges which met in the Temple would work with love and harmony. Many years ago Bro. Keats, the architect of the present building, and the late Bro. Elliott Square tried hard to get the necessary capital for a Masonic Temple, but failed. Bro. Derry's suggestion was simply the revival of the efforts of Bros. Keats and Square.

MARK MASONRY.

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COPLEY LODGE, No. 111.

AT the meeting, held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of St. Chad's, Headingly (Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master), was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were invested as his Officers:—Bros. Myers I.P.M., Robert Craig S.W., Alfred Williamson J.W., the Rev. W. Dunn Chaplain, William Flockton M.O., G. F. Carr S.O. and Treasurer, Charles Middleton J.O., Bowman Secretary, Tomlinson S.D., Atkinson J.D., Thorp I.G., Barrand Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. C. L. Mason P.G.M.M., and Bro. Barker P.M.M. There was a good attendance, the number including brethren from St. Chad's Lodge, and from Ripon, Barnsley, Bradford, and other parts of West Yorkshire. The installation banquet was afterwards held.

From the Allahabad *Morning Post* we learn that the Masonic fraternity at Simla gave a grand ball at the Town Hall on the 11th ult. His Excellency the Viceroy, the Countess of Dufferin, and the Ladies Helen and Hermione Blackwood, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjaub, and Lady Lyall, with a large number of the *élite* of Simla, were invited and attended. There were about 500 guests. The room was tastefully decorated. Before the ball was opened, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood presented, on behalf of the Masonic fraternity, a jewel to the Countess of Dufferin. This was most graciously received. Dancing was kept up till 3 a.m.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be glad if you can find space for a suggestion which I believe may be carried into beneficial effect. It is briefly this:—That the Institution should be endowed with Scholarships, tenable for three years, to enable the holders to complete their studies at one of the Universities. There are now on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England nearly 2250 Craft Lodges, and if each Lodge were to contribute a donation of £2, there would be immediately available a sum of £4500—quite sufficient to endow two scholarships of £55 to £60 each in perpetuity. Probably a further sum would be readily forthcoming from Mark Lodges, Chapters and Encampments, but if only the members of the Craft Lodges will put down something less than one shilling each, the money can be raised at once.

"But," it may be objected, "are these proposed scholarships desirable?"

I say "Yes," for they would be as leaven to the whole school. With such prizes to be gained, there would be a strong inducement for every boy in the Institution to do his best; and although only a limited number could carry off the awards, the effect of the stimulus given to the studies would surely be that the Wood Green boys as a body would be more highly educated when they leave the School than can be expected under existing conditions. The cleverest master cannot turn out brilliant pupils unless his efforts to teach are met by a willingness, an eagerness to learn; and if a boy knows that at fifteen years of age he will be turned into the world to fight his way as best he can, whether he has learned much or little, the inducement for him to profit to the fullest extent by the instruction offered at school is liable to be chilled. "If I am to be nothing but a mere clerk, the three R's will do for me," such a boy may argue. But tell him that by industry he may win the means of becoming a lawyer, a divine, a covenanted public servant, or of achieving a position superior to that of one of the general crowd, and he will respond eagerly to the advantages offered. Such a boy will not only receive instruction, but education; his native talents will be developed and drawn out. Who can doubt that amongst the hundreds of boys who pass their school career at Wood Green there are many who are capable of adorning the highest positions, if the prize be placed within their reach? Is it right to leave such fertile fields only half tilled?

I do not suggest that too much should be attempted at once. If each Lodge would make a donation of £2 for the next three years, funds would be provided for maintaining two scholars at a University without interruption. But for a beginning I think my modest scheme is worth trying. Possibly the munificence of wealthy brethren might, in the future, increase the number of the scholarships.

Now as to the bestowal of the prizes. Let the six top boys of the School in each year be granted the privilege of remaining in the School to pursue their studies until they reach the age of 18. They would be the Grecians of the Institution. At 18 let these six boys compete for the scholarships. Only two could be successful, but the other four would be highly trained young men, likely to do credit in after life to themselves and the Institution. The question of the cost of maintaining these six boys for an additional three years may be raised, and the circumstance of the funds being already inadequate to meet the demand for admission to the School may be urged. But against these pleas I would say that these selected students could be appointed, first as upper monitors, and then as under masters. They would learn by teaching, and would thus more than earn their maintenance.

Doubtless many imperfections in the details of my proposition may appear to competent critics, but I think the principle is worthy of consideration. One effect would be to raise the whole tone of the Institution, which, I fear, many brethren are too apt to regard as a Charity School. They forget, perhaps, that the boys there are the sons of men who *must* all have done something for the good of Freemasonry; whilst the fathers of many of the boys have been Life Subscribers, Life Governors, Festival Stewards, &c., and thus have established a claim for aid in their hour of need. For this cause I think it is needless to compare the cost of maintaining our School with the expenditure of other Institutions, which probably in most cases have never received any support from the parents of the children benefited. Our Institutions are not open to the world; none but the children of specially qualified Masons may share in the benefits; and it but right, therefore, that we should give a generous recognition to their claims, and discharge our obligations with no niggardly hand.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY NASH,

J.W. St. Michael's, No. 211.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—When man has passed to the borders of old age, the digestion becomes more or less

Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM KENNEDY.

THE funeral of the late Bro. William Kennedy, Tyle Freemasons' Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, took the 5th inst. The deceased was Tyler for the N Counties' Lodge 406, St. Peter's 481, Percy 1427, 1627, Ridley 2260, two R.A. Chapters, two Mark one Knight Templars, and for the Royal Kent Pre He was, therefore, well known amongst Freema Newcastle, and was also highly respected for his co demeanour.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic tion for Boys held their monthly meeting at Free Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. S P.G.D. Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were Bros. Richardson, Cubitt, Rayner, Gladwell, Boo Richardson, Motion, Mickley, Moon, Eve, Hunt, Morris, Hogard, Cumberland, Scurrah, Godson, Gillard, Saunders, Murray, Glass, and Frederick Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting been read and verified, and those of the House Co read for information, the recommendations of the Committee, providing the usual allowance for the ed and clothing of two boys out of the establishmen confirmed. The resolutions of the same Committee, to the Committee of Inquiry, were also confirmed was resolved "that all necessary expenses of th officials, and inmates, consequent upon the requ of Bro. Philbrick's Committee, and the resolutions in pursuance thereof, be allowed and paid out of th of the Institution." The petition on behalf of subject to the production of the certificate of the death, was accepted, and the name ordered to be pl the list of candidates for election in April 188 application for a grant towards the outfit of an was acceded to. Three additional vacancies were in consequence of the unexpected withdrawal c additional boys from the establishment. A vote of to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Comm Management held their regular meeting at Free Hall on Wednesday. Brother Jabez Hogg P.G. pied the chair, and there were present Bros. Brett Bolton, E. Daniel, Cotter, Cottebrune, West, Smith, C Hilton, Stean, Perceval, Fraser, Turtle, Pigott, Webb, Purchas, Cubitt, Hogard, Lacey, Murlis, Pe and Terry. The minutes of the previous were read and verified; the Secretary repor death of two male annuitants and one male ca The Warden's report for the past month was r adopted. The Committee reduced the sum payable to one of the widow annuitants by one-half, petitions of two candidates were withdrawn, one being in receipt of half her late husband's annuit likewise ceases. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's rep the purchase of land was read, adopted, and order entered on the minutes. Five petitions—two n three widows—were considered and accepted, and th ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for in May 1889. A vote of thanks to the Chairman been passed the proceedings terminated.

NAPOLEONIC MASONRY.—We learn from Ragon, and he incorporates the rite into the body of his Orthodox Ma existence of the Ordre des Noachites Francaises, or a Mas devoted to restoration of Napoleon and his dynasty, overt the disaster at Waterloo. It was, according to our autho in Paris in 1816, with a Grand Master, Marshal Bertrand, at the time at St. Helena with his late Imperial master, su its administration to the charge of a Grand Commander a tenant. The Order was divided into three degrees, viz., I II. Commander; III. Grand Elect; subdivided into three 1. Secret Judge; 2. Commander; and 3. Knight of t Crown. It is generally supposed that this Napoleonic rite in a defection of some subordinates of the Supreme Council which had been an imperialist invention, as designed by Tilley, from the [illegible]ement. After the fall of the

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, 13th OCTOBER.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1466—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mispah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

308—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

MONDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 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.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1685—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
825—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
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)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Edgcumbe 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, 16th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
72—Royal Jubilee, Metropolitan Drill Hall, Wandsworth, at 8.
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Kingston
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
22.—United Strength, The Hope, Stamford Street, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bethnal-green, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street
905—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Church
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street
1924—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
1977—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1981—Londesborough, Beresford Arms, John Street, Mile End
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road
1953—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W.
2236—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street

213—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (In
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instru
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, a
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cam
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
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stre

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Nor
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
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, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
488—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-T
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Z
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instru
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, C
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manch
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1326—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nor
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, N
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ragel
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchar
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Barton-on-Trent
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornw
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTO

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romna Road, Barnsbury, at 8.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
72—Royal Jubilee, Metropolitan Drill Hall, Wandsworth, at 8.
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Kingston
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
22.—United Strength, The Hope, Stamford Street, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bethnal-green, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street
905—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Church
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street
1924—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
1977—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1981—Londesborough, Beresford Arms, John Street, Mile End
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road
1953—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W.
2236—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Oshhatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Pensano
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyth, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
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.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
343—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
438—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
593—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
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
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
963—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
1066—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, 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.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
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, Radcliffe
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimty, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1338—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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.
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)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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. Joan's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
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)
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. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 742—Hengist, Hall's Hotel, Hall's Road, Kilburn, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—Duke of Connaught, Bull's Head, Barnes
R.A. 1326—Duke of Connaught, Bull's Head, Barnes
R.A. 1349—Wellington, Wellington Hotel, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 19—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Pensano
M.M. 25—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Oshhatham
M.M. 30—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyth, Kent
M.M. 33—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
M.M. 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
M.M. 58—Howard, High-street, Arundel
M.M. 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
M.M. 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
M.M. 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
M.M. 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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M.M. 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
M.M. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
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M.M. 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
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M.M. 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
M.M. 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
M.M. 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
M.M. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
M.M. 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M.M. 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M. 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
M.M. 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
M.M. 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
M.M. 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
M.M. 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
M.M. 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
M.M. 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
M.M. 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instru
M.M. 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
M.M. 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
M.M. 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
M.M. 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
M.M. 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
M.M. 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
M.M. 1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
M.M. 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instructio
M.M. 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
M.M. 1873—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
M.M. 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
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R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
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R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1324—Oakeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W.,
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (I
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instr
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruc
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instr
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction,
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Ro
at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Ca
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improve
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instructio
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. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tarvin
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instr
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
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
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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. (Instruc
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
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MASONRY AT THE BANQUET TABLE.

IT will be in the memory of our readers that a few weeks back we made some strong comments in regard to what took place after the banquet which followed the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, at the end of June last. We then felt, and we are still of the same opinion, that a Masonic banquet is essentially a part of Freemasonry, while those who take part in it are as much bound by the customs of the Craft, and amenable to its laws, as though they were within the precincts of a tyled Lodge. Looking further back, we find that in May of the present year we also referred to this subject, and in view of recent events it will be well to review what we then wrote. We said "It is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is as much Masonic, though the Lodge has been properly closed, as it would be with all the emblems of the Craft spread upon the table, and the closing charge of the Past Master deferred until the actual parting. . . . . * Such a view could be enforced by the laws of Freemasonry, should it unfortunately happen that a decision were necessary, on the ground that the gathering was a recognised portion of the Lodge proceedings, sanctioned, if not by the actual edict of the Grand Master, at least by the established customs and usages of the Craft." This view of the case was never challenged, while, on the contrary, it was endorsed by men who have won for themselves honour in the Craft, both by length of service, and by the integrity they have always displayed in their association with it. We were, therefore, very much surprised when we were told that Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction in regard to the proceedings after the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, and in answer to our critic on that occasion we said, "In our opinion every meeting at which Masonic clothing is legally worn comes under the head of Masonic, and the proceedings thereat must be ruled by the laws and established customs of the Craft." It would now appear that we, and the many who support our view, are wrong; the fact being that Grand Lodge has no control whatever over the proceedings at a Lodge banquet. We are led to this opinion by the letter we received in connection with our references to the Barnato proceedings, followed by a paragraph which has gone the round of the press during the last few days, and which is to the following effect: "A curious question has just been decided by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. When a dispute takes place between brethren at a 'mixed' dinner (that is to say, when Masons in clothing and non-Masons are united), the incident cannot come officially within the cognisance of Grand Lodge." This simply means that a Lodge banquet is nothing whatever to do with Freemasonry, and that any Masonic business transacted thereat is illegal, because it cannot be "officially" taken notice of. We must, in consequence, say good bye to Masonic toasts, to the presentation of Past Master's and other jewels, to Masonic "fire," and, above all things, to the wearing of Masonic emblems at the banquet table, unless we choose to revert to the old-fashioned system of "calling-off" rather than finally "closing" before the banquet. This may be the ruling of a Committee or an official of Grand Lodge, but it is not the opinion of the Craft, and we very much question if it will be allowed to pass without being challenged and ultimately upset.

It does not concern us just now to consider the particular case which has called forth this decision: it may have been the Barnato incidents themselves, while it has also been said that it may even have reference to the action of the Grand Master, who, it will be remembered, gave "Masonic honours" to some of the toasts at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Whatever it may refer to is of little moment compared with the importance of the principle it involves, and which, in short, may be said to be the sweeping away, by a stroke of the pen, of one of the most honoured traditions of the Craft—that of refreshment following labour. Surely such a radical change as this is not to be brought about by the few who have already decided the matter. If we are to have innovation in the Order, and the traditions of the past are to be ignored, the change should be first considered by a full assembly of Grand Lodge, while the general wish of the Craft should be ascertained before any decision be acted upon. If this course is not adopted there is no knowing what may be proposed by the "reformers" of the future, and, as not infrequently happens, such reformers may get a clique to follow them, and eventually manage to secure a majority of a Committee to approve their views, even though these may be wholly at variance with the wish of the general body of the Craft. It behoves us then to keep alert and carefully weigh the result of every action.

The strongest argument which can be used to prove the association of a Lodge banquet with the Craft is that Masonic clothing is openly and universally worn on such occasions. If the banquet is not Masonic, how comes it that the jewels, emblems, and aprons of the Craft are allowed? If the banquet has no connection with Freemasonry, why does Grand Lodge stand by and see its Constitutions daily violated? And why do the Grand Officers themselves lead the way and set the example in displaying their emblems and insignia to the eyes of the "mixed" tassemblies? The only answer we can suggest to these queries is to imagine there is some mistake in the paragraph to which we have alluded; but in face of the communication we personally received in reference to our "Barnato" comments we incline to the belief that there is no mistake, but rather that some of those in authority have formed a mistaken idea of their powers, or, failing to appreciate the full

* See Vol XXVII. pp 273-4, 5th May 1888.

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importance of the question involved, have formulated a decision which is wholly opposed to the principles of Freemasonry, and which, we venture to think, will speedily be reversed.

COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Brother Jacob Norton.

As far as I know, Brother Hughan did not agree with Brother Sadler's *Facts*. This I learned from a communication of Bro. Sadler's, in the *Freemason*, some months ago; but I do not know on what point they disagreed. Previous to my last trip to England I read part of Brother Sadler's "Facts and Fictions," and when I met my esteemed brother in London I frankly told him that I was not converted to his theory. Brother Sadler, however, urged me to give my opinion in print after I had read the whole book. Well! I have now read the whole book, but my opinion is unchanged. I am sorry to find fault with Brother Sadler's theory; I hope, however, that he will not be offended, for I have reluctantly undertaken this task at his request.

An author of a History of the Popes (whose name I do not remember) began his book thus: "Tradition (said he) was a convicted liar, but as a liar may sometimes tell the truth, listen therefore to what he has to say, but do not believe a word of his, unless it is supported by reliable evidence." Now, I cannot say much in favour of the truthfulness of Masonic historians of the last century. They were all, indeed, more or less untruthful. But in my opinion, Laurence Dermott was the most shameless, impudent, and unscrupulous story-teller of all of them.*

First, the Ancients started in 1751 with five or six Lodges, numbering all together between seventy and eighty members, that is, about a baker's dozen for each Lodge, and these Lodges were dubbed "Time Immemorial." Now, if those Lodges had been very old, or if they could have traced their pedigree, say to 1716, Dermott would have furnished the histories of his Lodges; but as he did nothing of the kind, and dated them all 1752, it is therefore highly probably that the said Lodges were organised just for the purpose of forming an independent Grand Lodge, and that there was nothing "Immemorial" about them, and they had no right to pretend to antiquity, or to the name of "Ancients."

I shall, however, endeavour to define the line of demarcation between *Ancient* and *Modern* Masons, thus: We all know the origin of the Masons' organisation in the Middle Ages was merely for the purpose of getting high wages, the same as all other guilds did, and the same as our "trade unions" of to-day do. All the guilds used to take into their societies honorary members, that is, lords, gentlemen, or even mechanics of other trades, and the Masons did the same. The Masons, however, were a secret society, who could recognise each other by a sign, a word, and a grip. They had but one ceremony or degree; there are over fifty of the old rituals still preserved, one of which will be found in "Appendix A" in Bro. Sadler's book.

In 1717, some Lodges in London, while they retained the name "Freemasons," and perhaps the old word and sign or grip too, discarded all the old laws, ceremonies, and usages; thus, instead of one degree, they invented three entire new ceremonies or degrees. In short, they turned everything topsy-turvy; so much so, that if the author of the Halliwell Poem, or of Matthew Cooke's MS. had now been allowed to revisit this earth, and while here he had attempted to visit a Lodge constituted after 1723, he would be regarded as an impostor, and would be refused admission; and the disappointed visitor, who was the greatest Masonic luminary in his day and generation, would denounce the members of the said Lodges as *cowans* and humbugs.

The dividing line, therefore, between *ancient* and *modern* Masons should be between those who adhered to the old ritual and old laws, and those who after 1717 discarded everything that was old (as explained above) and adopted entire new forms. Now, there is no doubt that such Lodges existed both in England and in Scotland after 1717, and these might consistently have been called "Ancients," but as soon as these Lodges enrolled themselves under the new Constitution they ceased to be *ancients*; thus in 1721 Desaguliers visited the Edinburgh Lodge, then it was an *ancient* Lodge, but after he impregnated the said Lodge with the new forms, ceremonies and degrees, it ceased to be *ancient*. In 1736 the Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed under the new Constitution, and a great many Scotch Lodges which joined the Grand Lodge became *moderns*; other Scotch Lodges, however, retained the old forms. These might consistently have been denominated as *ancients*. In England the Alnwick Lodge, whose records still exist from 1701 to 1757, though it admitted outsiders of their trade as honorary members, still it adhered to the old forms, Constitution, and usages, and it had but one degree, it was, therefore, really and truly a Lodge of *ancients*. But the six Lodges that formed a Grand Lodge in London in 1752 had not only three degrees but had also a fourth degree, viz., the "Royal Arch," and its Constitution was entirely, or almost so, copied from the Constitution of the Moderns. It was, therefore, sheer impudence on the part of Dermott to palm them off as ancient Masons.

Second, it was impertinent on the part of Dermott to claim descent from the York Masons. Bro. Sadler indeed denies that such a claim was ever made (see 7th Chapter of "Facts and Fictions"). Bro. Sadler, however, never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772; but Bro. Brennan, in his History, printed in 1875, on page 368, prints a copy of a Warrant from Dermott to Erasmus James Philips, at Halifax, *Nova Scotia*, which begins thus: "We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted (York) Masons." It is evident, therefore, that before the *revival* of the York Grand Lodge he claimed authority from York, but after the York Grand Lodge was revived he changed the phrase into "According to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York."

Third, the dubbing of his Constitutions "Ahiman Rezon" was designed to impose on his dupes that he was a Hebrew scholar. The said words, however, are not Hebrew, and were a pure invention of Dermott.

Fourth, Dermott says that—

"Several eminent Craftsmen in Scotland, Ireland, America, and other parts abroad and at home, importuned me to give them some account of what is called Modern Masonry in London."

And here follows a series of questions and answers, among which are the following, viz.:—

"Whether there is any material difference between the Ancients and Moderns."

Answer, "A great deal, because an Ancient Mason cannot only make himself known to his brother, but in case of necessity can discover his very thoughts to him in the presence of a Modern without (his) being able to distinguish that either of them are Freemasons."

This is certainly a *whopper*, but here is something equally good,—

"The number of Antient Masons, compared with the Moderns being as ninety-nine to one, proves the universality of the old Order, and the utility thereof appears by the love and respect shown to the brethren in consequence of their superior abilities in conversation with, and distinguishing the Masons of all countries and denominations, a circumstance peculiar to Ancient Masons."

And he follows up the above thus—

"I am so well acquainted with the truth of what I have just now asserted that I am not in the least apprehensive of being contradicted."

The reader must doubtless be desirous to learn about the precise period of the deterioration of the London Grand Lodge of 1717, which produced such disastrous results, as described above. Here therefore is Bro. Dermott's answer, he says—

"The innovation was made in the reign of King George

* Desaguliers, in his Dedication of the Book of Constitutions to the Duke of Montague, "recommends it as having been compiled and digested from the old records, agreeable to history and chronology. The extent of the Doctor's faith may be estimated from the fact that the author gravely represents Moses as presiding as Grand Master Mason in the Israelitish Lodges held in the Wilderness; Nebuchadnezzar as having attained the same Masonic rank; and Samson as never having had the honour to be numbered among Masons because of his weakness in revealing his secrets to his wife. The modern mind is generally supposed to have got pretty well rid of superstition, but brethren having pretension to Masonic authorship continue in this advanced period of the 19th century to make the assertion in all soberness that John the Evangelist was Grand Master of the Lodge of Jerusalem."—*Lyon's History*, p 152, *note*.

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the First (that is before 1727), and the innovation was delivered as orthodox to the present members."

The reader would doubtless want to know the nature of the innovation made by the Moderns. The answer is as follows:—

"About the year 1717 some joyous companions, who had passed the degree of a Craft (though very rusty), resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order (by conversation) to recollect what had formerly been dictated to them, or if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. At this meeting the question was asked whether any person in the assembly knew the Master's part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition, and what fragments of the old Order were found amongst them should be immediately reformed and made more pliable to the humours of the people. Hence it was ordered that every person during the lifetime of his initiation," &c., &c.

The above reveals that the important difference between the two parties was the "Master's Word," and that the London Masons "corrupted it" about the year 1717. Now, as the reader has already been informed that before 1717 Masons had but one degree, he can judge for himself as to the credibility of Bro. Dermott's statements, and whether even his Grand Lodge record is worthy of credit.

Assuming, however, that the pre-1717 Masons actually had three degrees and a Master's Word: the question therefore is, whence did Dermott get that word? Dermott was initiated in Dublin in 1746, and it is certain that the Irish Grand Lodge, which was formed in 1730, not only adopted and reprinted the 1723 London Constitutions, but it also derived all its ceremonies from the London Grand Lodge. Nay, even in 1751, the second edition of the Dublin Constitutions was modelled after Anderson's Constitutions of 1738,* Be it further remembered that the second edition of the Dublin Constitutions was printed in 1751, the very year when the Ancients in London began their existence. If, therefore, any material difference (as stated by Dermott) had originated in London in 1717, or even later, it would certainly have been known to the *editor* of the 1751 Dublin Constitution, and he would have *said* something about it. But the fact is, Bro. E. Spratt, the editor of the Dublin Constitutions of 1751, actually disproves Dermott's story; thus, on page 121, Bro. Spratt says:—

"At last the antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in *Ireland*, being assembled in their Grand Lodge in *Dublin*, chose a Noble Grand Master, in imitation of their Brethren of *England*, in the third year of his present Majesty King George the Second, A.D. 1730, even our Noble Bro. *James King*, Lord Viscount *Kingston*, the very next year after his Lordship had, with great reputation, been Grand Master of England, and he has introduced the same Constitutions and usages."

Now, as the Dublin brethren received in 1730, "the same usages" that existed in England, they must have had the same Master's word, and they could not have differed very materially in other respects. And to show further that no material change was made in England, as late as least as 1739, I must give another extract from the 1751 Dublin Constitutions. Thus, on page 147, Bro. Spratt says:—

"Agreed and approved by a Select Committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge in the year 1739, being the second year of the Grand Mastership of our Right Worshipful and Right Hon. Brother, the Lord Mountjoy (now Earl of Blessington), and ordered by the Grand Lodge to be served and practised by all the Lodges in Ireland. Now transcribed from the Book of Constitutions published in England, in the year 1738, by our Worshipful Brother James Anderson, D.D."

And in the Dedication of the 1751 Constitutions, page 6, Bro. Spratt says, that in 1739 Lord Blessington himself presided over the above referred to Committee. We see now that Lord Kingston, a Past English Grand Master, introduced the English Masonic usages into Ireland in 1730; that Lord Blessington in 1739 approved of English Masonry as it then existed, and that in 1751 the Irish Masons still looked up to the Grand Lodge of England as a Masonic authority. It is evident, therefore, that Dermott belonged to that class whose statements should not be received without corroborative or reliable testimony.

Boston, U.S., 2nd October 1888.

(To be continued.)

* The English Constitutions did not give any hint about prayers in Lodges; the Dublin one contains a prayer, which Dr. Oliver assigned in his "Revelations of a Square" to the joint composition of Anderson and Manningham, about or near 1754. The Dublin brethren added, also, Deacons to their officers; but in every other respect the two Constitutions were alike.

PERSONAL WORTH.

Needed in all Towns, Cities and States. An Excerpt from an Address by Bro. George E. Webster, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the New Town Hall in East Providence, Rhode Island, 10th August 1888.

WHAT, under the present aspect of our affairs, can I suggest more worthy of your consideration than the necessity for the cultivation of individual character. Carlyle complained that the world was running to mechanism and organisation; that personal accountability was ignored, and mankind were proposing to found Utopia and create Paradise by combinations; that individuals too little regarded their responsibility as single men, looking only to the general result of consolidated action. Is it not now the time to emphasize the necessity of maintaining the integrity of the *man*, leaving the consideration of *men* to the Providence of the Almighty? It is not likely that any community will be much better than the average morality of its individual citizens. Until each realises that each is amenable for his own manhood, the State can have but slight reliance upon its tenure. Let each learn to maintain his own honour, and let all honour and advance only those who are individually deserving. In the history of nations it is even more apparent than in the biography of individuals that to do the will of God is to assure success. If true to ourselves it must still follow, as the night the day, that we can be false to none. Let us each live up to his highest ideal, maintaining independence of thought while earnestly seeking enlightenment, sustaining ourselves by every elevating association, but ever mindful of our personal accountability. "God is above all yet; there lives a Judge whom no King can corrupt." He condones men's errors, but not the deliberate disregard of His mandates. No associated proclamation of high principles can atone for the dishonour of those uniting in their publication. If we, fellow citizens, are to perpetuate this municipality, let us not indulge in the hope that we may absorb our personal faithlessness in the mass. Neither let us be content with our pride in the accomplishments of those who have gone before us, wrapping "our satisfied desires in the singed mantles of our sires," who so nobly lived and overcame. How graphically does the history of the earlier generations of New England's civilisation illustrate the dealings of Divine Providence with mankind! Severe and austere, our ancestors were nevertheless sincere. Each one had a high purpose, and they combined not in complete solution, but each maintained his form and fibre. They prospered, not because they were perfect, but because each had a high and edifying intent. The time is coming and now is when the State and the town needs individuals—each man responsible and reliable. It is the man that is the noblest work of God, and not a corporation. We boast of our republic; the equality of its constituents; the freedom of its citizens; but the kingdom of God is an absolute monarchy. We tolerate no such government, for to no man is given the omniscience to transcend and ignore the wisdom of his fellows. But let us not disregard the value of personal worth, or fail to recognise, employ and sustain it. Our town has a favoured prospect; all signs forecast her progress. If each citizen is true to himself, her advancement can be safely prophesied; but neither town nor commonwealth can survive in prosperity the degeneracy of its people. Let us look to the affairs of our town curiously. In the combination of politics and of social life we become careless of personal responsibility. Thus it is easy for town, state or nation to drift down the stream of corruption to the sea of disaster.

Our ancestry builded well upon the foundation of Divine principle. Let us conserve their heritage, adding to the accumulations of our highest endeavours. Byron well said:

"A thousand years scarce serve to form a State;
An hour may lay it in the dust; and when
Can man its shattered splendour renovate,
Recall its virtues back, and vanquish time and fate?"

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bro. C. F. Lewis Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. H. E. Price Prov. J.G.W., while the Provincial Grand Officers present included Bros. Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield Chaplain, R. Pidcock Registrar, C. Bampfylde Warre S.D., S. H. Soper J.D., T. C. Woodman D. of C., H. Kent and B. Lomax Standard Bearers, F. H. Hallett Organist, B. Burfield Secretary, Thomas Hardy Pursuivant, W. H. Barrett Steward, J. Adames, J. Dennant, H. H. Jordan, G. Lockwood L. Hawken, Col. Mortimer Hancock Stewards, and H. H. Hughes Prov. G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Prov. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting. These were confirmed. The roll of the Lodges in the Province was called, and it was found that every Lodge was represented. The report of the Board of Finance and the Treasurer's accounts were next submitted and adopted. The report of the Provincial Charities' Committee was read and adopted. The Prov. Grand Secretary read a report relative to the presentation of two pictures to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in commemoration of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. W. Smith P.P.G. Sword Bearer, a vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren of the Lodges for the generous efforts they had made in the purchase of the pictures, and to Bro. W. Marchant P.P.S.G.W., for his exertions as Honorary Secretary to the Committee. The Provincial Grand Secretary read statistics giving the numerical and financial strength of each Lodge, and showing the present number of brethren to have reached 1179, an increase of 38 on the year. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. then addressed the brethren, as follows :—

Brethren,—The Masonic year, with its many engagements and interests, goes by so rapidly from month to month that the annual Provincial meeting takes us somewhat by surprise when it comes round. This has been an eventful year for Sussex Masons. Though we have not had the pleasure of seeing our Prov. G. Master since July 1887, we have the satisfaction of knowing that, while he is in India, attending to his very important military duties, His Royal Highness takes the greatest interest in affairs relating to the Province he rules in England, and he has accepted a high post in the Craft in India, where he keeps up the active performance of Masonic duties. It seems hardly probable that the year we begin to-day will be gladdened by his presence here, but we have his good wishes and kind remembrance, and look forward with keen pleasure to the time which will bring him back to Sussex, for however brief a visit. We cannot, of course, expect at any period, even when His Royal Highness's vocations permit of his residence in England, that we could have extensive claims upon his time, but how gladly he comes when he can, and how well he performs the office of Provincial Grand Master we had ample and gratifying proof when, during a very short stay in England for the Jubilee festivities, he gave a day to us here in Brighton, and, by the questions the Duke asked and the remarks he made, showed plainly that he is not Prov. Grand Master only in name. Before entering on a new period of our existence in Sussex, it would be well to look back and note the various events, which, like milestones, have marked our journey through the last twelve months. Retrospect can never be without its shadows, and, casting our thoughts back upon the past year, we find, alas! that may good men and true have been taken from our ranks—men whom we could ill spare, and whom to-day we deeply mourn. Old Past Master's like Brothers Payne, Willard, and Fletcher, Major Sergison, D'Albiac, Taaffe, Luttman, Johnson, Bennett, and others, to the number of more than a score, are no longer inscribed on our roll of brethren on earth. We must fill up the vacant places and stand again shoulder to shoulder, still cherishing in our hearts the memory of those brethren who have been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above. Sickness, too, has visited many of us heavily. Brother Crosskey, our respected and well-beloved Treasurer, is obliged to seek health in a warmer climate during our turbulent English winter. Brother Trollope, one of our pillars of Sussex Masonry, has been dangerously ill, but I am glad to hear of his partial recovery. Many other names might be added to the list, my own among them. For three months I was compelled to take complete rest, so complete that even writing was forbidden me, but I am rejoiced to be able to meet you all again to-day in good, though somewhat weakened, health. It is satisfactory to reflect that, notwithstanding an unusually high death rate and some withdrawals, we number more than we did at this time last year. The retrospect, however, is not all dark and sorrowful. Laughter and tears, sighing and singing, clouds and sunshine are mingled together in the Masonic record as in the domestic. It is one of the highest privileges of a Mason that he gives his sympathy not only to those in tribulation, but to those who are happy. Two great occasions of universal rejoicing have arisen since I last addressed you. The golden light of the Jubilee of our most gracious Queen, the Patroness of our Order, had hardly set in England before there dawned the softer radiance of the Silver Wedding of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was our happy lot to greet him and the gentle lady who has been his helpmeet for a quarter of century, with our very warm congratulations. The brightness of the occasion was somewhat clouded by the news which arrived of the death of the Emperor William, but that event had been so long expected, and the Kaiser's years had lengthened themselves out so much beyond the usual span of human life, that his death, though it tempered the brilliancy of the festivity, did not darken it altogether. We kept it here in a good old English fashion, with music and dancing. The old Pavilion was made gay by Masons in their insignia, who brought with them their wives and daughters, not to mention "their sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts." I do not think that anywhere in England was "God bless the Prince of Wales" sung more sweetly or more heartily than it was here on that March evening. The second joyful event was the Centenary of the Girls' School, which was kept, with literally Royal honours, for almost a whole week. Day after day the huge space of the Albert Hall was filled with brethren, and on some days with (may I be allowed to say) sisters, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of this great charity. One day the children themselves were brought from their Institution to receive from the Princess the prizes they had gained. It was such a sight as can scarcely be witnessed again by those of our generation, a sight which could not have been given by any other body of men than Masons. Between two and three hundred bright, happy, healthy children were gathered together in that huge building, that the many men and women who have their interest at heart, and have helped to make them healthy and happy, might have the unalloyed pleasure of seeing their pleasant young faces and witnessing their wonderful evolutions in their graceful exercises. I know no sight at once so pretty and so touching as that of these fatherless children, rosy cheeked and smiling, dressed in their dainty costume of dark blue and white, moving like fairy soldiers in exact time to the word of command, and every time I see it I am astonished afresh at the skill of the teachers and the beautiful discipline of the children. King Oscar, of Sweden, in whose kingdom the Prince of Wales was made a Mason, was present, and expressed, as indeed every one did, the greatest admiration of the scene. It will ever be a matter of deep regret to me that owing to severe illness I could not be present, though I was, as I have often been before, a Steward, and, by the kindness of my brethren, was enabled to take up a not inconsiderable sum. The Centenary Festival will ever stand out in the history of Masonry as a period as yet unsurpassed in brilliancy and pleasant sensations. It is cheering to reflect that one's guineas are spent to such good purpose, that we can see the actual and most delightful result of our gifts, and I trust that the Centenaries of the other two Masonic Charities may prove equally successful when their turns come. Reviewing the work of the year and the various questions which have been raised in the course of it, and have received special attention, there *is one* I feel compelled to touch upon particularly, namely, the *initiation of* minors into our Brotherhood. It is a question upon which I have not myself the shadow of a doubt. I most unhesitatingly give my opinion against it. In this I am glad to find myself following in the footsteps of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose eldest son, His Highness Prince Albert Victor, was not initiated until he was twenty-one years of age. His Royal Highness's younger son has not yet entered the Craft. An exception is made at the Universities for very special and well considered reasons, but it should be at the Universities alone. For my own part I do not think that the solemn obligations of our Craft should be lightly and thoughtlessly taken. A youth who has not reached the age of twenty-one has seen too little of life to realise or appreciate either the duties or the privileges of our Order. It is only after a young man has for a term "felt his feet," as it were, in the path of life that he is able to understand what is meant by "the right hand of fellowship," and to grasp it with heartiness and lasting sincerity. It is after one or two disappointments among so-called friends that he begins to feel that it is well to build up friendship on a substratum of something less frothy than mere words. It must also be borne in mind that not only does a man on entering Masonry receive the cheering assurance of help in difficulty, sympathy in distress, and encouragement in labour, but he is also called upon to give this support to his brethren. I need hardly remind you that Masonry is not all receiving; in fact reciprocity is one of the chief features of our Order. It may be that I have old-fashioned notions about the sanctity of a promise and the obligations incumbent upon every man to carry out his engagements, not only in the letter, but in the spirit. It may be, as I say, that I am old-fashioned in this, but my feeling on this point is very strong, and I do not think any mere minor should undertake such responsibilities, the meaning of which he cannot quite understand, until his experience is more extended. There is another point to which I wish to call your special attention. It seems that some Masons in the Province do not appreciate that most useful of little volumes, the Almanac, and that they would rather it were not published at all. I can only say that the small book is my constant companion, goes where I go, and is consulted almost every day. Certainly no engagement is ever made by me, social or official, without a reference to the Almanac. It has become as necessary to me as a crutch to a lame man, and I should very much regret its annihilation. I cannot but envy those young and merry Masons whose Herculean brains can carry without effort all the data and statistics of my inseparable friend, the Masonic Almanac. I flatter myself that there are in this assembly some other grey-headed brethren whose minds are at times fretted and harassed with the burden of professional life, and who are, like myself, grateful to our worthy and energetic Provincial Grand Secretary for the accurate information contained in his invaluable little book. Moreover, the publication is no burden on the Province; it pays, or very nearly pays, its own expenses. It may be

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only the old and the weak among the brethren who are driven to need the humiliating assistance of printed memoranda. Alas! I cannot deny I come under the category of the old and the weak—and I would remind my young and more active and brilliant brethren that an old Book advises us that "the strong should bear the burdens of the weak"—therefore, I lay aside in this matter my office of Masonic adviser, and take my stand as legal adviser, and plead for the further extension of existence among us of the small defendant, the Masonic Almanac. Gentlemen of the Jury, I beg you to give the case your most careful consideration, to bear in mind the length of service, the modesty, and the usefulness, the indispensability and daily value of the defendant, and to pause before you consign it to an untimely end. I think I need no longer tax your attention and patience. The outlook of Sussex Masonry is very bright and inspiriting, and I trust the future may not belie our hopes and expectations, and that no year may close less prosperously than this. What the future holds for us individually we cannot tell, whether of joy or sorrow, but, bound together as we are by the union of hearts and hands, we cannot but hope and believe that a wider field of usefulness and a still greater prosperity await us as a body Masonic. Therefore, Brethren, I wish you heartily and hopefully "A happy new Masonic year."

Enthusiastic applause followed the reading of this able and instructive address. W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle) P.P.G. Chaplain moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his very admirable address, and congratulated him upon being so improved in health as to be again able to join the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield Prov. Grand Chaplain seconded, and the proposition was carried with renewed applause. Bro. the Rev. J. O. McCarrogher P.P.G. Chaplain proposed the re-election of Bro. R. Crosskey as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. W. R. Wood P.G.D. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed the following brethren to act as Provincial Grand Officers during the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices:—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord Lennox P.M. 38	Senior Warden
Joseph Farncombe P.M. 311	Junior Warden
Rev. E. R. Currie P.M. 1184	Chaplains
Rev. F. F. G. Greenfield P.M. 1455	Chaplains
R. Crosskey P.M. 1303	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.M. 916 1110	Registrar
V. P. Freeman P.G.D. P.M. 315 732	Secretary
J. Adames P.M. 38 311	Senior Deacon
J. Dennant P.M. 271	Junior Deacon
C. Nye jun. P.M. 732 1947 2187	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Barrett P.M. 38	Dir. of Ceremonies
G. Lockwood L. Hawken P.M. 1797	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
Col. M. Hancock P.M. 1466 2201	Sword Bearer
H. H. Jordan P.M. 851	Standard Bearers
W. M. Gloister P.M. 48	Standard Bearers
G. Cole P.M. 1636	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821	Assistant Secretary
L. B. Henderson P.M. 1141	Pursuivant
C. Burnell P.M. 56	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Beaumont P.M. 315	Stewards
W. Seymour Burrows W.M. 811	Stewards
W. L. Wallis P.M. 916	Stewards
A. M. Betchley P.M. 1619	Stewards
W. Balchin jun. P.M. 1636	Stewards
W. H. Causton P.M. 1726	Stewards
H. H. Hughes	Tyler

All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer. Bro. F. H. Hallett Prov. G. Organist presided at the organ at the opening of the Lodge, and Bro. George Cole Prov. G. Organist officiated at the close. After a brief interval the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Mutton, of King's Road, Brighton, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Stewards, Bros. J. Dennant, Colonel Hancock, J. Adames, G. L. Lockwood, Hawken, H. H. Jordan, and W. H. Barrett, spared no pains in promoting the comfort of those present. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and opened the toast list with the Queen and the Craft, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., which were duly honoured. Bro. Joseph Farncombe Prov. S.G.W. proposed the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, said the Sussex Province was ably represented in Grand Lodge. He congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master upon the admirable and thoroughly Masonic address he had delivered in the afternoon. He heartily endorsed every word of it, and especially concurred in the remarks which had been made respecting the Masonic Almanac and the initiation of minors. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c. The Province, he said, was greatly favoured in having a Royal Prince to preside over it. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had the interest of the Province at heart though he was absent in India; and the brethren, he was sure, remembered him with feelings of loyalty and affection. Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Grand Steward, proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. Such a toast, he said, required no words from him to recommend it. In Bro. Ford they had a staunch and worthy Mason, who had laboured hard in the interests of the Craft, not only in Sussex but in other parts of the Masonic world. He had recently been instrumental in founding the Earl of Sussex Lodge, of which he himself was a humble member; and he (Bro. Marriott) sincerely hoped that their Deputy Provincial Grand Master would be spared to preside over them, not in the words of the song just sung, "Only once more," but with renewed health and strength for a quarter of a century. Bro. Gerard Ford said he felt that the Provincial Officers were brethren eminently fitted to assist him in working for the welfare of the Province. He was deeply sensible of the kindness shown to him personally, and regretted that illness had prevented him from visiting the Lodges as he had wished. The brethren, he said, were indebted to Bro. Sir Raymond Burrell for the buck he had sent for the banquet; and he regretted that that brother, whose revered father they so well remembered, was unable to join them that evening. Bro. the Rev. J. O. McCarrogher P.P.G. Chaplain gave the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Ewart. Bro. W. Dawes P.P.S.G.W., proposed the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, and urged upon them to carry out, in their respective Lodges, the principles inculcated in the excellent address of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Brothers Fletcher and Jordan responded. In acknowledging the toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, Bro F. Binckes, in an able speech, expressed his grateful acknowledgment of the constant and unvarying support which had been given by the Sussex brethren to those Institutions. While thanking them for their generous efforts, he pleaded for renewed exertions during the coming year on behalf of the Boys' School, which was doing such sterling work for the sons of Freemasons. The Tyler's Toast completed the list. During the evening a programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. George Cole Provincial Grand Organist, was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bro. S. H. Soper P.P.J.G.D., and Bro. F. W. Clements, Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G. Organist, giving the pianoforte accompaniments in his customary excellent style.

The Devon Masonic Register for 1888-9, which is dedicated to the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, is a work most carefully compiled, and reflects considerable credit on the publisher, Bro. W. Frank Westcott I.P.M. 70, of Frankfort Street, Plymouth. It gives a list of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, all the necessary details in connection with the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, the Lodges in the various towns arranged alphabetically and also according to days of meeting, together with a list of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers in the Craft—Mark, Arch, Ark, Mariners, Knight Templars, and Rose Croix. The votes held by ladies or brethren of the Province for the great Masonic Charities will be found in tabulated form, and altogether the work is a most useful one.

REASONABLE.—There is not published in all Ireland a journal devoted exclusively to Masonry. The reason given for this is said to be the aversion of the Grand Lodge to giving publicity to its proceedings. It could be better stated that this aversion originated in a laudable desire to prevent members of the Craft from being vexed or hampered in their social and business relations by bigots inimical to the Fraternity. There is in existence in Dublin a pretended revelation of the secrets of Masonry as hostile to the Romish Church, to which publication is appended the names of all Masons in that city. The intent is self-evident.—*New Zealand Mail.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry J. Chapman W.M., who was supported by Bros. Richard Harvey S.W., N. Salmon J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Morris Secretary, Past Masters A. Simner, W. J. Ferguson, Harry Price, P. B. Spink, J. McLean, P. Pierpoint, W. M. Foxcroft, Edward White, J. E. Walford and Isaac Buscall; J. E. Sparrell S.D., T. B. Goodfellow J.D., Robert Hewetson I.G., E. A. G. Smith D.C., A. Piper Steward, C. Riechelmann Organist, and a large number of Lodge members and visitors. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed Bro. D. Charteris was raised, and the three following gentlemen regularly initiated into the Order:—Mr. Joseph Inkerman Higgs, proposed by Bro. G. L. Everett and seconded by the Treasurer; Mr. Ernest Samuel Smith, proposed by Bro. H. N. Price P.M. and seconded by the Senior Deacon; and Mr. Fagioli Attilio, proposed by Bro. Ings and seconded by the Secretary. Routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to banquet. At the conclusion of this the customary toasts were honoured. The W.M. proposed those of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master, who, he said, had won the respect, esteem, and love of every Mason. Bro. Ferguson P.M. was entrusted with the next toast, that of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He regarded this as a most important toast, as on the Grand Officers depended much of the work of Freemasonry. At the head of the working Officials of the Craft they had two noblemen—the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom—who were everything that could be desired. The Order was indeed fortunate in having them at its head. Referring to a subject in which the Domatic Lodge was particularly interested at the present time, he said there was one office in Grand Lodge which the members of the Craft had the right of filling—that of Grand Treasurer. It was known to all of them that their esteemed friend Bro. George Everett was a candidate for this office, and he (Bro. Ferguson) hoped that the members of the Lodge would not only personally support that candidature but would use their influence with friends to secure their support also. Any one who had known Bro. Everett the many years that he had known him could vouch for his ability to discharge the functions of the office, and it would be a great compliment to the Domatic Lodge if he were fortunate enough, as he felt sure he would be, to obtain the post. With the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Ferguson had pleasure in associating the name of Bro. Eve Past Grand Treasurer. That brother tendered thanks on behalf of the important body of which he was a member. Personally he very much appreciated the honour the Craft had bestowed on him by electing him as Grand Treasurer. He had many friends to thank for placing him in that position, but none had worked heartier for him than the Domatic Lodge, particularly among its members he had to thank Bro. George Everett, who he was pleased to see had come forward with a desire to win similar honours. If Bro. Everett succeeded in his desire he felt that the office would be well filled. Bro. Simner proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who tendered his thanks for the warm reception accorded him. His six months' absence did not appear to have made any difference in the kind feelings always evinced towards him by the members of his Lodge. He hoped he should not only retain their good opinion during the remainder of his Mastership, but that he should win further regard from them. The toast of the initiates followed. The goodly number admitted that day convinced the W.M. that the Lodge was by no means on the downward path. He knew it was the wish of the older members of the Lodge that he should offer the newer ones the heartiest of welcomes, and this he accordingly did, at the same time expressing a hope that each in his turn might rise to high dignities in the Lodge. The three initiates having replied, Bro. Walford P.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, which he did with as much pleasure as was usually associated with the toast in the Domatic Lodge. He considered visitors were as essential to a Lodge as passengers were to a large ocean steamer. The captain and crew of this would have no reason to cross and re-cross the ocean but for the passengers they carried, and so in like manner it might be said that many of their Lodges would lose their greatest charm if there were no visitors nor visiting. The toast was well received, and acknowledged by several of the guests. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and to this Bro. White responded. He felt greatly flattered in being selected for the duty of acknowledging the continued kindness of the Lodge. He also spoke of the candidature of Bro. Everett for the Grand Treasurership, who, he said, was well qualified for the office and would reflect honour on their Lodge if elected. Bro. Simner proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The brethren had heard so much that night of their Treasurer that it was difficult to say anything more. Briefly, he might say his works show his character. In Bro. Morris the Lodge had another official of whom they were justly proud. That both he and Bro. Everett might long be spared to help them was their sincere desire. Bro. Everett was the first to reply. The present was his thirty-first year in Masonry, and he was now more than ever zealous to uphold its principles and dignity. He was exceedingly gratified that so much had been said in favour of him that night, and only hoped he deserved a portion of the praise which had been bestowed. He had the honour of being associated with three Lodges, besides the Domatic, of two of which he had been a founder, but they all

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R. Atkins P.M. 55, B. Kenyon 2012.

PORTLAND LODGE, No

THE annual festival took place on Thursd
Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, when Bro
installed W.M., the ceremony being impre
Bro. Ashwell P.G. Assistant Secretary, ass
P.P.G.J.D., Roberts P.P.G.J.D. and H. C. Fa
the ceremony of installation, the W.M. appo
his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H
J.W., Copeland Treasurer, Faram D.C., Bam
S.D., Penn J.D., Tapley I.G., Burt and
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the number of about forty, adjourned to the
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THE GREAT CITY LODGE

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held
at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon S
Seex P.M. was installed as Worshipful Maste
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twelve months. Bro. John Seex, having beer
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stalled, the ceremony being performed by B
Secretary. The new Master having been sal
appointed and invested as the Officers:—W.
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Mozley J.D., D. J. Keene I.G., G. Jenkins Or
J. K. Gwyn and R. Brookman Stewards, R. I
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which was presided over by the new Master.
to support him were Bros. Robert Greenin
R. Stanway, James Freeman, G. W. Blackie,
Fendick, the Treasurer, Secretary, Officer
visitors:—C. G. Coles 339, G. J. Grace P.M.
1302, H. Summers P.M. 1362, George Rallin
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1597, Rawson Kelly P.M. 750 P.P.S.G.W. W
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and so far conducted. It was a source of gratification to the founders that the members had thought fit to fall back on one of their number to carry them through what some had regarded as a troublesome period in the Lodge's history. His aim would be to uphold the dignity of The Great City Lodge, and so act up to the opinion of the majority of its members as to give satisfaction. By doing so he hoped he should leave the chair with as much respect being felt towards him as he enjoyed that day. During his Mastership he felt he might rely on those who had preceded him in the chair, while he also felt that the Officers would do all they could to make his term of service a success. With united efforts it would be strange if they did not succeed. He next had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Visitors. It was a matter of extreme satisfaction to the Lodge that so many outside members were present that day. He thought the guests showed their appreciation of what was being done by attending, and felt that one of the greatest difficulties a Master had to contend with was to offer such a welcome to the Visitors as the members desired they should receive. The difficulty was to convey through one mouth as the full appreciation of the whole Lodge. However, he tendered the Visitors a hearty welcome and hoped they would so enjoy themselves as to desire to come again. Bro. Rawson Kelly responded, tendering thanks for the hearty reception given the toast. He had been very pleased with the reception accorded him, and felt he might express the same sentiment on behalf of the other visitors. He hoped it would be his good fortune to be present at the Lodge when some other of the ceremonies of Freemasonry were being worked. Other visitors having responded the Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer, and the other Past Masters. There was a goodly number of them present, and the Master felt it was a difficult task to select the one most capable of acknowledging the toast. All were efficient. He, however, selected the I.P.M. as being the latest occupant of the chair. Not only had he the pleasure of complimenting the Past Masters on their work, but he had the pleasure of presenting to his immediate predecessor the material and substantial expression of the brethren's approval, in the form of a Past Master's jewel, which he now had the honour of placing on Bro. Greening's breast, in the name of the members of the Lodge. It was one of those Masonic jewels of which there were not many in existence, and one which every member aspired to. Referring to the work performed by his predecessor, the Master said the Lodge appreciated what had been done, and felt great pleasure in offering some little reward to the brother who had performed it. Bro. Greening tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, and also for the handsome jewel presented him. He had long coveted the distinction of wearing such a jewel. He felt he had better carefully abstain from saying anything in regard to what was past, except to say how much he appreciated the unanimous voting of the jewel he had just received. It was a gift which assured him that he still retained the love and respect of the members of the Lodge. It was his intention to stand by the Lodge in the future, and he hoped he might spend many happy hours in the company of its members. Bro. James Stevens followed. He had reason to be very proud of the kind reception always accorded him in the Lodge, and also of the fact that he had the honour of serving as its first Master. He felt convinced they had a term of enjoyment before them. Bro. Headon felt that as it was only once a year they had the opportunity of addressing the Lodge as Past Masters it was very difficult then to express all the pleasure they felt. He looked forward to the future of the Lodge with satisfaction, and felt that all would be well with it in the future, and that it would prosper even more than it had done in the past. The other Past Masters having in turn responded, the health of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. The toast was always well received, not merely as a matter of form, but in appreciation of the services rendered by the two distinguished Craftsmen who filled the offices. The Treasurer had been the conservator of their funds for many years, and had fulfilled the duties of his office zealously and faithfully. They would never have occasion to regret having entrusted him with the management of their funds. He took a great interest in the Lodge and was one of those Treasurers who might best be described as a treasure, a small word which embraced, he thought, all they desired to express on that occasion. The Secretary also deserved the hearty welcome accorded him. He had fulfilled the duties of the office most satisfactorily in the past and might be relied on for the future. Bro. Headon, Treasurer, was very gratified to hear such an appreciative picture drawn in regard to the little he was able to do for the Lodge. He felt the members must in a measure be satisfied with what he had hitherto done or they would not have re-elected him, and if they were well satisfied with what he had done he considered he had secured a rich reward. The Secretary also responded, after which the toast of the Officers was given and acknowledged. The Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion in the usual way. An enjoyable musical programme was provided, under the direction of Brother George Jenkins jun., Organist of Lodge 2048, who was ably assisted by Miss Marianne Fenna, Miss Florence Croft, and Bros. Selwyn Davies and Robert Fairbanks.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

AT a meeting of the brethren of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, Surrey, present Bros. F. T. Ridpath W.M. P.G.S. (Surrey), J. Kilvington S.W., Dr. R. G. Fleming J.W., Wm. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. (Norths), G. S. Horsnail Secretary, P. Budd J.D., C. Tarry Steward, E. C. Symonds I.G., J. P. Gordon D.C., W. Lane Tyler, H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. P.G.J.W. (Surrey), W. H. Rawson P.M., J. Buckley, H. Cox, F. R. Rayner, J. Bolton, J. Grew, C. White, W. J. Turpin, H. Sherry, J. S. Mortimore, T. Chamberlain, W. R. Griffin, Perfect Ashlar 1178, Wm. Parker P.M. Ewell 1851, W. G. Simm Excelsior 1155, A. G. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works Surrey Ewell 1 and H. G. Vickers W.M. Stuart 1632. The W.M. opened Lodge and the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimo confirmed. Bro. Buckley, by request of the W.M., acted as The ballot was taken for Mr. A. H. Dyball; it was declared in favour and he underwent the ceremony of initiation. The L was then advanced, and Bro. Jas. Grew passed. After the L had been resumed the W.M. impressively addressed the new mem Bro. H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. proposed a candidate for initiation at next meeting. Shortly afterwards the W.M. closed the Lo The brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was excellen quality and reflected great credit on Bro. Tarry, Steward to Lodge. After the usual loyal toasts Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. in his characteristic and genial manner proposed the health of the W He was sure that he could not add anything in eulogy of the manne which Bro. Ridpath carried out his duties, he had most faith discharged every office he had been called upon to occupy. W.M. thanked Bro. Hobbs for the kind remarks he had made on as on many other occasions. He thanked the brethren also for cordial way in which the toast was received. He should endeavou discharge the duties of the chair with honour to himself and to Lodge. In speaking of the Initiate the W.M. remarked that Lodges were not so fortunate as the Old England in the numbe initiates they had received during the last few years. After Dyball had returned thanks, the Visitors was proposed by the W who gave them a hearty welcome to "Old England." The toas the Past Masters was next proposed. The W.M. said it remi him particularly of one of their Past Masters, who had condu the affairs of this Lodge so satisfactorily as to ensure its success place it on a solid and thriving foundation. He referred to worthy Bro. Foulsham, the father of the Lodge; he had worked and well, and always received distinguished honour from the mem of "Old England." Each of the Past Masters had been atten and had strictly fulfilled their engagements, which he considered done much for the Lodge's success. Bro. Rawson, another also did well, and he is always ready to give his assistance. A Bro. Hobbs, their I.P.M., he has done much for this Lodge well as for other Lodges with which he is associated; he will al receive that esteem which is his due. The I.P.M. gratefully tha the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the good which had existed between them for the past five years; he sh always feel it an honour to discharge any duty that "Old Engl might call upon him to fulfil. Bro. Rawson P.M. returned sincere thanks for the toast. Bro. Foulsham the Treasure acknowledgment said that he was pleased with the excellent rem which had been made by the W.M. in behalf of the I.P.M., Bro. H was worthy of them. He (Bro. Foulsham) had spent a lifetim Freemasonry and began to feel that it was necessary he should make way for some other brother as Treasurer. Freemasonry he always loved, and always should; it is a wide subject of in interest. Yesterday he strolled inside St. Paul's Cathedral, the thought arose in his mind, whilst taking a view of this g building, how Sir Christopher Wren must have devoted his skill abilities to rear so majestic and incomparable a building, would endure for ages. As a P.M. of "Old England" he done all he could for the Lodge, and also for Freemasonry in va parts of England. He had not long resided in Thornton Heath b he discovered no Lodge existed there; indeed he went there to being occupied with Freemasonry, but he soon found his inten were reversed, and he became instrumental in establishing the England Lodge. For what he had done he felt proud, and hope little left of his strength would be exerted for the good of Mas The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and the Secre observed that he felt in them he had two good Officers. The Trea was careful that they did not expend their funds uselessly, and ever watchful that they had a balance in hand. The Secretar knew had energetically endeavoured to get in the subscriptions, therefore it was highly gratifying to know that the one did a could towards increasing the funds, whilst the other carfully dish them. The Treasurer said he had tried his best to take care of Lodge's money for the past ten years. He had possession of key; that was well; but what was the use of a key if nothing was locked up? He was glad, however, to say that he always poss something which brought the key into requisition. Bro. Hors the Secretary, thanked the Officers and brethren for their h reception of the toast, and promised to give that attention to duties of his office in the future that he had in the past, and hope ensure their continued good feeling towards him. The W.M proposing the Officers took occasion to express the thanks whic felt were justly due to his able assistants. Bro. Kilvington S.W. it afforded him much satisfaction to know that the work done by and his brother Officers had met with their W.M.'s approbation assured them he should continue the same interest in the future love for Freemasonry was in no way abated, and in looking for to occupying the proud position of their respected W.M. he promis do his utmost to follow his example; but he should be perfectly tented if he discharged the duties half as well. Dr. Fleming also acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast was given. Several songs were admirably rendered in the course o evening, notably "The Mill Wheel," by Bro. C. Balfour, and " Piu Andrai," by Bro. Vickers. The singers were accompanie Bro. F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, whose presence is al appreciated by the "Old England" brethren. The musical arra ments and selections were under the superintendence of Kilvington, who on this, as on previous occasions, gave great faction. The brethren separated, after spending a most enjo evening, in perfect Masonic fellowship and goodwill.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of October 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, L.G.

To expunge Law 55, including Second Paragraph, and to enact in lieu thereof as follows:—

"A Boy shall not be eligible for Election unless the Father, if living, has been a subscribing Member to a Lodge, or Lodges, for seven years. If the Father be dead, he must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years. *But* should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by Paralysis, Blindness, Fire, Shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his Initiation, this Rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

2. By W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

"That three additional Vacancies be declared—in consequence of withdrawals from the Establishment—and that such Vacancies be filled up by the Election of the same number of Candidates, in addition to the number announced in the Voting Papers, at the Quarterly Court on 26th October inst."

To Elect Twenty-One Boys—or, should the Notice of Motion as above be adopted, Twenty-Four Boys, from an approved List of Seventy-Seven Candidates, reduced to Seventy-Five by the withdrawal of Two Candidates, Nos. 12 and 35.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat. Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th October 1888.

THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD

AT THE END JUNE 1889.

The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptionally depressed condition of the Funds demanding exceptional support, if the enlarged benefits of the Institution are to be maintained.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

INSTITUTED 1788.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 27th October 1888, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider Notice of Motion as under, and to elect 9 Girls into the School from a list of 63 approved candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. C. J. PERCIVAL, V. Pres.

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
20th October 1888.

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Four days' silence a negative.

SECOND APPLICATION.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FREDERICK BLAND,

AGED 8 YEARS,

Son of Bro. F. G. BLAND, late of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, who died 16th November 1887, leaving a widow and five boys under 11 years of age totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by

Bro. Sir HENRY E. KNIGHT, Knt., P.M. 34, 1297, 1613, 1907.
T. BERG, W.M., 1613, 27 Jewin Street.
H. STEVENSON, P.M. 1613 and 193, 46 Milton Street.
T. FISHER, S.W. 192, 119 Fenchurch Street.
J. B. REID, 1364, 33 Finsbury Pavement.
J. SALMON, P.M. 2077 P.P.G.R. Essex.
E. JEX, P.M. 1259 and 1837, 27 St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C.
N. B. HEADON, P.M. Treas. The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, 42 Gutter Lane.
GEO. BOLTON, P.M. Acacia Lodge, 1314.
Miss COTTON, V.P., 37 Lyal Road, Bow.

Votes will be thankfully received by W. MEDWIN, P.M. and Secretary Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, P.M. and P.Z. 192, 28 London Wall also by the Widow, Mrs. F. G. BLAND, 14 Pall Mall.

OCTOBER ELECTION 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARGARET E. M. ROBERTS,

AGED 10 YEARS,

Daughter of the late Bro. A. F. Roberts, of Bow Lane, P.M. 1708, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, who died 10th May 1888, leaving a widow and six young children unprovided for.

The case is earnestly recommended by

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, P.G.W.
Lieut.-Col. P. COWAN, Alderman, S.W. 2241.
J. F. HEPBURN, P.M. 1702 P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex.
FRANK TAYLER, P.M. and W.M. 2241.
J. TICKLE, P.M. 1196 1702, P.P.G.R. Middlesex.
H. LOVEGROVE, P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex 30°.
JOHN GREENFIELD, P.M. 795 1602 I.P.Z. 1602 18° Invicta Chapter.
W. T. BUCK, P.M. 1702 P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex.
NELSON REED, P.M. 1572 1601 1671.
CHARLES S. BUCK, P.M. 1702, P.G. Steward Middlesex.
JOHN DRAPER, J.W. 1702.

Proxies will be received by Bro. JOHN GREENFIELD, 37 Queen Victoria Street, E.C., or either of the above brethren.

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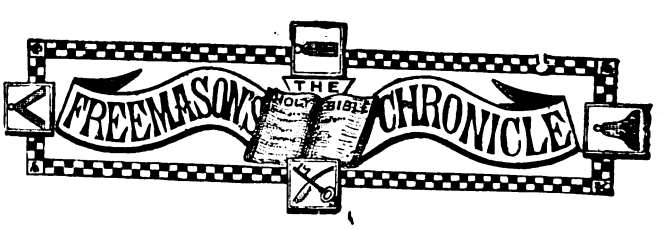
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LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT LEICESTER.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., the ceremony of laying the Memorial Stone of the Children's Hospital for Leicester, was performed by the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Alderman T. Wright, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, and under the most favourable auspices, the weather being beautifully fine and the interest of the proceedings being much enhanced by the attendance of a large number of the Masonic brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, who took part in the ceremonial with the accustomed

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ritual of the Fraternity. The assemblage of such a large gathering of the Masonic Fraternity from all parts of the Province was not only a marked tribute to the esteem in which the Mayor is held by that body, in which he has attained to the rank of Past Master and Past Provincial Grand Registrar, but was also a cordial recognition of the zealous and well directed efforts of his Worship, to which Leicester entirely owes this valuable addition to its numerous organizations for the relief of our suffering fellow creatures. When first the suggestion was made that the stone should be laid with Masonic honours it was adopted with the utmost enthusiasm by the Fraternity, and the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master was pleased to direct that a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should be summoned for the purpose. Accordingly the brethren assembled in a convenient portion of the present Infirmary Buildings, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. S. S. Partridge (P.A.G.D.C. England) in the absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Amongst the brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge were the following :—Robert Brewin P.P.G.J.W. Devon Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, S. Cleaver P.G.S.W., J. T. Thorp P.P.J.G.W. Acting Prov. J.G.W., the Revs. W. R. Hurd and Selwyn C. Freer Prov. G. Chaplains, R. Waite Prov. G. Treasurer, Rev. C. Heaton Wood P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Secretary, Miles J. Walker P.P.J.G.W. Prov. G.D.C., W. H. Lead Prov. A.G.D.C., G. Jessop Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. J. Freer P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. Newsome and J. E. Beasley Prov. G. Standard Bearers, C. Garden P.P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bach., F.C.O., Prov. G. Org., John Young, E. Holmes and R. B. Starkey Prov. G. Stewards, James Tanser Prov. G. Tyler, Dr. W. Rhys-Williams (P.A.G.D.C. England), the Rev. S. W. Wigg P.P.G.C., F. J. Baines and T. W. Clarke P.P.S.G.W.'s, Joseph Young P.P.J.G.W., J. H. Marshall P.P.G.A.D.C., R. S. Toller P.P.G. Reg., J. Hassall, W. A. Musson, R. Michie, J. H. Thompson, and J. O. Law P.P.G.D.'s, F. B. Wilmer and J. Marson P.P.G. Sup. W., E. Simpkin, E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and I. Harrison P.P.G. Standard Bearers, T. B. Laxton and W. T. Rowlett P.P.G.O.'s, R. L. Gibson P.P.G.P., T. Coltman W.M. 1265, J. B. Fowler W.M. 1360, J. G. Simpkin W.M. 2028, T. Corcoran W.M. 1007, T. G. Charlesworth W.M. 523, J. L. West W.M. 2081, J. Vaughan P.M. 86, E. Dutton P.M. 1432, F. G. Boden P.M. 779, Col. C. Phillips P.M. 13, W. H. Goodwin P.M. 1265, S. Knight P.M. 1891, W. Maurice Williams S.W. 279, J. B. Waring S.W. 523, G. C. Oliver S.W. 1007, and W. H. Iley J.W. 2028. In addition there were present a very large number of Officers and brethren of the several Craft Lodges. After opening Provincial Grand Lodge and calling the rolls of Officers and Lodges, an interesting letter was read from R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., expressing his great regret that he was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings of the day and from complying with the D.P.G.M.'s wish that he should conduct the Masonic ceremony. Other business having been disposed of, the brethren were marshalled in procession in the order prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and marched to the site of the new hospital, the general effect being much heightened by displaying the handsome banners of the several Lodges. The brethren having assumed their places, an appropriate prayer was offered up by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. A glass bottle containing local newspapers, documents, &c., was then placed by the Prov. Grand Treasurer in a cavity in the lower stone and the Mayor spread the cement, after which the memorial stone was lowered to suitable music rendered by the Police Band. On completion of this operation the Acting Provincial Grand Master addressed the spectators according to ancient custom. The stone was then tried with the proper jewels of office, and the corn, wine, oil, and salt sprinkled, with the customary formalities, the ceremony being completed by the Acting R.W. P.G.M. handing the mallet to the Mayor, who after striking with it three times upon the stone, declared the same to be laid in proper form. The Mayor then addressed the assembly, and in the course of his speech briefly explained the gratifying circumstances under which the movement had been started and carried to that advanced stage, remarking that he thought the success which had attended their efforts to raise the fund had been unprecedented, for in response to the first circular which was sent out there was in six weeks a promise of subscriptions to the amount of £6000. The original idea was to raise £7000, which, at the time, it was thought would cover all expenses down to the opening of the building, but this was found to be insufficient, and the need for further help had only to be made known to bring in many more contributions from town and county till the Mayor had the gratification to be able to announce, on Tuesday, that no less a sum than £8,400 had altogether been promised, with a further sum of £105 as annual subscriptions towards the working expenses. When in full work it is estimated the cost of carrying on the Institution will be from £1200 to £1500 a year, but there can be little doubt that the benevolent public will readily contribute whatever sum is found to be necessary for such a laudable and valuable undertaking. The silver trowel used in the course of the ceremony was next presented to the Mayor, as a memento of the occasion, and suitably acknowledged by his Worship. The procession then reformed and returned to the Lodge room, where, after voting ten guineas to the fund for the Children's Hospital, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In conclusion it is only just to state that the whole of the arrangements for the Masonic ceremony were undertaken and most ably carried out by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Bro. Miles J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., to whose untiring exertions the success of the entire proceedings was in a great measure due.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY AT GRANGEMOUTH.

AT Grangemouth, on Monday, the 1st inst., the memorial stone of the Victoria Public Library Building was laid with Masonic honours by the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern District of Yorkshire, and a member of Zetland Lodge, No. 391, Grangemouth. Among those who came from Falkirk there was a very strong muster of members of the St. John Lodge, No. 16, and Callendar Lodge, No. 588, who had been invited to take part in the Masonic ceremony, while the ranks of the local brethren of the mystic tie, Zetland Lodge, 391, were further swelled by Masons representing the Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, Carron Lodge 139, St. John Lodge 176, Denny and Dennyloanhead, the representatives of which also included a number from Bonnybridge, Linlithgow, No. 17, Stirling Ancient No. 30, Tullialian No. 598, and Lodges Nos. 683, 437, 409, and 223. The Masons donned their regalia at the Victoria Hall, in Grange Street, which is the meeting place of Zetland Lodge 391. The entrance to the hall, as well as the walls of the hall itself, were covered with flags. Lord Zetland wore the green regalia of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, and walked at the extreme rear of the procession by the side of Bro. Wm. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, who is the architect of the new building. Bro. John Taylor, St. John Lodge, No. 16, Falkirk, was Acting Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies. The Volunteers were under the command of Lieutenant Spence, Surgeon Dr. Linton being also present. The place where the memorial stone was laid is in the doorway on the east front corner of the building, leading into the reading room. The space which is to be occupied as reading room had been temporarily fitted up with wooden tiers of seats, admission to which, for the purpose of viewing the whole proceedings, was by special ticket. After the company had taken up their positions around the memorial stone, the bands outside played "God Save the Queen." Following this, Bro. the Rev. Alex. Falconer, Denny, Grand Chaplain of Stirlingshire, engaged in most impressive prayer. Bro. Black P.G.M. then said :—By authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I call upon the Earl of Zetland to lay the memorial stone of this building. The stone was held in position by means of a pulley, and being raised, there was inserted in an aperture under it a bottle containing a photograph of the building, several Jubilee coins, copies of daily papers and of last Saturday's *Falkirk Herald*. Before the stone was lowered into its place the Masonic form of words and procedure prescribed for such ceremonials was taken part in by the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, and officials of Zetland Lodge. Lord Zetland touched the mortar with a trowel which has a silver blade and ivory handle, and was afterwards presented to him in a morocco case. While the first part of the ceremony was in progress the band played "All people that on earth do dwell." The stone was thereafter lowered into position and declared well and truly laid, the Earl placing upon it corn taken from a silver mounted cornucopia, and pouring over the corn, from silver vases, wine and oil. The band next played the "Merry Masons," and the conclusion of the Masonic ceremony was greeted with loud cheers.

In the evening the Earl of Zetland and Freemasons from Lodges outside of Grangemouth were entertained by the Zetland Lodge to a cake and wine banquet in the Victoria Hall. Fully 150 of the Masonic brethren were present. The Lodge had been opened before the procession by Bro. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master, who now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hendry R.W.M. of Zetland Lodge 391, and the Lodge proceeded from labour to refreshment.

Bro. Hendry R.W.M. proposed the toasts of Holy St. John Lodge and the Queen and the Craft.

Bro. Finlayson was then called upon to propose the Three Grand Lodges. They were all very well aware, he said, of the able manner in which the Grand Lodge of England was presided over by the Heir Apparent the Prince of Wales. A more enthusiastic Freemason they could not have. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was very ably represented by Sir Archibald Campbell. The active interest with which he looked over Scottish Masons had done a great deal to promote and assist not only the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but the Lodges of the various Provinces, and the individual Lodges also. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had not been so well off, nor probably so successful in its operations, as its sister Grand Lodges. However, they hoped the day was not far distant when they would see the Grand Lodge of Ireland in as prosperous a condition as its two sister Grand Lodges.

Bro. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, whose name was coupled with the toast, returned sincere thanks on behalf of the Three Grand Lodges. He could not say much with regard to Ireland, although he had heard on one occasion an Irish brother reply to that same toast, and he said that Ireland was in a very flourishing condition, so far as Masonry was concerned. That was only a few months ago. In regard to England, they were that day intimately associated with an English Freemason, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. It certainly said a good deal for him that he had come so far to lay the memorial stone of the Free Library. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was at present in a most flourishing state. They had a benefit fund which would be put in operation in the course of a month or six weeks, whereby there would be from 20 to 30 individuals receiving £10 to £20 every year. Shortly, however, the Grand Lodge of Scotland expected to be in possession of a fund of £10,000. That sum had amassed very quickly, as only a few years ago there was a debt of £12,000 on the Grand Lodge. What he had said showed that Masonry in Scotland was at this day in a most flourishing state.

Bro. Hendry R.W.M.—We are now come to a very important toast, the health of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. In rising to propose the health of our distinguished brother, I can assure you I do so with the greatest diffidence. That diffidence arises from a want of knowledge of him. Lest that may appear somewhat peculiar, I would remind the brethren present that his Lordship's visits are few and brief, and he seldom affords us an opportunity of meeting with him. I can assure you, brethren—and I am sure you are at one with me in saying this—that the rarity and brevity of his visits are very much to be regretted. We all wish exceedingly that his Lordship could see it to be to his advantage to come among us oftener, and stay longer than he has been in the habit of doing hitherto. I know the feeling of the brethren of this Lodge, and I know every one present would be delighted with his Lordship were he to visit us

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oftener and remain longer. Speaking from the personal knowledge we have of his Lordship, I have no hesitation in saying he is a gentleman possessed of a very liberal mind, and is ever ready to come forward when able to do good. We have had a most striking instance of his liberality to-day. He has, as you are all aware, contributed a handsome sum towards the building fund of the Library. That Library, as his Lordship has pointed out, will, it is to be hoped, prove a boon and benefit to the people of Grangemouth, and I am confident his Lordship is prepared to assist, not only the public Library, but anything that has a tendency towards the welfare of this particular section of his domains. This is the third occasion on which his Lordship has come to Grangemouth for the purpose of laying a memorial stone, and on every occasion I have had the honour of taking part in the demonstration. I hope that his Lordship will soon be here again for the purpose of laying another memorial stone, and that it will be the memorial stone of Zetland Lodge, of which his Lordship is a member. We all know that his Lordship has contributed to several local matters recently, and it is just possible he may pay a visit to Zetland Lodge. When he does come I have no doubt he will treat us in the same handsome manner as he has done the Public Library.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, the brethren singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Lord Zetland, on rising to reply, said: Right Worshipful Master and Brethren, I beg to thank you most sincerely for the extremely kind manner in which this toast has been proposed, and for the very cordial manner in which it has been received. I can only say that in proposing this toast the Worshipful Master of this Lodge has spoken of me in much too flattering terms. I can assure you, brethren, I have looked back on every occasion on which I have come to Grangemouth in a public capacity with the greatest possible pleasure, and the cordial and kind manner in which I have always been received on these occasions has been deeply imprinted on my memory, and it will be long before I forget what has passed on the present occasion. I confess that the Worshipful Master of this Lodge has paid me the greatest possible honour in saying that it is his wish, and the wish of the other members, that my visits to Grangemouth should be more frequent and of longer duration. He has been good enough to say he hopes the day will soon arrive when I will come to lay a Lodge memorial stone, and do it in a handsome manner. I can only say that when the time arrives that question will receive very great consideration from me. My only regret on this occasion is that it is not in my power to spend a longer time with you. I must thank you most sincerely for your kind reception, and before I sit down I must say that I feel the thanks of those who have taken part in the ceremony to-day are due to the Worshipful Master and brethren for their most excellent arrangements and kind hospitality—the excellent arrangements for carrying out the proceedings of the day, and the kind hospitality of which we have been partakers.

Lord Zetland left shortly after concluding his remarks, the brethren rising to their feet and honouring him by singing the "Merry Masons" as he withdrew.

Several other toasts were given.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading, in last week's issue, you strongly urge the absolute necessity for the Committee to declare a larger number of vacancies for election on the 27th inst. Now, it must be well known to every observant visitor to the Girls' School that the class rooms and dining room are full, the latter to overflowing—whilst the dormitories are crowded in every corner; with this fact before us, you say "it would be hard to justify the action of the Committee in refusing to declare extra vacancies." Why? Simply because the Craft has contributed a large sum at the recent Festival—not because the buildings are capable of holding more children. In my humble opinion the fewer we admit the better, during the reconstruction of the buildings. The additional beds at the Junior School will certainly not hold the children displaced for a time during building operations. For these reasons I entirely disagree with your leader, nor can I advocate paying for children out of the School. Those who were acquainted with these Institutions 30 years ago will remember how this privilege was abused, more particularly in the case of the Boys.

If you can find space for the above you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

A VICE PATRON OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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St. James's.—This theatre was re-opened on Saturday last, when Mr. Rutland Barrington entered into possession. The piece chosen was Messrs. Sydney Grundy and F. C. Philips' four act play "The Dean's Daughter." Albeit this is well written and constructed, it is a play that leaves an unsavoury flavour behind it. Doubtless the characters are taken from real life, but we hardly think such people are desirable on the stage. The plot is as follows: The Rev. Augustus St. Aubyn deliberately sells his daughter in marriage to a man who is old enough to be her father, with result that unpleasant times come about. Sir Henry Craven is proud of having such a woman for his bride, but he also has dealings with another woman, and his escapade is the talk of the clubs. The young wife accidentally hears that her husband is going to Constantinople and is about to take another woman with him. She begs her husband to take her, but he declines. After warning him there is danger in leaving her behind, she makes a final plea, but the old man is obstinate. Of course the wife is subjected to temptation by a young and handsome man being thrown in her way, and when her husband learns of this he returns, only to find her in the arms of her admirer, who has caught her as she fainted, after being insulted by Russian prince. A divorce follows, and not until the wife has gone through some further trouble is she allowed to meet her real lover, who promises to make her his wife. The termination to the play is most abrupt, and leaves the audience to form its own conclusion on many details. Luckily the acting is good; if it were not the play would be uninteresting. As the Rev. St. Aubyn, Mr. Barrington has a very difficult part, and but for very careful handling it would become repulsive. A clergyman who thinks of nothing else than drinking and eating, and who preaches Christian resignation, is hardly an agreeable acquaintance. Miss Olga Nethersole was most earnest as the young wife; her scene in the second act was capitally enacted, while in other parts she played with dignity and feeling. Miss Caroline Hill delivered the good lines she had with point, and by that means enlivened the piece considerably. Mr. Lewis Waller made a manly and interesting lover. Mr. John Beauchamp was the husband, Mr. Edward Sass the Russian Prince, while Miss Adrienne Dairolles made a capital servant. The piece was carefully mounted and staged.

Princess's.—Several changes in "The Still Alarm" have recently been inaugurated, and with advantage. The piece has been made more English, a fire engine of the London type is now requisitioned, while two English horses have been substituted for the American ones. The "pruning knife" has been liberally used, and the play runs along smoothly. Mr. Charles Glenny now plays the hero, and in such a spirited manner that the piece is greatly benefited. Another alteration is Mr. Bassett Roe as Doc Wilbur in the place of Mr. Harry Parker. The broken down old cripple is most forcibly portrayed by Mr. Roe, who acts with such nervous force throughout that he brings an already prominent part right to the front. Mr. E. W. Garden has taken Mr. Harry Nicholls part of Willie Manley, and is exceedingly amusing, while Mr. G. Dalzell now makes a fairly good Franklin Fordham. Mr. W. L. Abingdon is good as John Bird, while Miss Fanny Leslie and Miss Cicely Richards are as amusing as ever.

Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Henry Pettitt for the production of "Hands Across the Sea" at the Princess's Theatre, to follow "The Still Alarm," the first week in November. The cast will be an exceptionally strong one, and the scenery, which is very elaborate, will be painted by several of the leading artists.

Saturday, the 27th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition (the Sixteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, 29th inst.

Brother J. F. H. Woodward, who since the lamented decease of Bro. Henry Levander has so ably undertaken the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for the Province of Middlesex, finding his engagements now occupy all his time, has deemed it necessary to tender his resignation as Provincial Grand Secretary, to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, which resignation Sir Francis Burdett has accepted. We are informed that Sir Francis has appointed as Bro. Woodward's successor Bro. Howard H. Room P.M. and present J.W. Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, and he trusts the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges will give to him the same cordial support in carrying on the business of the Province which they have accorded to Bro. Woodward during the past four years. Bro. Room's address is 30 Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, S.W., and all communications relating to Masonic business in connection with the Province of Middlesex should in future be addressed to him.

Comp. W. H. Lee P.P.G. Standard Bearer, and lately Assistant Provincial Grand Scribe E., will succeed Comp. Woodward as Scribe E. of the Province of Middlesex. Comp. Lee's address is 32 Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E., to him all communications relating to Chapter business should in future be addressed.

We must crave indulgence from our friends. We are again compelled to hold over several important matters.

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PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. It was scrolling meeting, and occasion was taken of that most interesting circumstance to impress upon the Worshipful Master, Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., the deep feelings of personal regard with which he is regarded by the brethren, for during his most happy year of office not one cloud has threatened to mar the harmony and unanimity which is one of the most noteworthy characteristics of this Lodge. The business commenced at three o'clock, and the W.M. (Bro. Tudor Trevor) was supported by Bros. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. I.P.M., Dr. Cartwright Smyth P.M. P.G. Chaplain, Watson P.M. S.W., Middleton J.W., R. Abbott Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Evans as Chaplain, S. Scott Young Secretary, J. G. Fretwell S.D., T. Atkinson J.D., Butterworth I.G., B. S. Bailey Steward, L. Howarth Organist, Begbie Abbott, R. A. Smithson, Thornton Jones, Rev. J. E. Bentley, B. Bentley, Cryer, Wilkinson, Edward Ellis, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., F. G. Dimery P.M., José Rickard W.M. 304, Flockton P.M. 1042, and many others. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Geo. Pratt was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. C. L. Mason. The scrolling for incoming W.M. was then proceeded with, Bro. Watson receiving a unanimous call to that exalted honour, a choice which as much redounded to the credit of the Lodge as to Bro. Watson, whose fame as a Masonic author and authority is known far beyond the limits of Leeds. This will be the third time Bro. Watson has been called upon to fill the chair of K.S. Bro. Robt. Abbott was again unanimously chosen as Treasurer of the Lodge, the announcement of his election being received with the liveliest expressions of satisfaction. Bro. S. Barrand was also re-appointed Tyler of the Lodge, a post which he has hitherto filled with marked ability. Bros. Watson and Middleton were elected Auditors of the Lodge funds, the W.M. nominating Bro. Fretwell as his representative. Bro. Craig then moved that a P.M.'s founder's jewel, of the Lodge pattern, should be presented to the W.M. out of the Lodge funds, and this, on being seconded by Bro. Mason, was carried with acclamation, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Tudor Trevor. Bro. Trevor then delivered a short valedictory address from the chair. He said it is now my duty to render an account of my Stewardship during the past year, and I feel very thankful that it is a satisfactory account that I can give to you. During the year of my Mastership I have had the satisfaction of initiating six new members of the Lodge and of enrolling two new joining members. On the 14th of January we voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On 14th February Bro. Watson was appointed Hon. Curator and Librarian of the Provincial Library and Museum, and as an evidence of the way in which he has discharged his duties in that connection, I will refer you to the forthcoming report of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Keighley. On the 10th of March we signalised the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, by sending a congratulatory telegram to their Royal Highnesses, to which a suitable and gracious reply was received. On the 14th April we received the said announcement of the death of the Rev. T. Greenbury, 304, Prov. G. Chaplain, and the following month we were called upon to deplore the decease of another clerical brother, the Rev. E. W. Makinson P.M. 289 P.P.G.C. On 14th July you were kind enough to sympathise with me in the loss of my dear father, the late Canon Trevor, D.D., Rector of Beeford. The manner in which your sympathy was expressed to me I shall never forget, and the engrossed resolution will ever be one of the most prized and cherished of my possessions. So much for the history of the Lodge, and if it has been a successful history it is because you have made it so; it is because you have recognised your responsibilities, and because you have recognised the subordination you owed to the various Officers of the Lodge. You have by your help and consideration made the ruling of this Lodge practically a very easy task during the past year. I feel to-night very much like the Captain of a ship on returning to England after a long voyage. I have brought my ship into port after a prosperous voyage. I thank the Great Architect of the Universe that He has given me health and strength to bring my ship so splendidly into harbour, as I have done to-night; and I also thank Him for the pleasure he has afforded me in having so completely won your esteem and affection. I now must formally bid you all good-bye. I thank you again and again for your constant kindness, your persevering kindness. It has been a most happy and successful year, though I take no credit personally that it has been so, any credit there may be is due to you. Let me, then, in conclusion, ask you in all earnestness and sincerity indelibly to imprint upon your hearts and minds that sentence which is the very incarnation of the true spirit of Masonry, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Hearty good wishes were passed round, visitors rising with brethren of the Lodge to show to their out-going W.M. the sincerity of their sentiments of affection and esteem. After high tea the W.M. elect was heartily congratulated upon his selection, and he and all the Officers tendered to Bro. Trevor the earnest assurance that the Masonic year just ended had been one of the happiest in their experience. The usual toasts were interspersed with songs, not the least interesting contribution being that of Bro. Culleyn, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., who gave a cordial invitation to brethren who might cross the Atlantic.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, 16th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Chillingworth P.M., &c. W.M., I. Botibol S.W., Liscombe J.W., A. Cohen S.D., Poynter J.D., Franz I.G.; also Bros. Garrard, Marcus, Pegè, Rosenberg, Goodinge, Roberts, Marks, and Saqui (Secretary). The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, the Master discharging his functions in an excellent manner, well becoming one so experienced in the Craft.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum; or the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. London: Vol. I. Part IV.

THIS welcome serial embraces the proceedings of the Lodge, and the literary contributions of its inner and outer circle, between the 4th of May and the close of September, in the current year. The papers, or essays, actually read in the Lodge are two in number; one, entitled "Scottish Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges," by Bro. G. W. Speth; and the other, "Masters' Lodges," by Bro. John Lane. Both are of rare excellence, and fully uphold the high standard of intrinsic merit and literary workmanship which the previous lectures of a similar character have essentially stamped as one of, and perhaps the most remarkable of, the evidences of thoroughness that meet the eye in every printed record of this Lodge.

The Secretary, Bro. Speth, had to grapple with a somewhat formidable subject, but may be justly said to have brought a quantity of rude matter into due form. His way of putting old things in a new light, and the inferences and conjectures he sprinkles so pleasantly with the narrative, not only rivet the attention, but place before us a vision of potentialities with regard to the past of Freemasonry.

Bro. Lane's paper throws a quantity of much needed light on a subject which has hitherto lain very much in the dark. Thus, it proves to demonstration that the third degree only began to take firm root in our English Lodges, as an additional ceremonial, in the fourth decade of the last century.

The miscellaneous contributions to what is now the only "Magazine" of the British Craft, comprise "The Roman Legend of the Quattro Incoronati," by Bro. S. Russell Forbes, of Rome; some "Notes" on unrecognised Lodges and degrees, by Bro. Yarker; "An Attempt to Classify the Old Charges," by Dr. Begemann P.Prov. G.M. of Rostock; together with "Kaiser Wilhelm as a Mason," and the "Quatuor Coronati Abroad," being a record of the "Visitations" of the W.M. and Secretary to Holland and Belgium, by Bro. Speth. There is also an amusing notice by the last named brother of an attack by Bro. Findel on the "Masonic youngsters" of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which appeared in the "Bauhütte." The remarks of Bro. Speth we shall hope to find room for in another issue. The correspondence circle, or literary society of the Lodge, we are glad to find has attained a grand total of 419.

The Rye Lodge, No. 2272, will be consecrated on Monday next, at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, S.E. The proceedings will commence at four p.m.; Bro. Colonel S. H. Clerke (Grand Secretary) will be the Consecrating Officer, while Bro. J. W. Dewsnap P.M. 188, &c., is the Worshipful Master designate.

"The Woman's World," edited by Mr. Oscar Wilde, will be enlarged with the November part without increase of price.

An etching of Meissonier's picture, "The Painter," will appear in "The Magazine of Art" for November, which commences a new volume.

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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, 20th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1634—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. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
548—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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
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.
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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
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)
840—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
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)
1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1913—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—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)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
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, 24th OCTOBER.

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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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 (In)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1640—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1689—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Horusea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th 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 (Instruction)
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 (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 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
757—Hyde Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Bamford House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct.)
1336—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1349—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1503—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thetherton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

NO apology is needed on our part for again referring to the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. At the present time they may be said to form the all-absorbing topic in Masonic circles, and in making the statement that we are now passing through a most critical period in their history, we are only expressing the opinion of many who take an interest in their welfare. We are aware that some of our views in regard to the future of the great Central Charities are regarded as of a pessimist character, and we have been told that some of our remarks are "eminently calculated to arouse feelings of despondency and distrust." This expression of opinion from so high an authority as the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys naturally calls for more than passing notice at our hands. We should be very sorry indeed if anything we said or did proved detrimental to the Charities of the Order, or the general welfare of the Craft, but we have facilities of acquiring knowledge which it is impossible for the management of the Institutions to possess, and although we are far from believing all that is told us, we cannot always disregard the voice of the masses.

The remarks of Bro. Binckes, to which we have alluded, were made in reference to what was said in our issue of the 8th September, when, in discussing the cost of the Masonic Institutions, we argued that unless some radical change was made in the Central Charities of the Order the larger Provinces would withdraw their support, and spend their charity funds locally. We instanced the case of a "foremost Provincial Masonic Charity Fund" which had recently made a bargain with an outside Charity to maintain three orphans.

To be precise, we may say that the Province is West Lancashire, and the outside Charity, the London Orphan Asylum, the schools of which are at Watford. As we said before, so we say now, we do not begrudge this support being given to an outside Institution, but why should the Masonic Funds of West Lancashire be spent outside the Charities of the Order? In face of such facts are we pessimist in writing as we have recently had occasion to write? To put it in the mildest form, it is anything but complimentary to the Masonic Institutions, even if it is not a direct condemnation of their management, that West Lancashire should make a twenty-one years' bargain to support the London Orphan Asylum in preference to either the Boys' or Girls' Masonic Institutions.

As a proof that our remarks of the 8th September have a substantial basis we will refer to the report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, held on the 3rd of the present month, which appeared in our pages of the 6th. Therein will be found justification for the "pessimist" view we expressed a few weeks previously, of an ultimate withdrawal of Provincial support from the London Institutions. The Secretary of West Lancashire, in his annual report, speaks of the Charities of the Province as performing a good and useful work, and increasing their operations. In conclusion, says the report, it is considered that "the Grand Lodge should bestow Charity Jewels upon brethren presenting twenty-four guineas to Provincial Institutions, *instead of being compelled to subscribe only to the Central Charities.*" (The italics are our own). It was further suggested that the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers might press the matter upon the attention of Grand Lodge. To all of this the Provincial Grand Master, who it must be remembered is the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, replied, expressing satisfaction that so much was being done in the way of Charity in his district. He further stated how glad he was that a Committee had been formed to inquire into the status of the Boys' School. In face of all this can it for one moment be urged that the Central Masonic Institutions are not in danger of losing the support of West Lancashire? and if that important Province goes who shall name the one to follow, or where the secession shall stop?

The Charity Jewel of Grand Lodge has hitherto been a strong incentive to brethren to support the London Institutions, but now a proposal is regularly put forward, and in one of the most, if not the most influential quarter, to throw its honours open to all. It may not be this year, or even next year, that this proposed change is agreed to, but can it be stopped much longer? When it does come it removes the only tie which binds the Provinces to the London Charities, and yet there are some who say that Provincial complaints in regard to cost and management are unworthy of any serious consideration. When the question of expense is raised the most popular reply is that at the Masonic Institutions everything is done in a better manner than at outside charities. This may be true, but is it wise? There are many men who would be content to sacrifice a few of the "luxuries" of the Masonic Educational Institutions, if by so doing more extended benefits were possible. It is no use answering a man who complains of expense by telling him that his work is being done better than he desires it. He is content to have it well done, and if the London Institutions object to work to his order he goes elsewhere, and is satisfied at getting what he wants. It is absurd to tell men that a child cannot possibly be properly educated and maintained at a given figure when the same men are performing what they ask in their own district; and if we urge that a such line of argument must ultimately end in disaster somewhere we think it is only expressing a reasonable belief. The question is, where will the disaster fall? and it is this question which presents itself at the present moment. We are of opinion that the London Institutions will suffer, and we think we have said enough in support

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of our view. It is for those who hold the opposite opinion to make their defence, while it is only to the future we can look for an ultimate and reliable verdict.

One feature in connection with this subject, from which we expect much is, the inquiry about to take place into the discipline, expenditure, and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The special Committee appointed to make this inquiry will meet at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday and Friday next, the 1st and 2nd November. It is not expected that the inquiry will be completed in those two days, as the matters to be looked into are numerous, and the evidence to be sifted too important for hasty dismissal. We believe, however, the right men have been appointed on the Committee, to ensure a thorough and impartial investigation, and whatever decision they may arrive at we believe it will prove of ultimate advantage to the Institution. If everything is right confidence will be restored, and if anything is wrong we may be sure an immediate alteration will be attempted.

Turning now to the Sister Institution we have again to defend ourselves. We recently said it was a great disappointment to the Craft that no increased vacancies had been declared as a result of the splendid success of the Centenary Festival, and such is the case. A "VICE PATRON OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS" entirely disagrees with our remarks, as his letter in our last issue shows. He says that the fewer children admitted during the reconstruction of the buildings the better, while he is also averse to paying for children out of the School. We admit the justice of the former objection, but cannot agree in regard to the latter, neither can we approve of the action of the management in allowing the election following the Centenary celebration to pass without some tangible and immediate mark of their appreciation of what was done by the Craft in connection with that celebration. If the new buildings are not, and cannot be ready for additional pupils at the ordinary time of admission, it would have been politic to declare the vacancies, on the understanding that the children could not be admitted until the necessary alterations were completed, but to allow the Centenary year to pass without any tangible mark of appreciation of what was done, is neither wise nor justifiable. We are aware more than one "thank offering" has been made in connection with this year's celebration; but unfortunately they have been of a character rather calculated to annoy than appease the general body of subscribers. At the June General Committee of the Institution it was decided to expend the sum of one hundred guineas in order to present the staff and pupils with a medal or badge to commemorate the Centenary. On the principle that to those that have shall be given, we suppose this expenditure was justifiable. A little later it is proposed to increase the salary of the Secretary and make him a handsome present for his share in the success of this year's Festival. The gratuity was opposed, but the increase of salary was augmented, so as to make Bro. Hedges' salary the same as that of his colleagues of the other Institutions. This means an increase of salary for Bro. Hedges of two hundred pounds per annum, so that he at least will be able to point to some tangible benefit as the result of the Centenary celebration. But what about the poor widows and orphans who are refused any aid in their hour of distress, and cannot get any further satisfaction than to be told that the pupils already in the Institution had a hundred guineas spent in the purchase of a Centenary memorial, while the Secretary's salary was raised from £500 to £700 per annum. It is not for us to complain, if the men who subscribe the money desire to spend it in this way; on the contrary, we heartily congratulate Bro. Hedges on having such appreciative employers, but we must be excused if we consider that such lavish expenditure is likely to lead to a considerable withdrawal of sympathy from the Educational Institutions.

The hundred guineas to which we have referred above as being voted to provide a medal or badge for the staff and pupils of the Institution was expended by the House Committee in a most satisfactory manner. They had the money to spend, and they laid it out most judiciously in the purchase of a brooch for each of the recipients, those of the staff being of gold, and those for the children of silver. We have pleasure in presenting a sketch of this presentation, and from the specimen we have seen we have no hesitation in saying that the article forms a most pleasing memento of the occasion it is intended to celebrate. The brooch was designed by our esteemed Grand Secretary of England, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, while its manufacture was entrusted to Messrs. Johnson, Walker, and Tolhurst, of 80 Aldersgate Street, the same firm who manufactured the diamond butterfly presented by the Freemasons of England to the Princess of Wales as a memorial of her Silver Wedding. The work was splendidly executed, and we need hardly say that the recipients fully appreciate the kindly consideration which has been shown them.



COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 243).

BRO. SADLER says that (J. N.) "was forgotten when bumps of veneration were served out," and, on the other hand, I admit that Bro. Sadler was not forgotten upon that occasion, for otherwise he would not have ventured to whitewash the originators of the Ancients. But, notwithstanding his large venerating bump, he knows too much of Masonic history to believe Dermott's story that the Moderns altered or changed the Master's word "in or about 1717." Hence, he places the year of *innovation* to "in or about 1730." But whether the Grand Lodge ordered in 1750 to change *the Master's word*, or to *transpose something in the two first degrees*, seems to puzzle Bro. Sadler. And this theory he derived, not from the records, but from something he read here and something there, which, with the aid of a little imagination, he persuaded himself that the Grand Lodge of England authorised, as innovations, in 1730. Preston, indeed, assigns the year of innovation to 1739, but Bro. Sadler's *veneration* does not extend to Preston, and he does not believe Preston.

That the ritual underwent a succession of innovations after 1730 I frankly admit; for instance, the O.B. of 1730 is twice as long as the O.B. of 1724. In the O.B. of 1730 St. John is not mentioned, but in later rituals we find that "the Lodge was dedicated to St. John." In 1730 working tools were not symbolised at all; in 1760, only in first degree were the working tools explained, and later on they explained the working tools of all the degrees. Nay, even before 1730 the ritual was tinkered, for in 1723 it was said that a Mason came "from the Lodge of St. Stephen," but in the next ritual I find that he came "from the Lodge of St. John," and even the Master's word was tinkered *before* 1730, when different Master's words were communicated in different Lodges; and finally, to prevent confusion, both words were given in England. Henry Price, however, in 1733, brought with him to America the oldest word only,

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and they never *had in America more than one word in the third degree.* And the "parallel lines" with "Jacob's ladder," &c., were not manufactured until after 1770. Thomas Smith Webb first introduced the parallel lines into the American ritual in 1797. Whether the "parallel lines" were manufactured by the Ancients or Moderns I know not. But as the Ancients' ritual was introduced into Pennsylvania before the parallel lines were manufactured, and as the Pennsylvanian Masons have never innovated from the old ritual, derived as they supposed from Prince Edwin of York, hence they know nothing about the parallel lines, and if you ask one of them to explain "the point within a circle," he will stare wildly and ask, "What is that?" The fact is, the Masonic ritual in the last century was tinkered again and again, some things were left out and some things added. It was so in America and it was so wherever Masonry was introduced.

Now, I presume that in Ireland they were also blessed with Masonic improvers and ritual tinkers; for instance, in the list of English Lodges printed in 1735 in Smith's Pocket Companion, No. 79 was vacant, but in the Dublin edition the Irish reprinter filled up blank space to No. 79 with "Water Street, Philadelphia." We also know that previous to 1744 the Royal Arch Degree was first planted in Dublin. The installation of Masters, with words, signs and grips thereunto belonging, was an early Irish invention, and so were the Officers known as "Senior and Junior Deacons." Now, every Mason after his initiation is impressed with a belief that the ritual descended to us from King Solomon, that Masons always adhered to ancient landmarks, and that consequently Masons have the same ritual, word for word, the world over. Now, Bro. Dermott was initiated in Dublin, in 1746, he was Master of a Lodge in Dublin, and was *Royal Arched* in Dublin. When, therefore, he came to London and found that the Dublin and London rituals differed in some respects, he imagined that as they in Dublin had the Royal Arch degree, of which the English Masons knew nothing, the *Dublinites*, so he thought, ought to be regarded as greater Masonic luminaries than the *Londoners;* hence he was persuaded that the Irish ritual was ancient, or more in accordance with the old ritual of Solomon, or at least of the one used at York in the days of Prince Edwin, and he *therefore* may have felt himself justified in doing what he did. But although he must afterwards have been better informed, he still continued to swear, through thick and thin, that his Grand Lodge was ancient and the old one was modern.

But while I admit that changes were made in the English ritual, I cannot believe that the Grand Lodge of England ever sanctioned the transposition of words from one degree to another; and though an additional word was sanctioned in one degree, the rotation of the words were never changed by its authority. I know that such is the case in some jurisdictions on the Continent. But I suspect that the change was introduced there by a German, who introduced an English ritual into Hamburg late in the last century, and that he belonged in London to a Lodge of the Ancients. Bro. Speth may know something about this; but whether the said German brother made the change, or whether the Ancients did it I do not know; but I do not believe that the 1717 Grand Lodge ever authorised such a change; and if neither of the London Grand Lodges authorised the transposition of words, then the said bodies differed only in nothing more important than *tweedledee* and *tweedledum.*

I will now proceed to give some of Bro. Sadler's quotations from the records, upon which he bases his theory, that important changes were authorised by the Grand Lodge of England, in or soon after 1730. *He says, p* 157:

"In the regular Grand Lodge, April 12th 1809, the following resolution was passed, printed in the report, and circulated among the Lodges under its jurisdiction, viz.:

"That this Grand Lodge do agree in opinion with the Committee of Charity; that it is not necessary any longer to continue in force those measures which were resorted to in or about the year 1739, respecting irregular Masons, and do therefore enjoin the several Lodges to revert to the Ancient landmarks of the Society."

Upon which Bro. Sadler remarks:

"We have in this resolution two very important admissions on the part of the body from which it emanated, namely, that they had previously departed from the ancient landmarks *of the Order*, and were ignorant of the precise period when this event occurred."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Sadler, I beg to say that I do not believe that the Committee of Charity of 1809, or those who passed the above resolution, really and truly knew what the ancient landmarks were. All the said worthies knew about 1739 they learned from Preston's writings, whose authority even Bro. Sadler discards. The fact is, the said resolution was passed preparatory to bringing about a union between the Moderns and Ancients, and the intention was to remove the prohibition of free intercourse between them. It was already then contemplated to form a *peace making Lodge*, for the two parties to meet in for discussion as to what was *ancient.* And such a Lodge was chartered by the Moderns on the 26th October following. The leaders of the Ancients also passed resolutions in order to facilitate a union, and a short time after the new Lodge, which was named "The Lodge of Promulgation," invited the leading ancients to dine with them, and to become friends, &c.

On the 13th of December 1809, the Lodge of Promulgation resolved—

"That Deacons (being proved on due investigation to be not only Ancient, but useful and necessary Officers) be recommended."

The above resolution furnished Bro. Sadler positive proof that the Moderns were guilty of neglecting the appointment of Deacons, which the Committee itself admitted to have been an ancient landmark. The fact is, the worthy luminaries who drew up the above resolution were as ignorant about ancient Mason usages, as they were about the man in the moon. Thus, Bro. Lyon informs us, that either a Deacon or a Warden used to preside over the old Lodges, and at one time (see p 153) the Deaconship and Wardenship were united in the same person. The Operative Lodge at Kelso had a Master and one Warden up to 1742, but it had no Deacons at all until after it enrolled itself under the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1754 or later, and the Alnwick Lodge, which remained independent from 1701 to about 1757, had a Master and two Wardens, but it never had Deacons; and I do not believe that any pre-1717 Lodge ever had two Deacons at the same time. Deacons, therefore, were not an ancient landmark.

On the 19th of October 1800, the above named Lodge "Resolved that the ceremony of Installing Masters of Lodges is one of the two landmarks of the Craft, and ought to be observed."

Upon which Bro. Sadler makes the following comments, viz.:—

"It is, therefore, perfectly clear that the Moderns had certainly for many years dispensed with the ceremony of installation, while their rivals had kept up the old custom in this respect, as will be seen by reference to their extracts from their records."

Now, until Bro. Sadler proves that the Ancients' form of installation of Masters of Lodges was truly *ancient*, or even as old as 1723, the Moderns cannot be said to have suspended the ceremony of installation, for they never had such a ceremony.

Again, the Ancients observed St. John's Day, but the Moderns ceased to observe it after 1730; hence our worthy brother imagines that the Moderns were guilty of removing an ancient landmark. The truth, however, is, the observance of Saint John's Day is not an ancient landmark at all; thus, in olden times, when Catholicism was supreme in Christendom, every guild or Lodge had to have a patron saint, but not necessarily St. John; thus in Germany in the fifteenth century, as well as in England, the "four holy martyrs" were the Masons' patron saints. Alnwick Lodge had St. Michael's for its saint, and observed his day as long as it lasted. Kilwinning Lodge observed St. Thomas's Day till 1780, but as I have enumerated in former communications the different saints who were formerly revered as patrons in different Lodges, I shall only now say, that while Lodge membership was confined to Roman Catholics, Lodge prayer could consistently be addressed to the Virgin and to saints. But after the Reformation, when Lodges were composed of members of both religions, prayers to the Virgin and to saints had to cease, but prayers to the Trinity, and the observances of saints' days, which offended neither party, were retained. And for a like reason, when the Constitution was so changed as to admit good and true men of all religions, *be they what they may*, if Christians had obeyed the "Golden Rule," every sectarian allusion would have been omitted from the ritual. Unfortunately, the meeting of the four London Lodges in 1717 was held on St. John's

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Day, and in 1723 Anderson thoughtlessly inserted into his Constitutions about the observance of patron saints' days. Bro. Sadler, however, informs us that in 1725 there were already affiliated in a Lodge a considerable number of Jewish Masons, and it is certain that in 1732, 1735, 1736, and in 1738 Jewish brethren served as Stewards in the Grand Lodge.

It is possible therefore, that some Israelites protested against the observance of Saints' Days. But be that as it may, Anderson must have known that in 1716 the London Lodges did not meet on St. Johns' Day,* and to show that he did not regard a Saint's Day as important to Masonry, he says in his 1738 Constitutions that of late the Grand Lodge did not meet on St. John's Day; but that "*the good of the Craft is more to be regarded than days.*" So much for the St. John's Day in England.

Now, it cannot be denied that in America the Masonic ritual was also tinkered again and again, and that ridiculous legends and sectarian allusions were manufactured for it. But for all that our luminaries pretend that everything in their ritual is *ancient*, and more especially so the sectarian allusions therein. Our Grand Lodge leaders, who are *awfully pious*, believe in the doctrines taught by the old saints, that "it was a virtue to deceive and lie in order to benefit the Church." Hence, conscience never troubles them when they promise a Jew, on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason, what they never intend to fulfil. And hence they inverted the "golden rule" by doing unto others what they would *not* have others do unto them; and in spite of the loud professions of "Masonic brotherly love," it is manifest that our Grand Lodge leaders are still imbued with the old malicious contempt against Jews. And I find by experience that our Christian clerical Masons are as little troubled with conscience, honour, or Masonic consistency as the generality of our politicians are. And as ninety-nine per cent. of our Grand Lodge representatives are ignorant of Masonic history, they of course believe in the assertions of our luminaries that "the Saints John were eminent Masons," and that every sectarian word in our ritual *is an ancient and irremovable landmark.*

England also had its fanatical luminaries, but the leading members of the Grand Lodge of England were, however, always more honourable and consistent than the majority of the leaders of American Grand Lodges. Even the Ancients never found fault with their opponents about not keeping Saints' Days. This is evident from the fact of there having been no opposition to the removal of the names of the Saints John from the ritual and the Constitutions by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1814.

Looking, therefore, upon the question from every standpoint, I am satisfied that no material difference existed either in the ritual or laws of the respective parties to have justified Dermott in styling his organization as "Ancients," or the other as "Moderns."

BOSTON, U.S., 9th October 1888.

(To be continued.)

* According to Anderson the meeting of the four Lodges, when they formed themselves into a Grand Lodge *pro tempore*, was in 1716. Preston, however, says the said meeting was held in February 1717. But be that as it may, both writers agree that at the said meeting they resolved to *revive* the quarterly communications and to hold the annual assembly on St. John's Day, so these usages were said to have been *revived*. It is therefore evident that if such usages ever existed they must have been discontinued for many years prior to 1716.

TRUE COURTESY.

TRUE courtesy means vastly more than compliance with the rules of polite behaviour, and must not be defined as consisting in mere smoothness of tongue or freedom from a rough and ill-bred manner. For a genuine courtesy there must be a foundation of love laid in the heart. Agreeable words and address are signs of the polished gentleman, but it is possible for the best sort of courtesy to exist where these tokens are wanting. Let kindness and good will have a controlling power over the life, and naturally there will be an expression of these tendencies in ways that mark a true courtesy, though perhaps it may not rank as such in some of the technical definitions that are given.

A modern writer, dealing with this subject in a way of careful discrimination, says: "Many a man who is the very soul of chivalry and heart of courtesy is but a poor hand at a compliment and a sad forgetter of what society demands of him; while many a one who can sweetly assume all the attitudes prescribed by a vain world may be nothing but a graceful shadow, a selfish egotist, as devoid of true courtesy as the elegant statue is devoid of life, as smooth as a correct machine, but as heartless. There is many a man who shines but poorly in a ball-room—who, to tell the truth, is always in a state of half rebellion against the world's vanity,—who seems brusque of speech and uncourtly in deportment, who would be brilliant and great in any act of courtesy that required a true man's courage or generosity or tenderness. The tongue may not be tuned to the insipid platitudes that men agree to call polite; but it may have a rare pathos in it when a poor man is to be helped, when a wretched woman is to be comforted, when a little child is to be consoled. Rank is something, and education is something; but they do not make men and women courteous. For fine gentlemen have often hard hearts and do heartless things, and are proud and selfish and cruel, and great ladies are often vain and pitiless and scornful; and so, with all their polished manners, there is no courtesy with these—nay, the very gypsies in their tent in the lane may have more real courtesy. Even as Tennyson has put it in his own wise way:—

> From yon blue heavens above us bent,
> The grand old gardener and his wife
> Smile at the claim of long descent.
>
> Howe'er it be, it seems to me
> 'Tis only noble to be good.
> Kind hearts are more than coronets,
> And simple faith than Norman blood.

Courtesy! It is much spoken of but it is a grace that is but little understood. It is to politeness what health is to beauty. The bloom on the cheeks of the little child tell of health within. And so politeness—true politeness, the gold of good manners, and not the mere lacquer that society is content with, the politeness of gentle consideration for others, of a manly or womanly nature that is simply true to its own beautiful aspirations and leadings—tells of genuine courtesy within."

Freemasonry approves this kind of courtesy and specially commends the culture by which it is produced. *It seeks* to educate the heart, to the end that there may be an awakening of kindly feeling toward others, so producing a graceful and gracious demeanour, a form and manner of expression that shall be respectful, tender and gentle, and so charged with a spirit to attract and bless. The writer from whom we have quoted declares that at least three things enter into all true courtesy,—reverence, tenderness and generosity,—and these, we know, are qualities recommended to the novitiate at every point in his Masonic career. In his illustrations the author makes allusion to the Knights in the famous days of chivalry who were moved with a great reverence. "The tales of the old crusaders are all so glorious because we feel, all through, the charm of their knightly respect and veneration for all beautiful and worthy things. How gentle they were to women, how intolerant of meanness and cowardice, how jealous of their honour and careful of their knightly word! It seems to me, indeed, that in this we have the true interpretation of the romantic chivalry of those knightly times: that in those days men were emerging from barbarism, from holding human life too cheap, from the degradation of woman as the slave of man, from the rule of brute force, and coming to the realisation of a great reverence for man and for all that became a man,—for honour, beauty, justice, loyalty, and truth; and the charm of their courtesy was the charm of their knightly reverence for all these things.

> They reverenced their conscience as their king;
> Their glory was redressing human wrongs;
> They spake no slander,—no, nor listened to it.

If men would be truly courteous, they must respect one another, and see the good in one another, and hold sacred the mind and will and life of another even as their own."

With such reverence and respectful regard for others must be joined the tender feeling mentioned at the outset,—a genuine kind heartedness—and then true courtesy will most likely appear. It is the sympathetic, pitiful men and women in a community, who will speak and act in a courteous manner—dealing thus with their inferiors and even the most abject classes with whom they are brought in contact. The fulness of true courtesy will not appear

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until a generous thought and purpose become active; and reverence is turned into actual service, and tender feeling into helpfulness of word and deed.

Here we see the aim of Freemasonry to make men something more than courteous in behaviour by obedience to certain technical rules—to aid them not only in acquiring fine manners, but so act upon the moral faculties as to bring out what is noblest and best in their natures, disposing them to be kind, humane, benevolent in all their relations and dealings with each other. Freemasonry justifies its life as it succeeds in this kind of culture, and so helps the world to better understand the duties, and more greatly enjoy the privileges, of related life.

—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE MASONIC FAMILY.

THE Masonic Fraternity owes a large part of its charm to the fact that it is in the truest sense of the term a family, with all of its members brethren. The family was divinely ordained, but when the second-born was slain by the first-born, faith in the institution was sadly shaken. The children of one father are not infrequently so different in temperament as to be naturally unfitted to associate closely together. Freemasonry seeks to restore, as far as may be, the prestige of the family relation. To accomplish this it *selects* its membership, and associates in *its* family only those who, presumably, have the same general tastes and aims, and are possessed of those traits of character which usually characterise gentlemen. Uprightness, reputableness in the community, the possession of sufficient means, these are *some* of the qualifications which Masonry demands of all who seek an entrance into her charmed circle.

King David says, "God setteth the solitary in families." Individual Freemasons were "solitary," before they became members of the Fraternity. They felt, many of them, the need of fellowship, of social enjoyment, of communion with kindred spirits, of association with those whose purpose is to elevate their minds and purify their hearts—and all of these they found within the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. It is a family institution. Its members all meet "on the level." It knows no cliques. A member of any one Lodge, in Philadelphia for example, is practically a member of every Lodge in the world. He has access to all, he is welcomed in all, he finds enjoyment in all, and succour in distress, if needed. Every Masonic body which is a constitutent of the Masonic family, and every individual member of the same, stands ready to heed his call.

There is a practical aspect of this subject which it becomes us all to regard; indeed, the continued welfare of our Fraternity in large degree depends upon it. Every Freemason has a common interest to support, and a common honour to maintain, in the mystic family of which he is a member. If it be dishonoured, he is dishonoured with it; if it enjoy renown, he shares in that enjoyment. Hence the importance of admitting no one to membership in the Masonic Fraternity who will in the least degree lower its rank. Let us consider this matter a little in detail.

The genius of Freemasonry forbids that any initiate should be received into its mystic family simply because of his worldly wealth; yet when the proprietor of a diamond mine sends in his petition, is his character scanned with the same critical care as if he were an ordinary financial mortal? True wealth is in no sense a disqualification for Masonry, but it should not blind one to the serious faults of the applicant, if they be prominent, or discoverable. A man may purchase political station, but it is a part of the pardonable pride of Freemasonry that, lacking the *necessary qualifications*, no one can *purchase* admission into the Masonic Fraternity.

We might take, in succession, all of the qualifications (which are well known to Craftsmen) and argue in favour of upholding, in their strictest letter, the observance of these ancient requirements. There is too great a tendency, in our times, to "let down the bars," and allow committees of inquiry to do all the work. And how often they inadequately perform it! How often the three leave the burden of labour to one—the chairman! This is not only wrong, it is suicidal. The applicant should be scanned from at least three points of view, and scanned closely. Whenever we cease to examine into the character and standing of applicants, we cease to care for our Fraternity, and we become the probable authors of its decline. The only method by which to maintain its pristine character is to stedfastly preserve the purity of its membership. In politics we sometimes hear the phrase, "principles, not men," justified. No such justification can be successfully attempted in Freemasonry. We must have principles *and* men, or else we shall soon have neither men nor principles.

We none of us can entertain too high a respect for the Masonic family. Every Brother in it is *our* Brother. If there be disreputable men in the Craft, *they* are our Brothers, also. The disesteem in which they are held will insensibly lessen the esteem in which we are held. Just as the accession of the best men to us maintains the elevation of our character, so the permission of the unworthy to creep into the Masonic family discreditably reflects upon us. Our principles may remain as pure as the driven snow, but if our membership comes to be composed of inferior material, the charmed life of the family will be gone, and it will not require a prophet to foretell the end.

—*Keystone.*

INCUMBRANCES IN MASONRY.

WELL, when any Masonic body ceases for any considerable time to gain accessions, and begins to lead a straggling or struggling life, the time is come to wind it up, if it neglects or refuses to perform that office for itself. Their non-action is a rank contradiction to their own professions as well as the fundamental teachings of the Order, and gives sharp witted observers outside the gate abundant opportunity to charge the whole Order, through their unrectified neglect, with inconsistency. Such incumbrances should be summarily cast off when reasonable expostulation fails to effect a change, since their negative influence intensifies the zeal of anti-masons and obstructs the progress of life, energetic Chapters which are true to their high calling.

After observation, running through many years, we have reached the conclusion, that those who drop out of Masonry, may be arranged in two classes: first, such who are too stupid to master the esoteric work, and because of their incompetency become ineligible to office; these, discovering their inferiority, soon weary, and knowing that if they remain they must comply with the financial rules of the body to which they belong or suffer suspension, choose the latter, and save the payment of dues and assessments, flattering themselves that they have gained somewhat by their shrewdness; secondly, those who learn the work parrot-fashion, but neither comprehend nor are able to expound and illustrate its real meaning, and as soon as their inability in this respect becomes pronounced, and in consequence they are not selected to impart the work, become indifferent, next non-attendant, then dimit, or what is quite as common imitate the other class in shirking the duties of membership. The first has neither memory, understanding nor conscience; the second has memory, but lacks the other qualities. The love of money rules the first, and the love of place the other. Both are unfitted for co-operative labour. If they remain, as some of them do, they clog the efforts of their fellow-members, who keenly feel the weight of their great responsibilities and endeavour to fulfil them, but find their labours half-nullified by the votes of such members. We regard their departure from any Masonic body to which they may belong, as both a blessing and a warning; a blessing by being rid of their fellowship; a warning to be more critical afterwards in investigating the character and qualifications of candidates for Masonic honours, and thus avoiding the introduction of imperfect material.—*J. H. Brown.*

The installation of the W.M. of the Crusaders' Lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday. Bro. W. F. Garrud was installed, the ceremony being performed by the Immediate Past Master (Bro J. J. Stockall).

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WALES.

THE annual meeting was held at the Lodge-room of the Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, on the 17th inst., presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Harlech, with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Henry Platt, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The following Officers were appointed :—

Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith	Senior Warden
C. Davies	Junior Warden
Rev. James Smith, Rev. Thomas Hughes	Chaplains
James Salmon	Treasurer
R. H. Pritchard	Registrar
T. E. Harris	Secretary
D. Wynn Williams	Assistant Secretary
J. Parry Jones	Senior Deacon
John Pritchard	Junior Deacon
T. E. J. Young	Superintendent of Works
Robert Owen	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. S. Hughes	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. R. Hughes	Sword Bearer
R. Hughes, E. Humphreys	Standard Bearers
E. W. Thomas	Organist
J. F. P. Lewis	Pursuivant
J. S. Swift	Assistant Pursuivant
James Wells, H. Hardmann	Stewards

The balance of the Charitable Association of the Province for the year amounted to £224 odd. The members of the Province now number 785. About 120 members attended. The members of the Craft marched to Christ Church, where Bro. J. Smith preached a sermon on charity. At the conclusion of the service a collection was made for Local and Masonic Charities, when a sum of £8 was taken. In the evening the members of the Craft dined at the Sportsman Hotel. Lord Harlech presided over an attendance of about 100.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

ON Monday evening of last week this old Lodge, now warranted for a centenary jewel, held its annual installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Forscutt W.M., who was unfortunately still suffering from the severe illness which has afflicted him during the greater part of his year of office. There was a fine attendance of brethren. The installation was the only ceremonial before the Lodge, with the exception of the opening and closing, and for the purpose of installing the new W.M., Bro. Peter Coghlan P.M., was requested to take the Master's Chair. This having been done, Bro. Markland P.M., presented Bro. Henry Mann jun. S.W. and W.M. elect, who, having agreed to accept the office of Master of the Lodge on the usual conditions, was installed as W.M. in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering 19. Bro. Forscutt was then invested as I.P.M. A banquet followed. The W.M., in giving the health of the I.P.M., said on such an occasion as this the toast of the I.P.M. was not an ordinary one, because during his year of office Brother Forscutt had not enjoyed good health, and this should speak to the mind of every one that drank it. When they drank to the health of various brethren they did not recollect what they were doing or what they were drinking, but in a case like this, where a brother had unfortunately had very bad health in the past, it was more necessary that they should recall to their minds the importance of the act they were performing, and he hoped they would all agree with him when he said they sincerely trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would extend to Bro. Forscutt a greater meed of health and pleasure than had been the case during his year of office. It was a matter of extreme regret to every brother that Bro. Forscutt had been on a bed of sickness when they had been in the Lodge or enjoying themselves at the banquet table; but they knew that, though absent in body, he had been present in spirit, and it was on that account they had delegated their W.M. to present to him a P.M.'s jewel, which he now placed on Bro. Forscutt's breast with a request that he would accept it as an emblem of their expression of esteem, and of their hope that he would enjoy health in the future to wear it. Bro. Forscutt I.P.M. replying, thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and for the great honour they had done him in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel. He was sorry he had not been able to fulfil the duties of his office to his own liking, but still they could not help illness stepping in, and if the Great Architect of the Universe intervened, they must not complain. He thanked the brethren very much for their kindness.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when Bro. A. J. H. Ward was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The restaurant attached to the hotel was converted into a temporary Lodge-room, and was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Bro. Smith. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, amongst those present being Bros. George Helsdon W.M., P.M.'s Thomas Jennings, A. C. Parsons, F. R. Hales, H. G. Everard, Richard Clowes, and W. O. Ward. The visitors included Bros. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Binckes, Thomas J. Ralling, Maurice H. Page Sec. 2063, George Canler W.M. 1799, Hubert G. Giles, R.N., 1903, George F. Read 225, R. Thackeray 650, A. F. Pearaven 114, Fredk. C. Atkinson J.W. 876, J. R. Marjoram W.M. 89, George Harrison P.M. 51, H. J. Skingley W.M. 697, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697, Arthur Barritt W.M. 1024, A. Welch P.M. 51, D. Mason I.P.M. 1224, Wheeler P.M. 1224, &c. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. The following brethren were invested by the newly-installed Master as the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. Winter-Parker S.W., J. H. Vaux J.W., Rev. Morgan Jones Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, M. S. Sanders Secretary, E. J. Chapman S.D., C. S. Whyatt J.D., Harold Gurney I.G., C. R. Salter Organist, H. G. Everard Dir. of Cers., Warren, Ellis and Willis Stewards, Barlow Tyler. Bro. Clowes was elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee; and, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. S. Winter-Parker, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Philbrick for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the handsome coffee-room of the hotel. The tables were laid with excellent taste, and a first-class dinner was served in faultless style. The Worshipful Master (Bro. A. J. H. Ward) presided, and was supported on the right by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and on the left by the I.P.M. Bro. Helsdon. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. T. J. Ralling and Binckes responded for the Grand Officers, whose health was proposed by Bro. Helsdon. Bro. F. R. Hales proposed the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke, who, he said, discharged the duties of his high office with ability, fidelity, and zeal. The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., the Installing Master. Bro. Philbrick, in response, referred to the progress and extension which had taken place in Masonry in the Province of Essex, and said in no part of the country were the principles of Freemasonry more thoroughly upheld than in that Province. Star in the East Lodge was one of the most prosperous Lodges in Essex—it ranked high in a numerical sense; it had amongst its members many good brethren and true; and it had shown its practical good sense by raising to the position which he now occupied their present Worshipful Master. Bro. S. Winter-Parker proposed the Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Brothers Harrison, Clowes, and Welch responded. Bro. Helsdon proposed the Worshipful Master; he referred to the fact that Bro. Ward had held the high office of Mayor of the Borough, and that he now occupied a very important official position, as Town Clerk of Harwich. The brethren of the Lodge had shown their appreciation of his worth by conferring upon him the highest honour it was in their power to bestow. The Worshipful Master briefly responded. Bro. Vaux, in a neat and humorous speech, proposed the Visitors, for whom Bros. Turner, Gilles and Panzera responded. Bro. Everard proposed the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Binckes responded in an eloquent speech. The other toasts were the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters of 650, the Wardens and Officers, the Musical Brethren, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with musical selections by Bros. Turle Lee, H. Schartau, J. Gawthrop, and Fred Bevan.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, Bros. Henry Creed W.M., C. Slaughter S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., E. W. Ridley Sec., W. A. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., F. Brown I.G., T. P. Stewart Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Wm. Ferguson, Walter Sowdon, Edward Margrett, who acted as I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes; Visitors—C. J. Hawkes W.M. 414, Cyril B. Tubbs W.M. 2043, R. L. Reed Organist 2043, who kindly acted as Organist in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. H. G. Sherwin. Lodge was opened. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Daniel Norton Heron, a candidate for initiation, who had been duly approved at the last regular Lodge, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the charge given by Bro. E. Margrett P.M. Bro. C. Slaughter was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Stransom was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Wm. Hemmings Tyler. It was agreed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. on the occasion of the installation of his successor. A candidate was proposed for initiation; the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. The W.M. reported that he attended the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as Steward, and through the kindness of brethren was able to take up £80. After other business Lodge was closed. We congratulate Bro. Creed on his successfully passing through his year of office; both Master and Officers have conducted the ceremonies admirably.

WARREN LODGE, No. 1276.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe. Bro. Matthews P.M. presided, and installed Bro. Fay S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Fay appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Luke I.P.M., Parry S.W., Risk J.W., Mason Treasurer, Clovis Secretary, Miller S.D., Ellison J.D., Davidson I.G., Hughes Dir. of Cers., Barlow Senior Steward, Jones Junior Steward, Sharpe Assist. Steward, Seaton Organist. The business meeting was followed by an installation dinner, at which the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were given.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE annual investiture in connection with this Lodge always brings together a large number of the Craft, and on Monday, the 8th inst., at the installation of Bro. Major H. W. Maclear, the Masonic

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Temple, in St. Peters Street, was filled to its utmost with a brilliant gathering. The chair was filled at the commencement of the proceedings by the outgoing W.M. Bro. A. Develin, the other offices being filled by Bros. G. Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.J.D. S.W., Major W. F. Moor 2195 J.W., S. Saunders W.M. 1915 S.D., W. A. Vallon W.M. 1209 J.D., F. Hall W.M. 709 I.G., E. Plume P.M. 972 D.C. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were also present:—Bros. H. T. Naylor P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Edwin Beer P.P.G.J.D., J. E. Wiltshire P.P.G. Supt. of Works, T. H. Blamires, Edward Plume, J. Plant P.P.G.O., E. Cockersell and J. Vantier. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. J. Sturgeon W.M. 429, C. Gurr 1915, J. W. Porter S.W. 1915, W. O. Kennett P.M. 1208, T. Crump P.M. 972, H. T. Prinquer S.W. 972, J. Wood J.W. 1915, C. Davis 1994, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, W. L. Moor W.M. 2195, A. H. Hale P.M. 1209, S. Saunders W.M. 1915, W. A. Vallon W.M. 1209, A. Harrison 1915, S. Newman I.P.M. 972, A. Pilcher J.W. 972, J. J. Wright W.M. 1208, R. Westwood W.M. 972, G. Beale W.M. 1096, W. Bowles S.W. 1096, T. B. Rossiter P.M. 972, A. Moulding 972, J. H. Higgins 972, T. Kearns 1331, R. W. Mercer W.M. 31, F. Hall W.M. 709, E. M. Porter and J. W. Colley 1026. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Officer Bro. H. T. Naylor P.P.G. Sword Bearer. The W.M. elect Bro. Major H. W. Maclear was presented by Bro. E. Plume P.M., and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Naylor with remarkable judgment and ability, subsequently Bro. Maclear invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. A. Develin I.P.M., W. T. Claydon S.W., T. Beckett J.W., E. Plume P.M. Treasurer, E. Cockersell P.M. Secretary, D. Lang S.D., J. Naylor J.D., J. Plant P.M. Org., G. Rupert I.G., T. H. Blamires D.C., W. B. Pring and G. Pope Stewards, R. Blake P.M. Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge the W.M. presented to the I.P.M. a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted out of the Lodge Funds, in recognition of the able manner in which he had performed his duty during his year of office. This gift was suitably acknowledge. Routine business followed, after which the Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of 67, adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Bro. H. Ward. The W.M. presided, supported by his Officers. At the conclusion of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably acknowledged. The singing of Bros. Plant, Moulding, Kennett and Higgins greatly contributed to one of the most successful installations in the annals of the Royal Military Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought this most enjoyable meeting to a close.

HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1663.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, the White Lion Hotel, Eye, on Wednesday evening the 17th inst., when Bro. Charles Herbert Scriven was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation was ably performed by Bro. George Abbott, and the Officers for the year were invested by the newly installed W.M., as under:—Bros. Jas. Martin S.W., John F. Page J.W., J. B. Marchant S.D., A. Wells J.D., Fra. Woolnough Secretary, W. S. Nurse Treasurer, H. Clarke I.G., H. J. Barnes and H. Gedny Stewards, C. Ship Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when the new landlord, Mr. Edward Allen, placed upon the tables an excellent repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Saunderson responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Cullum for the Provincial Grand Officers. The W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, and said he was glad to know that the Province of Suffolk stood in a much better position towards those noble Institutions than it did in former years. Formerly the Province had the questionable reputation of having received the most, and of having contributed the least to the Charities, but he was happy to say that their position at the present time was very much the reverse. Bro. George Abbott, whose name was coupled with the toast, referred to the Charities as the backbone of Masonry. He related his experiences as a Steward to the Benevolent Institution, and explained the advantages of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Scheme, which he strongly recommended to the brethren of the Hartismere Lodge to adopt. The W.M. proposed the Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro. Fred C. Atkinson responded. Bro. James Martin S.W., in complimentary terms proposed the health of the W.M., which was drunk with full Masonic honours. The W.M. in response, expressed his determination to do anything in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. Before sitting down he proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. George Abbott, who suitably responded. Other toasts followed.

WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 1713.

THE annual investiture of Officers in connection with the above Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Black Horse Inn, Walton. The Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. W. W. Webster, the retiring W.M., supported by his Officers. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Barry Stuart I.G. 1609, R. H. Webster P.M. 2215, A. E. Workman Org. 1609, Joseph Sharples P.M. 724, J. Humphreys P.M. 724, and J. Glover S.S. 1356. The first and second degrees were worked, and it was fully five o'clock before the W.M. elect Bro. J. Jones was presented for installation, by Bros. F. J. Pentin and the Rev. F. L. Leslie. The ceremony was afterwards performed by Bro. Harradon I.P.M., assisted, by Bro. Cross P.P.S.D., and subsequently the new W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—Bros. Joshua Jones W.M., Wm. W. Webster I.P.M., John G. Hodgson S.W., Jas. Tomlin J.W., Frederick J. Pentin P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Treasurer, Jas. Stopford Secretary, Thos. H. Davis S.D., J. Roberts J.D., W. Hudson Organist, Thos. Bennett I.G., Wm. Hesketh S.S., Chas. Binks J.S., and Geo. A. Harradon P.M. D.C.

TENNANT LODGE, No, 1992.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., the fifth annual meeting of the Tennant Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the various Lodges of the Province, and also of the neighbouring Province of Monmouthshire. Lodge was announced to be opened at three p.m., but as many of the brethren had to come from a distance, it was nearly half-past before the Worshipful Master, Bro. Varteppolle, ascended the Chair of King Solomon, and commenced to open his Lodge, after which the arrival of the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, being announced, he, with the brethren of the other Lodges, were received with the customary greetings. The minutes of the last regular Lodge having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. T. Evans, after which the Officers were invested for the ensuing year. The brethren afterwards repaired to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet took place.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday evening, 11th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe. The meetings of the Lodge have hitherto been held at the Egremont Institute, but a decision was recently arrived at to remove thence to the Seacombe Hotel. Thursday was the first night of this new arrangement. The Egerton is a young Lodge, having been consecrated so recently as 1885, but it has already obtained a position which gives every promise of future success. The installation ceremony was effectively performed by Bro. C. S. Dean, who was the first Master of the Egerton Lodge. The W.M. elect was Bro. C. Leighton S.W., and he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. B. Brown I.P.M., E. King Ellison S.W., Dr. Napier J.W., Robinson Secretary, C. Roberts S.D., E. Roberts J.D., J. Simpson I.G. Bro. Sergeant-Major Crafts, of Neston, was unanimously elected Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The retiring W.M., Bro. H. B. Brown, was presented with a silver cigarette case, for which he suitably thanked the brethren. The evening's enjoyment was enhanced by songs and recitations contributed by Bros. King Ellison, C. S. Dean, G. B. Richmond, &c.

SPENCER WALPOLE TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2197.

AN ordinary meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Douglas, Isle of Man, on Monday, 8th inst., Bro. R. E. Cain W.M. Business was transacted in the third degree, the W.M. being assisted by Bros. T. H. Nesbitt and R. Swinnerton. Afterwards the Treasurer, Bro. F. Johnson P.M., submitted the report of the Audit and Valuation Committee, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, after discharging a heavy claim against the Lodge. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Nattan, of the Granville Hotel, and a pleasant social hour was spent.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—Held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, 23rd October. Present—Bros. Goodinge W.M., E. Ansell S.W., F. Jones J.W., C. E. G. Dodd S.D., Chillingworth P.M. J.D., McDuell I.G.; also Bros. Marks, Saqui, Rapp, Liscombe, Marcus, Dodson P.M., Page P.M. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The work was carefully done.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, presided. Bros. James Brett Senior Vice-President and C. A. Cotterbrune Junior Vice-President occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd and W. H. Lee attended from the office of Grand Secretary; and the other brethren present were Bros. Maudslay, Mercer, Greaves, Spaull, Garrod, Dairy, Case, Woodward, Davison, Hopekirk, Haslip, Matthews, Adams, H. Greene, Green, Cundy, Dumas, Cull, Barfield, Hernaman, Smithett, Dance, Peacock, Baldwin, Hall, Webb, Bolton, Braine, Hopwood, Spice, Massey, Johnson, Gorrie, Tebury, Holland, Smith, Perkins, Hesselt, Bond, Simmons, Langley, Mason, Cawte, Andrews, Carey, Wimble, Smith, Salmon, Holah, T. Greene, Gill, Finch, Lapman, Bramley, Calver, Dickey, Powell, Diprose, Bilby, Builmore, Lake, Watts, Ecdle, Buscall, Ray, Hughes, Wills, Hill, Belton, Martin, and Sadler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the former meeting in September, to the amount of £250. On the new list there were 48 cases. In the course of nearly four hours' sitting, three of these were deferred, not being complete. The remaining 45 were relieved with a total of £1182, which was made up as follows:—Two recommendations to Grand Lodge for £75 each, and two for £50 each; nine recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, and five of £30 each; 13 grants of £20 each; six of £15 each; seven of £10 each; and one grant of £2.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

ANOTHER addition was made to the roll of our Metropolitan Lodges on Monday, the 8th inst., and in this case we have again to report that the membership will partake of a "class" character. In this particular instance we do not see how this could well be avoided; the Lodge emanates from one of our most successful Musical Societies; now it follows as a natural sequence that musical men must of necessity be of a "clannish" nature; their very existence, so to say, depends upon this; hence we cannot be surprised that where a Masonic Lodge springs from a society that boasts of a membership of something like six hundred that the necessary material should be available whereby to establish on a substantial basis a Lodge from whence much excellent work may be anticipated. Consequently, when the necessary application was fairly brought under notice of the authorities, the prayer of the petitioners was given full consideration, and without delay a warrant was granted. The members of the new Lodge have made arrangements to hold their gatherings at the Cannon Street Hotel, and here on the day above mentioned the Grand Secretary Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke attended, as Consecrating Officer, to formally inaugurate the Lodge. Colonel Clerke was assisted by Bro. General Lord John Taylour J.G.W., who officiated as S.W., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as J.W., Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, M.A., Grand Chaplain as Chaplain, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and Bro. H. M. Hobbs P.J.G.W. Surrey as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, who was assisted by Bros. A. Thompson, J. Brown, R. Hilton, A. James, E. Dalzell, and Turle Lee. After the Lodge had been formally opened Col. Clerke addressed the brethren; they were assembled on that solemn and interesting occasion to perform a ceremony which probably some of the brethren had not had an opportunity of seeing before. At the present time, when there were a good many Lodges, petitioners for a new Lodge had fully to justify their claim, and in this instance the founders of this Lodge had done so. There existed in the building in which they were assembled a well known musical society; among its members many Masons, and a number of gentlemen who desired to join Freemasonry. Some of these had applied to the Grand Master for a warrant; the Grand Master had considered their request, and granted it. The warrant had been issued, and the brethren were met that day for the purpose of giving effect to it, by constituting and consecrating their new Lodge. The founders believed they had a large amount of raw material to work upon, and he (Col. Clerke) hoped and fully believed that they would be careful and discreet in the selection of their candidates. The Rev. R. W. M. Pope Grand Chaplain delivered the oration. He said:—

Brethren, it has always been the custom at the consecration of a new Lodge that a few words should be spoken to the members on the nature of their obligations. Now, on such an occasion the most prominent thought which comes to each of us is the wonderful union there is among Masons, and it is when we think of it a very great fact that in all parts of the globe and all quarters of the world there are to be found men whose hearts beat responsively to our hearts to-day. This is so wherever the Masonic brotherhood is found to exist. I will not dwell on that bond of union, but will go on and give a few solemn thoughts I wish to impress on your minds. You are members of that august body called Freemasons, which exists throughout the world. May I remind you of the three great principles which should be found in the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth? Brotherly love, how good a thing it is, how rarely found in this world. Relief, how noble a thing it is; and I am glad to say that our Masonic body here in England will at least hold its own with any Masonic Order in the world. Truth, never to speak a base word, or allow a base thought to pass the lips, but to live as Masons and as gentlemen. Brotherly love, relief, and truth—these words, to which you and I have to live up to, are not an easy standard height to which to attain; but if I speak of the elements of union among ourselves, how much greater and more solemn is the thought to them with whom we have to deal? Wisdom, strength, and beauty—three of the great Masonic attributes found in that Great Architect who looks down to-day on our gathering, and who dwells in the light which no man can approach, and the strength evolving out of chaos this world in which we live, holding each one of us within the hollow of His hand. And the Divine beauty, what shall I say of that? All things that are lovely, all things that are of good report, all things that are noble, are found in ten thousand times ten thousand greater proportion in the Almighty Maker. These are solemn thoughts when we found a new Lodge. To-day we found not only a place for the meeting of a generous brotherhood, but we found, I trust, a place where men may draw nearer to their fellow men, and nearer still to God. Brethren, there will come a time when all Masonic symbol shall cease and we shall be face to face with the Great Reality. May I say, as it is our hope, so is it our prayer, that each of us to-day who assists in this most solemn ceremony may be found acceptable in the sight of the Great Ruler of the Universe when all things become nothing and the earth crumbles into dust? Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now we know in part, but then shall we know even as also we are known.

The Consecrating Officer then proceeded with the ceremony. On its completion Bro. Edward T. Edwards P.M. was presented and installed as Master of the Lodge. Bro. Herbert Saxelby was appointed to act as I.P.M. for the first year, and the Officers invested were Bros. Walter B. Marcus P.M. S.W., George J. Judge P.M. J.W., Herbert Saxelby P.M. Treas., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Sec., Charles Mussared S.D., William H. Tomsett J.D., Ebenezer Piggott I.G., Turle Lee Organist, William J. Noad D.C., Robert Thornton Steward, and T. Bowler Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, and these brethren were elected honorary members. The W.M. then proposed his son for initiation at the first meeting of the Lodge, which was fixed for the 25th inst. After arrangements had been made for framing and preparing Bye-laws, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served under the supervision of the new manager of the Cannon Street Hotel, Brother Berther. The W.M., on rising for the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—said that no more difficult task could fall to any one than that which fell to him, to take the old toasts and introduce them in fresh language. Few could do it; many would fail. Whether he should succeed or not, or whether in attempting to gild refined gold he should only lacquer, he did not know; but he would try to have his words well chosen and few. The Consecrating Officer had told the brethren the source of the Lodge—the Chough Musical Society—and, as they knew that music was a most important feature of its work, so their Lodge intended it should be a principal part of its recreation. The standing toasts of Masonry would be put to the brethren in short speeches, and replied to it in short responses. He would now propose the Queen and the Craft. In replying for the Grand Officers Bro.

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General Lord John Taylour J.G.W. said he felt highly complimented in being called upon to respond. The W.M. of the Chough Lodge had said it was laid down in their Lodge that the speeches should be distinguished by brevity and point. He certainly should keep to the brevity. On behalf of those very distinguished brethren the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, as well as for the Present and Past Grand Officers, he returned his very sincere thanks for the kind way in which the Worshipful Master had proposed the toast, and for the cordial manner in which the brethren had received it. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Consecrating Officer Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. Nothing could be more difficult than to tell a brother to his face what you think of him; but that was a task he had to perform in the presence of their Consecrating Officer. Among men of the world it was looked upon as a little out of form to speak the truth of a brother when he was present. Well, it was a good rule to say what was pleasant to friends to their face, and then what was bad of them behind their backs. But in this instance he wished to say what was good of Col. Clerke and in his presence it was very difficult. However, as no Mason should neglect his duty, it was right he should tell their gallant friend that the Chough Lodge was much indebted to him for the magnificent style in which he had consecrated the Lodge. The brethren learned from it the dignified order of conducting business, and how they should always do everything decently. The touching and feeling way in which Col. Clerke performed the work would not be forgotten by those present. His noble example they would imitate. He would now call upon the brethren to drink his health, and wish him all the happiness he so richly deserved. Col. Clerke in acknowledging the toast said, as a brother of a somewhat unusually modest and retiring disposition, he could scarcely tell the brethren how much he had been taken aback by the remarks of their W.M. In vain he had suggested that he had better retire from the room for a few moments, but the W.M. would not listen to him, consequently he had still to sit and hear all this—abuse. Joking apart, he felt greatly flattered by the far too high encomiums which the W.M. had been good enough to bestow upon him. As a matter of duty, as well as inclination, he was bound to do his best; he had done his best, he hoped to the satisfaction of the brethren. More no one could do; but he must say he could not take all the credit to himself; no one could be more sensible than he of the assistance of his distinguished colleagues—the Grand Chaplain, who gave them a charming and unconventional oration; the J.G.W. Lord John Taylour, Bro. Philbrick, Bro. Richardson, without whom he could do get on; he acted as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. Hobbs, who guarded the door most efficiently. With their assistance, he managed to get through the ceremony. The Grand Officers were gratified, one and all, with the kind reception given them; they thanked the brethren for the recognition their services had had. They trusted the Lodge had a grand future before it; as he said in the Lodge, they had a magnificent field to work upon, a fine musical society, of 600 members, all bound together; all men of refinement naturally, or they would not be musical men; and if out of these materials they did not make a magnificent Lodge, it would be their own fault. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke again rose; the last time he spoke he made a personal remark; he was now a rover, and could talk of something outside his own personality. The task was a very agreeable one, because it fell to his prerogative to propose the health of the worthy brother who, by the universal suffrages of the members of the Chough Lodge, now occupied the chair as its first W.M. It had been on very many occasions his lot to propose the health of Masters on the night of their installation; he had proposed the health of Masters on the night of the consecration of their Lodges, and he did it with great satisfaction, because he felt it was a peculiar toast. He had often said that while it was an honour to a brother to work up in Lodges to the top, and get more or less by seniority, it was an unusual privilege to be the first among his equals and among the founders of a Lodge, to be selected by them to take the lead on the night of a consecration. It showed that the brother must be looked on by them as being the most deserving and fit man to take that position. It was always an exceedingly great compliment to be the first Master, and therefore he congratulated the W.M. of the Chough Lodge on his proud position; he had succeeded to a noble heritage; he ought to have shortly a large clientèle; he had good men around him now, and it would be his own fault if he did not have a large number in the Lodge. He was a P.M. of nine or ten years' standing, had had experience, had gone through the mill as it were, and the year would be a good one under his management. Their good brother in the chair would do all he could, and that was a great step towards furthering its success. He (Colonel Clerke) would point out one little matter to show that the W.M.'s whole soul and heart was in it. He had the pleasure of hearing in the Lodge the first name proposed for initiation was that of the W.M.'s son. It spoke volumes when the W.M. proposed his son on a first night; it showed he was going to do his level best. At the time he congratulated the Lodge on having Bro. Edwards for its first W.M., he congratulated Bro. Edwards on being in that proud position. The W.M., in reply, thought he ought to say,

"Oh wad some power the giftie gi' us,
To see oursels as ithers see us."

Bro. Colonel Clerke had been most flattering in painting his portrait, still he hoped it was a likeness. Col. Clerke's kind remarks took two forms, one which he must pass without comment, and the other which he must notice. The first related to himself, but the remarks relating to his duties he must say a few words upon. The advice Col. Clerke had given him, he should, with the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe, try so to follow, that he hoped when at the end of his year of office he handed his gavel to his successor the brethren would say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He hoped to conduct the Lodge with all the dignity which befitted his office, without levity, but with a full appreciation of the importance of his duties. The duty of initiation, and the initiation of his own son was no light duty. He would endeavour to feel that responsibility, and if he failed it would not be for want of attention, or for want of trying; it would only be from want of capacity. If anything went wrong the brethren must put it down to his want of ability. He must say, with Shakespeare, "In thanks I am a very beggar." Unfortunately we passed through life without sufficient knowledge of our friends and acquaintances, and without their knowing anything of us. These communications gave a mutual opportunity of our showing what we thought of them, and their showing what they thought of us. He thanked them heartily for drinking the toast. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. proposed Prosperity to the Chough Lodge. Bro. Saxelby Treasurer replied; If the Chough Lodge should be anything like the success the Chough Musical Society had been, they would in a few years have reason to congratulate themselves on achieving a great success. The Musical Society had been a success. He had been on its Committee from the beginning, and he knew the efforts that had been used to make the Society a success. Those efforts would be continued on behalf of the Lodge. There is among the brethren a desire that it should become one of the first in London. He knew very well that sentiment had been expressed at their meetings by every founder, and if they could do that they would show their appreciation of the kind terms in which this toast had been proposed. For the Visitors Bro. Griffiths replied; he could look back when, 30 years ago, he was a Master in the Craft, and remembered how he had enjoyed the Craft in all its phases. He could remember when not long ago he was Master of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, a musical society, and its success had been maintained. He had visited many Lodges; he had seen the consecration of Lodges; but he never saw a more charming performance than that by the Grand Secretary that evening. He was sure the elements of the Lodge would enable it to be a success. The Orpheus Lodge he was also a member of, and the elements of that Lodge were the same. Every visitor of the Chough Lodge would feel he was coming not only to an enjoyment of the duties of the Craft, but to an enjoyment of harmony, which the members of the Lodge could afford. Brus. Michael Watson and Charles Body also replied. Bro. Philbrick next said it was a very difficult task indeed to interrupt harmony, but he hoped the brethren would forgive him for doing so. In the speeches that had been dilivered they had been told that brevity was the soul of wit; witty had been the speeches, but eloquent had been the songs. And now he was about to trespass upon the time of the brethren by asking them to listen to something unmelodious, but he must obey the command of the W.M., and therefore he rose to propose the Founders and Officers of the Lodge, who, he was sure, would fulfil all those good wishes that had been so well and eloquently expressed for them. Bro. Walter B. Marcus S.W., in reply, said Bro. Philbrick had laid down certain lines for the guidance of the brethren which coincided with what the founders of the Chough Lodge had laid down for themselves, which was to make their Lodge a success, the talk of the City, and of the West-end also, and if the Grand Officers would only do as they had hinted—pay the Lodge a visit from time to time—he was sure they would make it what they proposed. He could safely promise the W.M. that the Officers would respond to his wishes with alacrity and do all they could to make his year of office the most successful of any W.M.'s For himself, he had so far endeavoured to do all he possibly could and he knew all the other Officers had tried very hard, and had left nothing undone which they thought would conduce to success. They hoped the success with which they had started would continue, and that they would bring forward a large number of true men who desired to join the Chough Lodge. The W.M. then gave the Masonic Press, to which he attributed much of the success of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Before the Masonic Press took these Institutions up, Lodges used to be content with giving small sums; now, through the discreet and judicious way in which the Masonic Press had presented the best objects of Freemasonry, the sums contributed were very large. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Massey and Morgan. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

HIS Royal Highness the Grand Master having issued his warrant for the establishment of this Lodge last July, the founders and their friends assembled at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, on Monday last, for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies of consecration and installation of the first Worshipful Master. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary was the Consecrating Officer, being assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as S.W., Dr. Turtle Pigott P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and Mostyn Pigott as I.G. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Dewsnap W.M. designate, Williams Cock S.W. designate, Frederick Dunn J.W. designate, E. Dresser Rogers, L. F. Littell, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, H. Massey, F. Hilton, Alf. Bannister, J. Alsopp, T. C. Corpe, John Newton, S. Wood, Collier, F. T. Dubois, Cray, Nightingale, Warner, Castledine, Philps, Greenfield, Warner, and many others, forming a goodly company. The brethren having assembled in the Lodge room, the Consecrating Officers were duly announced, Col. Clerke being escorted to the chair by the D.C. The above-mentioned Grand Officers were then appointed pro tem, and the Lodge duly opened in the three degrees. A hymn was sung, and the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, afterwards calling upon the Chaplain to give the opening prayer. The brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order while the D.C. read the petition and warrant. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers to be appointed, the President called upon the Chaplain to give the oration. This consisted of a short but highly impressive address by Rev. Bro. Weldon on the nature and principles of the Institution. An anthem, the words of which were taken from 133rd Psalm, was then sung, and the first portion of the Dedication Prayer given; the brethren turned to the east, while the Consecrating Officer delivered the invocation,

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after which an appropriate portion of the Scriptures was read by the Chaplain. The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the Officers carrying the elements of consecration made a procession three times round the Lodge, sprinkling the board each time as directed by the ritual. The Consecrating Officer then dedicated the Lodge according to ancient formula, and various hymns having been sung, the Lodge was duly constituted, and the final benediction given. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the installation of Bro. John William Dewsnap as W.M. proceeded with. This was followed by the appointment and investiture of the following brethren as Officers:—W. Cock S.W., F. Dunn J.W., G. S. Mansell P.M. Treasurer, T. J. Collier Secretary *pro tem*, G. P. Nightingale P.M. S.D., P. G. Phillips P.M. J.D., W. Castledine I.G., T. Cray Dir. of Cers., S. G. Greenfield and W. T. Warner Stewards, Edward Petit Organist, Thomas Bowler Tyler. The Consecrating Officer then addressed the W.M. on the duties of his Office, and a Committee having been appointed to draw up the Bye-laws, Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, Bro. Philbrick responding for the Grand Officers; his speech may be summed up as one of hearty good wishes for the success of the Lodge, and he trusted that the foundation laid that evening might be strong in its elements, respected by its constituents, and a model to all who desired to found other Lodges. Bro. Col. Clerke replied to the toast of the Consecrating Officers, and humorously referred to his multifarious duties as Grand Secretary. He thanked the Lodge for inviting them to perform the ceremony of consecration, and concluded by saying that if the members had been pleased with them, they had been equally pleased with their kind and flattering reception. Bro. Clerke subsequently proposed the health of the W.M., and said it was a great honour to be the Master of an ordinary Lodge, the brother starts as an Apprentice, places his foot at the bottom of the ladder, and duly works his way to the top; but when a brother is selected out of a number of founders to become the first Master of a new Lodge he considered it an unusual honour. Bro. Dewsnap, he believed, fully deserved that honour; although not an old Mason he must be a good Mason, as this was the third Lodge of which he was Master, and he felt sure that under his gavel the Lodge would very speedily become prosperous and successful. Bro. Dewsnap said it would be his constant endeavour to uphold the dignity and quality of the new Lodge; and he hoped to preside in such a manner as to deserve the approbation of the brethren. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, in proposing Prosperity to the Lodge, said that if he might judge of the future by the present, the prosperity of the Rye was already secured. An eminent Greek writer, 1600 years ago said, "It must be borne in mind that a good beginning was half of all;" and he, the speaker, was disposed to say that the Lodge would soon take its place among the Lodges of the district. Masonry did not exist merely for the participation of good cheer; the Craft might challenge any other Institution as regards its noble Charities; the children, orphans and infirm poor of their body were cared for; and he trusted the brethren would be as faithful to posterity as antiquity had been faithful to them. Brother W. Cock, in reply, said he had never responded with greater pleasure to any toast than he did on the present occasion, and he trusted the Rye Lodge would equal any other in honour, respectability and usefulness. He was quite sure their W.M. possessed every qualification necessary for the good conduct of the Lodge and hoped he would be spared for many years to assist them. They had also several P.M.'s in the Lodge perfectly competent to carry out Masonic ritual, and he trusted their work would be conducted in a perfect manner so as to obtain the esteem of the Grand Officers. The W.M., in submitting the Visitors, gave all a hearty welcome, and said it would be his intention to make the Lodge successful, not only in numbers but in hospitality. Bros. Leonard and Hilton responded, the former remarking that there was every chance for the new Lodge to prove successful; there was a large field for their work, and he thought there were several gentlemen of standing and influence in the district who would be pleased to join. Bro. Dr. Pigott proposed the Founders and Officers, whom he was sure would attend not only to their duties in the Lodge but out of it, so that they in turn would soon rise to the Master's chair. Bro. Frederick Dunn J.W. returned thanks as one of the Founders, and stated his firm belief in the future success and prosperity of the Lodge. The Masonic Press and the Tyler's Toast completed the long list, and the brethren separated after having spent a truly enjoyable evening.

SCOTLAND.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT LEITH.

THE new Masonic Hall, erected by the members of Trafalgar Lodge, No. 223, Leith, at St. Anthony Lane, in the area of the town improvement scheme, was opened on Monday, 22nd inst., with the usual ceremonies. The brethren met in their old hall, in Bernard Street, and the Lodge was formally opened by the Right Worshipful Master Bro. George Craig, after which, repairing to the street, a procession was formed. On taking their places in the new Lodge room, the brethren were at once joined by a deputation from Grand Lodge, consisting of Bros. James Crighton Chairman of Visitation Committee, Murray-Lyon Grand Secretary, and W. Officer S.S.C., J. Davidson, H. Munro, and W. G. E. Abbott. The ceremony of consecrating the new hall for Masonic purposes by the strewing of corn and the sprinkling of wine and oil was then performed by Bro. Crighton, the Rev. Bro. James Park, of St. John's Church, Leith, officiating as Grand Chaplain. The members of the Lodge and their visitors afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the R.W. Master, Brother Craig.

THE FUMOPERPURGANS TOBACCO PIPE.

JUDGING from the frequency of the notices that appear in the different tobacconists' shops, we should imagine that smokers have not much difficulty in finding a pipe to suit their taste. Whether all these new inventions achieve what is promised we cannot say, but from what we have seen of a pipe recently brought out by Mr. J. Bennett, of 22 Great Tower Street, E.C., we may at once mention that a better of its kind could not be. The theory is purely scientific—in fact we may say the first time in our recollection that such a thing as science has ever been applied to a tobacco pipe. The construction of the pipe does credit both to the manufacturer and the inventor alike. It is all made of the best suitable materials, and no amount of trouble appears to have been spared in carefully studying all the details and making it as simple as possible to meet the convenience of the smoker. The "Fumoperpurgans" pipe is made in such a way that by a simple method the smoke becomes purified and the aroma of the tobacco considerably improved, so much so, that the flavour of the best tobacco will be found equal to that of a good cigar. The pipe is made in three sections—the bowl, the barrel, and the mouth-piece. The mechanism for purifying the smoke consists of a spiral or volute fixed into the mouthpiece, and a specially prepared tube placed over the spiral and adjusted by the assistance of a screw stop. The whole is then placed in the barrel and is ready for use. When the pipe is in use the smoke travels a circuitous path through an aperture or channel which is voluted in its course, and during which it beats with sufficient force on the faces or flanges forming the spiral or volute to cause a deposition of its contained moisture and impurities, which are further taken up and absorbed by a surrounding tube, with a result that a dry, cool, and free smoke is obtained. Another important advantage is that it may be used incessantly without experiencing that unpleasant biting sensation on the tongue, due to the unrestrained presence of nicotine. The tube when fitted over the spiral or volute forms one complete cylinder. Immediately smoking commences it becomes fixed by the moisture in the smoke. The smoke enters the cylinder from the bowl in a crude state, and passes into the mouth purified, leaving the impurities in the tube. In time the tube becomes charged with impurities, when it is removed and thrown away, being replaced by a fresh one. These tubes are made at such a price that they can be freely used, and one box, containing three dozen, is given with the pipe. They are afterwards obtainable at 1s 6d per box, or a halfpenny each. This pipe does not come under the denomination of ordinary pipes, such as are imported from Germany and France. They cannot be made cheap as a complete fit is necessary, each pipe requiring special study in all its details. The cost of labour forms a considerable item. The retail price is one guinea, and, although this may appear high to those accustomed to purchase cheap pipes, such as Germany and France produce, the cost is more than adequately compensated for, not only by its merits, but likewise its perfect construction. The second and third sections of the pipe will last for an indefinite period, and should the bowl at any time require being renewed this can be done at a nominal cost, making the first expense the only one of importance. There are habitual pipe smokers who, in the course of years, have accustomed themselves to smoke any kind of pipe, and even may be said to have gone so far as to prefer a strong foul pipe to a clean one, but these we are inclined to think are few and far between, and if they accepted the oft-expressed testimony of the highest medical authorities they would at once relinquish that course of smoking for the more salutary one of which they now have the opportunity. See Sir Morell Mackenzie's report on the Artificial Production of Cancer, in his work on "Frederick the Noble," page 42, of which the following is an extract:—"By far the most common seat of malignant disease in men is the mouth, which is more exposed than any other part of the body to irritation by hot substances. Every surgeon is familiar with this fact. Whether it be a lower lip on which the hot stem of a clay pipe, or the smouldering paper of a cigarette has rested day after day; or a tongue exasperated by the frequent contact of 'Acrid Tobacco Smoke' or the mouth-piece of a foul pipe." There are others who would at once prefer smoking a pipe such as the one we have described, whilst a certain class of people cannot even smoke pipes at all, and are compelled to keep to cigars. Of these latter we can safely say that they can smoke this pipe and enjoy it. The continuous smoking of cigars is acknowledged to be injurious. From the above description it will easily be seen that this pipe is a great improvement on anything that has yet been brought out. The pipe is of the best English manufacture, is silver mounted, and enclosed in a good leather case. We may add the pipe is of a neat description, and would make an acceptable present.

Obituary.

BRO. OLAF HAXTHAUSEN.

ON Saturday, the 21st instant, this well-known and respected Craftsman, who died on Thursday, at the age of 73, was buried in the Northwood Cemetery. The deceased was Vice Consul for the Netherlands, and the flag of that country covered the coffin, on which were placed many handsome crosses and wreaths of flowers. The coffin was conveyed by seamen of the port to the grave. The deceased being a Past Master of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, a large number of the brethren attended in the procession to do the last honours to the departed, and after the completion of the funeral service they filed past the grave, each one dropping a sprig of acacia on the coffin.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Shaftesbury.—The latest addition to our London theatres will be heartily welcomed by all interested in such buildings. The Shaftesbury is a pretty and cozy house, conveniently situated in the broad avenue of the same name, and is certainly one of the safest in the world, inasmuch as it stands alone, and is surrounded on its four sides by streets, so that in case of an alarm the audience can readily disperse in all directions. It is a handsome square building, of red brick and stone, in the Italian style. Mr. C. J. Phipps is the architect, and he has carried out his work in a masterly fashion. The inside is of neat character, about the size of the Prince's, with the dress circle over the pit, and a lounge behind the first named. The seats are most comfortable, and they leave plenty of room for the knees. Their covering is of dark blue, while the brown plush hangings, lined with salmon-coloured silk, and the gold and French grey ornamentation, produce a very pleasant effect. For the present gas is the medium whereby the light is supplied, but as soon as arrangements can be completed Mr. John Lancaster, the proprietor, intends introducing the electric light. The construction of the theatre is entirely fireproof, the staircases are of marble and the floorings of mosaic work, while the stage is fitted with a new hydraulic fire-resisting curtain, which separates the auditorium from the stage. It will thus be seen no pains have been spared by Mr. Lancaster to give to the public a theatre warm, well ventilated, and safe from fire, so far as mortal hands can make it. No wonder, then, that on Saturday, when the house was opened, the crowded audience were in the best of humours, and that early in the evening calls were made for Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Phipps, and all concerned in the construction of the building. The piece chosen for the opening performance was Shakespeare's "As You Like it," with Miss Wallis as Rosalind, a part she has already essayed in London. No pains has been spared to make the revival successful; the caste has been well selected, the scenery has been entrusted to capable artists, while the stage management leaves nothing to be desired. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Henry Emden has painted some inappropriate scenery. For instance, the lawn outside the duke's palace is of a dull and heavy description, and sadly lacks relief in all respects. Again, the forest of Arden is shown in autumn, with the faded leaves thickly strewn about the green sward. This, to our mind, is scarcely in harmony with Shakespeare's ideas; does he not say, in Amien's song:—

"Under the greenwood tree,
Who loves to lie with me,
And turn his merry note."

Still, notwithstanding these faults the revival was made interesting by means of the careful and polished acting of some members of the caste. That Miss Wallis is thoroughly capable to play Rosalind every playgoer knows, and certainly this lady did not belie the confidence reposed in her by her admirers. Her pleasant appearance, easy and graceful movements and statuesque poses were pleasures to the audience, while her delivery was perfect. Her "test" scenes were capitally conceived, the best, perhaps, being the one wherein she faints. Rosalind's banter, however, was admirably thrown off, while the entire performance was one that could be looked back upon with pleasure. Doubtless it will be even more effective than it appeared on Saturday, when the play was prolonged in representation to such an extent that it was within a few minutes of the "witching hour" before the audience dispersed. Miss Wallis received invaluable aid from that rising actor Mr. Forbes Robertson; his Orlando was one of the brightest and best rendered features of the performance. He did not dally with the words for an instant, while his poetical conception of the part was ably worked out. His wrestling bout, albeit rather prolonged, was excellent; still he should remember his opponent is presumed to be of gigantic strength, and the victory is achieved more by a fluke than by the merit of the contestant. The Adam of Mr. William Farren was somewhat of a disappointment, the slow manner in which the play was taken evidently seemed to have an effect upon him. Mr. Mackintosh's Touchstone was bright and interesting, while Mr. Arthur Stirling gave off the speeches allotted Jaques in most perfect style, the "seven ages" being especially well rendered. Miss Annie Rose was a painstaking Celia, but Mrs. Edward Saker seemed to have caught the "dragging" complaint we have referred to, and failed to make much impression as Audrey. Miss Kate Fayne and Mr. Matthew Brodie, as Phœbe and Sylvius, worked well together, while Mr. Seymour Jackson sang with pleasing voice the songs allotted Amiens. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. G. W. Byng, helped to enliven the performance. At the fall of the curtain Miss Wallis and other principals received a most encouraging reception, after which a prolonged call for Mr. Lancaster was responded to by that gentleman, who was complimented on the success achieved.

Mohawk Minstrels.—On Thursday evening these popular Minstrels celebrated the anniversary of the memorable Balaclava Charge. A crowded audience assembled at their commodious Hall to hear the national and military songs, beautifully rendered, by the members of the company. In addition to the usual entertainment Mr. Landfried, one of the trumpeters who sounded the "bugle call" prior to the Charge of the Six Hundred, and who was wounded on the memorable occasion, was present. He gave the bugle call, and also played a solo on the cornet. Tennyson's stirring poem, "The Charge of the Six Hundred," was recited in an effective manner by Mr. Wilfred Henry. Bald-head-win, in the person of Mr. Johnny Danvers, paid his visit to cloudland, amid roars of laughter. Chrig-win, the White-eyed-Kaffir, discourses music sweet by means of his various instruments, and causes immense fun by his droll actions. The entertainment concluded with some farcical business, entitled "The Runaway Slave." The Balaclava night entertainment was repeated on Friday, and will again be given this (Saturday) evening.

The Gaiety burlesque season will be started to-night (Saturday), with Messrs. Henry Pettitt and George R. Sims "Faust up to date," with music by Herr Meyer Lutz. The piece will be produced by Mr. C. Harris, while the following well-known artistes will be in the caste: the Misses Florence St. John, Fanny Robina, Jenny McNulty, Lillian Price, Emma Broughton, Maria Jones, Florence Levey, Eva Greville; Messrs. E. J. Lonnen, George Stone, Harry Parker, and Walter Lonnen.

On Saturday next, the 3rd November, Chassaigne's new comic opera "Nadgy" will be produced at the Avenue. We hear that a splendid part has been written for Mr. Arthur Roberts, who will be supported by Mdlle. Vanoni, from the Alhambra, and the well trained Avenue company.

A three act rally, entitled "The Policeman," will be tried at a matinée at Terry's, on Thursday afternoon next. The piece will be produced under the direction of Mr. William Terriss.

"Hands across the Sea," by Mr. Henry Pettitt, which is to be produced at the Princess's early in November, has been strongly cast by Miss Grace Hawthorne. Mr. Henry Neville will play the lead, and will be supported by Messrs. E. W. Gardon, W. L. Abingdon, Robert Pateman, Julian Cross, E. Gurney, A. Bucklaw, and H. H. Morrell. Miss Mary Rorke will play the heroine.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LIVERPOOL.

THE annual session was held on Saturday, 12th instant, in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, the proceedings commencing shortly after two o'clock. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided, supported by a large number of brethren. The business was of an unimportant character, and the routine work lasted but for three-quarters of an hour. The Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bro. Thomas Mellor	Senior Warden
J. H. Barrow	Junior Warden
Dr. F. J. Bailey	Master Overseer
W. J. Cunliffe	Senior Overseer
W. B. Browne	Junior Overseer
Rev. T. G. M'Nally	Chaplain
Robert Foote	Treasurer
E. Barber	Registrar
John Chadwick	Secretary
Arthur Stanley	Senior Deacon
W. Wadison	Junior Deacon
William Lloyd	Inspector of Works
Joseph Mellor	Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Bourne	Asst. Director of Cers.
James Deardon	Sword Bearer
J. W. Hulley	Standard Bearer
William Platt	Organist
P. R. Barrow	Pursuivant
T. M. Shuttleworth, Eli Brook, R. H. Robinson, E. Pierpoint, J. J. Hawkins	Stewards

Upon the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren dined, at the Bear's Paw, Lord Street, Liverpool.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 50.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was recently held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, when Bro. W. T. Hocking the W.M. designate was installed. Bro. Jas. Gidley was the Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., F. Crouch, J. R. Lord, Gover, Sellick, G. Whittley, R. Pengelly, E. Tont, S. Jew, W. Allsford, and W. Lavers. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. H. Sellick I.P.M., Captain G. Stode-Lowe S.W., W. F. Westcott J.W., A. W. Spinney M.O., W. H. Dillon S.O., W. King J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon Chap., R. Pengelly Treas., J. B. Gover Sec., W. Jamieson Reg. of Marks., S. J. Daniel S.D., H. Reynolds J.D., E. Radden D.C., J. Goad A.D.C., G. Whittley Org., W. H. Symons Standard Bearer, B. Knight I.G., G. Townsend sen. Steward, W. H. Phillips Tyler. In the evening the brethren supped together at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. T. Hocking presided. Bro. Symons's arrangements and *cuisine* were very satisfactory, and several brethren entertained with melodies and recitations.

On Monday evening the annual installation of the Forest Royal Arch Chapter, was held in the Town Hall, Mansfield, when there was a goodly number present. The officials for the ensuing year were duly invested, after which a first class banquet was held at the house of Comp. L. F. Green, the Swan Hotel, which was highly enjoyed.

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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 OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 1206—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1590—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
737—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
963—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1573—Perseverance, Shakespeare 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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
2114—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Pulham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Three Cout Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Volunteer, Red Lion, Pentonville, King Street, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wa
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stre
1765—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwe
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road,
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (In
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, R
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Pa
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8.

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-str
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Geo
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, N
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Plea
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street,
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Str
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, C
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, H
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birm
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 1st NO

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons'
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Stree
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-s
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Maso
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, La
145—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chel
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptf
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, C
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Stree
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Reg
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Stre
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower To
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warnd
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal G
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile En
1338—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Ave
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wi
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' A
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Ald
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosve
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street,
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tav
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instructi
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (In
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Stree
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. Joan
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Recent Masonic Hall, A
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London S
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thorn
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New South
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Ho
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, K
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton Hous
at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fl
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverfield, Al
M.M. 247—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-plac

2—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall,
3—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Ca
3—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old O
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinck
123—Lennox Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Y
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
264—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place,
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Le
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Bavert
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms,
308—Mirfield, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyn
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-str
360—Pomfret, Aldington Street, North Ash
479—St. Peter, Shakespeare Hotel, Wolverh
485—Ceres, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
496—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
563—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Cr
606—Truro, Freemasons' Hall, Stoke-on-Trent
638—St. Matthew, Masonic Hotel, Walsall
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, S
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballarat
91—Patshull, Lord Hyde Tavern, Patshull
876—Loyal Clarence, Guild Hall, Bruton, Som
1015—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, La
1072—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place,
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Ashby-de
1231—Clyde, Royal Hotel, Ireland
1251—Sherwood Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Linc
1281—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devon
1301—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Hebden-Bri
1367—Panama, Pier Head, White Hart Hotel,
1379—Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, Bristol
1451—Equity, Albert Chambers, Wigan
1473—Lonzie, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire

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
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M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
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FRIDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland House, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1489—Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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)
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.
300—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. (Inst. ction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
660—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—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)
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1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-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. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 3rd 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)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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
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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CLIQUEISM AND CLASS LODGES.

IT is well known we have a strong prejudice against what is termed "Class Masonry." We are of opinion that anything which places a restriction upon the membership of a Masonic Lodge is directly opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry, and that it should be discouraged by all who take an interest in maintaining the Order free and unfettered as it has been handed down to us. We consider that Grand Lodge should forbid, rather than encourage the establishment of "Class" Lodges, but such, it would appear, is not the opinion of those in authority, who continue to recommend the warranting of fresh "Class" Lodges, and take an interest in urging their claims for general approbation, although, so far as we know, no really strong argument has been put forward in their favour. Class Masonry is not, and never will be, Freemasonry; while it is a direct contradiction of the first principles of the Order to allow a Lodge to be carried on where admission is restricted to the members of a particular class or section of the community.

Freemasonry has won its reputation and high standing in the world because it has been free to all, never recognising any distinctions of creed, nationality, religion or profession, but only requiring that every candidate for its mysteries shall be a good man, and a believer in the Great Architect of the Universe. Under such circumstances, then, it is all the more surprising to us that "Class Masonry" should secure such support as it has lately received, or that its advocates should not have been convinced, ere this, that they were not promoting the welfare of the Order in pushing forward their own particular hobby.

If these enthusiasts want any proof that "Class Masonry" is a mistake, beyond the fact of its being utterly opposed to the principles of *Free*masonry, we would direct them to devote a little attention to the outside press of the country, where they will from time to time see sufficient to convince them, unless they are so prejudiced as to refuse to be convinced, that anything approaching cliqueism is detrimental to Freemasonry. Only a few weeks ago one of the papers devoted to the interests of gas lighting had some very severe comments in regard to the inner working of a Lodge which is restricted in its membership to persons who are associated with the manufacture or supply of gas. These comments were sufficient to bring discredit on the whole system of Freemasonry, and while we should be sorry to even imagine the remarks were called for, we do not know of their being contradicted or answered. Surely if they were capable of being easily disproved some stringent measures should have been adopted to contradict them, if only for the sake of removing the stigma they cast on Freemasonry. The past few days have provided another, and an equally strong argument against Class Masonry, the following paragraph having appeared in several of the London and Provincial papers:—"It may be news to some people to learn that in the Masonic world there is a total abstinence party so strong that in a London Lodge they have excluded, and it is said intend to exclude, from office, all members who are not total abstainers. A senior member of the Lodge has been displaced already, and a trial of strength is to take place next month on the election of Master." This line of conduct is a direct outcome of the formation of a so-called "temperance" Lodge, a departure from the spirit and letter of Freemasonry we have more than once condemned. It has long been known to us that this "temperance" Lodge has been conducted on most un-Masonic principles, and that its members have been carrying on an organised system of opposition among themselves. Candidates have been excluded by one party in the Lodge simply because they happened to be friends of the other side. Meetings have been upset and harmony destroyed in the mad endeavour to introduce outside fanaticism into Freemasonry, with the result, as we have just shown, that the proceedings of the Lodge are made the subject of criticism in the general press of the country. We have argued with some of the founders and more influential members of the Lodge as to their unreasonable and un-Masonic behaviour, as members of the Order, and we know that others have done the same, but all to no avail. It is a question of war to the bitter end, and the sooner the Board of General Purposes or some other authority steps in and puts an end to the scandal the better it will be for all concerned. A continuance of the unusual tactics which have so long prevailed in connection with this Lodge not only affects the members more particularly concerned, but the whole Craft and general body of Freemasons throughout the country.

We are well aware that cliqueism exists in Freemasonry outside the actual class Lodges, and no doubt such will always be the case; but the introduction of distinctions of any character into Freemasonry opens the way for an extension of the pernicious system to which we have alluded, and we again say that every attempt to extend or continue them should be stedfastly opposed, if not actually forbidden, by Grand Lodge. But, it may be urged, if we do this we shall at once close the principal loop-hole by which new warrants are secured, for it must be evident to those who study such matters that nearly every warrant lately granted for new Lodges—and especially the metropolian ones—has been issued in order that some particular class or section may have a Lodge of their own, with a recognised power of excluding good men and true from their midst for no other reason than that they are differently circumstanced in life. If such proceedings are to be recognised as a legitimate part of Freemasonry of the future we venture to predict that the Order will be in a very different condition ten years hence to what it was ten years back. Harmony and good fellowship were prominent

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characteristics in days gone by; cliqueism and strife will take their place in days to come.

THE IRONY OF MASONIC HISTORY.

MUCH sport has been made of Lord Macaulay's picture of the New Zealander sitting on the ruins of London Bridge, pondering on the remains of an ancient civilisation there visible to his wondering gaze. For aught we know the fancy may be realised. Death comes to civilisations and cities as well as to men and women, and often there are not merely monumental ruins, but the grim irony connected with the revolutions of time. For example, it is said that the site of ancient Nineveh is to-day marked by the modern town of Mosul, and by the irony of history the city once renowned for its skill in clothing men in iron, is famous in our era for its skill in clothing women in gauze! And yet ancient Assyria had its Freemasonry, which also has passed from the iron to the gauze stage—nay, more, has entirely vanished from that portion of the earth. Once its initiates, as we do, revered Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, personified by them in the winged bull with a human head—the representative of their god, Nin, the origin of the Phœnician and Greek Hercules. The human head to them symbolised Wisdom, the body of the bull Strength, and the eagle's wings Beauty. The operative Masons of Assyria built the famous palace of Sennacherib—perhaps the greatest structure, except that at Karnak, ever built by man. Fergusson has "restored" this edifice on paper, and it is truly a world-wonder. Its history has been discovered, written on cylinders, and on them have also been found incriptions such as Franklin might have written, to the effect that "knowledge is power, since the seeing eye and the earing ear are the foundation of greatness."

The Masonry of Assyria has disappeared from the earth, as has also that of Ancient India, Chaldea, Phœnicia, Egypt and Greece. When civilisation vanished it vanished with it. *There is nothing in Freemasonry which guarantees its existence when the men who compose its membership are no longer men.* A name, when it is only a name, is but the shadow of a shade, after the fact which was its substance has departed. Let us remember that the *substance* of Freemasonry must remain *among us*, if we would have it retain its prestige and power. What would King Solomon have said had he been told that his Temple would disappear, so that not one stone should remain upon another, and that the operative Masonry of his nation would vanish with it, and thousands of years afterwards be replaced by a speculative Masonry, imported from a country five thousand miles away? And yet such is the fact, and an American Mason was the instrument by which it was accomplished—the late Past Grand Master Bro. Rob Morris, of Kentucky, who obtained a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada for the organisation of a Masonic Lodge in the city of Jerusalem, which he himself aided to constitute. Such is the irony of Masonic history. True, there is a contrast—one small, weak Lodge on the site of the Temple which was the wonder of the world; but still this Lodge has a Lodge-room, and it stands for the greater Temple of Freemasonry—the mystic world-society which is located everywhere, and thus by its universality overshadows the globe.

Will a Freemason of Jerusalem ever sit on one of the approaches of the Brooklyn Bridge, and mourn over the desolation which he sees scattered around him? Will he find among the *debris* of the Astor Library a phototype of *Liber B*, revealing to him the existence of a Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731? Will he discover that a Freemason named Lawrence was instrumental in cancelling the debt of the Freemasons of New York, and with the assistance of another Freemason, named Hodge, founded a Masonic Home, which was long a living monument to the charity of the Craft in the metropolitan jurisdiction of America? Will he find a trace of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in a fragment of the "duly-constituted" tombstone of Bro. Henry Price, lying on the ground? We know not. Stranger things have happened. But they have always happened in consequence of, not in spite of, Freemasons' actions. If Masonic principles are conserved; if the ancient usages, customs and Landmarks of the Craft are maintained in their integrity and practice; if the character of every applicant for initiation is critically examined; if Freemasonry be regarded as a life rather than a theory, a living entity rather than a dumb show, a personification of the noblest principles rather than an amusement for a passing hour, then the Grand Lodge of New York will not become a ghost, nor Freemasonry in Philadelphia a name, nor Freemasonry in Massachusetts evidenced only by a fragment of a tombstone, or a copy from a copy of a document which may never have existed. That would be the irony of profane rather than of Masonic history. That the Masonic shadow of King Solomon may never grow less in this land of ours will be the prayer of all earnest Freemasons.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE October Quarterly Court was held on Friday, the 26th ult., in the large hall at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. William Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer presided. A large number of supporters of the Institution were present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the July Quarterly Court, and the reading of other minutes for information, Bro. J. Stevens, L.G., introduced the following motion, of which he had given notice: To expunge law 55, including second paragraph, and to enact in lieu as follows:—

> "A Boy shall not be eligible for Election unless the Father, if living, has been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge, or Lodges, for seven years. If the Father be dead, he must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years. *But* should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by Paralysis, Blindness, Fire, Shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his Initiation, this Rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

Bro. Stevens said he did not know he had anything to add on the motion, but he might observe that it did not in any way affect the principle of the law; it was intended merely for the purpose of explaining a rule which had been to a great extent misunderstood, or not fully understood, by the Committees with regard to applicants, and their qualifications for admission to the School. Bro. A. E. Gladwell, and other brethren wished to know whether instead of being a member of a Lodge it should not be "a member of the Craft." Bro. Binckes said the object was that the brother should have been a member of a Lodge or Lodges for seven years. Bro. James Stevens, alluding to the awkwardness of these suggestions as affecting his motion, said he was afraid he should have to fall back upon the word "concurrently" after all. A Brother wished to know if a brother who had not subscribed for three years, but had become a Life-Governor or a Vice-Patron of the Institution, was to have his son excluded. Bro. Stevens said his wishes went in favour of a brother so qualifying himself, though certainly his motion did not embrace such a case. It was here suggested that, as the present was not the proper occasion to settle the wording of a motion or resolution, Bro. Stevens should withdraw the motion, and bring it forward in due form at another meeting. Bro. Richard Eve proposed that, instead of "a Lodge or Lodges," the words should be, "some Lodge." Bro. Stevens remarked that of late, there was no doubt about it, many persons came into Freemasonry for the sole object of benefiting themselves or their wives or children. As the contingencies of life went, they might be persons who at the time were fairly entitled to enter the Order. But there were other cases where the initiates were hardly ably to pay their initiation fee. If the father were alive, it should be distinctly shown, when his child was a candidate for the School, that when he joined Masonry he was in a condition of life to warrant his going into the Order. Bro. C. J. Perceval thought that Life Governors or such qualified persons should have an exception made in their favour, and he proposed an addition to the motion to that effect. Bro. A. E. Gladwell opposed the amendment. Ten guineas would be a very cheap and advantageous investment. Bro. Binckes also opposed. To do such a thing would render Freemasonry and its Institutions a benefit society. Ultimately the motion was carried in the following form:—

> "A Boy shall not be qualified for Election unless the Father has been a Subscribing Member to some Lodge for seven years. If the Father be dead, he must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years. *But* should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by Paralysis, Blindness, Fire, Shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within seven years of his Initiation, this rule shall not apply if at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

On behalf of the House Committee the motion was agreed to; consequently the election for 24 Boys was then proceeded with. The names of those successful will be

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found in our Advertisement Columns. The following list of those unsuccessful will show the number of votes polled for each.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
55	Mundle, Stanley Aynsley	—	1988	1988
58	Fry, John Baron	—	1868	1868
1*	Wood, Joseph	1049	684	1733
18	Lawrence, Harry	1036	641	1677
2*	Gray, Harold	1024	409	1433
16	Clunes, Alexander Sydenham Sherriff	3	1371	1374
33	Wilkinson, George	504	867	1371
76	Kennedy, Arthur Edward	—	1307	1307
29	Jarmain, Edward George	822	343	1165
21	Carr, Samuel	935	225	1160
19	Kemp, Arthur Howard	631	450	1081
52	Lumsden, Miller Bassett	—	1049	1049
70	Podmore, Austen Royle	—	1018	1018
14	Bosco, Wallace Peter Charles	726	267	993
5	Burgess, Edgar Holmes	503	485	988
28	Clarke, Alfred William	414	545	959
30	Pratt, Stanley Edmund Rolls	384	536	920
42	Brown, Ernest James	686	171	857
60	Tiedeman, Benjamin Henry	—	833	833
77	Moreton, Harry Vernon	—	828	828
40*	Harvey, Frank Gowland	—	818	818
66	Nicholl, Lewis Morris	—	790	790
44	De Caen, John Herault	155	509	664
31	Wells, Percy Howard	327	146	473
53	Bloomfield, Walter Woolcomb	—	473	473
13	Jennings, William John	354	63	417
8	Siggers, Clement	39	375	414
48	Hodgkinson, Edward Dunthorne	88	248	336
69	Harrison, William John	—	259	259
72	Swornsbourne, Lewis Gordon Canston	—	218	218
65	Mears, William Arthur	—	207	207
46	Browne, Arthur Thomas	54	132	186
6*	Scott, Frederick William John	119	13	132
59	Hill, Arthur Stanley	—	112	112
15	Campbell, Archibald Wallace	79	20	99
32*	Lamborn, Edmund Arnold Greening	72	26	98
37	Hart, Frederick George	25	30	55
23	Carruthers, James	20	3	23
11	Bostock, Martin Roddwell	8	10	18
47	Whale, Ernest Edward	12	6	18
51	Binks, William Robson	—	15	15
73	Wood, Basil Glover	—	13	13
3	Crossman, John	9	1	10
54	Lamplough, Benjamin	—	9	9
61	Gee, Redfern Edward	—	8	8
39	Drewitt, Herbert John	4	1	5
57	Atley, Wilfred John	—	5	5
67	Roberts, Frank	—	2	2
50	Perkins, Alfred Ernest	—	1	1
62	Pugh, William Ralph	—	1	1
71	Woodman, Frederick	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 53, being eleven years of age and unsuccessful.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, presided. A large number of brethren attended. After the Secretary (Bro. Hedges) had read the minutes of last Quarterly Court, the General Committee's minutes were read. Bro. Perceval, who had given notice of motion "in the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: 'That this clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution at the time of his death,'" withdrew the same, and gave notice of motion for the Court in January next, in the following words:—

A girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father, if living, has been a subscribing member to a Lodge, or Lodges, for seven years. If the father be dead, he must have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years. *But* should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his initiation, this rule does not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member."

Bro. C. H. Webb seconded. Before proceeding to the election, the Chairman said he was sorry that after the munificence of the brethren at the last Festival the Institution could not admit more than 9 girls out of 62 candidates on the list. The could not do more than the limits of the Institution would allow. Every part of the building was occupied, but they hoped that at the next April election the alterations would be completed, and that by next October, if not in April, the remainder of the candidates would be admitted. There were, however, four candidates on that day's list, Nos. 3, 4, 11, and 52, whose last chance it was; that day was with them now or never. He hoped the brethren would support them. Anxious to discharge his duty he should reserve his votes to assist last application cases. Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, pointed out that it was an utter impossibility to admit more children. The building was already over-crowded. The Chairman went on to say that, although at these half-yearly elections a certain number of candidates had to go away, yet when the building was increased they hoped to take in all the rest of the 63 candidates. Bro. J. A. Birch, East Lancashire, said the Chairman had left out of calculation altogether the new candidates who would apply between now and the April election. The Chairman contended that old candidates stood a better chance than the new ones. If the friends of the children he had named would use their exertions to secure their election, the Committee had reasonable expectations that the whole of the others would be elected in April or October next. He went on to say that he considered it an outrage that people should put down candidates without intending to do their best to secure their return. Bro. J. A. Birch protested against such an expression. East Lancashire had a candidate, which it did not intend to carry that day, but hoped to do so at a future date. After other brethren had expressed themselves the election of 9 out of 62 girls was proceeded with. The result, so far as the successful ones are concerned, will appear in our Advertisement Columns. We give the list of all unsuccessful candidates, with the number of votes accredited to each.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Total.
Webster, Ruby Rosetta	2784
Codling, Henrietta Jessie	2701
Harling, Adelaide Howett Jane	2564
Lee, Leonie Rosamond	2424
Liverd, Hilda Maude	2418
Cookes, Mabel Alice	1846
Hemmings, Florence Charlotte	1764
Staff, Henrietta Ada	1732
Thaw, Laura Amelia	1701
Baloh, Georgina	1520
Venables, Bertha Elizabeth	1395
Bruce, Mabel Elizabeth	1290
Tettenborn, Olga Katinka	1184
Sumner, Annie Elizabeth Alice	1148
Pether, Eliza	1134
Gorton, Amy Florence	1063
Winterbottom, Edith	1046
Astington, Lilian May	1012
Gould, Mary Pontford	985
Swaebe, Priscilla Minnie	788
Collard, Hilda	775
Wood, Dorothy Janet	600
Taverner, Alice	593
Roberts, Margaret Ellen May	558
Geech, Norah	555
Morris, Mary Ellen	371
Boyd, Ethel Mansfield	343
Campbell, Fanny Clark	335
Butcher, Ruby Blanch Lootchen	317
England, Helen Maud	297
Towse, Ivy Grace	183
Wells, Ethel Lilian Julia	168
Fitzwater, Harriet	142
Wilkinson, Jane Routledge	129
Burgess, Nellie	102
Smith, Muriel Agnes	102
Thorne, Anita Mary	67
Dixon, Florence Ethel G.	61
Smith, Ada Lilian	61
Le Gros, Agnes	47
Griffith, Emily Frances	41
McCue, Alice Louise	33
Lamplough, Elizabeth	24
Cochrane, Beatrice	14
Bingham, Alice Winifred	13
Robson, Mary Gwendoline	12
Prout, Alice Katie Beatrice	10
Troop, Jane	5
Haylett, Ada	3
Johnston, Bertha	3
Anthony, Dorothy Parnell	—
Hooke, Frances Emma	—
Watson, Mary Maud	—
Ives, Jessie Sophia	Withdrawn

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Whilst the inhabitants of our great cities suffer from the effects of overcrowding and all its attendant evils, both physical and moral, the more robust and energetic emigrant will in his turn be liable to suffer in his new home from the want of ready skill and the great medical resources of his native land always at command. The best advice a friend can give is for him to take a supply of these well-known remedies as part of his outfit, for by attention to the easily understood and yet ample directions which accompany each box and pot, he will never be at fault when taken ill, or under any adverse sanitary conditions of life.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

BY command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held, at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., under the auspices of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265. In the absence of the P.G.M., the P.G. Lodge was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. S. S. Partridge P.A.G.D.C., Bro. Robert Berridge G.J.D. ably assisting as D.P.G.M. There were also present the following Officers and members of the P.G. Lodge:—Bros. W. S. Allen as S.G.W., W. A. Musson as J.G.W., the Rev. W. R. Hurd Grand Chaplain, W. Vial Grand Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood P.P.S.G.W. Grand Secretary, E. Jeeves G. Sup. W., M. J. Walker G.D.C., J. Jessop G. Sword Br., J. E. Beazeley and G. Newsome Grand Standard Bearers, C. Lowenstein G. Purst., T. Corcoran, R. B. Starkey and E. J. Thompson Grand Stewards, J. Tanser Grand Tyler, T. A. Wykes P.P.G. Treasurer, C. J. Wilkinson P.P.G.D.C., J. H. Marshall P.P.G.A.D.C., C. J. Massie P.P.G.C., T. G. Charlesworth W.M. 523, F. G. Boden P.M. 779, G. Austin W.M. 1130, R. Symington P.M. 1330, S. Knight P.M. 1391, J. B. Fowler W.M. 1560, J. G. Simpkin W.M. 2028, J. L. West W.M. 2081, and many Officers and members of private Lodges in the Province; visitor Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer Secretary R.M.I.B. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form, after which the Rolls of Lodges and P.G. Officers were called, and the minutes of the preceding annual meeting, and a special meeting held on the 9th October, on the occasion of laying the memorial stone of the Children's Hospital in Leicester, were read and confirmed. The reports of the Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were read, submitted for approval and adopted. The latter made special reference to the successful result of the efforts of the Charity Stewards on behalf of the Girls' School, the total contributions from the Province at the Centenary Festival of that Institution exceeding £600. The report concluded by recommending the Boys' School for the support of the Province in the coming year, and at a subsequent period of the meeting Bro. J. H. Marshall P.P.G.A.D.C. volunteered to represent Provincial Grand Lodge as Steward, and he was unanimously appointed. The Prov. Grand Registrar submitted his report, showing a nett increase of 20 in the membership of the Province, the total number of subscribing members on the 24th June last being 522. A very satisfactory report on the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts having been received, was duly adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. R. Waite for his services. Bro. Waite was immediately afterwards re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Officers for the coming year were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Bro. T. A. Wykes 523	Senior Warden
W. A. Musson 779	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Colquhoun-Faithfull 1560	Chaplains
Rev. C. J. B. Scriven 1265	Chaplains
R. Waite 279	Treasurer
T. Coltman 1265	Registrar
Rev. C. Henton Wood 1560	Secretary
G. Newsome 523	Senior Deacon
T. Corcoran 1057	Junior Deacon
G. Austin 1130	Superintendent of Works
M. J. Walker 1265	Dir. of Ceremonies
F. G. Boden 779	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
R. Symington 1330	Sword Bearer
W. H. Goodwin 1265	Standard Bearers
J. G. Simpkin 2028	Standard Bearers
C. E. Birch 279	Organist
J. L. West 2081	Pursuivant
S. Knight 1391	Assistant Pursuivant
J. B. Waring 523	Stewards
T. G. Charlesworth 523	Stewards
J. L. Hassan 1265	Stewards
W. B. Ray 1330	Stewards
T. Carter 1560	Stewards
J. Kidney 2081	Stewards
James Tanser 279	Tyler

The Acting Provincial Grand Master called the attention of the brethren to the closely approaching 50th anniversary of the initiation into Freemasonry of the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., and in his speech enlarged upon that worthy and distinguished Brother's great Masonic knowledge and experience, only equalled by his fraternal goodness and kindness of heart, his unwearying efforts for the advancement of the Order and the exceeding prosperity of the Province consequent in great measure upon his labours. He further spoke of Bro. Kelly as being at the present time the father of Freemasonry in the Province, and pointed to his long career as an example the brethren might humbly endeavour to follow, though they might not attain its perfection. The speaker concluded by moving the following resolution:—"In view of the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly P.P.G.M. now closely approaching, and in grateful recognition of the zeal and enthusiam ever displayed by him in all Masonic matters, and of his valued and successful labours on behalf of Freemasonry generally, more especially for the permanent welfare of this Province, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland *most heartily congratulate* their illustrious brother on the interesting occasion, and offer their very sincere wishes that he may long be spared to enjoy the continued esteem and respect of his brethren whilst watching over the progress of the Craft he so loves and adorns." The resolution was duly seconded and carried by acclamation. The invitation offered at the last annual meeting by the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, to the Provincial Grand Master to hold the next general communication under the banner of that Lodge, was renewed on the present occasion. Several communications and letters of apology having been read, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. The proceedings terminated with an excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host of the George Hotel, Bro. J. Read P.M.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

INVESTMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

ON Friday, the 26th October, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, attended on behalf of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master at the installation meeting of the Royal Hanover Lodge, Twickenham, for the purpose of investing Bro. Howard H. Room as Provincial Grand Secretary for Middlesex. The D.P.G.M. stated that he wished to inform the brethren of the Province of the manner in which the selection of Bro. Room had been arrived at. On hearing that Bro. Woodward was compelled to resign the position of Prov. Grand Secretary, Sir Francis Burdett, being aware that if that fact became known there would be numerous suggestions on behalf of the many experienced brethren in the Province, several of whom had special qualifications for the post, and that this would involve considerable correspondence and delay, took council with him (Bro. Thrupp), Bro. Woodward and others, and after carefully considering the merits of the brethren eligible for the post, selected twelve, and these were, after further consideration, reduced to three, from amongst whom it appeared to the Prov. G.M. that Bro. Room was the most eligible. Then, and not till then, he offered the position to Bro. Room, who accepted it. The D.P.G.M. then stated that he had much pleasure in investing Bro. Room with the collar and badge of his office, at the same time expressing his gratification at being enabled to do so in the Royal Hanover Lodge, that being the Lodge in which Bro. Room was initiated. The D.P.G.M. told Bro. Room that he was succeeding one of the best Secretaries the Province ever had, viz.: Bro. Woodward, and counselled him to take Bro. Woodward as his guide in the future. Bro. Room thanked the D.P.G.M. for attending for the purpose, at some personal inconvenience, and pledged himself to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Province.

We learn from the *Jewish Chronicle* that Bro. Jacob Mayer, of Portland, Oregon, has been chosen Grand Master for the State of Oregon.

At the regular meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday next, the 7th inst., the members propose to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the initiation into Masonry and membership of their Lodge, of Bro William Kelly, F.R.S. Our veteran brother is this year again filling the office of W.M., and has kindly promised to read an address on the occasion; this will be entitled "Fifty Years' Masonic Reminiscences briefly told.".

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNITY, No. 71.

THE 141st installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, London-road, Lowestoft, on the 18th ult., when Brother Wilton was installed in the chair. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. Hodgson. The Officers appointed were Bros. Russell I.P.M., Kersey S.W., Smith J.W., Jeckels Secretary, Henderson Treasurer, Everitt S.D., Freeman J.D., Hodgson Dir. of Cers., Blackburne I.G., Symes Tyler. After the ceremony the outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. Russell, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of esteem from the brethren. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn honoured the Lodge with his presence. The visitors present were Bros. Binckes, Mann, Blackmore, Brooke, Roberts, Garnham. T. W. Ward, Bales, Chaston, C. Ward, Pearse, Riden, Parker, Holliday, Blunderfield, Havers. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Suffolk Hotel to a banquet.

PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

AT Sunderland, on Thursday, the 11th ult., Bro. Cristopher M. Wake W.M. intimated that the invitation conveyed to the Prov. Grand Master, on the occasion of the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Gateshead, to hold the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Sunderland, had been considered by Sir Hedworth Williamson P.G.M. and accepted. The Provincial Grand Lodge would, therefore, be held at Sunderland next year, when he had no doubt the brethren would make fitting arrangements to give a becoming reception to the Lodge. The intimation was received with much satisfaction.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 269.

ON the 18th ult., about 300 members assembled in the Town Hall, Blackburn, to celebrate the entrance of this old Lodge upon the second century of its existence. Amongst those who took part in the proceedings were—Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. P.G.M., W. Coddington, M.P., P.P.G.W., J. H. Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer of England P.P.G.W., John Chadwick P.G. Standard Bearer P.G. Secretary, Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot Prov. Chaplain, and many other distingnished members of the Craft. A short history of the Lodge was read by Bro. Preston P.M., after which the R.W. P.G.M. presented the centenary warrant to the W.M. Bro. Openshaw. The Lodge was adjourned, and went in procession to the Parish Church, where a special service was held, and an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot. At the close a collection was made, in aid of the Masonic Charities. The brethren returned in procession to the Lodge-room, when the Lodge was closed. About 80 of the brethren were entertained at a banquet at the Old Bull Hotel.

LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 445.

THE fifty-second anniversary of the above Lodge was celebrated at the Pomfret Hotel, Towcester, on the 18th ult., and was made additionally interesting by reason of the installation of Bro. T. Oldham from the Office of Past Master to Worshipful Master. There was a large gathering of brethren. The installation ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner by Bro. Jones, who installed the Worshipful Master according to the ancient custom of the Craft. Subsequently a banquet took place.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 455.

ON the 11th ult., the members celebrated their Jubilee by a *soirée dansante*, at the Corn Exchange. The Lodge was opened in due form at seven o'clock by Bro. J. White Gressley W.M., the Officers and brethren present being:—Hanger, Coles, Marlow, Toller, Burges, Lewis, East, Noble, Marriott, Webb, Lerman, Lamett 1764, Phimmer 47, Rawlins 1330, Parker, Fisher, Knight 737, who received the Provincial Grand Officers the Earl of Euston P.G.M. and Rev. the Hon. Courtenay J. Vernon P.G.C. with due ceremony. The W.M. gave a brief history of the Perseverance Lodge, and the Earl of Euston, in response to the customary salutations, addressed a few words to the brethren, advising them as to the steps which should be taken to raise and consolidate their Lodge. The Lodge was closed in the usual way and at nine o'clock dancing commenced.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 630.

ON Friday, the 19th instant, the brethren of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, at Howden, when Bro. T. C. Turton S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by G. H. Anderton P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer. The ceremony was impressively rendered, there being a large attendance of Visitors from Hull, Selby, Goole, York, Thorne, Crowle, &c. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Briggs I.P.M., Rev. G. L. M. Rees S.W., Shaw J.W., Rev. W. Hutchinson Chaplain, Anderson Treasurer, Rowntree Secretary, Coulson S.D., Brearley J.D., Emmett I.G., Akitt Tyler. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to Bowman's Hotel, where Host Walmsley served a banquet in excellent style.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE installation meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on the 15th ult. Lodge was duly opened by the presiding W.M. Bro. Purslow, and after the usual business had been transacted the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Jones, was installed into his office by Bro. Robinson. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Purslow I.P.M., F. R. Harnett S.W., Clewitt J.W., Rev. W. H. L. Harnett Chaplain, Robinson Treasurer, Culverhouse Secretary, Holton S.D., Hipporsley J.D. and Organist, Graham I.G., Ball Steward, Busby D.C., and Bonser Tyler. Lodge having been closed in due and ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Hicks, assisted by Mrs. Hicks and a capital staff of waiters, catered for a splendid repast, which gave full satisfaction to all the brethren. Amongst the visitors were the following:—Jordan 1310, Rev. H. John Hatch 150, Warwick 618, Line 88, 1416, Jones 445, Mulford 445, Knight 445, Pike 1699, Bull, &c.

FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES LODGE, No. 979.

THE installation of Bro. John Knott, Mayor-elect of Crewe, as Worshipful Master, was influentially attended. There were upwards of thirty Past and Present Provincial Grand Lodge Officers present, including Bro. Newhouse P.G. Secretary. Bro. Dean Sutcliffe, the outgoing Worshipful Master, performed the ceremony of installation, and he was subsequently the recipient of a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his Masonic worth and valuable services to the Lodge. The Officers invested for the year were:—Bros. Leech S.W., Jackson J.W., Badger Treasurer, Hunt Secretary, Welch S.D., Vickiss J.D., Fineberg I.G., Clarke, Hawthorn and Stelfox Stewards. An excellent banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, 15th ult. Bro. Sydney Freme Clement W.M. installed his successor, Bro. Davies, the ceremony being most ably performed. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. Clement I.P.M., Bolton S.W., Adams J.W., Protheroe Treas., Corbett Organist, Young S.D., Jones J.D., Beresford I.G., Edwards, Ellwood and Bellamy Stewards, Smith Tyler. Bro. Clement was then presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, a compliment which he acknowledged in a brief, though appropriate speech. The newly-installed Worshipful Master having closed the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Black Lion Hotel Assembly Room, where a banquet awaited them, admirably catered for by Bro. J. S. and Mrs. Swift.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1760.

THE installation ceremony took place on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough. Bro. R. Hamper was installed W.M., and the Officers invested were:—Bros. J. Bowes I.P.M., T. H. Pexton S.W., A. G. Welburn J.W., H. A. Williamson P.M. P.P.G.R. Chaplain, J. Knaggs P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Treasurer, J. E. Lupton D.C. Secretary, E. H. Hackers P.M. P.G.A.D.C., F. Fletcher S.D., F. G. Pexton J.D., Charles E. Bradley I.G., W. Flockton S.S., E. F. Hanes J.S., G. E. Royle Organist, R. Nicholson Almoner. The W.M. elect was installed by Bro. G. Chambers P.M. assisted by Bro. J. Bowes I.P.M. The customary banquet took place at the Castle Hotel, the newly-installed W.M. presiding.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. There was a large attendance under the Mastership of Brother R. Pearce. The chief business was the installation of Bro. Anscombe, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Berry, and the charges given by Bros. Burfield and Berry. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pearce I.P.M., Billinghurst S.W., Lelew J.W., Tooth Chaplain, Peters Treasurer, Newsome Secretary, Stair S.D., Embling J.D., Loader Dir. of Cers., Thomson I.G., Bullock Organist, Markham and Thornton Stewards, Hughes Tyler. Bro. T. Berry was elected Charities' Steward. All business being ended, Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied in admirable style by Bro. Sayers, of Weston-road, Brighton.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1909.

ON the 15th ult., Bro. Range, Worshipful Master, was installed at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bolton I.P.M. The following brethren were appointed as Officers:—Bros. Leman S.W., Walker J.W., Foulkes Chaplain, Spalding P.M. Treasurer, Salsbury P.M. Secretary, Willis P.M. Dir. of Cers., Gath S.D., Byng J.D., Donbleday I.G., Harrison and Hooton Stewards, Benham Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Fitzhugh, Dr. Hatherley, Perry, Hanson, Howard, Roberts W.M. 47.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE, No. 1914.

THE installation of Bro. Willdig took place at the Lodge-room, the Harecastle Hotel, Kidsgrove, on the 9th ult. The installation ceremony was performed in a very able manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Evans, in the presence of about thirty brethren. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Marsh S.W., Tennant J.W., Rev. V. Lichfield Chaplain, Storey Treasurer, Woodcock P.M. Secretary, Rev. V. Lichfield S.D., Nall J.D., Bott I.G., Jenkins Steward, Leon Tyler. In addition to the members of the Lodge the following Visiting brethren were present:—Bros. Samuel P.M. 293 and 999, Kent 546, Townsend P.M. 117, Davenport, Norris 451, Masterman 26, and Hodson 546. A banquet followed.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

AN event of more than ordinary interest in the Masonic history of this city took place at the building lately vacated by the Liberal Club, in Castlegate, York, on the 22nd ult., when the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland dedicated the rooms to Masonic purposes. The Agricola Lodge was constituted at the Queen's Hotel, York, on the 12th April 1883 the consecration ceremony being performed by the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. Dr. Bell, who was assisted on the occasion by Bros. Peck P.G. Sec., Whytehead 1611, Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, and many Provincial Grand Officers,

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Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren. The seven founders were:—Bros De Salis, Captain Cavenagh, White, Major McGachen, Polkinghorne, Thomson and Harding. The Agricola Lodge was named after Agricola (a Roman Consul, under the Emperor Vespasian) who lived from A.D. 37 to 93, and who came to Britain as Governor in 78, and who taught the Britons to settle in towns and to build comfortable houses and splendid temples, and is the only Lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England so named. The warrant of constitution granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, was dated 20th Feb. A.L. 5883, A.D. 1883. After the consecration of the Lodge Bro. De Salis was installed as the first W.M. by Bro. Whytehead. The first Officers of the Lodge were:—Bros. De Salis W.M., Captain Cavenagh S.W., Harding J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, White Secretary, Clarkson S.D., Isaacs J.D., Polkinghorne D. of C., Turner Organist, Woolnough I.G., Osborne Tyler, Harley and Flint Stewards. The Lodge met for some considerable time at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, in the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, to which the Agricola Lodge were considerably indebted for the use of Lodge furniture, jewels, &c., and for the fraternal assistance rendered to them in their new undertaking. The Agricola Lodge afterwards removed temporarily to rooms in Peter Lane, and early this year obtained more suitable premises in Castlegate, the first meeting being held by permission of the R.W. P.G. Master in April, when the present W.M., Bro. A. M. White, who was one of the seven founders, was installed by the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett. The upper portion of the building has been leased by the Lodge, and the spacious billiard room of the club has been altered to the requirements of the Lodge as the Lodge-room, the various ante rooms being suitably furnished for reception rooms, &c. The embellishments and alterations have been well carried out by Bro. T. Laverack, who also ably directed the ceremonies of the day. The Provincial Grand Master was supported on the occasion by the following Present and Past Provincial Officers of the Province, viz.:—Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, M. C. Peck Secretary, Rev. W. Vallentine Chaplain, Rev. J. E. Young Chaplain, D. J. O'Donoghue, G. Kirby, G. Garbutt, J. Marshall, T. M. Goldie, Rev. G. L. M. Rees Chaplain, Rev. H. Greeves, A. Sample, &c., and brethren of the York, Eboracum, and Lodges in North and East Yorkshire and other Provinces. Previous to the assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. G. Manton, Junior Warden, on behalf of the brethren of the Agricola Lodge, made a presentation of Provincial Lodge clothing, consisting of apron, collars and cuffs, to the W.M. on his appointment to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Richmond. The presentation was duly acknowledged by Brother White, who briefly alluded to the past history of the Lodge and thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services to the Lodge since its consecration. The Provincial Grand Lodge then entered in procession, and the ceremony was proceeded with, the Lodge being duly dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. The musical portion was very effectively rendered by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, T. W. Dow, J. Sutcliffe, J. Wilson, and T. Laverack, of the Agricola Lodge, Bro. A. Sample presiding at the organ. The music selected for the occasion was "Atkinson's Dedication Service," and the rendering thereof formed a marked feature of the proceedings, the solos being efficiently given by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson and J. Wilson. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the proposition of the W.M., and the Provincial Grand Secretary then gave an appropriate oration. The following brethren have occupied the chair as Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. De Salis 1883-4, Cavenagh 1884-5, Polkinghorne 1885-6, Harding 1886-7 (died during year of office), Martin 1887-8, White 1888-9.

ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., a meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. The business transacted was of a formal character, the principal item being the presentation by the W.M. and Wardens of new Officers' collars, &c., for which the cordial thanks of the brethren assembled were given. The Lodge being closed the members repaired to the adjoining establishment, where, in the meantime, their wives and lady friends had been welcomed by a Reception Committee, and in due time the company, numbering over fifty, sat down to a most excellent banquet. There were present: Bros. Foreman W.M., Leach Barrett S.W., Chauffourier J.W., Mander P.M. Treasurer, Taylor P.M. Secretary, Lyon S.D., Surridge J.D., Restall I.G., Munday I.P.M., P.M.'s Dr. S. Lloyd, Watts and Amsden; Pedlar, Madel, Hawkins, Lev. D. Anley, H. Anley, Haworth and Jourden. Visitors: Bros. Hogard, Cooke, Long, Lechertier, DuPlat, Bird, Gartley, Roussillion, Beazley, Kift, Moore and Frohlich. Mesdames Foreman, Barratt, Chauffourier, Mander, Taylor, Surridge, Easton, Munday, Lloyd, Haworth, DuPlat, Pedlar, Beazley, and Long. Misses Lloyd, Lyon, Vincent and Bright. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. Hogard returning thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Munday I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated him on the success of the evening. The Worshipful Master, in his reply, welcomed the ladies to this the second entertainment of the kind given by the Lodge, the previous one having taken place in 1878, during the Mastership of Bro. Taylor. Bro. Watts P.M. having proposed, and Bro. Lyon S.D. having returned thanks for the ladies, the W.M. rose and said, I have now the pleasure to give what I consider the toast of the evening, viz., that of the Past Masters, and especially that of Bro. Taylor P.M. and Secretary, for in placing this before you I am reminded of a most pleasing duty which devolves upon me. It is the presentation of a testimonial to our much respected Bro. Taylor. There is much I could wish to say concerning it, but the ladies and brethren will better understand the object of the testimonial by my reading the inscription thereon:—

Presented to Bro. and Companion Arthur E. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works Surrey P.M. P.Z. 1201 P.M. P.Z. 1851, by the Brethren and Companions of the Eclectic and Ewell Lodges and Chapters, to mark their appreciation of his services in various offices, especially as Secretary and Scribe E., and their admiration of his devotedness to the interests of Freemasonry in general.

Bro. Taylor, no one can realise better than yourself the feelings by which we have been actuated in making this presentation. It will never be necessary for you to refer to it to be reminded of the sentiments of respect in which you are held by the members of the Craft, but when your son arrives (as I trust he will) at the estate of manhood, to be a source of happiness to you and yours, you may then point to it and tell him that your honourable career in Freemasonry has gained you the respect, friendship, nay, I would say the affection, of all the brethren, who, in common with myself, have had the privilege of being brought into contact with you. The testimonial consists of a most elaborate drawing in pen and ink, executed with the finish of a steel engraving, by Bro. T. Pedlar, a member of the Lodge, and represents a frieze and pediment supported by two columns, that on the left being a fluted Corinthian, and on the right Ionic, both with their respective pedestals, balustrades, &c. In the centre of the pediment over the main cornice is the All Seeing Eye, underneath on a scroll laying over the entablature is the Royal Arch jewel, underneath the frieze is the date of presentation on a scroll with the square and compasses on the left and crossed gavels on the right. In the panel of the Corinthian column is the Past Master's jewel, on the corresponding side is the P.Z.'s jewel, and in the centre the Secretary's jewel and other Masonic emblems. The drawing is enclosed in a mount and massive gilded oak frame. Bro. Taylor, in reply, said Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren,—I hardly know in what terms I can express to you the feelings which arise within me at this moment, or how I can adequately reply to the remarks which have been so kindly conveyed by the Worshipful Master beyond saying that the recollection of this event will remain in my heart till death. The long associations I have had with this, my Mother Lodge, have rendered it and its members very dear to me, and my connection with the Eclectic Chapter and the Ewell Lodge and Chapter, all of which I assisted in founding has at all times given me the greatest possible gratification, and after the numberless proofs I have had of the esteem of the brethren, this last token of their kindness and goodwill affects me so powerfully that I am left without words properly to show the feelings of gratitude with which I am animated. And, Worshipful Master, I feel keenly your allusion to my son, and you may rest assured that the beautiful testimonial you have presented me with this evening will be an heirloom to be prized by him, and which, when he arrives at an age to understand it, I shall show him with pleasure and pride, to testify to the esteem, love and kindness always shown to his father by the members of those Masonic societies to which he had the privilege to belong. Music, well rendered by several members and visitors, assisted in enlivening the proceedings, Mrs. Surridge being much applauded for the excellent manner in which she delivered the song she had selected. At the desire, however, of some, the W.M. soon after cut short both speech and song, and the room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till the warning tones of Bro. Madel, the Manager, in announcing the closing of the establishment, caused members and guests to depart.

DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2144.

THE annual meeting was held on the 8th ult., at the Lodge room, Bowden, on which occasion Bro. Eli Morgan was installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. invested as his Officers the following:—Bros. George Bowen S.W., Alfred Ingham J.W., Josiah Drinkwater P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Pearce P.M. Secretary, Edwin George Simpson P.P.G.J.D. as I.P.M., W. Bostock (Manchester) P.P.G.A. Swd.Br. as D.C., Frederick Johnson S.D., J. Carpenter J.D., John T. Goulding I.G., Wm. Morris, E. Lloyd Kenyon, Jos. Crawshaw and Wm. Moody Stewards, and J. Harrison Tyler. The retiring Master Bro. Simpson was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. There was a large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—Held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on the 30th ult. Bros. Saqui W.M., Brown S.W., Goodinge J.W., Dodd S.D., Jones J.D., White I.G., P.M.'s Dodson and Pége; Bros. Davis jun., Marks, Marcus, McDowell, Ansell, King, Davey, Poynter, Liscombe, Rosenberg, Frantz, Cohen, Davis sen., Andrews, Gardner, Friedlander. The business comprised the rehearsal of the third degree, with the traditional history.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—This Lodge, which meets at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, every Thursday at 5·30 p.m., has now resumed work for the season. A meeting was held on the 25th October, when there were present Bros. Street W.M., Glanville S.W., Toulmein jun. J.W., Jupe S.D., Hall J.D., Balcombe I.G.; also Bros. Joseph Langton, Hobbs, Burne, Knight, Marshall, Webb, Brewer, Gordon Smith, Cawston, and Mapleton. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer presented his report for the past year, which was of a satisfactory character. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Webb gave the explanation of the second tracing board. Bro. Granville was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Brewer, the last meeting being the first time he had occupied the chair in this Lodge. A similar vote was passed to the W.M.

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After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 9 Girls into the Institution from a list of 62 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly **ELECTED**:—

No. on Poll	No. on List				Votes
1	28	Short, F. T.	...	...	5308
2	26	Sims, D. ...	...	...	4221
3	19	Pooler, E. A. B.	...	...	4131
4	46	Mackey, E. W. R.	...	...	4109
5	31	Turton, A. C.	...	...	3807
6	25	Wells, F. N.	...	...	3680
7	51	Belton, A. W.	...	...	3508
8	4	Bissett, S.	...	...	3395
9	36	Wilson, M. E.	...	...	3165

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.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of October 1888,

W. Bro. William Roebuck, V. Patron, Trustee (P.G.S.B.), in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-FOUR BOYS from an approved List of seventy-five Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	20	Grimsey, Arthur Henry	3702
2	9	Ball, Charles	2810
3	63	Troop, Herbert	2658
4	10	Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald ...	2633
5	25	Chinneck, Robert Percy	2544
6	27	Gaches, Vernon Peed	2535
7	34	Land, Walter	2468
8	38	Bland, Frederick	2453
9	4	Green, Charles William	2441
10	23	Mossop, Charles Irwin	2380
11	24	Murley, Ernest	2374
12	49	Cox, George Hancock	2330
13	56	Rushworth, George	2245
14	7	Turner, Francis Pater	2230
15	74	Menpes, Frns. Dealtry Witherden ...	2221
16	17	Baylis, Stanley	2217
17	26	Kendall, Kenneth	2204
18	41	Pinder, William Hubert	2175
19	43	Wilson, Fred	2149
20	36	Brown, John Leonard	2141
21	45	Morgan, Rhys Edgar	2118
22	68	Everton, Frank Edmond	2076
23	35	Windsor, Arthur Herbert	2066
24	64	Harris, Frederick Joseph	2032

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std., P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat. Secretary.

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26th October 1888.

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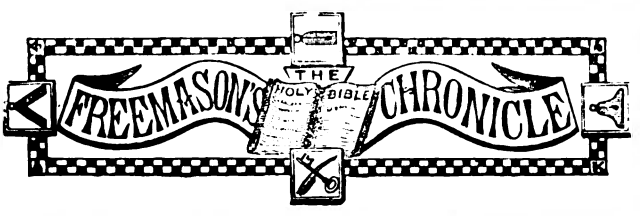
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held at Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under the banner of the Lodge of Integrity, No. 110. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Integrity Lodge. The R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master, Brother C. Letch Mason, accompanied by the V.W. Brother the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, entered at 4·15, and Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened. The following brethren were present:—

Bros. Hugh Sugden Holdsworth P.G.S.W., Jeremiah L. Atherton P.G.J.W.; Joseph W. Monckman, Henry France, John Barker P.P.G. Wardens; William R. Massie P.G.M.O., George Marshall as P.G.S.O., George E. Bennett as P.G.J.O., William Frederick Tomlinson P.P.G.O., the Rev. William Dunn, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, James Henry Gration as P.G. Treasurer, Edward J. Massie P.G. Registrar, William Cooke P.G. Secretary, Francis Smith P.G.S.D., Charles Greenwood P.G.J.D., Henry Smith P.G.I. of W., Fred Barber P.G.D. of C., William Ackroyd P.G. Assistant D.C., George Henry Locking P.G. Sword Bearer, Thomas Howden P.G. Standard Bearer, George F. Carr P.G. Organist, Thomas Myers P.G.I.G.; Thomas Gankroger, John P. Hewitt, John Johnson Green, Edwin Billington P.G. Stewards, Samuel Barrand as P.G. Tyler, Deardon 53, J. Rhodes 58, W. H. Wilson 58, A. E. Dalzall 58, J. A. Thornton P.M. 110, William Flockton 111, W. H. B. Atkinson 111, A. Gill S.W. 137, A. F. Fitzpatrick W.M. T.I., C. J. Schott J.W. T.I., W. Hutchinson 352, R. E. Collinson W.M. 352, W. Tupman 352, R. D. Kendall 14, A. F. McGill S.W. 374, Rev. J. H. Evans 374, Tudor Trevor P.M. (S.C.), &c., &c.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master in acknowledging the salutation said:—

Brethren,—Accept my thanks for the very hearty reception you have accorded to Prov. Grand Lodge to-day. It is to myself a matter of personal congratulation that the Integrity Lodge, No. 110, under whose banner we are assembled to-day, is in such a flourishing condition. The Lodge, brethren, as many of you are well aware, obtained its warrant on the 11th May 1870, to meet in the town of Morley, but was afterwards removed in 1875 to this City of Wakefield. First it held its meeting at the Great Bull Hotel, but on the 12th March 1885 it was removed to the handsome and commodious Hall in which we are at present assembled. It is not always a desirable thing to move a Lodge from its original moorings, yet I think I may say, without hesitation, that it has been beneficial both to this Lodge, and the Portal Lodge, No. 127, which now meets at the neighbouring town of Barnsley. During the twelve months ending the 30th June last, 12 new Mark Lodges were consecrated, one of which holds its meetings at Crowle, in the adjoining Province of Lincolnshire. I have heard rumours of further extension in West Yorkshire, but as yet they have not taken definite shape. Although from a financial point of view the Mark Benevolent Festival of July last was not quite so successful as that in the preceding year, the amount raised being only £1818 2s as against £2260 in 1887, yet the number of the Stewards was larger, in fact the largest on record, being 168, and this following close on the great Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, thus indicating that the work of the Benevolent Fund is appreciated and the interest therein increasing. I desire to thank most sincerely those brethren of West Yorkshire who kindly acted as Steward and by whose endeavours our Province stood well on the subscription list. It may not be out of place briefly to state the plan on which this Fund is worked. It is divided into three branches—the Benevolent, the Educational, and the Annuity Fund. The Benevolent Fund is for relief and benevolence, and is under the control of the General Board, who have the disposal of all amounts below £20, sums above that amount requiring the confirmation of the Grand Lodge. During the twelve months ending the 30th June last, grants to the amount of £85 were made. The object of the Educational Branch is to educate and clothe the children eligible for assistance of Mark Master Masons at grammar or other schools in the vicinity of the homes of their parents or friends. From a recent return we find 13 boys and 13 girls are being thus educated by means of this fund, and in addition Grand Lodge, by special resolution, voted £5 annually to each child to procure clothing, &c. The Annuity Fund was established in 1885, when Grand Mark Lodge voted £1000 as a nucleus. Its object is to grant annuities of £20 each to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and £16 each to widows of Mark Masons. At the present time there are four male annuitants and no female. The Benevolent Fund has now been in existence 19 years, during which time it has been steadily increasing. Its invested funds now amount to £6000, besides a substantial sum to its credit in the hands of its bankers; roundly speaking, one-third of the income is appropriated to the Benevolent, one-third to the Educational, and one-third to the Annuity Fund. I again commend this matter to your thoughtful consideration. It is with regret that I observe that our Bradford brethren have lost an eminent worker and Past Master of their Lodge, Bro. Frederick Smart. He was installed into the chair of the Time Immemorial Lodge in 1883, was appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Steward in 1882, and to that of Provincial Grand Inspector of Works in 1883. I cannot be insensible, brethren, to the efforts that are being made throughout the Province by many earnest brethren to promote the efficiency and extend the influence of Mark Masonry, and I observe with pleasure the activity of several Lodges; yet, brethren, let me again and again impress upon you that it is your bounden duty to be extremely careful to admit no one "a participation in our privileges unless you have strong grounds to believe that he will ultimately reflect on our choice." Bear always in mind those words spoken by one who for a time was chief ruler of the Craft, words that I should like to see emblazoned on the walls of every Masonic Lodge—"Remember the strength of our Order lies not in the number of our Lodges or in the increasing roll of our members, but in the fraternal spirit by which the members are animated, and which lives and breathes in our Lodges." Brethren, this being our annual meeting I desire to say a few words on Masonry generally, Freemasonry as practised by us is speculative, it is also symbolical; we rear no material buildings, employ neither brick nor stone in the construction of our edifice, nor mortar in our operations, but we use the cement of brotherly love and kindness, and endeavour to build up a "spiritual house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." As a speculative science Freemasonry has become a wide-spread and far-reaching organization, bearing within itself the most convincing evidence that it was formed for a worthy purpose, to promote among men peace, goodwill, mutual sympathy, relief and brotherly love, to cultivate love and affection for the land of our birth, and to avoid everything "that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society." To thoroughly understand Freemasonry we must not be content with its outward forms, but must turn to that inner, to that invisible nature which forms a superstructure upon which rests man's spiritual and intellectual being. Freemasonry is the product of civilisation, refinement and knowledge, and while based on the spiritual and interwoven in its structure with the social nature of man, it is only developed as the

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mind expands, strengthens and becomes fully ripe for new and enlarged enjoyments, to be found only in its hidden recesses and intricacies of thought. It appeals and captivates the inner man, furnishes food for reflection and study, charms and entices men to attach themselves to it in every clime and in every country where civilisation exists; hence we may infer that it possesses that organism, character and modes of procedure which pleases man, wins his regard for a higher and nobler nature, satisfying the craving of his mind and the aspiration of his soul. "It has virtue for its aim, the glory of God its object, and the eternal welfare of man is considered in every part, point, or letter of its ineffable mysteries." Freemasonry has withstood the fierce assaults of religious bigotry and the vindictive hate of political denunciation. It hath been calm and silent amid the unprovoked attacks of its enemies and of papal anathemas. Wise and distinguished Statesmen and Divines have stood firm in its defence, and without fear or misgiving avowed their love and confidence in it. There must then be something peculiar, something extraordinary, in its nature which thus adapts itself to all classes and conditions of good men, and which for long years has given its strength, power and influence among the best and most enlightened of mankind. It must strike some hidden chord in human nature which causes a quick response, and which we doubt not was implanted by the Great Architect of the Universe for some good and beneficent reason. It is this mental machinery, this unseen reasoning force that, coming into action, binds men, cultured to the highest point, strong in every faculty, to Masonry, and gives them enjoyment and satisfaction in the participation of its ceremonies in loving teaching, and expounding its nature and principles, and perhaps while they cannot tell why it is, yet they feel its inspiration and are neither ashamed to own it, nor willing to ignore it. The profane may assure the initiate that its ceremonies are frivolous or without practical benefit, yet where is the man who has knelt at its altars and penetrated into its mysteries who is not impressed with the solemnity of its spiritualistic observance and the utility of its lessons of wisdom and of virtue, tending to smooth the rough pathway of life and pointing to that higher and more real life of everlasting happiness in the celestial mansion of eternal bliss and glory reserved for the good and true of all time and of every nation? Thus, my brethren, I trust that we may all feel that Freemasonry is an institution designed to meet the need of human nature to be cherished as one of the great influences that make men better, wiser and happier, and as we labour on in our respective spheres of life, perchance some heart may be cheered, some brother or companion may be made happier and better by it, and may we all strive with God's blessing to promote its welfare and to extend its influence among mankind.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Past Grand Chaplain, briefly acknowledged his salutation. The roll of Lodges was called, when every Lodge in the Province was represented. Apologies for non-attendance from the three absent Officers were read and were deemed satisfactory. The minutes of the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Huddersfield, were confirmed. Bro. Geo. Normanton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Francis Smith	Senior Warden
Fred Barber	Junior Warden
Jesse Arthur Thornton	Master Overseer
E. J. Massie	Senior Overseer
Henry Smith	Junior Overseer
Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A.	Chaplain
George Normanton	Treasurer
Thomas Gaukroger	Registrar
William Cooke	Secretary
William Ackroyd	Senior Deacon
Thomas Howden	Junior Deacon
Thomas Myers	Inspector of Works
Christopher William Fincken	Director of Ceremonies
John P. Hewitt	Asst. Director of Cers.
John J. Green	Sword Bearer
A. F. Fitzpatric	Standard Bearer
George F. Carr	Organist
Arthur Ferguson McGill	Inner Guard
Robert D. Kendall, Alfred Gill, C. J. Schott, Robert E. Collinson	Stewards

The Provincial Grand Registrar read the following statement of the numerical position of each Lodge up to the 31st December 1887:—

Lodges	1886	Advanced	Joined	Total	Resigned	Died	Exoluded	1887	Increase	Decrease
Prince Edward, 14	16	6	...	22	...	...	4	18	2	...
Britannia, 53	68	8	...	76	6	3	...	67	...	1
Fearnley, 58	53	2	...	55	...	2	1	52	...	1
Integrity, 110	25	3	...	28	...	1	...	27	2	...
Copley, 111	45	1	...	46	1	...	...	45	...	...
Portal, 127	28	3	...	31	...	...	...	31	3	...
Truth, 137	13	2	3	18	1	...	...	17	4	...
Old York, T.I.	31	...	...	31	1	...	...	30	...	1
Prince Leopold, 352	26	1	...	27	3	2	...	22	...	4
St. Chad's, 374	6	9	1	16	...	...	...	16	10	...
	311	35	4	350	12	8	5	325	21	7

The Provincial Grand Wardens and Overseers were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren afterwards sat down to tea, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Wakefield brethren for the arrangements made for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Old Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath, under the banner of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and was presided over by the Rev. Bro. R. C. Else Provincial Grand Mark Master, who was supported by Bro. Colonel Long Deputy Provincial Grand Master Mason. The visitors included Bros. Baron De Ferrières Provincial Grand Master of Gloucester, and Montague Provincial Grand Warden of England. The Secretary (Bro. Elworthy) having called the roll of Lodges, it was found that all the working Lodges in the Province were represented. The minutes of the Lodge meeting at Yeovil last year having been confirmed, Bro. Rodway Treasurer read the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £63 11s 3d. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Colonel Long	Deputy Master
Edwards P.M. 119	Senior Warden
Mercer	Junior Warden
Duckett W.M. 191	Master Overseer
Holroyd	Senior Overseer
Shorland W.M. 119	Junior Overseer
Rev. F. W. Macdonald	Chaplain
Rodway	Treasurer
Surgeon-General Ringer	Registrar of Marks
Elworthy	Secretary
Knight	Senior Deacon
Bewsey	Junior Deacon
Gill	Inspector of Works
Stranbridge	Director of Ceremonies
Captain Newell	Sword Bearer
Dunsford	Standard Bearer
Nosworthy	Organist
Peckett	Inner Guard
Wilson	Steward

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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 7th of November 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 18th July to the 16th October 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	313	19	7	Disbursements during the quarter	310	12	5
„ Unappropriated Account	201	3	10	Balance	255	11	11
Subsequent Receipts	242	2	6	„ Unappropriated Account	191	1	7
	£757	5	11		£757	5	11

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

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

From Companions Henry Cook as Z., John Murray as H., Philip Lancashire Booth as J., and thirteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, to be called "The Henry Cook Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire (W.D.)

The petition being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Chapter of South Australia reporting that they had been regularly established in March 1886, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal relations and communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

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The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of South Australia has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England and representatives exchanged, the Grand Chapter of South Australia be also recognised.

The Committee have also received memorials, with extract of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

Granite Chapter, No. 1328, from Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

The Pattison Chapter, No. 913, from the High School, Brook Hill, to the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, Kent.

The Andrew Chapter, No. 834, from the Bell and Anchor Tavern to the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removal of the above-named Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th October 1888.

BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, No. 159.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hobart Street, Stonehouse, on the 31st ult., to instal the principals for the year ensuing, viz., Comps. Thomas Geach Z., W. H. Williams H., and N. Radmore J. The installing Officers were Companions John Lord, James Gidley, Richard Pike, and William Allaford, assisted by Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The Officers were invested as follows:—Comps. Price S.E., Henwood S.N., Davis P.Soj., Sellick 1st A.Soj., Stoner 2nd A.Soj., Nicholson Treasurer, Harvey D.C., Eden Organist, Endicott Steward, James Bartlett Janitor. Subsequent to the installation, a brother of Lodge Erme, No. 1091, was exalted to the sublime degree by the retiring 1st Principal Comp. Mortimore. During the evening a pair of Royal Arch tracing boards was presented, with the following inscription on the tablet:—

Presented to Chapter Brunswick, 159, H.B.A., October 31 1888, by Ex.-Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 495, and 2025 hon.) P.P.G.P. Soj. and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal.

On a motion proposed by the 1st Principal, and seconded by the 2nd Principal, a vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. T. W. Lemon for his handsome gift to the Chapter. The Companions adjourned to Cousins's Restaurant, George Street, Plymouth, where an excellent dinner was provided, and under the presidency of Comp. T. Geach, an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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The Brewers' Exhibition and Market. — We are not advocates for what is styled "Protection;" on the contrary, we believe an article offered for sale, whether it be one for meeting the demands of food supply or for household utility, should stand or fall on its merits alone. It is useless moaning over loss of trade, because foreign supply emanates from a lower scale of remuneration for labour than holds in this country; rather let the quality and recognised standard of value be our standpoint. As a rule we in this country will not be far behind our neighbours when the verdict has to be declared. This seemed to be the idea that pervaded the body of those exhibitors who took part in the Tenth Annual Brewers', Maltsters', Distillers', Mineral Water Manufacturers', Wine and Spirit Merchants' and Allied Trades' National Exhibition and Market, which was held on the 22nd ult., and five following days, at the Agricultural Hall, London, N. We learn that there were something more than 100 firms extra who exhibited compared with either of the previous shows held in the popular Agricultural Hall for the like purposes, while the attendance during the six days the Hall was open ranged far above that registered in former years. A special feature of the week's programme was the arrangements made for a series of meetings that would interest the trade and those associated with it. These comprised:—On 22nd October the Country Brewers' Society held their annual meeting and Dinner at the Hotel Metropole; a Brewers' Congress was held on the 23rd October, when a paper on "The Licensing Tribunals of the Future" was read by Albert J. Mott, Esq., F.G.S.; on 24th October the Laboratory Club held their annual conference; on 25th October a paper on "The Consolidation of the Licensing Acts" was read by Christopher Page Deane, Esq., Solicitor; while on the last day, the 26th October, a paper on "Trade Organisation" was read by J. Danvers Power, Esq. Another feature was a Barley (English and Foreign) competition, and Ginger Ale and non-intoxicating Herb or Botanic Beverage competition. Several large firms of Brewers from the Provinces also exhibited, and gave a general invitation to any visitor who might feel interested to sample their productions. This we are assured will have a tangible and practical result, as we learn that one of our most eminent London firms has entered into arrangements that will place upon the market a wholesome and palatable beverage that will meet a want that has long been recognised by almost all heads of families.

"Faust up to date" was successfully produced at the Gaiety on Tuesday. The piece was most enthusiastically received, and doubtless another Gaiety success will be the result. We shall give a full notice next week.

"Hands across the Sea" will be produced at the Princess's on Thursday, the 8th instant. The caste we have already announced.

The production of "Nadgy" at the Avenue has been postponed until Wednesday evening next.

Madame Worrell's annual evening concert will take place on Monday, 26th instant, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, near Brixton Church. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 69 Wiltshire Road, Brixton. The entertainment will commence at 8 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, 3rd 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. (Ir)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

13—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
73—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.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—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.)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Mason's Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
520—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, 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, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
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—Nottingham shire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—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, Dagger Lane, Hull

TUESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (I
783—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, (Instruction)
785—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southw
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmon
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton R
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Roa
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street,
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town,
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street,
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road,
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clap
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall,
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Ply
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall,
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall,
206—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleboro
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (In
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, B
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hot
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucest
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, We
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridling
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Dev
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade,
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, C
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley S
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, C
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall,
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange,
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (I
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Angle
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleve
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shiel
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buil
2135—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-o
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern,
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic H
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salen
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfie
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-s
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Stre
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Squa
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms,

WEDNESDAY, 7th

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbe
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckha
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane,
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Stre
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenha
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Stree
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Po
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burde
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgat
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court,
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Pa
1284—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbur
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 O
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Ma
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hou
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham,
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaura
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, W
1681—Londesborough, Beresford Arms, John S
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lin
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-s
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chiswick
1963—Duke of Albany, 156 Battersea Park R
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street,
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., a
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbur
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W
M.M.—Tuscan Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

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429—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
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
993—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.)
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, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2043—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, Leed.
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

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)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Lower Tottenham, 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)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1556—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
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)
1706—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 43—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1096—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Tonyrefail
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Installation)
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
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woolbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ALTHOUGH we were pleased to observe that the recent Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was not allowed to pass without reference to the neglect of the management to extend the benefits of the Institution, in appreciation of the splendid result of the Centenary Festival, we were somewhat surprised that the protest came from so influential a personage as the chairman of the day, and we even go so far as to question the propriety of the remarks made by Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, although, we must perforce admit, they were in keeping with our fondest hopes. Bro Marshall, in his position as chairman of the meeting, regretted that, notwithstanding the munificence of the brethren on the occasion of the Centenary Festival of the Institution, on the 7th of last June, when the Prince of Wales presided, and more than *£50,600* was subscribed, there were vacancies for only nine out of sixty three-candidates. The premises however, he said, were going to be enlarged, and he hoped that at the next April or October elections the Institution would be able to take in all candidates. These remarks called forth some strong expressions of disapproval, and we are sorry to say we think they were deserved. We can well understand Bro. Marshall's personal feeling in the matter; he, like many others who have done their best in support of the Masonic Institutions, is no doubt disgusted that such a Festival as that the Girls' School enjoyed this year should be passed over in contemptuous silence, and we cannot blame him for expressing his private opinion, wherever and whenever he has the opportunity of doing so, but as Chairman for the time being of the Institution itself he ought to have been more guarded in his observations. He should not have made use of his public position to express his private opinion, for we think he will agree with us that what he said at the meeting referred to was merely an expression of personal opinion, not to be accepted as in any way official, or endorsed by those entrusted with the management of the Institution.

While it is true we have all along urged the extention of the benefits of the Charity as a mark of appreciation for the Centenary Festival, we have known there was a great and, in one way of thinking, an insurmountable obstacle in the way. The School buildings have for some time past been over crowded; in addition to which alterations are in progress which still further encroach on the accommodation the School buildings afford. It was therefore unwise, if not impossible, to elect any more children for admission to the School until the necessary additions had been completed, but there was no obstacle to prevent an extension of benefits in other ways. Supposing the Committee had decided to elect the nine children for whom there were vacancies to the full benefits of the Institution, they would then have had fifty-four approved candidates to deal with, and for all of these something could and might have been done. Would it have been a very serious matter—in face of the Centenary Festival—to have elected them all, and educated them outside the School, either permanently, or until such time as they could be admitted in the ordinary way? If such a course would have led to the abuse of the privileges thus conferred,—as we are told was the case in years gone by,—it could have easily been discontinued as soon as the "Centenary" candidates came of an age to leave the care of the Charity, but we do not believe that outside education would be either more expensive, or less satisfactory than that now practised, while it would afford a ready means of doing justice to the Craft, which has thus far been neglected. It is not too late to remedy this omission, and we hope its practicability may yet be considered by those in authority.

Reverting to Bro. Marshall's comments, we may say that the hope he expressed, that on the completion of the alterations all the candidates would be admitted, was most injudicious and most unlikely of being fulfilled. We are not surprised that some of those who were present when he made these remarks took occasion to express their disapproval thereat. One of these, Bro. James A. Birch, of Manchester, has addressed a letter to the *Manchester Courier*, in which he, as a member of the Centenary Committee, says it is not at all likely that the increased accommodation at the School will be available even at October of next year, so that we may give up all hope of anything being done in the way of extending the benefits of the Charity as a result of the Centenary Celebration until 1890 at the earliest. Is this what the Stewards and supporters of the Centenary worked for? We say it is not; and we consider that something should be done immediately to meet the exigencies of the case. It is no use holding out hopes, for 1890, which may never be realised, besides which it is madness to even suggest that during that year all the candidates will be taken on. If such an opinion becomes general who shall say how many candidates will be put forward? Instead of having fifty-four to deal with, as is now the case, we should not be surprised to see ten or even twenty times that number. Taking the average, is there one Lodge in ten that could not find a deserving candidate, provided the members knew there was a certainty of election? Under these circumstances, then, it must be evident that to hope for the admission of all the candidates of 1890, as a recognition of the success of 1888, is not worthy a moment's consideration, and accordingly some other method must be devised of celebrating the grandest Festival ever known in connection with a Charity, or else the matter must be allowed to sink into oblivion—a poor return for a very rich offering.

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COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Brother Jacob Norton.

(Continued from page 260).

UP to about 1860 Masonic dreamers could with impunity palm off any stuff they pleased for Masonic history, and the most absurd Masonic scribblers were most revered for their profound erudition. Bro. Lyon's sketches regarding "Mother Kilwinning," which appeared about or near 1860, gave rise, I believe, to what may be called "The age of Transition." It doubtless convinced a few brethren that true Masonic history was still unknown, and thus predisposed their minds to listen patiently to more truthful writers. Bro. Findel was the first to pierce a hole through the wall of the dark Masonic chamber, which admitted sufficient rays of light to prove clearly that Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, Masonic degrees, in short, speculative Masonry, with all thereunto belonging, did not begin before 1717; and that the Athelstan Charter, the Henry VI. MS., Masonic Templarism, &c., were all *moonshine*. Bro. Findel was of course attacked by the old luminaries, the high degreers, the crafty, and ignorant scribblers; but nevertheless, there were some who had courage enough to defend him.

Bro. Hughan's contributions to the Masonic press, his History of Masonry in York, his publication of the old MSS. served to illumine further the inside of the long closed up Masonic chamber. In short, Bro. Hughan may be said to have enlarged the hole in the wall which Bro. Findel pierced through. Next came Bro. Buchan, who, among other things, exposed the claimed genuineness of the so-called "Malcolm Charter." Next appeared Bro. David M. Lyon's History of Masonry in Scotland, which is even more *sweeping* to all kinds of Masonic *moonshine* than the History of Bro. Findel; but, nevertheless, times were so changed since Bro. Findel's History appeared, that even the old luminaries and *high degreers* had nothing to say against Bro. Lyon's exposures of the old fictions. These writers, which may be called "The new school," prepared the minds of even the sticklers for Masonic antiquity to read patiently in Bro. Gould's History that Sir Christopher Wren was not even an initated Freemason, &c.

Unfortunately, however, Masons as a rule have no taste for reading, and when any of them even feel thirsty or hungry for more "Masonic light," they rush into what is called "The high Masonic degrees" for it, and hence there are even now tens of thousands of initiated Masons who have never heard the names of Findel, Hughan, Lyon, or Gould.

I remember that immediately after my initiation, in 1842, I asked a brother to tell me what Masonic History I was to read, and he highly recommended Dr. Oliver's works, and the Freemasons' Magazine. Oliver's books were too dear for my means. I borrowed, however, a book written by Dr. Ashe, and obtained the loan of the said Magazine from a "Lodge of Instruction," but as the subject was new to me, I could not positively say that there were any falsehoods in the above-named works. In short, I was puzzled, but when, in 1852, a Reverend Grand Master of Massachusetts defended sectarianism in Masonry, with long quotations from Oliver's "Johannite Masonry," and from his "Revelations of a Square," I then became satisfied that Masonic writers of high reputation could be utterly unreliable.

In 1866 I was invited to write for the "Masonic Monthly," in Boston, and since then I have read every Masonic book I could lay hands on; and, as a rule, whenever I thought that the author had erred, I tried to demonstrate his error in a Masonic paper. Now, among other matters, Dermott and his "Ancients" attracted my attention, and I have long since come to the conclusion that Dermott was very clever, very humourous and witty, very fond of Masonry, and was charitable too, but he was utterly unscrupulous as to lying, when it served his purpose. Nay, more! he even seemed to enjoy it. I have already given some specimens of Dermott's inventions, but in the Freemason's Chronicle, of 27th July 1878, I called attention to one of his stories, and as the reader can find the said story on pp 103-4 of Bro. Sadler's book, I shall here merely give the gist of it, thus:—

Sir Christopher Wren, who served the King for upwards of fifty years, was dismissed by George I. from his office of Surveyor General when he was ninety years of age, and a man by the name of B—ns—n, was appointed in his place, and as the London Masons would have been compelled to elect the said B—ns—n for their Grand Master, and as they were disgusted with the insult given to Sir Christopher, they, in order to avoid electing B—ns—n, ceased to hold meetings for a number of years, during which time they had forgotten an important Masonic *something*; but the country Lodges and the Scotch Lodges, who never suspended their regular meetings, retained that important Masonic *something*; therefore, the Scotch and country Masons were *Ancients*, while London Masons became *Moderns*.

Now, putting aside the facts that Sir Christopher was never a Grand Master, and that there was no law to compel the London Masons to elect a Grand Master, I pointed out, first, that George I. did not begin his reign before 1714, if, therefore, he had even dismissed Sir Christopher in 1714, it is not likely that anything could have been forgotten by the London Masons when they formed their Grand Lodge in 1717; and second, as Sir Christopher was born in 1632, and was dismissed from his office when he was "ninety years of age," the dismissal must have taken place in 1722, or five years after the Grand Lodge of England was formed. Now, after reading the above, I think that no one can blame me for disbelieving anything and everything that was written by Dermott, and even his Grand Lodge records are, in my opinion, utterly unworthy of credence.

Again, in the "Masonic Magazine," London, of May 1874, in a Paper headed "Puzzles," I pointed out, not only that in his Warrants sent to Nova Scotia in 1757, Dermott styled his Grand Lodge as "York Masons," but also that the said Warrants were headed with "Blesinton Grand Master." I was of course puzzled, and I asked whether the Ancients were doubly blessed, viz., with a Grand Master *Blessington* and a Grand Master *Blesinton?*

Now, on page 84, &c., in Bro. Sadler's book, I find letters of correspondence between Dermott and the above referred-to nobleman, and I was surprised to find that his lordship's letter was signed "Blesinton." In short, "Blessington" is not found in the said correspondence. That Dermott knew how to spell the said name or title is evident, from his dedication of the 1756 edition of the Ahiman Rezon to the "Earl of Blessington." And as no one can suppose that the said Earl did not know how to spell his own title correctly the question therefore is, did not Dermott manufacture the whole correspondence, and alter the spelling of his lordship's title for the purpose of shielding himself from legal prosecution? Bro. Gould furnished a case which raised my suspicion about Dermott's capability of manufacturing letters of correspondence; thus, in the fourth volume of his History, page 442, I find as follows:—

"In the following year, March 1st, 1758, a letter was read from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, announcing strict union with the Ancient Grand Lodge in London."

The brethren of Dermott's Grand Lodge must have been overjoyed with the above announcement. But on page 446 of the same volume Bro. Gould, says as follows:—

"At a Grand Lodge held Sept. 2nd (1762), a letter was read from Bro. J. Corker, Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, stating that 'he cannot find any traces of the agreement which was made between the two Grand Lodges in 1757,' and also that nothing would have been more advantageous *to our poor Fraternity* than a strict adherence to such a resolution."

Now, is it not strange that an agreement entered into with the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1757 or 1758 should have been unknown to a Deputy Grand Secretary in 1762? For my part, I cannot believe that the letter read in the Grand Lodge of Ancients in 1758 was genuine, and I doubt very much whether the second letter in 1762 was genuine; or at least, whether it had not been altered, or additions made thereto.

But that is not all. Among the correspondence between the Ancients and Lord Blessington one of the letters was from Bro. Holford to the Grand Master, in which he said:—

"The number of Warrants signed by your Worship is convincing proof of the prosperity of the Craft under your Lordship's sanction."

Now, all the Warrants given by the Ancients during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Blessington have somehow disappeared. In Halifax, Nova Scotia, however, there is a Warrant as well as a Deputation to Erasmus James

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Phillips, dated 1757. Both documents are headed with "Blesinton," but neither of them was signed by the Grand Master, but by "Lau Dermott, G. Sec." The question therefore is, did Lord Blessington ever sign a Warrant at all?

The next question is, what kind of a Grand Master did Lord Blessington make? To this question Bro. Sadler himself, on page 84 of his book, answers as follows, he says:—

"I cannot, with strict regard to truth, say that he (Lord Blessington) filled the chair during the time mentioned, for, strange to say, he never attended a meeting, not even to be installed, that ceremony being performed privately by the Grand Officers in his own library in Margaret Street.

Now, as the evidence of Lord Blessington's private installation rests solely on Dermott's testimony, *I may therefore doubt it.*

The surprise of Bro. Sadler about Lord Blessington's behaviour to the London Ancients must be enhanced when we remember his lordship's zeal and activity when he was Grand Master of Ireland in 1738 and 1739; for, as already stated in my former communication, he was even associated with a committee for the purpose of comparing the usages or laws of the Grand Lodge of England with that of Ireland; there was therefore evidently "a screw loose" in London.

Now, it is an undoubted fact that since 1722 (when the Duke of Montague accepted the office of Grand Master of the London Masons) there was no great difficulty in finding noblemen who would cheerfully accept the Grand Master's office; and such was the case, not only in England, but in Ireland and Scotland too. Again, Dermott well knew that unless he could get a nobleman to preside over his Grand Lodge his concern would not last long; hence, on 5th Nov. 1752, the record (as quoted by Bro. Sadler on page 83) says:—

"The names of several Noble and Honourable Gentlemen, said to be Ancient Masons, were laid before the Committee, in order to petition some one of them to undertake the Grand Mastership, &c., of the Craft. The principal personages spoken of were the Right Hon. Lord Chesterfield, Ponsonby, Inchiquin, Blesinton."

Dermott doubtless knew very well that not a solitary personage he named was what he called an "Ancient Mason," and this fact is admitted by Bro. Sadler himself. To how many personages Dermott wrote I know not. It is evident, however, that no one of the parties he petitioned would have anything to do with him. At last he caught, or seems to have secured the promise of, a nobleman, in 1756. Dermott informed his Grand Lodge, 27th Dec. 1756. that he had written a letter to Lord *Blesinton*, and carried the letter to his lordship's house, but he was refused admission, so he sent another letter to his lordship by post, to which he received the following answer:—

"I am much concerned that I happened not to see you when you called on me the other day, but my being denied was owing to a mistake, having given orders, not with regard to you, but another person, who has been very troublesome. As I shall be out of town on St. John's Day, I must beg leave to act by deputy."

The above letter is signed "Blesinton," hence, I doubt whether at least it is a correct copy; but assuming that it is O.K., I would infer from it that his lordship was a soft-hearted man who could not refuse a favour. It is therefore possible that his lordship was induced, more or less reluctantly, to yield to Dermott's solicitation, which he soon after regretted. Anyhow, he seems to have been ashamed of his new connections, for he never went near them, and was anxious to cast himself loose from Dermott and Co. That such was the case may be inferred from the following extract from a letter of Bro. Hesseltine, Grand Secretary of England, dated 1769.

"How far (says Bro. Hesseltine) the Ancients have raised themselves in the esteem of the public may be gathered from the number of persons of eminence who have headed them, being at most but three, viz., Lord Blessington, some Lord Kelley, and a present Mr. Matthews, whose names they have made use of, but with what authority I shall not pretend to say. This much I can say, that the late Mr. Revis, who had been an Officer of our Grand Lodge for upwards of thirty years, declared about the year 60 (1760) that Lord Blessington, being informed of such circumstance, forbade the use of his name any longer, under pain of prosecution."

Now, in the first place, Hesseltine had good reason to despise Dermott, and second, as Hesseltine's character stood high, and as I have never heard anything against him, I feel justified in believing him when he emphatically said "This much I know." I have, therefore, no doubt that Revis said so, and that he told the truth; it is, therefore, not impossible that our soft-hearted brother Lord Blessington, was induced by misrepresentation to consent to Dermott's proposition, that he discovered his mistake soon after, and was ashamed to have anything to do with the concern, and, therefore, forbade Dermott to continue to use his Lordship's name, under a threat of legal prosecution. But as Dermott had to have a nobleman for his Grand Master, he therefore misspelled the title, and called his Grand Master *Blesinton* instead of Blessington. I know that my reasoning will be pronounced by some as *far-fetched*. I cannot, however, otherwise account for Dermott's misspelling Lord Blessington's title.*

Finally, I was initiated in a Lodge which holds a charter from the *Ancients*. I have no motive for unjustly disparaging the Ancients. I do not imagine myself infallible, for I disbelieve now a great deal which I formerly believed; and, on the other hand, I was satisfied that Bro. Sadler was truthful, sincere, a zealous searcher, and that he had "at his finger's ends" all the sources of information upon the questions he discussed. I, therefore, thought that perhaps after all Bro. Sadler might be right, and in order to avoid strengthening or reviving my old biassed opinions, I refrained from consulting the writings of Bros. Gould and Hughan upon the question at issue until after I mailed my two previous papers to London. Since then I have reperused the said writings, and I now feel more satisfied than ever that my esteemed friend Bro. Sadler has totally failed in his good natured effort of transforming Dermott and his seventy or more associates of 1751 and 1752 into Masonic saints of the highest standard.

BOSTON, U.S., 18th October 1888.

* In the Irish Constitution of 1751 the G.M. of 1738 and 9 is called "William Stewart Viscount Montjoy." As the said nobleman's title was afterwards changed, Dermott dedicated his 1756 Ahiman Rezon to "William, Earl of Blessington." But in the Deputation to Nova Scotia, in 1757, the Grand Master is named "William Stuart, Earl of Blesinton." Now, is it not strange that so clever and well-informed a man as Dermott undoubtedly was, who spelt every name and every Grand Master's title correctly, should have persistently blundered again and again when writing the title of the first nobleman who consented to be called "Grand Master" of his new London Grand Lodge? We know that in a paragraph above referred to, in order to avoid legal trouble, Dermott called the person who succeeded Sir Christopher Wren to the office of Surveyor General, "Mr. William B—ns—n," and also "B—ns—n," and why could he not for the same reason have changed Blessington into "Blesinton?"

FREEMASONRY UNDER AN INTERDICT.

IT may do us good to remind ourselves to-day, when we hear so much of change in most things in and around us, that Freemasonry still lies, through no fault of its own, under the ban of the Church of Rome, and all Freemasons are declared to be, ipso facto, excommunicate, if Roman Catholics, debarred from the services and sacraments of the Church; if non-Roman Catholics, and even "in invincible ignorance," "booked," as Sam Weller says, "for something uncomfortable." This internecine struggle between the Church of Rome and Freemasonry, utterly needless, useless, and irreligious, which began in 1738, and has been going on ever since, is still as keen and vivid as ever, and without the slightest shadow of excuse or the smallest show of reason, especially in Anglo-Saxon communities; while Freemasons are regarded by Roman Catholics as dangerous revolutionists and incorrigible heretics, inimical to law and order, the source and cause of all the present tumultuous disorders which agitate society and the world. Were Freemasons wishful to retaliate or use hard words, they might fairly point to that one great secret Roman Catholic Society to which some of the most dangerous maxims which ever corrupted the consciences or perverted the sympathies of men may be not unfairly attributed; which has proclaimed at different times and in changing scenes, the most destructive and the most obnoxious theories; and out of those whose bosom sprang the most baneful secret society the world has ever

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seer, "the Illuminati," the model and parent of many other of those criminal combinations which so hinder the progress and disturb the peace of mankind at the present time.

In May 1738, Clement XII. issued the well-known Bull, "In Eminenti Apostatalus Specula," condemning all Freemasons everywhere, on various grounds, some untrue, some absurd, without hearing or appeal. And this condemnation remains the law of the Roman Catholic Church to this day, though curiously enough this bull was never published in France or Germany.

In 1739, 14th January, Cardinal Ferrao, from Rome, forbade, on pain of death, all priests or persons everywhere to join the society of Freemasons.

On the 18th February 1739, the Inquisition condemned, in a published sentence, the "Relation Apologique," said to be written by Ramsay, and ordered the book to be burnt.

In 1742, H. F. Xavier De Belsance, de Castlemoron, Bishop of Marseilles, issueda "Mandement" to the faithful, forbidding them to associate with the Freemasons.

In 1748, the Chapter of the Sorbonne, at Paris, consulted and decided against the Freemasons, which decision the Lieutenant of Police published.

In June 1751, Benedict XIV. issued another well-known bull, "Providus Romanorum Pontificum," &c., repeating the Bull of Clement, and adding a few warm touches of his own.

In July 1751, the Archbishop of Avignon, Joseph de Guyon, called attention to this Bull, in a "Mandement."

During the last century Freemasons were condemned by Scottish Presbyterian Synods, almost in Roman Catholic language, by Calvinists, at Berne, and in Holland, at one time in Naples, and after the Emperor Joseph's death were suppressed in Austria and Lombardy.

In this century the Roman Curia revived the condemnation of 1738-51, in 1814, in 1821-22, and again more than once in the Pontificate of Pius IX.

The Archbishop of Malta, the Archbishop of Mechlin, an Archbishop in New South Wales, and in India, Cardinal Manning, and Irish Bishops and Archprelates, have all alike declared Freemasonry an illegal and injurious society, and Freemasons to be alike irreligious and immoral.

And all this without the slightest shadow of justification, the slightest pretence of reality, the slightest claim to truth.

No more loyal, no more enthusiastically loyal body exists anywhere than the vast aggregation of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, and whether under a Monarchy or in a Republic, whether in India, New Zealand, Canada, or New South Wales, whether in Great Britain or the United States, they are always foremost in upholding peace and order, in paying due obedience to the civil magistrate, in giving unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the things which are God's.

As a large section of the human race, their intelligence is very great, their respectability very marked, and with very few exceptions they are an example for good to all around them. Therefore the explanation of this paradox must be sought elsewhere.

Freemasonry, to the average Roman Catholic mind, and much more to the rulers of that astute body, represents three great principles with which Rome is ever at war. One is the principle of toleration; another the principle of the sanctity of the human conscience; the third is the inalienable and sacred right of private judgment.

—*New Zealand Mail.*

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QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO OUR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the proposer of the resolution, "That fathers of candidates should have made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children are seeking admission" within the seven years' limit—which, at the suggestion of many brethren I withdrew, not because I thought I was wrong in my object, but from a belief that the brethren did not sufficiently understand the reason of my bringing the resolution forward—I hope at some future day to see it carried. Bro. Gladwell opposed; he thinks it a too cheap and easy a method of obtaining the right of qualifying as a candidate. Bro. Binckes, because it would be turning our Order into a Benefit Society. As to the first objection, I think I shall be able to prove that the qualifying right is far too cheap and easy as at present in use with us, even with the seven years subscribing membership, which I trust will not only be carried, but acted upon after the next Quarterly Court. For my purpose, I will take the fly sheets of the proxy papers issued for the last election; there I find that out of 24 Boys who were elected one parent was Life Governor of the three Institutions, one Life Governor of the Boys, one Life Governor of the Benevolent; one had contributed to the Boys and Benevolent; two had given something to the Benevolent, and three had occasionally given to the Boys, leaving fifteen with no record to their names. Of the nine successful Girls, one parent was Life Governor of all three, one Life Subscriber to the Benevolent—one gave occasionally to the Benevolent—while to the remaining six there is no record. Nine Boys and four Girls were under the seven years' limit, and one of the latter only nine months. Of course there may be some whose names have been absorbed in the Provincial lists, and consequently not recorded individually, yet I am of opinion that when out of a list of thirty-three only twelve are recorded as doing *anything*, and out of twelve only three had made themselves Life Governors of the Institutions into which their children had been received. Some means should be devised of stimulating Craftsmen to further exertions in the future, but if in the opinion of the brethren my scheme (which would have added 210 guineas to the Boys and 60 guineas to the Girls' Institutions) is too easy, let the standard be raised to Vice-Presidentship within the seven years' limit. Seven years' subscription to a Lodge or Lodges does not necessarily constitute a benefit to any one of the Institutions; as there are several who never give anything. Now as to objection No. 2—"making a benefit society of our Order." I beg to differ from my good friend Bro. Binckes. The members of the Craft are admitted on the solemn assurance that they do not join with any mercenary or unworthy motive; but that we should have Institutions wherewith to aid and assist those members who have had the misfortune to be reduced to poverty, more or less severe, is merely the outcome of that Grand Principal of Freemasonry "Charity." In those other grand Orders viz., Old Fellows, Foresters, &c., &c., which are benefit societies pure and simple, the members join on the distinct understanding that they shall receive aid and assistance in case of accident, sickness or death, and that appears to me to be the great and essential difference (in principle if not in practice) between us.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W.
3rd November 1888.

CLASS LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the article on Class Lodges, in your last issue, you say, "Surely if they were capable of being easily disproved some stringent measures should have been adopted to contradict them." With this I do not agree, for, as a friend lately said to me, "You can't stop to whip every cur that barks at you;" nevertheless, in the present case a contradiction may be of importance.

It seems to me that no intelligent mind can read your article without being thereby convinced in *favour* of so-called Class Lodges. I must, however, leave that discussion to those who have more leisure than I at present have.

The Temperance Lodge in question cannot be considered a Class Lodge; had it been such, the "scandal," as you term it, would never have arisen. I have yet to learn that it is part of Masonry to compel any Lodge to have alcohol or indeed anything else on its dinner table. And yet this is the only point in question. A small clique (at least so it appears to be) of a few, who are not generally regarded as "moderate drinkers," wishes to compel the large majority of the Lodge, which comprises teetotalers *and non-teetotalers*, to have alcohol on the Lodge dinner table against their wish. It is that clique that is the blackballing party, and not the abstainers.

There is, as far as I know, no temperance party in the Lodge, and I have scarcely missed a meeting since the consecration.

The quotation states "a senior member of the Lodge has been displaced already" from office. The one evidently referred to wrote a letter to the then W.M., stating his inability to attend the Lodge, and therefore *withdrew* his candidature. His letter is *now* in my hands, as also one from the then W.M., objecting to his being reappointed, both of which I am prepared to produce in due season.

You assert that "It has long been known to us that this 'Temperance' Lodge has been conducted on most un-Masonic principles." I am no young Mason, and consider I have the right to request that you point out the "un-Masonic principles" in question. The only un-Masonic conduct I am aware of has been on the part of the "small clique," which comprises about six members.

If our brethren want to see "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," let them pay a visit to the only temperance "Class" Lodge that can be really called such, viz., the King Solomon Lodge of Mark Masters.

Yours faithfully,

W.M. 2029.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Londesborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 1681, held at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, May Fair, on Wednesday, 14th November 1888, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Wood S.W. 1681 W.M., Kew P.M. 179 S.W. Evenden P.M. 749 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Smith, Blyth, Price, Robinson, Goldfinch, Kirk, and Wood. Second Lecture—Bros. Lewis, Brindley, Evenden, Kew, and Sedgwick. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Rayner, Butler, and Cursons. Bro. Wood Preceptor. Bro. Sedgwick Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Abscesses, Erysipelas, Piles.—Unvarying success attends all who treat these diseases according to the simple printed directions wrapped round each pot and box. They are invaluable to the young and timid, whose bashfulness sometimes endangers life. Though apparently local, nine cases of this nature are essentially blood diseases, but a little attention, moderate perseverance, and trifling expense will enable the most diffident to conduct any case to a happy issue without exposing secret infirmities to any one. The Ointment checks the local inflammation and alleviates the throbbing pains. These directions also clearly point out when and how Holloway's Pills are to be taken, that their purifying and regulating powers may assist by adjusting and strengthening the constitution.

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MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

MASONRY in the "Mark" continues to flourish in Lancashire equally in proportion as in the Craft. Of this there can be no better proof than the fact that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Mark Master, has consecrated two new Lodges within a little over a fortnight, the one in Liverpool, and the other at Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a pleasant suburb of Manchester. The ceremony last referred to was performed on the 31st October, by his lordship, assisted by a number of influential Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The brethren assembled at 2:45, in the Masonic Hall, a handsome and commodious stone building, which stands on its grounds in High-lane, Chorlton. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, arrived at the hall about three o'clock, and a procession of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, was formed, and entered the Lodge room, being received with the usual honours. The consecration ceremony was opened with prayer, offered up by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the singing of an anthem. The founders of the new Lodge were next ranged in order, and addressed by the Provincial Grand Master on the nature of the gathering. The Provincial Grand Secretary explained the wishes of the founders, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the formation of the Lodge. The petition and warrant were read by Brother Chadwick, and the Provincial Grand Master having ascertained from the brethren of the new Lodge that they approved of the Officers mentioned in the warrant, called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to deliver an oration. This was followed by an anthem and the first part of the consecration prayer, and the brethren turning to the east, the Provincial Grand Master delivered the beautiful invocation. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the corn-copia, corn, and vessels containing wine, oil, and salt, were carried four times round the Lodge. Corn was cast in the east as an emblem of plenty, the consecrating Officer poured out wine as a token of joy and gladness, and oil as a symbol of peace and harmony, and salt was finally strewn as an omen of fidelity. The censer was borne three times around the Lodge by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who later delivered the second portion of the consecration prayer, and the Provincial Grand Master subsequently dedicated the Lodge. Brother J. D. Murray installed Brother Henry Marshall as the first Worshipful Master, and the latter invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Lambert S.W., Batty J.W., Heywood M.O., Webster S.O., Goodacre J.O., Dr. A. E. Pownall Treasurer, Mottershead Registrar, Crompton Secretary, Locke S.D., Wells J.D., Travers Organist, Shirley I.G., Wakefield, Hall, Nall, Pownall Stewards, Cheshyre Tyler. The ceremony having concluded, votes of thanks were accorded to Brother the Earl of Lathom as consecrating officer, and Brother Murray as installing officer. His Lordship and Bros. Murray and Barrow were proposed as hon. members, and later on fifteen candidates were advanced. This was all the business, and the brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE TABLEY LODGE.

A NEW Lodge of Mark Master Masons was consecrated at Fredsham, on the 29th ultimo, by the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Past Grand Chaplain of England. The newly consecrated Lodge is called the De Tabley, in memory of the late Lord de Tabley Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. The ceremony took place at the Town Hall, the acting Provincial Grand Mark Master being supported by Brother Willis as Director of Ceremonies, and by the Rev. J. N. Tanner as Grand Chaplain. Brother W. H. Danby, the first Master of the Lodge, was duly installed by Brother S. W. Ramsden, assisted by Brother R. C. Edwards P.M. 196, and he appointed his Officers.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the business of the Province was transacted. The acting Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest the Provincial Officers for the current year, as under:—

Bro. Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton	Senior Warden
J. F. Edisbury	Junior Warden
G. H. Danby	Master Overseer
William Cartwright	Senior Overseer
W. G. Cronan	Junior Overseer
Rev. J. W. N. Tanner	Chaplain
Frederick K. Stevenson	Treasurer
H. E. Heywood	Registrar of Marks
Richard Newhouse	Secretary
Albert Peterkin	Senior Deacon
W. Kohn	Junior Deacon
James Holland	Inspector of Works
Alfred Atkinson	Director of Ceremonies
John Williamson	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Enoch Evans	Sword Bearer
Thomas Cowley	Standard Bearer
Herbert Ellis	Organist
W. C. Flemming	Pursuivant
Stephen Smith	Tyler
H. E. Heywood	Stewards
John Ashton	Stewards
James Reynolds	Stewards
Henry Harrison	Stewards
Jos. K. Digges	Stewards

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren dined in the Prodsham Schoolroom, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton occupying the vice chair.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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BRENTWOOD LODGE, No. 377.

AN emergency meeting took place at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 26th ult. Bros. Brown and Burgess were advanced. There were present:—Bros. Cooper W.M., Goode S.W., Ramsey J.W., Page S.D., Wallis, Meggy, Wills, and Hobson. Visitors:—Brothers Lewin, Brown and Burgess.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday evening, the 5th instant, when Bro. John White was for the second time installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a very large attendance. Before vacating the chair Bro. Trew announced that Bro. Townsend had presented to the Lodge a handsome loving cup. He proposed that the cup be accepted, and that the thanks of the Lodge be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Brown. The Officers for the year were invested as under:—Bros. Pick S.W., Bennett J.W., Cuckow Treasurer, Townsend Secretary, Hardwick S.D., Jolly J.D., Kemp I.G., Fonkes-Jackson Chaplain, Brown Dir. of Cers., Leathers and Gaul Stewards, Gould Tyler. The installation banquet was served in first class style by Bro. Hardwick, of the Queen-street Restaurant. The menu and toast list were embellished with Shakespearian quotations, many of which were very happily chosen. The Worshipful Master proposed the Queen, the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Trew) gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Bro. Brown proposed the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Townsend, who was introduced by the Worshipful Master as the oldest Provincial Grand Officer in the Province, gave the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker). Bro. Hanson proposed the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn) and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Bros. Townsend and Sherman responded. Bro. Trew proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and said the way in which Bro. White conducted the business of the Lodge when he occupied the chair in a previous year reflected the highest credit upon him, and he predicted that the coming year would be one of great prosperity for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast was received, and said he was rather sorry that it had been necessary for a Past Master to go into the chair. He thought it would have been much better for a younger member who had worked through the various offices to have been selected, but some difficulty was caused by the fact that the Lodge had lost one of its Senior Officers by death, and another had left the country. In obedience to the wish of the Past Masters, backed up by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, he consented to accept the honour a second time, and he hoped he should be able to discharge the duties of the office in a manner which would give satisfaction to the whole of the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the Installing Master. Bro. Brown, in response, alluded to the progress the Lodge had made since he filled the chair, and said at the present time the Prince of Wales Lodge would compare favourably with any of the other Lodges in the town. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Immediate Past Master, and spoke of the high estimation in which Bro. Trew was held, not only in the Prince of Wales Lodge, but throughout the Craft. He had passed through the chair in a manner which could not be but satisfactory to the brethren, which was creditable to the Lodge, and reflected the highest honour upon himself. Bro. Trew, on rising to respond, was received with prolonged applause. He thanked the brethren for the courtesy which had been extended to him during his year of office, and said the work he had undertaken had been a labour of love; he thanked them for the liberal manner in which they had supported him on the occasion of his Stewardship at the Girls' Centenary Festival, and expressed the hope that at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution he should have the honour of representing the Prince of Wales Lodge with a very liberal contribution. Bro. Raphael proposed the Visitors, for whom Bros. Carley, Scrivener, Bales and Boulton responded. Bro. Bennett proposed the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Tracy responded in eloquent terms. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Pick, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with capital songs by various brethren. Bro. Cook presided at the pianoforte.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Ilfracombe, on Wednesday, 17th ult. The brethren present included Bros. St. Paul P.M. W.M., supported by W. Rees I.P.M., Grover S.W., Bruce J.W., Cutford P.M. Treas., Ivimy P.M., Steward Sec., Western S.D., Day J.D., Best D.C., Gardner Organist, Guilding I.G., Slade-King Steward, Rackford Tyler, Barnett P.G. Registrar, Clemow P.M., Adams, Braund, Clarke, Colwill, French, Lloyd-Jones, Rice, Toller, and Walters. The Visiting Brethren included:—Bros. Stanley-Haynes P.M. 1201, Roberts W.M. 251, Bosson, Morrisson, Joint, Brooks, Dennis, Harper, and Pearce. The Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. G. Sommerville, who having unanimously elected was initiated by the W.M. Other business being transacted the Lodge was closed in due form, and the members again met under the hospitable roof of Bro. Clemow, Royal Clarence Hotel. The cloth being removed, several toasts were honoured, the brethren separating at eleven, after a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

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FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

THE installation meeting took place on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Bradford-on-Avon, Bro. C. W. Bryant being installed into the Master's chair by Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., V.W. D.P.G.M., Bros. Sparks, Farrington, and Barton assisting in the ceremony. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Little I.P.M., Brereton S.W., Wallington J.W., the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler P.M. Chaplain, Col. Magrath P.M. Treas., Found Sec., Scammell S.D., Gaby J.D., Barton P.M. D.C., Wassell Org., Stansfield-Brun I.G., Wilkins and Taylor Stewards, Moore Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE, No. 1716.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the offices of the Poplar Board of Works, on Thursday, the 18th ult. The Lodge was opened and Bros. Whiteley and Mountford were raised; and Bros. Borley and Lee were passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coleman, who installed Bro. Wilshaw into the chair of King Solomon; he was ably assisted by Bro. Clarke. Bro. Wilshaw invested Bro. Pittam with the collar of I.P.M., Bros. Harland S.W., Knowles J.W., Rundell P.M. Sec., Kirk S.D., Raymond J.D., Walker I.G., Moore W.S., Townend D.C., Grout Organist. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. Coleman. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a récherché banquet was admirably served.

JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

ON Tuesday, 30th ult., there was a very large gathering of Freemasons at Halstead, to witness the installation of Bro. Mark Gentry S.D. 1672 as W.M. of this Lodge, and the interest in the proceedings was much enhanced by the fact that Lord Brooke, the R.W. P.G.M. had promised to be present. His Lordship reached Halstead from Easton Lodge, Dunmow, between two and three o'clock, and having been escorted to the Lodge room, with the customary honours, witnessed the initiation of two new members, the ceremony being faultlessly performed by Bro. Vero W. Taylor W.M. At its conclusion Bro. Taylor proceeded to instal his successor (Bro. Mark Gentry) in a manner that called forth the commendations of all present. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Taylor I.P.M., Cavill S.W., Kellett J.W., Taylor Treasurer, Inman Secretary, Copus S.D., Hills J.D., Hunt I.G., Pendle Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lord Brooke, who was loudly applauded, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present at the installation meeting of this very young Lodge, though those feelings were somewhat mingled with sadness when he recollected that at the formation of the Lodge he was asked by the very worther brother after whom it was named to come and perform the Consecration ceremony, and it had ever been a matter of regret that at the last moment he was prevented from coming. The Lodge had suffered considerable drawback by the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn, so soon after the launching of the Lodge; but in the hands of those who had been carrying on the work of the Lodge, and those who were following on, he (Lord Brooke) had no doubt but that it would prosper and become a most useful one in the Province. In conclusion, Lord Brooke congratulated Bro. Vero Taylor upon the excellent way in which he had conducted the ceremonies of the day, and wished Bro. Mark Gentry a happy and successful year of office. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, thanked Lord Brooke for his kind words, and also for his courtesy in visiting their little Lodge. They had, as his Lordship had remarked, felt very much the loss of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and out of respect for his memory did not admit any new members for twelve months. But brethren were now joining them, and new candidates coming forward, so that he had no doubt in time theirs would be one of not the least successful Lodges in his Lordship's Province. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Vero Taylor, who, in acknowledging it, said it would be valued by him more highly than any other Masonic jewel he possessed. The W.M. then asked the members of the Lodge to accept a Lodge banner as a memento of his taking the Chair. The gift was acknowledged by the I.P.M., who said if it had not been for the liberality of Bro. Gentry in giving them this handsome banner, they would not have had one for some time to come. The W.M. was then re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the Lodge having been closed, between 50 and 60 brethren sat down to dinner in the Town Hall, a splendid repast being well served by the host of the George Hotel. In the course of the after-dinner speeches, Lord Brooke again expressed his pleasure at being present on so auspicious an occasion, and hoped the Lodge would prosper.

JERSEY LODGE, No. 2163.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Southall, on Monday evening, 5th instant, Bro. Seward W.M. presiding. The report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year was read and adopted, on the motion of Bro. Tidmarsh S.D., who paid a tribute of praise to Bro. A. J. Anson Treasurer for the admirable manner in which the accounts had been presented. The resignation of Bro. H. Kasner P.M. was received and accepted with much regret. Bro. W. C. Hall W.M. elect was then presented for installation, and after answering the usual questions was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Seward, assisted by Bro. Castell P.M. 902. The Worshipful Master then invested the following

in his usual admirable style. At the conclu
customary Masonic toasts were given and re
heartiness characteristic of the Lodge. The t
was responded to by Bros. Castell, Salter and
evening the Worshipful Master announced that
been ordered for presentation to Bro. Seward,
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of glees was given by Bros. Smith, Curtis, Meec
songs by the same brethren and Bro. Passmore
the most pleasant evenings the Lodge has exper

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE,

THE installation meeting was held on Satur
Royal Pavilion, Brighton. In the unavoida
illness, of the popular W.M. Bro. Gerard Ford
Grand Master P.G.D., the Lodge was opened by
C. W. Randolph P. Prov. S.G.W., who was suppo
The Lodge was honoured by the presence of
visitors. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro
W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., was conducted in an
by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secret
on the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. a
for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Clowes S.W
J.W., Hallett Treasurer, Freeman Secretary, C
J.D., King Organist, Warre D.C., Hudson I.G., H
Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. Bro. H. E. Pric
represent the Lodge on the Provincial Ch
Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. was request
Lodge, to present the retiring W.M., Bro. Gerar
Grand Master, with a P.M.'s jewel in apprec
lent services to the Lodge during the past year.
H. Clerke was presented with a Founder's
nition of his invaluable services to the Lodge.
formally closed, the large company adjourned
room, where they sat down to an excellent ba
admirable style by Bro. Mutton, of King's Road,

HORSA LODGE, No. 22

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic
on the 19th ult., when there was a large
brethren present, including Bro. Mortimer Heat
Past Masters. The ceremony of installing Bro. Cro
Master was efficiently conducted by Bro. Willia
The following Officers were afterwards invest
I.P.M., Moore S.W., Waters J.W., Williams Cha
Atkinson Secretary, Brazier S.D., Scott J.D., B
Townsend Organist, Cross I.G., Harvey and Bo
Beamish Tyler. A banquet took place in the B
tastefully decorated.

Constitutional Lodge of Instructio

annual banquet was held at the Bedford
Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 30th October,
assembled. Bro. Bruton, No. 157, occupied the
I.G. No. 55 the Vice-Chair. There were present
P.M. 201, Baker Secretary 869, Bond W.M. 860
609, Richardson 1507, Coleman W.M. 11, Piper W
55, Brasher W.M. 1623, Glass W.M. 860, Gladw
J.W. 1382, Main Treasurer 1531 and S.D. 157
Nevill P.M. 1531, Lincoln S.D. 534, H. W. Alford
Kidder P.M. 12, Harvey 1348, Parsons I.P.M. 1
Jenkins 860, Robinson 55, Hobymers, Marsden S
733, Ditby S.W. 180, S. Rochuck 733, Kay P.M
2191, Collings Org. 1950, Dipstale 858, Dr. Kirb
Wheeler S.D. 2030, Clemow 1987, &c. A most
bill of fare was provided by the host, Bro. Bond
proposing the toasts made two or three neat spe
apt and happy allusions—especially when propos
might be termed that of the evening—the healt
Fox, who had proved himself not only a most
ardent instructor; on several occasions he ha
when in ill-health, and contrary to the strict o
adviser. Songs and recitations were admirably
Robinson, Dipstale, Main, Parsons, Wheeler, Aldr
and Fry. Bro. Collings Organist accompanied in
A most enjoyable evening was passed, and t
brought to a termination at 11·30 p.m.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No.

ing recently held at the White Hart Tave
Cannon Street, E.C., the following brethren
Committee for the ensuing year:— Bros. La
1673 Treasurer, Burne P.M. 162, Fraser P.M
Hobbs P.M. 2096 and 1790 P.S.J.W. Surrey,
Gordon Smith P.M. 2041 Grand Steward, Webb
No. 1 P.M. 1673 and P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, Mapleto

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cost will be partly defrayed by the Freem

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WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

RELIEF for the distressed is one of the principal characteristics of Freemasonry, and in no other portion in the kingdom—with the solitary exception of the home of the Grand Lodge itself, the metropolis—does the blessed work of charity receive a greater impulse than from the Masonic brethren of West Lancashire. The infinite amount of good that the Masonic Educational Institution of this Province is enabled to perform by reason of the hearty support it receives is made abundantly manifest by the issue of its annual report. A ball is held every January, in the Town Hall, in aid of its funds, and apart from that it can boast of a governing body of influential members of the Craft, whose untiring efforts in its behalf are invariably crowned with success. But there are two other Institutions of excellent aims, that are supported by local Masons, Institutions to whose smaller growth and limited scope of operations, when compared with the educational establishment referred to, are apt to place them for enough in the back-ground to endanger them being overlooked. And the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institutions have no slight claims upon the Fraternity. The one was founded about fifteen years ago for aged and distressed Freemasons, and the other, still a bantling, was formed for relieving widows of Freemasons. It received its name from the late Brother H. S. Alpass, who for a very long period was the respected Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, and whose valuable services, no less his unfailing kindness and courtesy, endeared him to all sections of the Masonic community. The last annual report of the Hamer Fund chronicles a considerable decrease in the support usually extended to it, the total receipts being only £274, compared with £619 in the previous year. The subscriptions and donations amounted to £181, against £534 in 1887, and, to add to this misfortune, the expenses of the charity had been far greater of late owing to there being a larger number of annuitants on the foundation. Much of the decrease reported is due to the fact that the accounts have been closed earlier this year than formerly, in compliance with the new by-laws. On the other hand, the Alpass fund has not much to complain of. Its income for the past year was £840. Increasing demands upon its resources, however, render a proportionately enlarged income absolutely necessary. The idea of a special and joint effort being made on behalf of the two funds occurred to Bro. H. H. Smith, Hon. Secretary for the Hamer, five or six weeks ago. He communicated his desire to Bro. Ellis Bramall jun., who unhesitatingly offered to give his beautiful Shakespeare theatre for any matinée performance that might be suggested. An executive was quickly formed, consisting of Bros. Councillor J. Houlding Chairman, Dr. J. Kellet Smith Vice-Chairman, A. J. J. Bamford Treasurer, H. F. Neale and Joseph West Secretaries, Ellis Bramall jun. and G. W. Harris Directors of Ceremonies. A strong Committee was appointed in addition, including Bros. G. Broadbridge, T. H. W. Walker, Lieut. Macnab Secretary of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, J. T. Callow Treasurer of the same body, H. H. Smith Secretary of the Hamer Fund, George Morgan Treasurer of the same, J. H. Barrow and R. Foote Secretaries of the Alpass Fund, R. Wylie Treasurer of the same Institution. The Liverpool Opera Society offered to give their services, and the minor details were then taken in hand. No description of weather could have been more unfavourable to a theatrical entertainment than the incessant rain and close atmosphere on Saturday last; and yet, despite all this, the Shakespeare was crowded in every part. So large was the booking that nearly all the seats in the best parts of the house were reserved before the opening of the doors. The Opera Company, with its chorus of 60 voices, could not have performed their favourite opera "Maritana" before a more appreciative audience. Brother the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master, with Lady Maud B. Wilbraham, Lady Edith B. Wilbraham, Miss Farquhar, and Miss Hand occupied one of the private boxes; and in the stalls were Bros. Sir David Radcliffe, Sir James Poole, and J. Howard (Mayor of Bootle), and David McIver. Bro. the Mayor of Liverpool (who placed his carriage at the service of the Earl of Lathom and party in driving from and returning to the railway station) sent a letter to Bro. Houlding, at the eleventh hour, regretting that he would be unavoidably prevented from attending. Prior to the rising of the curtain a Masonic overture, specially composed for the occasion by Bro. H. Round, was played by the orchestra with admirable effect. The cast was made up as follows:—The King of Spain, Mr. T. S. Smith; Don José, Mr. O. J. Rowlands; Don Cæsar, Mr. W. Griffiths; the Marquis, Mr. T. H. Potter; Lazarillo, Miss Millie Simon; Captain of the Guard, Mr. John Lane; Alcade, Mr. E. Sanders; the Marchioness, Mrs. M'Master; Maritana, Miss Florence Dick. Hitherto the Opera Society has only given recitals from Wallace's beautiful masterpiece, and Saturday was the first time that principals and chorus appeared in full stage costume. The dresses, as well as the really capital mounting of the piece, it need scarcely be added, greatly enhanced the performance, which, taken as a whole, was conscientiously and creditably rendered. It could not be for one moment supposed, in a city where "Maritana" is so often rendered by first-class talent, that all the leading artistes were up to requirement. But in the cause of charity the audience were not disposed to be exacting, and applause was evoked and encores bestowed just as freely as if the company had been a professional one. The choruses were particularly worthy of admiration. Mr. J. O. Shepherd, by permission of Mr. Carl Rosa, acted as conductor, and Mr. A. Morch and Mr. D. O. Parry officiated respectively as stage manager and chorus master. Messrs. Fineberg and Lees, Bros. Sweetman (Perruquier), G. G. Walmsley (printer), A. Bucknall (gas and limelight contractor), Mr. James Carr (costumier), Mr. C. J. O'Connor (refreshment contractor), Bro. G. W. Harris (general manager of the theatre). Mr. Fred. Wright (musical director) and the working staff of the theatre rendered assistance to the committee in making the entertainment a success.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Gaiety.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., "Faust up to Date," written by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt was produced, with great success. Although the piece has been curtailed to a two-act burlesque it occupied about three hours, the maximum time most admirers of burlesque care for. It is a new version of Faust and Margaret, in which Faust's laboratory is eliminated. The burlesque opens in the grounds of the Italian Exhibition, at South Kensington, where the aged philosopher, moved by an enlivened crowd, declares he would give his soul to be a youth again, whereupon Mephistopheles descends from the clouds, à la Baldwin, and the commutation is quickly achieved. Margaret soon appears, officiating as a barmaid, and Faust assails her with endearments, with result that she acquaints him with her address and leaves him. A throng of revellers now appear, who, being annoyed by the fiend, turn their swords upon him, but are transmuted to inanimate objects. Then follows a very amusing scene between Mephistopheles and Valentine, wherein the old Roman game of tossing for pennies is introduced. In the scene of the garden Margaret dreams of her lover, and upon Siebel springing beside her, with his rapturous exclamation, "I love you, miss; I'll love you till I die," her idealism instantly vanishes, when she adopts the Billingsgate vernacular in the retort, "Oh, take a run," instancing with remarkable effect her powers of diversification. Valentine, becoming cognisant of Faust's attention to his sister, makes her a ward in Chancery, before proceeding to the wars, and this gives the opportunity of introducing the Lord Chancellor. Faust, of course, secretly marries Margaret, but through fear of the consequences entailed by such contempt of the Court of Chancery, he dare not reveal the fact. Valentine, on his return from the campaign, distributes medals to the soldiers, who are represented by groups of pretty and gorgeously attired damsels, divided into different sections. He further induces merriment by his song "The soldier born." The duel between Faust and Valentine now takes place, and this is followed by the representation of Margaret's cell, and the final scene, in the Olympia Gardens, where a new Irish song, dealing with Hibernian pugnacity, is sung with manifest spirit by Mr. Lonnen, the time in the choral refrain being marked by the beating of shillelaghs on the ground and on the occiputs of the singers. This called forth vociferous applause and was thrice encored. Miss Florence St. John played Margaret with her usual talent, and sang admirably throughout; still, it is to be regretted that she had not more songs allotted her. Miss Fanny Robina was a capable Faust, and evinced both grace and neatness in her dancing; while she especially distinguished herself in the song "I've roamed the world over." Mr. E. J. Lonnen—always an indefatigable worker—enlivened the audience by his personation of Mephistopheles; some of his puns were exceedingly smart, and were greatly applauded. Mr. Geo. Stone gives us a comic Valentine, while Miss Mary Jones represents Martha. Old Faust was played by Mr. Harry Parker, who declared that it was he who signed the bond, much to the comfort of Faust and Margaret. The scenery, by Messrs. Ryan, Telbin, and Banks, and the music by Herr Meyer Lutz, left nothing to be desired. After a few alterations have been made, "Faust up to Date" will ensure the patronage it so well deserves."

Collins's.—The friends and admirers of Bro. Herbert Sprake mustered in full force on Tuesday evening to compliment him on the twenty-sixth anniversary assembly. Year after year has this celebration taken place, and we may truthfully say that the meetings are looked forward to by many as an opportunity for cementing old acquaintanceships. Bro. Sprake has established himself a general favourite amongst Islingtonians, and by his careful management has made the Hall he presides over one of the favourite resorts of the North of London. On Tuesday proceedings commenced early, and went merrily along until close on midnight. Forty-one artistes in all lent their aid, whilst many more were ready to do a "turn" should opportunity arise. We have much pleasure in appending a list of those who appeared:—Sisters Archer, Will Boyce, Sisters Graham, Arthur Corney, Sisters Batchelor, Kitty Clayton, Sisters Richmond, Poole's Minstrels, Dot Hetherington, George Mordaunt, T. P. Haynes and Rose Lewis, Little Flossie, Sisters Holloway, Sam Saunders, Florrie Lawrence, Tom Squire, Alice Leamar, Joe Lawrence, Edith Manley, Arthur Tinsley, Florrie Robina, Dutch Daly, Sisters Lloyd, Mohawk Minstrels (glee party), Johnny Danvers, Walter Howard, Maud Hazel, the Tandem, Alfred Rivers, Lottie Dettmar, Maxam and Cawthorne, May Selby, Harry Lester, the Brantfords, Marie Lloyd, Harry Anderson, Peggy Pryde, Browster Combination, Harry Randall, Fred. Hamilton, Steve Cooke. During the evening Bro. Sprake returned thanks, in a few well chosen remarks, for the support accorded him in the past, and promised that all he could do in the future to keep up the prestige of his establishment should be cheerfully attempted.

Another success was attained by the Avenue management on Wednesday, when "Nadgy" was produced. The reception of the piece was most cordial, while all concerned were highly complimented. We shall give a full notice next week.

On Thursday, owing to the scenery not being ready, Miss Grace Hawthorne decided to postpone the production of "Hands across the Sea" until to-night (Saturday).

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

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FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTER.

BEING on a visit to Leicester, and having an evening to spare, it occurred to me that a visit to one of the Masonic Lodges would be a profitable mode of spending the time. Consulting my Calendar, I found that a meeting of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was to be held that evening. Consequently, about seven I wended my way to Halford Street, where the Masonic Hall is situated. After a little difficulty I found a most unpretentious looking building, as viewed from the outside, with nothing to indicate its particular character. Entering and proceeding up a couple of flights of stone stairs, I discovered a room in which several of the brethren were preparing themselves for the duties of the Lodge. On asking for the Secretary, Bro. Brice came forward, and to him I introduced myself. He gave me a cordial greeting, and forthwith introduced me to the W.M., Bro. Charlesworth. While expressing my desire to be present at the meeting, I assured the W.M. I did not wish to intrude. His reply was sufficient to satisfy any scruples, and to make me feel perfectly at home. Being a perfect stranger to every one present it was of course necessary that some one should "try and prove me," and at the request of the W.M. this duty was performed by Bro. Waring S.W. Both this brother and the W.M. apologised for the necessity of this ordeal, but I assured them that no apology was required, that it was a source of pleasure to find them acting strictly to their Masonic duties. Entering the Lodge room, I found a number of the brethren assembled, and on the W.M. taking his seat the Lodge was duly opened. An inspection of the notice paper—neatly printed in blue, with Masonic emblems in silver and grey—showed me that there was no ceremonial work to be performed, but one of the members, Bro. A. Laurence, the Organist of the Lodge, was asked to give an exposition of the Lecture on the first Tracing Board, which he did very creditably. The correspondence included a letter from Bro. Kelly, P.M. and Past Provincial Grand Master, intimating that he had much pleasure in presenting to the Lodge, in fulfilment of a promise made some time ago, the portrait of their late Bro. Reeve, This portrait consisted of a photograph beautifully coloured in oil and elegantly framed. The inscription, which was inscribed on vellum, was as follows:—

"Portrait of Bro. W. Napier Reeve, F.S.A., J.P., Deputy Treasurer and Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leicester. He was the first of six candidates for initiation in the John of Gaunt Lodge on its opening day, 26th March 1846, and afterwards served as Secretary and Junior Warden of the Lodge. He was also a Founder of the Lodge of Instruction (now the Union Lodge), and in 1857 was appointed A.G.D.C. in Provincial Grand Lodge. He was also a Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason. He died, universally esteemed and regretted. 21st April 1888."

In his letter Brother Kelly suggested that the portrait should be hung in the space above the chair of the Junior Warden, and a resolution was passed adopting this suggestion. The Lodge was then closed. It would have afforded me much more pleasure to have seen some actual working, but, nevertheless, without setting myself up as a critic in Masonry, I can state that what I saw was done well, and there was evidence throughout the meeting of heartiness and sincerity in everything, which impressed me strongly. As I was about to leave the Lodge room the Worshipful Master gave me an invitation to stop to supper. This I accepted, and was ushered into the banqueting-room. The meal certainly was most enjoyable and it was served in a highly efficient manner. Then came the Masonic toasts, which were of the usual character, but given by the W.M. with a brevity as neat as it was commendable. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Brother Newsome Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, in words which were few but hearty, and the toast was received in a manner equally satisfactory. Brother Thorp P.M. P.P.G.S.W. gave the toast of the Visitors, and in doing so referred to the value of keeping up a friendly intercourse between different Lodges. He mentioned that one of their Visitors was from the Metropolis, and attended as a representative of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal which had done good work for Masonry, of which he could speak well. My reply was given in the usual words: hearty thanks for their hospitality to the Worshipful Master and Brethren generally, and grateful appreciation of Brother Thorp's remarks anent the CHRONICLE. During the evening musical selections were given by Bros. Brice, Knight, Brocklebank, Birch, Marriott and Barrow, the last named presiding at the piano most efficiently. Before leaving I expressed a wish to see the pictures and contents of the Lodge-room, some of which are of an interesting character. Bro. Thorp kindly offered to meet me the next day, and explain everything in his power. Accordingly I paid a second visit to the hall, where I was joined by Bro. Thorp and subsequently by Bro. Waring S.W. Under their guidance I made an inspection of the hall. The Lodge-room, one of the largest I have ever seen, has its walls covered with pictures, including several large oil paintings of prominent Freemasons. The first of these is that of Sir Frederick Gustavus Fowke, Bart., who was Deputy Provincial Grand Master from 1833 to 1856. Then comes one of Earl Howe P.G.M., presented by a brother in 1860; another of Brother Kelly—whose name is mentioned in the early part of this sketch—who was Provincial Grand Master in 1884. The photographs include one of the Prince of Wales, in Masonic clothing; another of Brother Clement Stretton Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Mayor of Leicester in 1878 and 1879, and Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge in 1871 and 1873; also a photograph copy of the address which was presented to the Prince of Wales on his visit in May 1882. In another part of the Hall are copies of Craft and Rose Croix certificates, issued by the True Friends of Order Lodge," in 1810. This Lodge was composed entirely of French prisoners of war, who founded it at Ashby de la Zouch, in the year mentioned. Accompanying the copy is a translation and also a printed extract from Bro. Kelly's sketch of the History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire, giving a most interesting account of the doings of one of the members of the above mentioned Lodge. Louis Jean, the certificate holder, who it appears married a Leicester lady, and took her back with him to France, where he afterwards died. His widow and daughter thereupon returned to Leicester, where they resided for some years in rather poor circumstances, until discovered by a Freemason, who interested himself satisfactorily on their behalf. Further on is a photo of Mosaic pavement, found in a Masonic Temple at Pompeii; a medallion worked on horn, containing a representation of all the Masonic emblems,—this is said to be 450 years old; six engravings, executed about the middle of the 18th century, illustrating the Prestonian ideas of Masonry; a pen and ink sketch of the Duke of Sussex, which is in the form of a portrait, but the lines forming it consist of writing, which gives a complete account of his pedigree; an old portrait of Cardinal Wolsey, who was supposed to have been a Freemason; also one of the Earl of Moira, as Grand Master. Over the chair of the W.M. is an interesting memento in the shape of a trumpet banner, left by Major (then Cornet) Pack on leaving for the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. From the Lodge room we proceeded down a wide staircase to the banqueting room, stopping a moment to look at the portrait of Bro. Hammett, a former W.M. of one of the Leicester Lodges, for whom, he being totally blind, a special dispensation had to be obtained. From the record of this Brother's term of office, which has been handed down, it appears, to have been most successful, and fully justifies the exceptional favour conferred by the G. Master of that time. In the Lodge room are several interesting portraits on the walls, among them may be mentioned one of the celebrated Masonic writer, Dr. Oliver; a photograph of Masonic windows in St. John's Church, Clerkenwell; another of Alexander Howard, of Beyrout, who was initiated in 1870. This was framed in wood from the Mount of Olives, the corners being ornamented with gavels made from the same kind of Olive wood. Our next move was to the Library, in the preparation room. This contains about 600 volumes, a description of which would require a special article. Opinions differ as to the value of Masonic information gathered from books, but there can be no difference of opinion with regard to the value of a number of these books and the information to be gained from them. Here again I was fortunate in having the services of Brother Thorp, who has spent many a spare half hour in the perusal of books in this library. The collection includes a number of French works on the History of Freemasonry, and a quantity of English volumes of a similar nature. There are bound volumes of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from 1875, and *The Freemason* as far back as the year 1869. These have been presented by Bros. Partridge and Toller conjointly, and afford a valuable record of Masonic events during the period mentioned. There are also volumes of the *Masonic Magazine*, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*. Other interesting items which I had time to glance at were a bound volume of Lodge summonses compiled, by Brother Partridge; the minute book of the Ratcliffe Lodge, No. 608, which was dissolved in 1846; and a Book of Constitutions dated 1784. The minute books of all the Leicester Lodges are carefully stored here for reference, and form a useful record of Masonic work in Leicester extending over nearly a century.

Before leaving I did not neglect to very heartily thank my guides, Bros. Thorp and Waring, and was then by the latter introduced to Bro. Partridge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, one of the oldest, most prominent, and industrious Masons in the Province. A record of his Masonic career—which occupies three pages of small type, accompanied by a good portrait—is published in the "Masonic Directory and Calendar for the Province," for the current year. The Calendar referred to was first issued by Bro. Partridge, then Provincial Grand Secretary, in 1877, and a most useful little volume it is. Those brethren who read the remarks of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex at a recent meeting, will understand the utility of such publications. Each Lodge in the Province contributes pro rata to the cost of production, according to the number of members, and there is not the slightest doubt that they get good value for their money. In this, as in all other points which came under my notice, one could but be impressed with the earnestness of the Leicester brethren, with the evidenced fact that by them the highest and noblest principles of the Craft are not only studied, but put into practice. The memory of my visit will not soon be forgotten, and I hope shortly to have an opportunity of renewing an acquaintanceship to me so profitable and pleasant.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279.

IT must have been intensely gratifying to our dear and highly respected Bro. William Kelly P.M., Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, to see, on Wednesday last, the brilliant and representative body of Freemasons who assembled at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, to join him in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry, and to congratulate him on the interesting fact that he had attained his Jubilee as a subscribing member to this Lodge, which—like many another on the roll of United Grand Lodge—has had its ups and downs, its term of prosperity and its share of vicissitudes. We have many instances on record of men who have been associated with the Order, more or less, for fifty years, but we know of no

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other instance where a Craftsman can say he has been a subscribing member of an individual Lodge for an uninterrupted period of Half a Century. Still, those who can boast the acquaintanceship of Bro. Kelly know he is no perfunctory devotee, but a persistent and devoted advocate of the best and truest principles of the Craft, and when we tell these that he is the one man who has so distinguished himself, they will agree with us no one could be more worthy to boast such an achievement. The members of the Lodge assembled at five o'clock, when there were present the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother S. S. Partridge, W. Kelly P.M. W.M., C. H. Stretton Senior P.M., W. F. Williams S.W., E. Holmes J.W., R. Michie P.M. Treasurer, H. Pickering Secretary, J. Bennion S.D., W. D. Grant J.D., W. H. Scott P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire Organist, J. Tanser Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were R. Brewin P.M. 444, T. Cox P.M., T. A. Wykes P.M., R. C. Faithfull Prov. Grand Chaplain, Miles Walker P.G.D.C., G. W. Speth P.M. 88, W. Langley P.M. 50, W. B. Smith P.M. 523, T. J. Charlesworth W.M. 523, J. B. Fowler W.M. 1560, W. J. Wallace, G. Oliver, J.P., 1007, J. D. Harris P.M. 1560, W. T. Rowlett P.M. 52, W. Millican P.M. 523, J. Young P.M. 523, J. T. Thorp P.M. 523, H. J. Marriott 2028, C. H. Wood P.P.G.C., Knight I.P.M., Page 1391 J. H. Murphy 171 (I.C.), J. H. Hodges 523, W. J. Freer P.M. 1560, J. B. Waring S.W. 523, T. Wallington P.M. 50, W. Tidswell P.M. 1560, T. Sheppard P.M. 523, R. S. Toller P.M. 1560, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, A. H. Barrow J.W. 523, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened by the W.M. the minutes of the last regular Lodge, also those of an Emergency Meeting held 29th October 1888, were read and unanimously confirmed. At the request of the W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood read the paper he (Bro. Kelly) had prepared, entitled "Fifty Year's Masonic Reminiscences." Bro. Wood was listened to with rapt attention during the forty minutes it took to read the paper, and Bro. Kelly was complimented on the care he had displayed in its preparation. It was afterwards agreed to print the address, consequently we have decided not to give even an outline of it at present. Bro. Kelly was made the recipient of an elegantly illuminated address from his Prov. Grand Lodge, while the members of St. John's Lodge had subscribed for a massive silver loving cup, of most tasteful design. This cup bears the following inscription :—

Presented to the Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., Past Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland, W.M. for the fourth time of St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 279, by the Brethren of that Lodge, this being the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation therein, as a small token of affectionate regard and esteem for the Father of the Lodge.

7th November 1888.

Several letters expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting, and conveying good wishes were announced, and Lodge was closed. Bro. Kelly then invited the brethren to partake of a banquet, which was bountifully provided and excellently well served. A few toasts were given, the health of Bro. Kelly being proposed by Bro. Thomas Wright (Mayor of Leicester), in a speech of great ability, which elicited hearty applause from those present. In reply Bro. Kelly thanked his Worship the Mayor, and the brethren generally for the hearty reception they gave the toast. He then related several incidents that had come to his recollection since he had prepared the paper so eloquently delivered by Bro. Wood. He trusted he might be spared for a few more years, and that he might have future opportunities of meeting the brethren. Shortly afterwards the brethren separated. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital singing.

Obituary.

BRO. W. R. HARDCASTLE.

The remains of this worthy brother, who was Postmaster of the Skipton district, were interred in Waltonwray's Cemetery on Sunday, 28th ult. As the deceased was a member of the Craven Lodge of Freemasons, No. 810, a late churchwarden of Skipton Christ Church, and a member of other societies in the town, there was a very large attendance. A large number of tradesmen headed the procession to the Cemetery, these being followed by the Freemasons.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THIS Association held its first social evening of the season, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, 2nd instant. There were some 160 members and friends present. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., presided during the first part of the programme, Mr. C. Heward Uwins taking the chair after the interval. The latter gentleman, who organized and was responsible for the entertainment, is to be congratulated upon having scored a success. The various items were all so well rendered we cannot individualize; still we think special mention should be made of Mr. A. Withers for his rendering of Big Ben; of Mr. F. Hughes for his fine recitation; of Mr. Langford Palmer, for his extremely humorous and clever songs, all of which earned loud applause. We trust brethren will avail themselves of the kind invitation given them by our "Old Boys," and will drop in at Anderton's on the occasion of one or other of these pleasant and interesting social evenings.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LAND AND WESTMORL

THE annual Grand Lodge of this Pro Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Gr Portland-square, Workington. In the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. L. F. B. D Deacon of England, and Deputy Provin of the Province, presided. There was members from the twenty Lodges in the was intimated to the brethren that a named the Eden, No. 2285 on the roll had to be consecrated and dedicated to Deputy Provincial Grand Master addre at length on the motive of the meetin the petitioners for the new Lodge t Masonic order, while Brother G. J. Grand Secretary read the petition, warrant, which had been granted by the Grand Master; name and number on t as previously stated, the first W.M Bro. James Thompson P.M. 962, John designate, J. Fletcher J.W. designate, P.M. 962 P.P.G. Registrar to act as I. of the W.M.; Bro. J. Eden Secretary. called upon were unanimously approv form. The Officers named in the n invested, and Bro. Kenworthy deliver address. The Acting Grand Master Officers then retired for a short time, a prepared to receive them on thei quently, the P.G.D.C. reported the admitted and saluted. The Provincial opened by Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, with P.P.G.S.W. as Deputy Provincial Gr Provincial Grand Officers for the year invested, as follows :—

Bro. Dr. Gore Ring P.M. 1073	...	Senio
William Carlyle P.M. 1400	...	Junio
Rev. H. D. Rawnsley 1013	...	Chap
R. J. Nelson P.M. 129 ...	...	Trea
H. Moser P.M. 129 ...	...	Regi
George J. McKay P.M. 129	...	Secr
Dr. Lace P.M. 1660 ...	...	Senio
Dr. George Calderwood P.M. 1267		Junio
Joseph Eden P.M. 962 ...	...	Supe
George Dalrymple P.M. 872	...	Dir.
W. D. P. Field W.M. 872	...	Assis
Charles E. Paget ...	...	Swor
J. J. Wilson P.M. 1267	...	Stan
J. Jenkinson	...	
H. D. Cook Organist 119	...	Orga
Thomas Allinson W.M. 119	...	Purs
H. Ward P.M. 1989 ...	...	Assi
W. Middleton ...	...	Assis
Allinson	...	
Ormiston	...	
Dr. M'Kerrow ...	...	
F. A. Cooper	...	Stew
R. A. Mitchell... ...	..	
James Fletcher ...	...	
William Whitehead ...	...	Tyle

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The annual banquet of the Faith L No. 141, will take place at the Victoria Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, Cottebrune P.M. in the chair. Tick obtained of Bro. Cloots, at the Restau retary, Bro. C. Hunt, 29 Chapel Stree

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of Royal Arch Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 5th inst. Comp. Viscount Ebrington P.G. Superintendent, sat on the throne, and there was present a numerous assemblage. The Prov. Grand Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £42 18s. There was no report presented by the Bye-laws Revision Committee, but it was decided to send copies of the proposed new bye-laws to every Chapter in the Province, for their approval or otherwise, and to be returned by 25th March next to the P.G. Chapter. Comp. W. Taylor P.Z. 328, was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the year ensuing. Comps. Lane and Dodge were appointed Auditors. The following sums were voted to the representative Charities:—£15 15s to the Royal Benevolent Fund for Widows, £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £7 10s to the Devon Educational Fund, and £5 5s to the Fortescue Fund. The Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following Comps. as his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comps W. Goddard Rogers	H
J. S. Kesterman 303	J.
Major G. Davie	Scribe E.
J. Harding 444	Scribe N.
W. Taylor 328	Treasurer
E. Wilson 954	Registrar
R. Paul Morrison 251	Principal Sojourner
A. T. Blamey	1st Sojourner
J. J. Evans 303	2nd Sojourner
Lewis Bearne 1138	Sword Bearer
R. F. Kingdon 106	Standard Bearer
W. A. Gregory 1284	Director of Ceremonies
T. Michelmore 710	Asst. Director of Cers.
T. W. Morgan 328	Organist
H. Shuter	Janitor

The Companions of St. John's Chapter, 328, entertained their Visitors in an excellent manner in the refreshment room of the Lodge. Prior to the meeting of the P.G. Chapter a meeting of the Committee of the Devon Educational Fund was held, at the Queen's Hotel. Bro. F. B. Westlake, 70, presided, and there were present:—Bros. J. B. Gover, J. R. Lord, John Stocker, H. Stocker, E. A. Davies, W. Taylor, D. Cross, J. W. Cornish, W. E. Warren, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, and J. Gidley. It was decided, on the proposition of Bro. J. Stocker, seconded by Bro. J. W. Cornish, that no candidates be elected on the fund until April next. Bro. D. Cross proposed that the Committee recommend the subscribers of the fund at their next general meeting to give £5 5s to a child who has just left the Institution. Bro. Lord seconded, and it was agreed to. It was further resolved that the trustees of the fund be requested to attend a general meeting of the Institution at Exeter in January next.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 3.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Friday, the 2nd instant, at 5·30, when there were present:—Comps. A. B. Pearce M.E.Z., J. Homing H., C. Greenwood J., A. W. Weeks Treas., W. J. Collens S.E., W. E. Williams S.N., W. Radcliffe P.S., J. B. Stevens D.C.; S. H. Kinsey, H. Lardner, A. H. Lascome, W. Mapleton, W. Hart, T. C. Walls, A. Withers, G. J. Bell, W. Bailey, W. Hale-Hilton, W. W. Morgan, &c. After the Chapter had been formally opened by the Principals the remaining Companions were admitted and the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. George John Bell, J.D. 1557, who was proposed as a candidate for exaltation by Comp. Walls, seconded by Companion Lardner; for Brother Joseph Withers, 211, proposed by Comp. A. Withers and seconded by Comp. Radcliffe. Both candidates were elected and afterwards exalted. Comp. W. Hale-Hilton, 1623, on the proposition of Companions Walls and Lardner, was elected a joining member, and after other business the Chapter was closed. A banquet was then partaken of, the M.E.Z. presiding. On the removal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were given, the Loyal ones receiving full honour. Comp. Weeks proposed the health of Comp. Pearce. Were he able to recall all the sterling qualities of their M.E.Z. he did not think he could raise him higher than he stood in the esteem and regard of the members of their Chapter, who all felt assured so long as he was with them they would not be without a sincere and conscientious member in the Fidelity Chapter. Comp. Pearce, in reply, said that when the time came, and he found himself called upon to undertake the duties of Principal of the Chapter, he had felt a little diffident; but he had received such kind cooperation and assistance that his term had passed most pleasantly. He trusted he might long enjoy the friendship and esteem of his Companions. In speaking of the exaltees and their joining member, the M.E.Z. would treat it as a triple toast. It was gratifying to know that Comp. Joseph Withers had been proposed by his brother, Comp. Alfred Withers, a respected member of their Chapter. To Comp. Hilton also they extended a cordial welcome; this Companion had shown his appreciation of Fidelity Chapter by his introducing Comp. Bell, who had recently returned from the hallowed ground of Jerusalem. The toast was given in enthusiastic reception, and was briefly acknowledged by each of the Companions enumerated. In speaking of the Past Principals the M.E.Z. regretted there were not more present, but they had a goodly representative in Comp. Weeks, who in years gone by had been consistently aided by Comps. Macdougle and Amos. Comp. Weeks gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and then came the toast of the Haggai and Joshua, both efficient Officers. Companion Joshua was the son of a deeply lamented Craftsman, the late Charles Greenwood, who had always taken interest in Fidelity Chapter; he (the M.E.Z.) was pleased to see the son following in the footsteps of so worthy a father. In reply Comp. Haggai felt flattered at what had been said of him; he would do all in his power to retain their good opinion. Comp. Greenwood felt gratified at the kindly tribute paid to his father's memory. He knew he would have been pleased to see one of his sons in a fair way to take a high position in the Fidelity Chapter. For the Visitors Comps. Bailey and Morgan replied to the toast given in their honour, and then the remaining Officers were complimented, a special tribute being accorded Comp. Radcliffe for the assistance he had given by acting as Principal Sojourner. Replies having been given, the Janitor gave the parting toast.

EXPULSION OF A SCOTCH FREEMASON.

THE quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., in Edinburgh. The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., occupied the throne. Charters to several new Lodges were granted. A minute expressive of sorrow at the death of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Master, was unanimously adopted. On the minutes of the Grand Committee being considered, the Grand Master referred to a matter that caused much regret—an irregularity that had occurred in Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith in May last. According to the minutes of the Grand Committee, it appears that at a funeral Lodge held by the Celtic Lodge, in the Masonic Hall, on 8th May, in memory of the late Bro. Alexander Hay, two ladies were admitted to the organ loft, "where they saw and heard, through the partially-open glazed door," some portion of the proceedings. The Grand Committee also reported that the ladies in question were so admitted by Brother William Edwards, Acting Past Master of the Lodge. By a majority of 15 to 8 the Grand Committee adopted a recommendation that Bro. Edwards "be expelled from the Order of Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge of Scotland." The Grand Master, while expressing sympathy with Bro. Edwards in all the circumstances of the case, moved approval of this recommendation. Bro. Elliott, of Wolflee, seconded. Bro. David Murray stated that no secret whatever of Freemasonry had been divulged. The ladies in question were the daughters of the late brother to whose memory these services were being held, and naturally desired to see something of that which was being done in honour of their deceased father. The proceedings of the Grand Committee were wholly irregular and harsh, and their recommendation was invalid and inept. He moved accordingly. The Grand Master's motion was supported by Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., the Rev. Dr. Story, and Bro. Duncan, each of whom, however, expressed sympathy with Bro. Edwards; but (said Sir Charles) the matter must be looked at from a Masonic point of view, and the Grand Lodge must guard with the greatest care the inviolable secrets of Freemasonry. A long discussion followed. A further amendment was submitted by Bro. Apthorpe, to the effect that the whole matter be remitted to a special committee. In the division this last amendment was put against the motion of the Grand Master. The latter was carried by 157 to 124 votes. Bro. Murray's amendment was then put against the motion by the Grand Master. The latter was carried by 172 to 92, and became the decision of the Grand Lodge. With regard to another branch of the matter, in which it was proposed by the Grand Committee to admonish two brethren for having taken part in what was described as unconstitutional action by Lodge Celtic, in disposing of this case, one of the brethren, who was present, denied that he had done anything irregular, but if he had he regretted it. This was regarded as perfectly satisfactory, and the matter dropped. Lord Saltoun was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen City Province.

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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, 10th NOVEMBER.

109—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—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
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Eccleston Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2000—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
160—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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1426—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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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. 140—Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

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.
249—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie
258—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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
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—Lowe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
603—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
643—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
655—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Burslem
880—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
915—Neil Jamison, Ex. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland
1[illegible]—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Cotton House Building, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brethren, Castle Hotel, Sandwich
1142—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pegasus, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1[illegible]—Prudence, 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
1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chanter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dew
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pont
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liv

TUESDAY, 13th NOVEM

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldg
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Stre
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-stree
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instructio
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton
(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.3
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, D
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Throgmorton Street, E.C.,
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsw
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, C
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's S
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (In
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instru
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsb
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1838—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brix
1969—Walbeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre,
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Ca
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
169—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chapman of Benevolence, Assembly Room
241—de.chants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warw
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, N
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croyd
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefi
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheshunt
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Bartholomew-Te
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Camperdown
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Westbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
988—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Rexketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1129—St. Mildburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Cale Cross
1230—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stanley, Grassington, Skipton
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Reading
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8.
1317—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1506—Mulor, Queen's Hotel, Portsmouth
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Norman-st, Baildon
1538—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Sandon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Willenhall, Walsall Institute, Walsall, Liverpool
2089—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Queen Street, Herne Bay
2116—Surrey, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Sanderstead
R.A. 70—St. John's, Hayward Masonic Temple, Preston
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Bath
R.A. 265—Junior, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 567—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Redcar
R.A. 650—King Solomon, Freemasons' Hall, Ventnor
R.A. 1055—Durham, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Tollington Park
M.M. 15—St. Augustine's, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel,

WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVE

Committee Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
7—Prosperity, Albion, Aldersgate Street, at 8.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Wilton Street,
15—Kent, Lodge of Instruction, Woolwich
30—United Mariners, Royal Standard, Peckham, at 7.30.
72—Holy Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Castle Inn, Richmond, Surrey
87—Yarborough, White Hart Hotel, Great Grimsby

602—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 316 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
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1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
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M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
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146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Inswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
754—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, Stow, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Roperstate, 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, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1244—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, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
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—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1917—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 Newcastl
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

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23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
48—Gihon, 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, 305 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)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1155—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1336—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1338—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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
1556—D. Connaught, Putney Arms, Gladstone Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 Lennon Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Sterling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1657—Trelawney, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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1674—Greenwood, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruc
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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56—Howard, High-street, Tamworth
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyn
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276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Cholmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
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343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
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439—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
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636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
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1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1581—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instructi
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1692—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderla
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
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R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1245—Phœnix of St. Anne, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

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House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W.
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Inst
780—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instructio
871—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1054—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instru
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Inst
1228—Beaucottge, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Camonbury,
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instructio
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace R
at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, C
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portal Hotel, London Street, Greenwich
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improv.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Clevelan
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruct
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E. C.,
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.

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, Bark to Bounty Inn, Shadoxhurst
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
435—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Inst
469—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
556—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
905—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Leyton Buzzard
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1039—Lord Warden, Wellington Arms, Deal
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MASONIC SEPARATION AND MASONIC UNITY.

THE old adage that what is one man's loss is another's gain finds frequent confirmation in Freemasonry, and during the last few months this has been most forcibly illustrated in the action of the brethren of New South Wales, who, for the purpose of erecting themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, have combined for a great Masonic separation, and have created a greater Masonic union.

The work which came to so successful a termination on the 16th August last—as reported in our issue of the 18th October—has been in progress for some time. The colony of New South Wales had for a lengthened period been somewhat under the ban of Freemasonry, in consequence of its having an independent Grand Lodge, which was unrecognised by the Masons of our own and some other jurisdictions. All this has now ended in the most satisfactory of manners, and in a way which promises much for the future prosperity of the Craft in this section of Australia. A United Grand Lodge has been formed in the colony, with Lord Carrington, the present Governor, at its head, and recognition assured from the whole of the Masonic Grand Bodies of the world. Truly we may say that the Craftsmen of New South Wales have been the gainers by this change, and on the other hand we may ask,—who has been the loser? For answer we have to consider the jurisdictions under which the Lodges, which are now united under a head of their own, had previously worked; then we find that all three of the home Constitutions have contributed a share, and each, in consequence, suffers a diminution in the number of Lodges on its Register. We are convinced, however, that neither of them regrets the secession—all recognise the gain that is likely to ensue from the loss which has fallen upon them. Ireland will feel the effect of this latest Masonic union less than her neighbours, from the fact that the Lodges which had previously held allegiance to her have seceded for some time past, the members having associated themselves with the former Grand Lodge of New South Wales, so that in this instance the severance is not a fresh one, but in the cases of Scotland and England the full brunt of the separation will be felt, the latter losing upwards of eighty Lodges by the change, that is, supposing that all of those now working under the English Constitution will transfer their allegiance to the new power, and we have no reason to doubt that such will be the case; indeed, it would be strange if among so much unanimity as appears now to exist in New South Wales even a small amount of disagreement should assert itself.

We shall not here attempt to trace the gradual progress of Freemasonry in the colony to which we are referring, sufficient details were given in our issue of the 18th October last to answer this purpose. It is only necessary to repeat that on the 16th August the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was regularly formed, the Governor of the Colony, Bro. Lord Carrington, Past Grand Warden of England, being regularly elected as the first Grand Master. The installation of that nobleman in his high office was duly celebrated on the 18th September, and from the accounts which have reached us we imagine the event was honoured as its importance deserved. The installation took place in the Melbourne Exhibition building, under circumstances which made it the most imposing and most striking Masonic ceremony ever witnessed in Australia, the whole of the available space—capable of accommodating upwards of 4000 persons—being occupied by brethren of the Mystic Tie, clothed in the insignia of their respective ranks. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. H. J. Tarrant, formerly G. Master of New South Wales, with Bros. W. H. Simpson and H. E. Vaughan, two Past Deputy Grand Masters, as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Lord Carrington was subsequently obligated, installed, and duly proclaimed, upon which the Installing Master (Chief Justice Way) addressed his lordship in an eloquent speech, the tenour of which will be found in our report on another page. The Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. David Munro, having added his congratulations on behalf of the Grand Lodge and brethren of Victoria, Lord Carrington briefly replied. It was with great respect he offered his grateful thanks for the kind reception accorded him, and for the high honour he had received at the hands of his brethren of New South Wales. He trusted he might be able to maintain the ancient principles of Masonry, and merit the confidence and support of the whole of the Craft in the great colony with which he had the high privilege of being connected. Bro. H. J. Tarrant was then installed as Pro Grand Master, the other Grand Officers were invested, Grand Lodge representatives appointed, and other formal business having been transacted, the new Grand Lodge was regularly closed. A banquet followed, covers being laid for close on 1200 guests. Lord Carrington presided, and a most successful gathering resulted, some excellent speeches following in due course.

Such is a brief outline of what has already taken place in connection with one of the most important events of modern Freemasonry. We are sure that in wishing the new Grand Lodge every success we are but expressing the wish of every Mason in this country, who must also feel, with us, that while there is cause for regret at the great Masonic separation which has taken place, it is more than compensated for by the rejoicings which should follow so forcible an illustration of Masonic Unity.

On Monday night, the 29th ult., the annual banquet of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, was held at the Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne, when Bro. J. H. Wright was installed as Worshipful Master for the forthcoming year.

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The stone represents the foundation or corner stone of human knowledge. Having all its sides of equal length it forms a square, and is an emblem of morality. It teaches us that we should endeavour, by diligently observing the precepts of morality and virtue, to so conduct ourselves here that we may become square stones in that spiritual building,—"that house not made with hands." As it is also solid, it forms a cube as well, which comprehends the whole and symbolises truth. It is wrought from durable and lasting material, and is thus emblematical of eternal life, to which the paths of morality and truth faithfully pursued will eventually lead us all. When placed in position it is tried by those builders' instruments—the square, level and plumb—to indicate the trials of temptation, of suffering and of adversity through which all must pass, and be thereby tested, before they can be received as living stones, and admitted to the fellowship of the just and perfect.

Those Masonic elements of consecration—corn, wine and oil—which have been poured upon the stone, are emblems of the highest antiquity and are used as symbols of nourishment, refreshment and peace. They represent the supports of life and means of refreshment which are so essential to our existence and are among the greatest blessings bestowed upon man.

Upon occasions of this kind, according to the ancient custom of the Craft, the delivery of an eulogy on Masonry has formed a portion of our exercises. In the performance of that duty I shall not consider it within my province to portray to you in terms of vain boasting the good that Masonry has accomplished in ages gone by; nor to predict the great benefit that society shall derive from it in the future. Its own record will speak for the past more eloquently and more effectively than can the tongues of men now living. Its future will be moulded by those to whose care its interests and progress shall be entrusted and will be just what they, by their conduct and example, shall make it. Let us be content to simply notice here some of the salient points of its principles and its teachings.

To trace its history back into the dim ages of the past in the short time here allotted would be an impossible task. From the earliest formation of society its precepts have been taught and it has had existence in some form resembling its present system. Its rude and imperfect beginning has, in the ever-changing advance of civilization, been so modified as to suitably adapt it to the conditions of the times until it has assumed its present form.

Though generally known and designated as a secret order or society, Freemasonry has, in truth, but little of secrecy. A knowledge of its principles is withheld from no one who cares to make himself acquainted with them. They are all published and set forth, readily accessible to any who may have the curiosity or inclination to peruse them. With all its varied branches of learning, and its broad foundation and principles, its secrets are simply the forms and ceremonies by and through which its doctrines are taught and explained to those who seek through its mysteries to obtain light and instruction in the various departments of human knowledge. In the language of the ritual it is a "progressive moral science." It embraces every branch of useful knowledge, and spreads before us a vast field of learning, through which we may roam in whatever direction our fancy leads us. Whatever path we pursue we are sure to find it bountifully filled with valuable information, of which we may gather just as much as our time and inclination will permit. All the liberal arts and sciences are duly represented, and the way pointed out for exhaustive research, thereby affording to each ample scope for progress in that branch which he may prefer to investigate.

Freemasonry is confined to no particular sect or race, and to no particular country. It exists in every quarter of the globe, and with its chain of Lodges encircles the whole universe. Extending, as it does, into all countries and nations where such a multitude of languages is spoken, Masonry must necessarily have a universal language of its own. To supply this want, symbolic designs and emblems of various kinds are made use of, and convey impressively to the mind important lessons and truths. This system of symbolism, then, is but the language of Masonry, and should be clearly understood by all of its disciples. The forms and ceremonies of its work performed in any portion of the globe may, through this language of symbolism, be thoroughly comprehended by any well-informed Mason, though he know not one word of the tongue spoken by that nation. In every clime the Mason finds some who are versed in the same learning and acquainted with the same paths of investigation he has been pursuing. Though a stranger in a strange land, he becomes aware that those about him have, with him, at least one mutual tie of fellowship and fraternity. They are co-workers in that direction, and are thus led to understand each other more thoroughly. They are taught to aid one another in the direction of rational enjoyment, and to endeavour to promote the comfort and happiness of their fellow men.

The cultivation of harmony is one of the essential features of our Institution. It teaches men to avoid conflict or strife, and to live peaceably and on terms of good fellowship with mankind. In bitter political contests it takes no part and has no sympathy with them. It has by its enemies frequently been charged with a tendency to revolution and the formation of political organisations subversive of the best interests of the people. It has been feared as a secret society endeavouring to become more and more powerful and to gain an influence which would endanger the exercise of good government. No accusation could possibly be more false or unjust, or display greater ignorance of its true principles. Such notions are entirely at variance with all its teachings. It especially charges its members to be peaceable citizens, to obey the laws of the country, and live in submission to constituted authority. It impresses upon their minds the practice of temperance in all things; that they should obey the dictates of reason in all their desires and in all their actions. They are taught to be industrious and to employ their time in worthy and creditable pursuits; in all their dealings to have fairness and justice as their standard.

Masonry seeks no undue power or influence, and solicits no one to join its ranks. Whosoever comes within its borders must do so without persuasion or even invitation, and having been received should obey its laws and endeavour to live in accordance with its principles, for it is by maintaining those principles that the Order retains its existence. It is not the forms or ceremonies or secrets which give it life and influence, but the principles of truth, morality and Christian charity upon which it is founded.

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and the practice of the Christian virtues, it makes no claim to take the place of religion or in any way to interfere with religious belief. It requires of every member a belief in God, and that he should practise morality, but leaves his private speculative opinions to his Creator and himself. It is a co-worker with religion of every denomination, and teaches man to be just and true according to the dictates of his own conscience. It does not seek to direct the particular path he shall pursue, but furnishes him valuable aid in his search for Divine truth.

Upon the general conduct and character of its members, as exhibited in their daily walks, will depend the impressions which Masonry makes upon the public mind. If it is the misfortune of some to fall short of leading an exemplary life, their failure must be attributed to the innate frailty of human nature, and should be covered with the broad mantle of charity.

Let not the Institution suffer from the failure of a few, but let it be judged by the many who are faithful to its precepts and endeavour to follow out its principles in their search for knowledge and Divine truth.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Obituary.

BROTHER JOSEPH S. LAVIES, M.D.

In the death of this well-known member of the Craft the Province of Surrey may be said to have lost one of its most genial representatives. Brother Lavies was a member of many Lodges, and was always greeted with a hearty welcome. His funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on the 6th instant, the first part of the service being held in the Church of St. Gabriel, Warwick-square, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Among those present at the mournful ceremony were Bros. N. H. Turner, Professor Rose, R.A.M., George Cooper P.G.D., Beckett, and many other of our deceased brother's numerous friends and brethren in Masonry.

BRO. WILLIAM JAMES.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. William James, of Kirkby Lonsdale, who after a comparatively short illness, died on Monday, the 29th ult. Bro. James was a man who was highly respected by all classes. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at the Parish Church. The coffin, which was made of oak and richly mounted, was borne from the deceased's home by members of the Oddfellows' Society (of which he was a member) to the church, followed by sorrowing relatives and friends. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rev. Canon Ware. Bro. James was the oldest member of the Underly Lodge, of which he was a P.M. At the time of his death he was Treasurer, which office he had held for a number of years. A large number of his Brother Masons attended the funeral, and at the close of the service each member cast in the grave a sprig of acacia.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE annual festival and ball in aid of the above will be held in Liverpool on the third Tuesday in January 1889. The W.M.'s of Lodges, First Principals of Chapters, E.C.'s of K.T. Encampments, the W.M.'s of Lodges of Mark Masons, Sovereigns of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Rose Croix, meeting in the Province of West Lancashire, with the members of the General Committee, will constitute the Ball Committee, with power to add to their number.

BEECHAM, the well-known proprietor of "Beecham's Pills," is issuing this year a Christmas Annual which promises to be one of the most extraordinary penny publications ever issued. Tales by first class authors like "Ouida," Jessie Fothergill, George R. Sims, R. E. Francillon, R. M. Ballantyne, G. Manville Fenn, &c. &c. will appear, and the magazine will be copiously illustrated. It will also contain the last tale written by the late Hugh Conway, and a new Quadrille, arranged on popular lines, which will add greatly to the value of the work in our musical friends' eyes, most of whom no doubt are aware what "Beecham's Music Portfolio" is like; if not, they should make themselves familiar with the capital selection. Messrs. F. J. Lambert and Co., of 18 Bouverie-street, London, are the publishers.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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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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FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to correct a few inaccuracies into which the member of your staff has fallen in his otherwise gratifying and complimentary report of a recent visit to the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523 (p 297), and his description of the Masonic Hall at Leicester.

Let me set out by assuring him, as the first Master of the Lodge—forty-two years ago—that it has always been a pleasure (and also to those of the other local Lodges) to welcome a visitor and to show him any attention in their power. Then as to the inaccuracies.

Sir F. G. Fowke was not D.P.G.M. only. He held that office (*and did all the work*) under Lord Rancliffe from 1833 to 1851, when he succeeded as Provincial Grand Master, and died as such in 1856. I served under him as his Deputy.

Lord Howe's portrait was not "presented by a brother," as stated, but by a subscription amongst the brethren of the Province. After serving as Lord Howe's Deputy for fourteen years I succeeded him on his resignation in January 1870 (not in 1884, as stated), and I resigned the office three years later owing to ill-health. Next, with reference to Louis Jean, the French prisoner of war, he did not marry a *Leicester* but an Ashby-de-la-Zouch lady, where he was a prisoner on parole. His daughter is now an inmate of Trinity Hospital, Leicester, owing to the kindness of Bro. Israel Hart when Mayor of Leicester. Your reporter has been wrongly informed as to the trumpeter's banner over the Master's chair—it was not presented by Cornet Packe on leaving *for the battle of Waterloo* in 1815, but by the officers generally of the Royal Horse Guards Blue, several of whom, including the then Cornet Packe, were initiated in St. John's Lodge on 15th July 1801, and who presented the banner on leaving Leicester for the *Peninsular War*. The gallant Major Packe did certainly fall at Waterloo, hence probably the mistake. The "Bro. *Hammett*," referred to as a former W.M. of one of the *Leicester* Lodges, should be Bro. Mammatt (doubtless a printer's error) of the Lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

The father of the Rev. Dr. Oliver was initiated in and was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, and in the library is the original MS. of thirteen Masonic songs written by him and inscribed to the Brethren of the Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY.

Leicester, 12th November 1888.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, Tattershall, Kempton, Daniell, Berry, Smith, Belchamber, West, Stean, Driver, Adams, Cottebrune, Gordon Robbins, Hogard, Cubitt, Perceval, Murlis, Case, Webb, Cotter, Lacey, Hilton, Hobbs, Fraser, Pigott, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Newton, Forsyth, Dawson, Blasby, Larkin, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of eight annuitants (five males and three widows). The Warden's report for the past month was then read. Sundry reports were read, including one as to the receipt of £200, being part of the residue of the estate of the late Miss Louise McKellar, and that of Brother Raynham W. Stewart on land at Croydon, and the transfer of the building to new Trustees. The application of the widows of three recently deceased annuitants for half of their late husbands' annuities were granted. The Committee then considered the petitions of 11 applicants (five men and six widows), and accepted those of four men and six widows, the names to be placed on the lists of candidates for the election in May 1889. The remaining male applicant was refused. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No Mystery.—Whenever the blood is impure or the general health is impaired the human body is predisposed to attacks of any prevailing epidemic. The first indications of faulty action, the first sensations of deranged or diminished power, should be rectified by these purifying Pills, which will cleanse all corrupt and reduce all erring functions to order. These Pills counteract the subtle poisons in decaying animal or vegetable matter, and remove all tendency to bowel complaints, biliousness, and a host of annoying symptoms arising from foul stomachs. The fruit season is especially prone to produce irritation of the bowels and disorders of the digestive organs; both of which dangerous conditions can be completely removed by Holloway's corrective medicines.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

ON Sunday, the 4th inst., the third jubilee of this Lodge was celebrated at Halifax. The Lodge is one of the oldest in the district, having been established in the year 1738. Each preceding celebration has been by attendance at the parish church, and the same course was adopted on the present occasion. A large number of the brethren met at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, those present including the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Tew), Bro. Henry Smith D.G.M., Bro. Oxley P.G.Tr., Bro. F. Fleming W.M. (Probity), the Mayor of Halifax (Bro. Jas. Booth), the ex-Mayor (Bro. R. Horsfall), and a large number of Officers of local and district Lodges. The brethren walked in procession to the church, dressed in Masonic costume. The service was a special one, the musical portion having been arranged by Bro. Garland, Mus. Bac., the Organist; and the hymns included two very old ones found among the records of the Lodge, these being set to tunes specially written by Bro. Naylor (Organist of York Minster) and Bro. Garland. The preacher was the Very Rev. the Dean of York, who took for his text the words, "In every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." He pointed out that the ideal of Freemasonry was that contained in the text to "Fear God and work righteousness;" he urged members of the Craft to maintain this ideal and to keep the Order free from reproach. We learn that Bro. Herbert Crossley, a member of the Lodge, is engaged in the very laudable work of collecting the facts and memorabilia relating to the Lodge, and they will be published in book form shortly.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A MEETING was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Gt. Queen-street, on 5th instant. Bros. M. Lion W.M., E. Ansell acting S.W., W. Gardner J.W., H. Lazarus J.D., H. Saqui I.G., L. Lazarus P.M. Sec., J. Lyon Treasurer, Rev. Rocco Chaplain, A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., Joseph Caskell Tyler; P.M.'s Dewsnap, Spiegel, Abrahams, and others; J. Joseph, Siegenburg, Thomas, Frantz, Van Volen, Wynman, A. Cohen, A. C. Cohen, N. Lion, Botibol, Smith, Rosenberg, Barrett, Van Praagh, Davis, Phillips, &c. Visitors—Bros. M. Hart P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, W. Goodinge J.W. 1818, Joseph Van Praagh S.D. 1668, Robert Clark, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Charles Carrociero, a candidate for initiation, was admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bros. Phillips and Davis were passed. Both ceremonies were ably performed. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the brethren, presented Brother A. G. Dodson P.M. with a handsome marble clock, with the following inscription:—

"Presented to Brother Dodson P.M. D.C. by the members of the Joppa Lodge, 188, as a mark of their approbation for his services as Director of Ceremonies.

This recognition of his services was gracefully acknowledged, and after other business Lodge was closed.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE members of this Lodge held their regular meeting on Tuesday, 13th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, London. There were present Bros. Alex. Dixon W.M., Henry Lindfield S.W.; Harry Nash J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. H. King S.D., Orlton Cooper I.G., B. Banks Tyler, P.M.'s F. T. Bennett, Thos. H. Lavers, F. J. Hentsch, W .W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce; W. J. Dyer, J. Withers, H. Green. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Rohrs P.M. 946, A. Oliver 1669, W. A. Smith 1669, J. Carlshill 901, J. A. Collings Organist 1693. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George Edmund Absell, and Mr. George John Copley. Both candidates were proposed by Brother George Cockrell, and seconded by Brother Henry Lindfield S.W. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates, who were regularly initiated by the Worshipful Master, whose working denoted that he has every capacity to uphold the prestige of this excellent Lodge. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of one of those modest little suppers, which is now a recognised "feature" of the proceedings at St. Michael's. An hour or two was pleasantly spent after the "inner man" had been attended to.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, 448.

TUESDAY, 23rd ult., was a red letter day in the history of this Lodge, which met at Halifax, for the purpose of celebrating its jubilee year and the transaction of the regular business of the Lodge. The brethren attended at Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, at 3·30 p.m., where about 80 assembled. The ordinary business of the Lodge was first proceeded with, after which Bro. Austin Roberts read a paper, tracing the history of the Lodge from its formation in the year 1838 to the present time—the origin of the name of the Lodge from the reputed connection of the Order with the erection of the ancient Church of St. James at Thornton, near Bradford, the various places at which the Lodge had met, the circumstances connected with the erection of the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, of which it and the Lodge of Probity are joint owners, and other mat-

printed for circulation amongst the member copy lodged in the Provincial archives at Wa to that effect was adopted, and the Lodge close

HUYSHE LODGE, No.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was hel Home Park, Stoke. The Prov. Grand War and presented the Lodge with a framed photo Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after On a panel was inscribed:—

"Presented to Lodge 'Huyshe,' No. 1099, S Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chapl 1205, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G.C., and Pro Warden of Devonshire. November 8th, 1888.

Bro. H. W. Pengelly, the W.M. elect, was ins Officers were Bros. W. A. Staton the retiring W J. Allen, W. H. Gillman, W. T. Walter, all of inclement weather there was not a large atten the members of the Lodge were well repres Officers were invested:—Bros. Staton I.P.M., J.W., Panter Treasurer, Allen Secretary, Vans Dillon D.C., Symons A.D.C., Penrose O., Edg Fry, Miller, Bird Stewards, Rushbrook Tyler sented a satisfactory financial report, and a ha balance in hand was directed to be applied to debt on the hall. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was sentative of the Lodge on the Committee Charity Steward for the Devon Educational Fu

WEST LANCASHIRE LODG

THE annual meeting was held at the Comme on Wednesday, the 24th ult. The preli Lodge having been disposed of, the W.M Newsham, was presented by Bro. Draper P.M ceremonies efficiently rendered by Bro. Baxe ably assisted by Bro. Walker P.M. The W.M. as follow:—Bros. Mason I.P.M., Ball S.W., Draper P.M. Treasurer, Turner Secretary, As J.D., Thomas Robinson I.G., Jackson S., an business of the Lodge having been brought brethren sat down to an excellent tea, prepare

HADRIAN LODGE, No.

THE installation of Bro. T. D. Marshall took at the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, presence of many Officers and brethren of the and Northumberland. Amongst those present D.P.G.M. of Durham, Bro. Hudson of Sunde Bro. Holmes of Newcastle D.P.G.M. Northu mony of installation was performed by Bro. The Lodge having been closed in due form, th to the Royal Hotel, Ocean-road, where a banq T. D. Marshall W.M. presided, and was suppor left by Bro. Tristram and Bro. Holmes respecti were occupied by Bro. J. T. Ross S.W. and Br The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly

SMITH CHILD LODGE, N

THE annual festival was held on Wednesday Town Hall, Tunstall. The ceremony of was performed by Bro. Pedly P.M. P.P.G. Sup Bro. Hancock P.P.S.B. The following were ensuing year:—Bros. Baimbridge Senior Wa Warden, Proctor Treasurer, Earp Senior Deacon, Pedley Director of Ceremonies, Wilkes and Sherwin Stewards, Pedley Tyler. The adjourned to the Sneyd Arms Hotel where th and the usual Masonic toasts honoured.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No

THE installation of this prosperous and po Lodge took place on Saturday, 10th ins a large and distinguished gathering of Masc adjoining Province. The beautiful Lodge-ro street was filled, the attendance of Present and Officers being very large, whilst the seven sist were fully represented. Bro. Trevor opened rounded by his Officers. The routine b despatched, the Deputy Provincial Grand M companied by many Past and Present Pro entered, and was saluted. Amongst those p Smyth, Oxley 495, Malcolm, Mason, Craig, Bu Monckman 1018, Bedford 304, Stephenson 16 R. Bullock, Coombe, Allison 1042, Fourness Richardson 1001, Smithson 1211, McGill 1 Townsend 1211, Priestley 439, Greaves 289, ming 61, Gill 264, Brownfoot 304, Rickard 30 1211, Scriven 1211, Carter 1042, Scarth 289, Visitors from the adjoining Province of North a Bros. Tesseyman 57 and Shackles 1511 (th numismatist). Letters expressing regret at

Lodge, Speth Sec. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Atherton, and many others. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. assisted by Bros. Watson S.W., Middleton J.W., Young Sec., Abbott Treas., Fretwell S.D., Atkinson J.D., Butterworth I.G. The minutes having been disposed of, the distinguished visitors entered, and were saluted. The W.M. then addressed the brethren, as follows:—I have great gratification in presenting to a brother who has notified his intention of resigning the Lodge, in consequence of his removal to London, a slight token of our regret at parting with him. I mean our esteemed Bro. Samuel Scott Young. He has done so much for Prudence Lodge, and we so thoroughly appreciate his services that as soon as we knew he was leaving a subscription was started in the Lodge, which has been almost universally responded to. I have now the great gratification of presenting this jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, Brother Young, which I now pin on your breast. It is an indication not only of the satisfaction with which the brethren have noted the ability with which you have served the Lodge as Secretary, but also as a slight mark of esteem for you as a brother, for your courteous conduct and the able manner in which you have filled every office that has been allotted you. We are anxious that you should not leave this Lodge without taking with you some little material token of our regard for you. I hope you will not prize that jewel merely for its intrinsic value, but that it will be for all time a token of remembrance of a very happy connection with this Lodge, and that whenever you look upon it it will bring back to your memory very happy remembrances of us all. Bro. Scott Young, who spoke with much feeling, assured the brethren that their gift was most highly prized, and that it would serve to remind him of very many happy hours spent in Prudence Lodge. The W.M. then said: Before I quit this chair and hand over the gavel to the Installing Master, I feel I must say a word publicly, not only in acknowledgment of the services rendered to me by my Officers, but also for the marked ability with which you have served me throughout the year. I also wish to acknowledge the great kindness which all the brethren have exhibited towards me. I am most thankful to feel that I quit this chair, leaving the Lodge in that state of harmony in which I found it. I feel satisfied that if the Lodge has not been improved during my Mastership, at any rate it has lost nothing by it. Brethren, I respectfully offer you my farewell, and call upon the Past Grand Chaplain of England (Dr. Smyth) to take up the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Watson was then presented for installation by the W.D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire (Bro. Henry Smith) and Bro. Monkman P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and duly obligated. A large and distinguished Board of Past Masters was afterwards formed, and the ceremony completed. The general body of brethren were then re-admitted, and the new W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted. Dr. Smyth performed the onerous but congenial duties which fell to his lot to the admiration of all present. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Townsend P.M. P.P.G.O. Bro. Watson then invested his Officers, as follow, addressing to each suitable words of congratulation and advice: Bros. Watson W.M., Middleton S.W., Fretwell J.W., Evans Chap., R. Abbott Treasurer, Atkinson Secretary, Craig Preceptor, Butterworth S.D., Sykes Bailey J.D., Tudor Trevor Dir. of Cers., Howarth I.G., Smithson Assist. Secretary, Cryer Steward, Bentley Asst. Steward, H. B. Abbott Assist. Steward and Musical Librarian, Pratt Organist, Barrand Tyler. The Worshipful Master, as charity representative of the Lodge, reported that, so far as Lodge Prudence was concerned, it had been a very successful year. To the Girls' School 120 guineas had been sent up, and an endowment of 10 guineas to the Old Womens' Institute. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smyth, seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor I.P.M., Bro. Watson was re-elected charity representative; whilst the I.P.M. and the S.W. were appointed as representatives of the Lodge on the local charity. Bro. Watson then presented to Bro. Trevor a handsome P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge pattern, and in doing so assured that brother that he possessed the admiration and affection of every member of the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Trevor would live long to wear it, and that they would often see it on his breast in their Lodge. He might depend upon it that he was as near to the hearts of the brethren as that jewel was to his own. Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., in the regrettable but unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M. Bro. Tew, then, amid the applause of the brethren, pinned the jewel on Bro. Trevor's breast. He said: Bro. Tew, like myself, has watched the progress of this Lodge with very great interest. He has, as you know, been present on many occasions, and I know he fully intended to be here to-day, not only as a matter of pleasing duty, but with the view of saying how pleased he was at the progress the Lodge has made. We have watched it with very great interest, and I am proud to say that it is in an exceedingly flourishing condition. When I came here first you had 15 members, the second time you had 24, and now you have 34, and I am sure the class of brethren you have introduced into Masonry have been of a character to reflect credit on your choice. I am proud, Bro. Trevor, to have been deputed by your brethren to pin this well deserved jewel on your breast. Bro. Trevor said—The least said the soonest mended on an occasion like this, when one's language is utterly inadequate to express one's feelings. I am sure you will believe me when I say that I receive your present not only with the sincere thanks which are due to me, but that it shall be placed among my possessions, to last for all time as a fitting token of your kindly appreciation, your affection, and your regard. The remainder of the business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed amid a perfect volley of hearty good wishes. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous meal was awaiting the brethren. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Trevor proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M. He said:—You, Bro. Watson, who have just been installed are no tyro in the Masonic art, for you were installed W.M. of your old Lodge (Fidelity) 16 years ago. When I remember not merely the local reputation, but the provincial, nay, the almost world-wide reputation you possess, as a Masonic *literateur*, I feel sure that this Lodge which has honoured itself by its choice has a happy and prosperous year before it. I am sure you will maintain the traditions of the Lodge in their integrity, and we all, whilst congratulating you on the position you occupy amongst us, wish you a happy career. In the name of the brethren I give you our most hearty congratulations and warm welcome, and we promise that we will stand by you as loyal subjects in every respect. Bro. Watson, to whom was accorded a hearty greeting, said:—Ever since the opening of the Lodge brethren have been loyal to the chair. A house divided against itself cannot stand, and a Lodge which lacks unity cannot prosper. I am proud indeed at the unanimous way in which you elected me; the number of congratulatory letters I have received from all parts of the country has almost overwhelmed me. I believe our Lodge has been watched throughout the Province as an experiment; to-day we have got beyond the region of experiment, we are a great success; and, brethren, this success will be increased so long as perfect harmony prevails. If any difficulty arises if only the brethren will come to me as W.M., as a brother to whom they can speak in perfect confidence, all will be well, and troubles which may threaten will be dissipated. Let us all resolve to listen to no innuendoes from the outside, but to stick to each other and to be open and above board, and then, as we are harmonious, we are bound to prosper. I wish long life, health, and prosperity to you all. The W.M. at a later period asked the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Scott Young, and said how much he would be missed, both in the Lodge and at refreshment. Bro. Young again expressed regret at the painful severance which circumstances had necessitated, and said some of his happiest Masonic memories were linked with Prudence Lodge. Several visiting brethren contributed songs and recitations, and being ably backed up by Bros. Young, Hood, Cryer, and other musical members of the Lodge, the proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE brethren of this Lodge met on Thursday, the 8th inst., being the Festival of the Four Holy Crowned Martyrs, the patron saints of the early building trades. Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D., the retiring W.M., acted as Installing Master, and the Officers for the current year are as follows:—Bros. W. Simpson W.M., R. F. Gould I.P.M. and D.C., Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt S.W., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., Walter Besant Treasurer, G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Dr. W. Wynn Westcott J.D., Rev. Rev. J. C. Ball I.G., and F. Macbean Steward. Besides most of the above there were present W. Mattieu Williams, Stephen Richardson, A. Howell, C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, J. B. McKay, G. Allen, J. H. Forshaw, C. Kupperschmidt, F. A. Powell, R. A. Gowan, B. A. Smith, W. J. Spratling, F. W. Driver, S. L. Macgregor Mathers, J. F. Finlayson, C. Purdon Cooper, and S. S. Partridge P.A.G.D.C. Bro. W. M. Williams was elected a member, and Bros. C. Kupperschmidt, J. F. Finlayson and C. Purdon Clarke were proposed as joining members. At the close of the installation ceremony, the W.M. delivered an interesting address, and this was followed by a paper entitled "Some Notes on the Relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden," which was read by Bro. C. Kupperschmidt, and concluded the business of the evening. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and the customary toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. remarking, in the case of the Correspondence Circle, with which he coupled the name of Bro. McKay, that the Literary Society attached to the Lodge numbered 447 members, being an increase of 292 over the corresponding figures on the 8th of November 1887.

OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., a banquet was given at the Gloster Hotel, West Cowes, in connection with the installation of Bro L. T. Wilkins as Worshipful Master. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.M. 35 P.P.G.J.W., there being present Bro. Shepard of Yarborough Lodge, Bro. Garoham I.P.M. and Bro. Brannon of Albany Lodge, Bros. Rogers and Hewitt Peace and Harmony Lodge, Bro. Andrews East Medina Lodge. Medina Lodge was represented by its W.M. Bro. F. Rutland P.P.G.O., J. Leftwich S.W., G. A. Mursell Secretary P.P.G.S.D., T. M. Taylor J.D., J. C. Airs P.M. P.G.D.D.C., R. L. Roberton P.M. 35 and 2169 P.P.G.A.P. D.C. Bro. Sumner, of Coventry, and O. Passmore, of a Scotch Lodge. Bro. G. A. Mursell's catering at the banquet left nothing to be desired, and after partaking of the excellent spread placed upon the table, toasts were proposed in a very hearty manner. The following are the Officers of the Osborne Lodge:—Bros. L. T. Wilkins W.M., J. Halliday I.P.M., A. Perry S.W., H. Deacon J.W., Edwin Weeks Treasurer, J. Yeates Secretary, C. Stock S.D., Jos. Clinchen J.D., G. Rogers I.G., R. L. Roberton P.M. 35 and 2169 P.P.G.A.P. D.C., G. A. Spencer Organist, W. Bartlett Steward, E. Young Tyler.

STERNDALE BENNETT LODGE, No. 2182.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., the members of this young and prosperous Lodge held a meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Bros. George Smith W.M., H. Walmsley Little I.P.M., Fred Cambridge J.W., Wm. Gliffard Sec., R. Clowes Treas., S. Clare Hill Chaplain, Hoyte S.D., Cureton J.D., Costell I.G., Skedder D.C., Hind Steward, John Whiteman Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Martin I.P.M. Sec. 1986, G. W. Reed P.M. 13, W. H. Selyat P.M. 765, W. Pile P.M. 1892, A. Mane S.D. 167, J. Hearsum J.W. 167, J. Keswing 2030, Jacques Wynman, and several others. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. raised a candidate to the sublime degree. The Lodge was called off. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Guy was passed. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Mr. George Dodds and Mr. Richardson were initiated. All the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. Henry Guy was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Clowes was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Jackson Hall on the Audit Com-

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mittee; Bros. Hill and Carter on the Board of Management. It was proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer that a jewel should be presented to the W.M. on the occasion of the installation of his successor. This was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge having been closed the company re-assembled at the banquet table to partake of an excellent repast, provided by Mrs. Venables. The loyal toasts were heartily received. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, and several replied. Bro. H. Walmsley Little the I.P.M., in complimentary terms proposed the health of the W.M., which was received with Masonic honours. The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for receiving the toast in such a cordial manner. He hoped, when the time came, to leave the chair with many a good friend. The health of the I.P.M. was cordially received and gracefully replied to. Next the W.M. proposed the health of the W.M. elect. Although not present Bro. Guy had been unanimously elected. Indisposition had prevented him being present, but a telegram had been sent him announcing his election. To this, later on, the W.M. received the following reply:—

"Though absent in body, present in spirit. Thanks to all the brethren.—HENRY GUY."

The initiates were next complimented. Bro. Dodds thanked the members for having elected him. The ceremony to him was very impressive, and he hoped to do credit to the Lodge. Bro. Richardson also replied. In speaking of the Secretary and Treasurer the W.M. said they were brethren who looked after the interest of the Lodge. Replies having been given, and other toasts honoured, the Tyler closed the proceedings. During the evening capital songs were rendered by Bros. Hodges, Carter, Gilby and Bell.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, on Wednesday, when about fifty brethren assembled to take part in the proceedings, thus evidencing the hold Freemasonry has secured in this thriving district. Brother Henry Willard Humphreys W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. W. Drewett W.M. 889 S.W., T. Montagne J.W., Abel Laurence P.M. Secretary, H. W. Willis S.D., John Horne J.D., F. J. Hunt Organist, W. J. W. Batty Steward; G. Moorman I.P.M., John Drewett P.M. P.P.G.A.P. Surrey, W. Yonldon P.M., W. Lane P.M. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. O. Pook 171, C. V. Pellet 889, W. Plimsaul P.M. 1194, G. W. Humphries (E.A.) 1512, W. S. Andrews 177, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After Lodge had been opened and the circular calling the meeting read, the ballot was brought into requisition for the following candidates:—Mr. Edward William Redman, aged 32, proposed by Bro. Mabey, seconded by Brother Rumbelow; Mr. William Thomas Massey, aged 37, proposed by Bro. Rumbelow, seconded by Bro. Betts; and for Mr. Robert Harwin, aged 32, proposed by Bro. J. Dorey, seconded by Bro. G. Moorman. The result was declared unanimous in favour of all three candidates. Lodge was now opened in the second degree, and Bros. Dorey and Bugler underwent examination, they being candidates for the benefits of the third. In due course they were entrusted and were asked to retire. Lodge was still further advanced, when the I.P.M., Brother George Moorman, raised the candidates, conducting the ceremony in a most perfect manner. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Humphreys again took the place of honour, and Messrs. Massey and Harwin were introduced and regularly initiated, the W.M. being perfect in his rendering of the ceremony. In the course of the evening the W.M. solicited contributions towards his Fat as Steward for the Boys' School Festival of next year. Brother Montagne S.W. undertook to represent the "Old People" at the Festival in February next, while Bro. Curtis expressed his willingness to do all in his power for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. As a result the Lodge will again be represented at the three Festivals of the approaching year. Several matters in connection with the Lodge having received attention, it was formally closed. The brethren now partook of a cosy little supper, bountifully provided by Mrs. Frayling, hostess of the "Sun." The after proceedings were marked with that spirit of geniality and harmony that characterises this Lodge.

WINDSOR LODGE, No. 1754.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, on Friday, the 2nd inst. There was a large attendance of brethren. Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the Worshipful Master Bro. Hodges, after which the minutes of the last meeting having been read, the visitors were received with the customary greeting. The Worshipful Master elect was conducted to the chair by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire (Bro. G. Homfray), and having taken the usual obligation, was regularly installed into the chair of King Solomon. Bro. Churchill proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers:—Bros. Hodges P.G.S.B. I.P.M., Simpkin S.W., Roberts J.W., Dovey Chaplain, John Treasurer, Corfield Secretary, Seddon D.C., Proctor S.D., Yorath J.D., Atkins Organist, Ward I.G., Morgan Rees and Aitken Stewards, Jenkins Tyler. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Penarth Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared by Bro. Wain.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held on the 15th inst. at the Public Hall, Carshalton, was made especially interesting by the initiation of four candidates, when a large number of the brethren assembled to witness the ceremony. The Worshipful Master, Bro. George W. Filmer P.G.S.D. Surrey, presided, and was supported by Bros. Francis Carter I.P.M., H. D. Aslett S.W., J. Taylor J.W., F. A. Norton S.D., J. Edwards J.D., A. Bishop P.M., J. Baker P.G. Chaplain, William Pile P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, Roland H. Ward I.G., W. R. Crowe P.M. Treasurer, John M. Coates, H. W. Hanson, J. J. Smith, J. Andrews, A. Verdon, J. W. James, Percy Hine, E. Piggott, Thos. Fletcher, F. Page, C. C. G. Poole, A. W. Balow, A. Ashby, H. T. Byard, G. S. Horsnail, E. D. Frost, Orlton Cooper, A. H. Salter, Thos. L. Heward, W. Harwood, Newcastle Organist. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Mid Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens and P.M.'s Horsey and Rood. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were balloted for, approved and initiated:—Messrs. James Salter White of Sunny Bank, Wallington, Walter Joseph Baker of Cottisbrooke, Wallington, William Hood of Croydon, and Joseph Edward Jeffs of New Cross. The candidates having been prepared were admitted into the Lodge two at a time, and the ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., who subsequently gave the ancient charge in an impressive manner. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Pile announced that an important communication had been made to him by the Directors of the Public Hall Company, who were willing to build a new Lodge room, with two extra rooms and a separate staircase, on condition of the Lodge entering into an agreement to take it for 14 or 21 years. A Committee was subsequently appointed, consisting of the W.M., principal Officers, and Brothers Ward, Jones, Manley, Harwood, and S. Whiter, to consider the matter. The brethren then adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel for refreshment, which was capitally served by Brother Verdon. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and honoured, the W.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Master and Officers for Surrey, to which Bro. Frost P.S.D. replied. He stated he had been connected with Masonry for many years, and was very pleased when their W.M. became a Prov. G. Officer. The vacancies, of course, were few, and it was a great honour to the Lodge to have their Master acknowledged. There was plenty of work, too, and he was pleased to say that the Wallington was brought to notice as one of the best working and most promising Lodges in the Province. Bro. Bishop P.M. also replied; as a humble representative of the Lodge he was glad to know there was work to do; he could promise he would do all in his power to promote the interests of the members. Bro. Pile hoped that all the Masters of the Wallington would in due course receive the purple collar. Bro. Carter I.P.M. proposed in eloquent terms the health of the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master in reply said that he had done no more than his duty, and even then he felt he had performed it in but a feeble manner (No, no); however, he had tried his best. It was his intention to serve as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped to obtain many votes that would become the property of the Lodge; he trusted the Wallington Lodge would become a power in the Province. The Initiates duly responded to the toast given in their honour. The Visitors, Past Masters, and Officers were next respectively honoured, and the meeting closed in harmony, after the parting toast had been given by the Tyler.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THIS Lodge held its election meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, when Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Frederick Lawrance, who was supported during the evening by Bro. Price P.M., Lord George Hamilton S.W., J. Brown J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, George Gardner P.M. Secretary, R. H. Wimpey S.D., F. Walden J.D., J. Rowling D.C., C. Hopkins I.G., W. Kenyon Steward, G. W. Rowe Tyler. The list of visitors included Bros. F. Delevante P.M. 1319, Stead 65, K. R. Montgomery P.M. 255, T. Wilson 1614, W. M. H. Whitmore 145, W. Webb P.M. 1381, H. Dickey I.P.M. 1744, G. Moy 1744, J. Edwards P.M. 1662, A. Pears P.M. 209, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been put for confirmation, Bros. Evan Phillips and B. F. Hartzhorne were raised, and Bro. W. J. Bull was passed. There were three candidates for initiation —Mr. Edwin Stretton (already ballotted for); Mr. Edward Thomas Spurr, who was proposed by Bro. George Gardner and seconded by Bro. John Ellis; likewise Mr. William Maskell, proposed by Bro. George Gardner, and seconded by Bro. Frederick Lawrance W.M. The ballot was in favour of these latter candidates, and as all three were in attendance they were introduced and regularly admitted to the privileges of Freemasonry. Lord George Hamilton (First Lord of the Admiralty) was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation to take place in January. Bro. George Everett was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rowe Tyler. After routine work Lodge was closed, and the brethren and their guests repaired to Bro. Brill's Dining Hall, where a récherché banquet was served. At its conclusion the usual Loyal toasts were done full justice to. In consequence of important Parliamentary duties Lord George Hamilton was compelled to leave, the health of the W.M. elect was therefore proposed at an early stage of the proceedings. Lord George expressed his gratification at having been elected W.M.; he had scarcely given that attention to his Masonic duties hitherto as their importance demanded; still he felt he should have every assistance from the Officers and Past Masters. He looked forward with pleasurable anticipations to the day when he should be installed, when he trusted there would be a goodly gathering of some of the most popular members of the Craft. The health of the W.M. was proposed, in the absence of the I.P.M., by Bro. George Everett, and Bro. Lawrance gracefully replied. Naturally in a Lodge where he is so popular, and where he has held the post of first W.M., reference was made to the candidature of Bro. Everett for the post of Grand Treasurer, and sturdy promises of support and encouragement were tendered him. Brother George Gardner (the hard-working Secretary) also received his meed of praise, and ample recognition of the sterling qualities he displays in the fulfilment of his duties. In consequence of the heavy amount of work and the pleasurable enjoyment of the after proceedings it was a late hour ere the brethren separated.

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DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 8th inst., at the Athenæum, Camden-road, under the presidency of Bro. Thos. Eccleston Gibb W.M. The usual ceremonies having been observed in regard to opening, the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of Emergency were confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, Mr. Frederick William Webb, who was proposed by the W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Rawlinson, and Mr. Robert Orrock, who had Bros. Abbot and Hyman for sponsors. Both were accepted, and subsequently admitted in due form to the benefits of Masonic light. The Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. R. D. Cummings P.M., then installed Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald as W.M. for the ensuing year. The new ruler was regularly saluted and then appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. H. Halliday S.W., J. Corbett P.M. J.W., E. Jolliffe P.M. Treas., R. D. Cummings P.M. Sec., J. P. Harding P.M. S.D., W. F. Lord J.D., G. Rawlinson I.G., S. Garcia P.M. D. of C., J. F. Davey and C. Michie Stewards, Dr. Haskins Organist, Harman Tyler. Bro. Cummings completed the ceremony of installation, and nothing further offering the Lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently repairing to the lower hall, where a banquet awaited them. This was served in excellent form by the caterers, Messrs. Beale and Co., whom we have previously complimented, and who now added to their already high reputation. Among the visitors present were:—Brothers R. J. Emerson 1507, E. Wright P.M. 1364, W. Cook P.M. 22, James H. Hall 2045, J. Bangs 27, T. de B. Holmes J.W. 1319, G. E. Fairchild W.M. 1319, H. Tinney P.M. 1319, G. W. Neave W.M. 1228, E. W. Scattergood P.M. 753, R. Pittam Stevens W.M. 901, A. Prince Senior Deacon 901, James Stevens P.M. 1426, R. A. Kirkaldy P.M. 1321, A. T. Yardley 901, J. Edgar W.M. 1287, H. Ryan 68, E. White P.M. 177, W. Garston P.M. 1607, M. H. Hale P.M. 27, J. C. Frank P.M. 212, T. A. Williams 2029, A. James 1706, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and then the customary toasts were honoured. In proposing the health of the Grand Master the Chairman referred to the fact that the next day would be His Royal Highness's birthday, when he would doubtless receive, as he deserved, the congratulations of a devoted people, for the Prince of Wales had gained for himself respect in every part of the country. The Senior Warden proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, which was followed, from the south, by that of the Deputy Grand Master and the other Officers of Grand Lodge. The Junior Warden was sure the toast would be well received, as it was customary for Freemasons to pay honour to those at their head. They had the pleasure of welcoming among them a most distinguished Grand Officer, one who had conferred honour on their Lodge by allowing it to be called after him—Bro. Derby Allcroft. The members of the Lodge considered it a great honour to be thus intimately associated with Bro. Allcroft, who had done much for the benefit of Freemasonry, and had won esteem throughout the Craft. *Bro. Allcroft* replied, thanking Bro. Corbett and the brethren for the kindness they had evinced towards him. He considered his own career was a living example of the honours which might fall to any man's lot in Freemasonry. He had not sought them, but when he had them conferred upon him he had striven to show how much he appreciated the confidence reposed in him. He had been elected to one of the most dignified positions in the Craft—that of Grand Treasurer, and fully appreciated the compliment. As evidence that he had not completed his work in becoming a Past Grand Officer he referred to the Committee of Investigation then sitting in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He had been selected as one of a few appointed to conduct that inquiry, and he could assure the Craft he was devoting his best attention to the work entrusted to him. That Committee had already held several meetings, and it was hoped that the first section of the inquiry would be completed that week. They would then listen to what could be said in the way of suggested improvements, and after that would submit their report, which report they all hoped would prove of benefit to the Institution concerned. Bro. Gibb next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He felt the members owed to their present Master all the honour which was at present associated with the Lodge. He it was who had been the prime mover in its foundation, and to him they had looked for a solution of all the difficulties they had so successfully surmounted. In submitting the toast, therefore, of the Worshipful Master, he had no hesitation in asking the brethren to do honour to it, while he had equal confidence in promising the Master all the help it was in the power of the members to afford. The Worshipful Master replied, thanking the brethren, and assuring them their kind expressions would act as an incentive to him to strive to do more for the Lodge than he had hitherto done. As a founder of the Lodge he could but say how well the members had supported them in the work of establishment, and he hoped that as years went on it would continue to hold a high position in the Craft. He now submitted the toast of the Immediate Past Master, and presented to that brother the jewel provided by the Lodge, in appreciation of his services during the past year. Brother Gibb replied, and the Master gave the health of the Initiates, which he described as a most important toast at all times, but particularly so in a young Lodge such as theirs. While they were anxious to have new members they were also desirous that none but worthy men should be associated with them. He had no hesitation in offering a cordial greeting to the two brethren admitted that day. Each of the initiates responded, Bro. Webb hoping he might profit by the excellent lessons that had been set him that day, and that he might eventually become a useful member of the Lodge. The health of the Installing Master Bro. Cummings was next submitted, the W.M. and the brethren testifying to the excellence of the ceremony performed by the Secretary. Bro. Cummings responded. His work that day had been a labour of love, and he was heartily pleased that it had given some amount of satisfaction. The Visitors—of whom the Worshipful Master said there were twenty-six—were next honoured, and several of the guests responded. After this the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers were toasted, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Chillingworth W.M., Jones S.W., J. Davis jun. J.W., Saqui Secretary, Agutta S.D., Dodd J.D., Davey I.G., Dodson P.M., Pege P.M.; Thom, Friedlander, Marcus, Goodinge, Marks, Poynter, Sargeant, Gardner. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Brother Friedlander candidate. The first and second sections were worked by Brother Thom W.M. 2206. Brother Sargeant was elected a member.

On Tuesday, the 13th instant. Bros. Davis W.M., Chillingworth S.W., Kaye J.W., Thom Acting Preceptor, Saqui Secretary, Garrard S.D., Smith J.D., White I.G.; Bros. Pége, Lockstone, Marcus, Friedlander, Macnee, Dodd, Marks, Goodinge, Ansell, Frantz, Cohen. After preliminaries, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Friedlander candidate. This brother also answered questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Thom worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Chillingworth was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TERMS.—The terms are at present fixed as follows:—

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

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

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

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE installation of his Excellency Lord Carrington as Grand Master of the United Masonic Grand Lodge of New South Wales took place on the 18th September, in the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, in the presence of a vast assemblage of Masons, and under circumstances which made the ceremony the most imposing, and the spectacle the most striking, ever witnessed in the history of Masonry in this or any other of the Australasian colonies. Great trouble and expense had been incurred in the efforts of the ceremonial committee to decorate and furnish the interior of the building in an attractive and fitting manner, and the general effect which the decorations and the furniture presented to the view was very complete. Over the dais, on which during the ceremony the Grand Master and other high Officers of the Craft were seated, had been placed the arms or insignia of the United Grand Lodge, encircled in a setting of flags, and directly facing it from the front of the southern end of the gallery were the arms of Great Britain, also in the midst of a grouping of flags. The nave of the building was furnished for the purposes of the ceremonial as a Grand Lodge room, and upon the dais were the chairs for the Grand Lodge Officers, the Visiting Officers of high position in the Order, and for the choir, composed of members of the Liedertafel Societies. Close to the choir, and on the right side of the dais, was the organ, which had been specially lent for the occasion by the Hon. R. H. D. White, M.L.C., and which, presided over by Bro. A. Gende, together with the choir, under the conductorship of Bro. Rivers Allpress, did much towards the success of the evening's proceedings. The Articles of Union, engrossed by Messrs. S. T. Leigh and Co., and the jewels, which during the course of the ceremony were handed to the United Grand Lodge Officers, were prominently displayed in front of the dais, and near this point arrangements had been made for the seating of all Masons of high rank, and not Officers of the United Grand Lodge. Over 4,000 chairs were available. Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Treasurers of Lodges sat in one division, Grand Lodge Officers elect and Past Grand and District Grand Lodge Officers in another; the dais was reserved for members of Visiting Grand Lodges, Past Grand Masters, and Past District and Deputy Grand Masters, and the remainder of the space in the building, principally under the gallery, was occupied by Junior Officers of Lodges and the brethren generally. The Lodge was opened by Pro Grand Master Dr. Tarrant, Past Deputy Grand Master W. H. Simpson acting as Senior Grand Warden, and Past Deputy Grand Master H. E. Vaughan as Junior Grand Warden; and the proceedings having in this manner begun, the choir sung an appropriately worded opening hymn. At the conclusion of this hymn, Grand Lodge Officers from other Grand Lodges were announced, and, having entered, were received with Grand Lodge honours. First came the Deputy Grand Master of Queensland under the Irish Constitution, then the Grand Master of Queensland under the Scotch Constitution, following him the Grand Master of Victoria accompanied by his Officers, and finally, the Grand Master of South Australia and his Officers. The Grand Master of South Australia (his Honour Chief Justice Way) was informed by the Pro Grand Master that it was the united desire of the Craft that he should perform the ceremony of installing the Grand Master, and the Grand Master of South Australia having accepted the honour, he directed the reading of the certificate of Lord Carrington's election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales as the authority for his installation. A few minutes afterwards the Grand Master elect, accompanied by his Officers, entered, and received a Masonic ovation, the choir and the assemblage singing an anthem. Prayer by the Chaplain was succeeded by another anthem from the choir, "Song of the Brotherhood," and then followed in very impressive form the obligation and installation of Lord Carrington to the high office to which he had been elected. Proclamation of the installation and investiture of Lord Carrington as Grand Master having been made, and the choir having sung hymns of praise,

Grand Master Chief Justice Way, addressing Lord Carrington said: Your installation in that chair places the key-stone in the principal arch in the living temple of Masonry in the great colony of New South Wales. That temple is now for the first time complete. Whether we look at the principles which have been maintained, the difficulties which have been overcome, or the advantages which have been secured, it must be admitted that the consummation of Masonic union in New South Wales, the gathering together of 175 Lodges and 10,000 members of the Craft into one Constitution, is the most memorable achievement in Masonry which has happened in Australasia. This union causes rejoicing not only within the boundaries of your own jurisdiction, but also throughout Australia, and to the rulers and members of the Craft all over the world. The mother colony and the parent city of Australia—in which not far from this spot Masonic mysteries were first unfolded on this continent, more than 70 years ago—are the appropriate theatre of this magnificent celebration. It is fitting also and auspicious that it should be held in the first year of the second century of Australian settlement, and during your own fortunate governorship—of which it will always be regarded as one of the happiest incidents. The distinction of this occasion is further increased by the presence in the Grand Master's chair of a Brother who is at once a Past Grand Officer of exalted rank in the mother Grand Lodge of the World, and the Governor of this great colony. Our pride at seeing you in that chair is heightened by the courageous, the statesmanlike, the influential part you have taken in bringing about the happy accomplishment of our hopes. Your unique relations with both English and colonial Masonry, aided by the support you have received in the highest quarter, have harmonised conflicting inclinations, have silenced objectors, have convinced the hesitating, and have accelerated the union which, without your help, would, in all likelihood, have been delayed for many years. I will not detain you by repeating any of the formal charges which are often used at the installation of a Grand Master. It is needless to enumerate the virtues as a man, as a citizen, and as a member of the Craft which should characterise a Grand Master Mason, when we have those virtues displayed in the character and career of the occupant of the Grand Master's chair. I will not presume to explain his duties to so eminent a Mason, or to give lessons in government to one who has already shown how well he knows how to rule. Great are the powers and prerogatives of a Grand Master of Masons, secured by the ancient landmarks, and incapable of being abated or abridged. Heavy are his responsibilities, for on the wise administration of his office the welfare and progress of the Brotherhood under his rule largely depend. No Brother, therefore, however gifted, can assume the Grand Master's chair without misgivings as to his own ability to sustain the burthen of his high office. In your case, most worshipful sir, the burthen is increased by your having to preside as its Grand Master over Masonry in New South Wales during a new and critical period of its history. That burthen, however, will be mitigated by the assistance of the distinguished Brother whom you have appointed as your Pro Grand Master, by the support of the experienced Brethren who have been elected as your Grand Lodge officers, and by the loyalty, the confidence, and the devotion of the general body of the Craft. I am sure also that you have undertaken your office with humble reliance on the help of the great Architect of the Universe, and that your ambition is His approval and the good of the Craft. The ceremonial in which we are engaged testifies to four great facts. The obligation which has been taken by you, and the common supplications in which we have united are a renewed declaration of our belief as Masons in the Great Architect of the Universe, and of our dependence upon Him in this and every other undertaking. This ceremonial is also a proof of our loyalty to the Queen—for it is her representative who has been raised by the acclamations of the Craft to the Grand Mastership. This ceremonial shows also that whilst Freemasonry is in some respects the most Conservative of human institutions, for "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovation in the body of Freemasonry," yet its constitutions furnish to its members in these young commonwealths, as well as in older countries, ample scope for their patriotic aspirations after all the privileges of national life. Lastly, this ceremonial removes from Masonry in New South Wales the reproach of being divided into parties—and exhibits it to the world for the first time as a united brotherhood. We stand this evening at the confluence into one broad stream of the four tributary affluents of Masonry in New South Wales. Under your wise government, and the wise government of successive Grand Masters, that stream, flowing on between the ancient landmarks with ever increasing volume, shall carry down the ages to this great colony, and to countries beyond, the blessings of "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." I congratulate you, and I congratulate this United Grand Lodge, and all the Brethren under your jurisdiction on your being completely installed in the Grand Master's chair. Long may you rule over your Brethren in New South Wales with honour to yourself, to the great advantage of Masonry, and to the satisfaction of the Great Architect.

The Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. David Munro, congratulated Lord Carrington on behalf of the Victorian Grand Lodge and its officers.

Grand Master Lord Carrington said: With great respect I rise to offer my grateful thanks to my most Worshipful Brethren for the kind words they have been pleased to say this evening; and with a full heart do I offer my grateful thanks to my brothers of New South Wales, who have accorded me the highest honour which it is in their power to bestow. I trust that with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, I may be able to maintain the ancient principles of Masonry, and I will rely with confidence on the support of my Grand Officers, as well as on the support of the whole of the Craft in the great colony which it is our pride and high privilege to be connected with. I have now to announce that I have appointed the most Worshipful Brother Harman John Tarrant as Pro Grand Master.

Pro Grand Master Dr. Tarrant was then duly installed into the office to which he had been appointed, and following this was the investiture of other Grand Lodge Officers, and the presentation of representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge was then closed, the choir singing a closing hymn, and finally the national anthem.

Immediately following the ceremony of installation a banquet was held in the Elite Skating Rink. Covers were laid for 1170 Brethren, every seat being occupied. The M.W. Grand Master his Excellency Lord Carrington presided, and directly over the head of his Excellency was a brilliant representation of a Grand Master's jewel, the diamonds being replaced by electric lights. The effect of this feature in the profuse decorations was striking. The decorations of the hall reflected great credit upon Messrs. Sale and Dare, for whom Mr. Herbert S. Thompson supervised. The dinner was served by the Compagnoni Catering Company, under the direction of the new manager to the company, Mr. J. F. Gunsler, to the completeness of whose arrangements and the excellence of the viands the highest praise is due. Sitting on the right of the Governor was Bro. Way, the installing Master and Chief Justice of South Australia, and on the left of his Excellency sat Bro. Dr. Tarrant Pro G.M. Supporting the Governor at the principal table were the following Brethren:—Sir Fredk. Darley, C.J., Judge Windeyer, the Right Rev. Bishop of Bathurst, Mr. Justice Foster, the Hon. F. J. Burns, the Hon. Rupert Carrington, Captain Hammill, R.N., Captain Neitenstein, Sheriff Cowper, Dumont, R. H. D. White, T. Spencer, Evans, Butterfield, Purvis, Captain Quin, his Worship the Mayor of Sydney, Parnell, Lord Huldon, and the Hon. J. Douglas of (Queensland). Those who presided at the other tables were Bro. Colonel Stokes, D.G.M.; Bro. M'Lachlan G.S.W.; Bro. Dr. Sedgwick P.D.G.M.; Bro. Henry G.J.W.; Bro. F. A. Wright P.D.G.M. Bro. N. Hobson

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officiated as Toast Master. The band of the 1st Regiment of Volunteers occupied the orchestra, and by their efforts added much to the enthusiasm which prevailed. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Messrs. Rivers, Allpress, J. Ghede, and J. Liggins. The musical portion of the programme was contributed to by the following:—Bro. Hallewell, Bro. Walshe, Bro. M'Mahon, Bro. H. Kowalski, and Bro. Parkinson. The contributions of each of the gentlemen named were received with rounds of applause, the efforts of Bro. Hallewell being met with the greatest enthusiasm.

Telegrams expressing good wishes and regretting inability to attend the gathering were received from Sir William Clarke, Bart., (Victoria), Dr. Wilmot (Victoria), Mr. J. Unmack (Queensland) and Mr. Mathew Barnett (Maitland).

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF PERTHSHIRE EAST.

THE Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Breadalbane, paid his annual visit to the various Lodges in the Province on Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th ult., accompanied by a deputation of his Office Bearers. The first to be visited on Thursday was St. Ninian Lodge, Alyth, where Brother Armit officiated as R.W.M. The deputation next proceeded to St. John Lodge, Blairgowrie, Bro. Henderson R.W.M., and concluded the day's work by visiting St. John's Operative, Coupar-Angus, Bro. Brodie R.W.M. On Friday, the deputation proceeded to Muthill, Brother Leslie acting R.W.M., Auchterarder, Bro. Anderson acting R.W.M., and Dunning, Bro. Blyth R.W.M. In the evening the three City Lodges were visited, viz., Lodge Scoon and Perth, Bro. Thomas Hunter acting R.W.M., St Andrew Bro. E. L. Paton acting R.W.M., and Royal Arch, Bro. Thomas Todd R.W.M. All the Lodges visited were found to be in excellent working order, the books in every case having been carefully and accurately kept. Brother R. Stewart Menzies was affiliated as a member of Scoon and Perth Lodge, No. 3, in the course of the visitation to that Lodge. In the evening, a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Scoon and Perth Masons' Hall, Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane presiding. The meeting approved of the rules and constitution of the proposed Annuity Branch of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, sent down from Grand Lodge. Bro. Chalmers intimated that their Provincial Grand Master, with his usual liberality, had presented a complete set of paraphernalia to be used at Masonic ceremonies, such as laying foundation stones, &c. Hitherto when the Provincial Grand Lodge attended such ceremonies they had had to apply to, and obtain paraphernalia from, the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The articles include cornucopia, two cups for wine and oil, sword, and batons. The announcement was received with loud applause. Bro. R. S. Menzies said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without rising to express, on behalf of those present, their gratitude to Lord Breadalbane for his extremely useful present. Those who had attended the visitation of the different Lodges that day could not fail to observe the tact with which their Provincial Grand Master had acted. Lord Breadalbane, in acknowledging the compliment, said that the articles which he had presented might do as a sort of makeshift till a worthier and wealthier brother presented them with articles of gold or silver. In the meantime they would probably serve the purposes of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

The members of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, assembled in their new Masonic Hall, on the 7th instant, under the Mastership of Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel H. F. Pudsey, and unanimously elected Bro. John Bilson Senior Warden as their Worshipful Master for the next year.

At the meeting, held on the 5th inst., of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, the Officers elected for the coming year were:—Bros. W. R. Rawling W.M., James Pearce P.P.G.P. Treasurer, and John Deeble Tyler. The installation will take place on the 2nd, and the annual banquet on the 5th December.

The Freemasons of Kimberley had a grand field day on the 10th October, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Masonic Temple in Dutoitspan Road. The event is a most auspicious one for Masonry

ROYAL ARCH.

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THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme , was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 7 Colonel A. W. Adair, Grand Superinten presiding. The business transacted was formal character, and will be found detailed Paper, which was published in a previo petition for a new Chapter was granted, and quarters of the three Chapters making appli the necessary sanction.

CONSECRATION OF THE PORTSM PERANCE CHAPTER.

THERE was a large assemblage at the Soldiers mouth, on Monday, 5th inst., to witness th which a warrant had been granted by H.R.H. the Grand Superintendent. The impressive ceremony the M.E. Grand Superintendent of the Province o the Isle of Wight (Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), by the P.G.H. (Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, Southa P.G.J. (Comp. H. J. Atkins, Bournemouth). I companions, the Provincial Grand Superintenden great progress of Freemasonry in England, and sai Masonry progressed in proportion as Lodges incre always desirable to attach a Chapter to a particu the present instance the Portsmouth Temperance I cally strong, and there was every reason to beli maintain a Chapter in connection as successfully as the Lodge had been conducted. On the c ceremony, the P.G. Superintendent declared the C secrated as the Portsmouth Temperance Chapte installed the following as Principals:—Comps. G. T. Tufnell H., and J. Lind P.Z. Z. A vote of thank passed to the P.G. Superintendent, who gracefully compliment. The following were elected and Officers:—Comps. R. Pither S.E., P. H. Emanuel H. Woodthorpe 1st A.S., G. Reading 2nd A.S., C Treasurer, J. Phillips P.Z. Director of Ceremoni Companions present were:—E. Goble, Captain Hemfray, Gieve, Doswell, Holbrook, Jackson, Guy Nayler, Palgrave, Buck, Hill, Maybour, Birch, Cot Masterman, Taylor, Woodrow, Stone, Orley, Digby, Guest, Flynn, Young, Whalebone, &c. Prior to P.G. Superintendent and a number of Principals w luncheon, Comp. Tuffnell presiding.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, N

THE annual meeting was held, on the 8th inst. Hall, Granby-street, Devonport. The followi stalled:—Comp. John Burns as Z.; Comp. H. Lan H., was prevented from attending through illness and Comp. John Leonard as J. The Officers follow:—Comps. Whidean I.P.Z., Sandy S.E., Car P.S., Taylor 1st A.Soj., Woodland 2nd A.Soj., W Shears Janitor. Three brethren having been exal Lemon, M.A., P.Z., presented to the Chapter a hand-painted R.A. tracing boards, framed, bea inscription:—

"Presented to Chapter Friendship, No. 202, H the Ex.-Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z 494, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G.P.S. and Past Pro Principal, Devonshire. November 8, 1888."

It was proposed by Comp. J. Burns, and seco Allsford, that the present be accepted, and the th given to Comp. T. W. Lemon for his valuable unanimously carried. The Companions, to the n adjourned to the refectory, where they sat do supper provided by Comp. Bosworthick, of Under the genial presidency of Comp. Burns a m was spent. The success was in a great measur Sylvester, of Prince Saxe-Weimer Chapter, Por magnificently and ably accompanied on the Fred. Orchard and J. Leonard gave some capital

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, N

THE Centenary Festival of this Chapter (origi celebrated on Friday, the 9th inst., when th tive gathering of Royal Arch Masons at the P High Street, Portsmouth. The principals of Comps. Colonel J. F. Crease, C.B., Z., W. G. P. C W. Campbell J.; the other Officers for the C. D. Lovegrove P.P.G.O. S.E., S. R. Darwin P.S 1st A.S., Rev. T. F. Morton 2nd A.S. The w attended, while a numerous assemblage of visitor also present. After an address by the M.E.Z. (plaining the object of the meeting and wel Comp. G. F. Lancaster P.Z. read a brief sketch Chapter from its foundation. Then followed vice, conducted by Comp. Rev. T. Fitzhardin Chaplain, Comp. G. D. Lovegrove presiding at t thanks was given to the Grand Superintendent

proposed a vote of thanks to the Visitors, and before the Chapter was closed a centenary jewel was presented to M.E. Comp. Lancaster, in recognition of eminent services rendered. A banquet followed, at which Col. Crease presided, the proceedings being interspersed with music by the string band of the Royal Marine Artillery.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chief business of the evening was the installation of Principals, which was most ably performed by Comp. John J. C. Turner, the Companions installed being:—George Harrison M.E.Z., T. G. Mills H., J. T. Bailey J. The Officers of the Chapter were invested as under:—Comps. T. J. Ralling S.E., R. D. Poppleton S.N., A. S. B. Sparling P.S., Thomas Rix Treasurer, Munson Janitor, A. Wright Assistant Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Turner, for the able way in which he had performed the installation ceremonies, and a Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Chapter. Letters regretting their inability to attend were read, among others from the Grand Superintendent of the Province (Comp. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar), Comp. A. Lucking P.Z. 1000, and others. Between 30 and 40 afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, and during the evening the usual toasts were given and responded to. The greatest heartiness and unanimity characterised the whole proceedings, and the Companions greatly enjoyed a rich musical programme given by Bros. J. Brown, Franklin Clive, and E. Dalziel, with Comp. Turle Lee.

SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES CHAPTER, No. 119.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Whitehaven. The Chapter was opened by Companion Cowman G.P. Sojourner Z., assisted by his Officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Companion Paterson H. was presented and installed Z., Gowan H., and Johns J., and the following Companions were invested as Officers:—Companions Ray S.E., Allinson S.N., Bewlay Treasurer, Brakenbridge P.S., Starkie First Assistant Sojourner, Tyson Second Assistant Sojourner, Smith and Shepherd Stewards, and Casson Janitor. The other Companions present were:—Barr, Dalrymple, Tyson, Atkinson, Hodgson, Moffatt, Roll, Atkinson, and Matthews. A vote of thanks was passed to Companions Barr and Tyson for the able manner in which they had installed the Principals. One candidate was proposed for exaltation, and with other general business the Chapter was closed, and at the invitation of Companion Paterson, the Companions subsequently dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—It is not often that a drama, on the first night of its production, gives so much satisfaction to an audience as Mr. Henry Pettitt's "Hands Across the Sea" did on Saturday last. Situation after situation was applauded to the echo, while the work of the different characters was followed with intense interest. Mr. Pettitt has undoubtedly written a most stirring drama; it starts happily, only to be checked, in the second act, by the villainy of the hero's enemies. The first two acts are perfect; then we have the one great fault of the piece. The audience are asked to believe a man can break out of a cell while a dozen or twenty warders are looking on. This demands a stretch of imagination, and the play would be improved if the prison scene were amended. After this the play goes along in spirited style, the most effective incident occurring on board the ship, between husband and wife. Mr. Pettitt winds up his story with true melodramatic force, and it goes without saying that the troubles of the hero and the heroine are speedily put an end to. The excitement is well sustained, the interest never flags for a moment. The play opens in Devonshire, where Jack Dudley, having come into a fortune, marries his sweetheart Lilian Melford, much to the displeasure of her cousin Robert Stillwood. Disappointed at the loss of Lilian, Stillwood contrives a plan to ruin Dudley. He entices him to France, where Lilian's name is compromised with that of a French Count. Stillwood then takes Dudley to a gambling hell; here he meets the Count, whom he assaults. This brings about a quarrel, and on the Count leaving the house he is waylaid and murdered,—by Stillwood and an accomplice. Dudley, coming out just afterwards, is accused of the crime, and eventually is sentenced to death. On the morning of his execution Dudley escapes from his warders into the courtyard; here they are about to shoot him down, when Lilian arrives with a reprieve. This situation, although far fetched, is very effective. We are now taken on board a liner, bound for Australia; here we have all the principals on board, except Dudley, who has been sent to New Caledonia with a batch of convicts. Two castaways are picked up, and on one of them being brought before the captain, we recognise Dudley. Husband and wife meet, but dare not acknowledge each other. A French Officer now comes on board and demands to see the men picked up, for he is looking for two escaped convicts. Dudley denies that he is one, but Stillwood denounces him. Dudley claims the protection of the British flag, and the captain, knowing Lilian's story, refuses to give him up. On arriving at Sydney, villainy is soon overcome by Stillwood's accomplice, De Lussac, denouncing him; and after a most powerful scene, in which De Lussac is seized with an apoplectic fit, all is set right. As Jack Dudley, Mr. Henry Neville was seen at his best. He put forth all his wonted earnestness, power, and manliness, and throughout earned the sympathy of his audience. Miss Mary Rorke gave a most tender and affectionate rendering of Lilian; her scene on board ship being admirably conceived. Mr. W. L. Abingdon once more made a careful and painstaking villain, never for a moment flinching at the work he had undertaken. Mr. E. W. Garden, as a friend of Dudley, had plenty of scope for his comedy powers, and was cleverly backed by Miss Webster. These artistes helped materially to the success of the piece. Mr. Robert Pateman, as a gambling-den tout, aroused the house to enthusiasm by his powerful acting, while Mr. Edmund Gurney made a capable captain. Mr. H. H. Morell was amusing as a Chicago pork merchant, while Mr. Julian Cross rendered substantial aid as Lilian's father. Mr. Bucklaw was not at ease as the French Count, but the smaller parts were in capable hands. The scenery is beautiful, the ship scene realising a perfect piece of stage-craft. There were calls for artistes and author at the close. "Hands Across the Sea" is a well written and well acted drama, and should prove attractive for many weeks to come.

Avenue.—It is scarcely matter to be wondered at the success achieved by "Nadgy" at this theatre when we take into consideration that the services of such popular favourites as Mr Arthur Roberts and Mdlle. Vanoni have been secured. Whether the "first night" verdict will be sustained remains to be seen; unquestionably, if it is, it will be more by the ability of the artistes than by any special merit in the work. "Nadgy" is described as a comic opera, in three acts; music by Chassaigne, libretto by Alfred Murray. The story is uninteresting and thin, and is one that has been used again and again in this character of entertainment. The book does not give Mr. Roberts as much to do as Avenue audiences like, while the business of of Mdlle. Vanoni is almost identical with that shown at the Alhambra by this lady. As we have said, there is little in the plot. By order of the Emperor, De Rosen is to marry Etelka (a Hungarian Princess). He, however, is in love with Nadgy (leading dancer in the opera), while Etelka is in love with Rakoczy (a Hungarian patriot). They agree to marry, on the understanding that they take steps to procure divorce the day after. This can be done by the parties taking advantage of a provision in the matrimonial code of Austria. After the marriage De Rosen is struck with the beauty of Etelka, and decides to postpone the divorce. Rakoczy hears of this, and, aided by his followers, secures Etelka, who is now identified as the missing Hungarian Princess. In the end De Rosen advances his claim to the hand of Etelka, and consoles himself with Nadgy, who has been true to him throughout. Of course the author has introduced other characters into the story, but they do not affect the plot. The music will hardly raise Chassaigne in the estimation of his admirers; it is very poor. The most successful numbers were "Now, list to me," "An hour, an we may fly," the "Tzig-a-zig" duet, and "Lightly, lightly." Miss Giulia Warwick sang with marked effect as Etelka, and gained several deserved encores, while Mr. Joseph Tapley made the most of his opportunities to display his pure tenor voice. The talents of Mr. Alec Marsh were almost wasted on the small part of Rakoczy; still his duets with Etelka were beautifully rendered. Mr. J. J. Dallas was very amusing as the Margrave of Bobrumkoff, and Miss Sallie Turner was good as the attendant on Etelka and wife of Pharagas. Of Mr. Arthur Roberts we can say nothing that would be fresh. He is as droll and amusing as ever, and seems to thoroughly absorb the attention of his audience. He is ably backed by Mdlle. Vanoni, whose vivacious and spirited way seems eminently suited to the taste of her audience. Mr. L. Roche and the Misses Clara Graham and Florence Melville scored in small parts. The opera is beautifully mounted and staged, while the orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. John Crook, is excellent.

Mr. C. Hawtrey, having taken over the management of the Strand, will produce to-night (Saturday) a burlesque, in three acts, entitled "Atalanta," in which the following will appear:—Messrs. F. Wyatt, T. Squire, Fleming Norton, Rudolph Lewis, F. Wensley, W. F. Hawtrey; the Misses Alma Stanley, Carlotta Zerbini, Florence Lancaster, Mary Glover, G. Baring, Nellie Bennett, Stella Leigh, S. Baring, and Marie Linden. The burlesque will be preceded by "A Highland Legacy."

"The Lady of Lyons" will be revived at the Shaftesbury to-night (Saturday), with the following cast:—Pauline Deschappelles, Miss Wallis; Madame Deschappelles, Miss Robertha Erskine; Widow Melnotte, Mrs. H. Leigh; Claude Melnotte, Mr. Forbes Robertson; Colonel Damas, Mr. Mackintosh; Beauseant, Mr. Bassett Roe; Glavis, Mr. Allen Thomas; M. Deschappelles, Mr. Charles Arnold; Gaspar, Mr. Matthew Brodie.

Playgoers in the north of London will be glad to hear that the conveniently situated Grand theatre, in the High-street, Islington, will be opened on Monday, the 26th instant. It will be in the recollection of our readers that the Grand was destroyed by fire soon after Christmas last, but we are glad to say it has now been restored, with all modern improvements, under the supervision of Mr. Charles Willmott. The opening piece will be "The Still Alarm," with scenery and effects from the Princess's. Mr. Charles Glenney will play the lead; he will be supported by a strong company. Mr. H. A. Freeman will again undertake management in front of the house.

M. Chauffat, a French gentleman, now lies at the Alexandra Palace in a trance or sleep, which commenced on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 9.30 a.m. He continues in the same state and shows no signs of awakening. His pulse and temperature are about normal. He is kept in a warm room, and carefully tended, and is fed regularly with "Bovril." He can be visited by medical men and others between the hours of 10 and 4 daily. Every effort has been made to awaken the patient but without success.

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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, 17th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 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. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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—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.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, 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
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 129—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—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Dutfield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

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).
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
753—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—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1331—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (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.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Ebury, 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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
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
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
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
1543—Roselyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
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. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' 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)
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Cancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
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. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanmore Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
909—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Via Inct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)

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1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1506—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, 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, Cshhatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyth, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
179—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
231—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
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
438—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
461—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
593—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
675—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—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
963—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
1245—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1383—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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
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858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
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1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thsberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
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1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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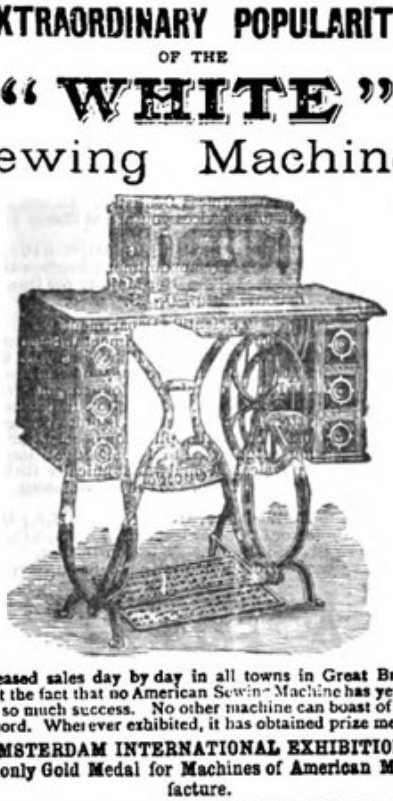
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FREEMASONRY A PROGRESSIVE SCIENCE.

THE more a Freemason devotes himself to the study of the past history and doings of the Craft the more he must become impressed with the feeling that throughout the long years during which it is possible to trace its progress the Order has virtually remained the same. It will also be apparent to the student that Freemasonry has progressed with the world, and has steadily adapted itself to the altered conditions which have from time to time taken place in the general affairs of mankind. In theory, Freemasonry has remained unaltered; in practice, it has changed so far as is necessary in order to make it consistent with the general advancement of opinion, and the varied circumstances under which it is practised. But in all these alterations there is nothing inconsistent or opposed to the general principle recognised throughout the Craft, that it is the *same* to-day as it was in the earliest period of its *history*. Neither has any material change taken place in its primary lessons, which are the same to-day as they were in ages gone by, although in the intervening space of time Lodges have been extended to all quarters of the globe, and among all classes and conditions of people. At the present moment Freemasonry may be said to exist in every part of the civilised world, and it presents a splendid memorial to the ingenuity and forethought of its founders; as well as a wonderful exemplification of the grand principles on which it is established, and has hitherto been conducted.

We have on more than one occasion in the past spoken of the wonderful growth of Freemasonry, and of the varied circumstances which have contributed to its success, but we have by no means thoroughly exhausted the subject. It is really a matter of impossibility to properly appreciate the present condition of Freemasonry—its work is so extended, and its teachings so widely diffused that it would be impossible to form any reliable estimate of all that it accomplishes, or all that might justly be set down to its influence. And how is it, we may ask, that all this success and wide-spread influence is attributable to the teachings of the mystic science of Freemasonry? How is it that men of all creeds, all nations, and all temperaments can, and do, combine in its practice, and vie with each other in the general desire to extend its usefulness and teach its lessons? It is because Freemasonry's chief aim is to cause happiness among its members, and communicate that happiness to others. It works with the one object of causing one man to help another as far as lies in his power, and by ignoring all matters of a controversial character, and by adopting principles of equality it seeks to set all men on a level—the level of a clear conscience, and an upright intention. Long may it continue under such conditions, and long may its members play that part in lessening the aggregate of human misery and woe which they have so faithfully performed in the past, to the general benefit, we believe, of the world at large.

We have spoken forcibly of the exclusion from Freemasonry of all matters of a controversial character, and we regard this exclusion as one of the strongest factors in connection with the past success of the Order. Once remove the prohibition, and open the doors of Freemasonry to discussions of a technical nature, and we lose its principal charm, while we invite discord and disagreements which have hitherto been conspicuously absent from our midst. By such a course, indeed, we should undermine the foundation of Freemasonry, and without doubt should place its future existence in the greatest peril. Is it wise then to even suggest such a proceeding, or countenance for one moment the Mason who would seek to introduce into our Lodges the much to be dreaded discussion of outside worldly topics? We should certainly answer this question in the negative, were it not that we regard the man who only knows his own side of a story as sadly wanting in knowledge. On this principle we think no harm can arise from attempting to answer those who assail the Order, as by so doing we are not only able to correct error, but likewise remove the erroneous impression which would be created by leaving unanswered the attacks of those who disagree with us, or who seek to promulgate views at variance with the accepted teachings of Freemasonry.

We have before us a copy of a recently issued work, "The Religion of Freemasonry," which may well be included in the scope of our present remarks. Its author is Bro. Henry Josiah Whymper, Past Deputy District Grand Master Punjab, and the object of his work appears to be to create a revival of what he states formerly existed—a close association of Christianity with Freemasonry. He brings a wide experience to bear upon his discussions, and so far as we have yet read his book makes out a clear case that Freemasonry was originally of a Christian character, but he views the subject from a very narrow standpoint, and fails to appreciate the progressive character of our science, when he urges that it should not be allowed to deviate from its first principles in this respect. He argues that the English Bible is the one great light possible in Freemasonry, and on that account would exclude the Koran and other sacred volumes of those who have been brought up in a faith different to that of the original founders of Freemasonry. But by so doing he would also exclude those who are guided by the Koran and other recognised books of belief, and he would banish the spirit of toleration and universality which now exists in Freemasonry; open the door for the discussion of religious topics, and generally change the character of the Craft. For all this we are disposed to discuss the matter with Brother Whymper, and shall take an early op-

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portunity of again referring to his book in our pages, but in the meantime we would once more remind him, and others who similarly regard the unchangable character of Freemasonry, that ours is a progressive science; and that it is quite in accordance with the general acceptation of Freemasonry that it should alter from time to time, so far as may be necessary to adapt it to the times and places in which it is practised. Theoretically it is, and must ever remain the same; practically it has been, and can be altered according to circumstances, and on this basis we are able to admit men of all creeds, colours and nationalities—to do which we must open our doors to the "great lights" which they have been respectively taught to regard as the rule and guide of their faith.

THREE HIGHER DEGREES.

FREEMASONRY, in its technical and fundamental charactor, consists of three degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. These three degrees are closely connected, being so interwoven in teaching and ceremonial as to form one complete system. With the receiving of only one degree a man becomes a Mason in name, but he must pass through the two succeeding grades in order to grasp a satisfactory knowledge of the Institution, and be able to perform the duties required of a true Craftsman. With the study and practice of these essential degrees the way is open for the expression of a genuine Masonic character, the accomplishment of a large and varied service, and the realisation of much that is helpful to the individual life.

Thus Freemasonry has value. Its precise system must be understood, its ceremonies witnessed, and their meaning brought out, before the candidate is prepared to take his place among Brethren as a Fellow Craftsman. He must be proficient in the three degrees in order to represent Freemasonry in the way of an intelligent application of its truths and principle, or to be prepared for advancement along the prescribed lines of its unfolding. These three primary degrees are essential, constituting as they do the substantial basis of form and ceremony, of pledge and instruction, on which the Masonic edifice is builded.

But there are three other degrees—degrees less formal and technical—which are requisite to the production of a full-formed, attractive, Masonic character. There are higher degrees, composed of pure moral elements, that must needs be taken by every Brother who would honour the Institution, and show forth its distinguishing qualities. We may designate these degrees as so many steps, or grades, in the expression of moral honesty—an ascending way marked by three stations, signifying the integrity of individual purpose and being. At the first, emphasis is laid upon honest and straightforward speech; at the second, equal stress is put upon honesty of deed in all dealings between man and man; and at the third, there is a culmination of moral teaching in the enforcement of the proposition that heart honesty counts for most, and should be chiefly sought after in the development of a noble and true character.

Do all Masons take these higher degrees? If they think they have been thus instructed and progressive, how often they fail in meeting the tests imposed! As regards the first point named, how frequently, in the case of many Brethren, their speech betrayeth them, showing that they are but poorly versed in the principles and precepts belonging to this primary degree. Words are not like blows that bruise and maim the body, but often they strike in upon the heart and do a worse injury. Harsh and bitter words are charged with a power of evil, making them far more to be dreaded than any misdirected physical force. Then there are the words of cruel misrepresentation, as when the conduct of another is placed in a false light, or base assertions made to the injury of the business or pro-

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By Bro. Jacob No

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Master, and who is also an out and out advocate of sectarianism in Masonry, and who seems to belong to that unfortunate class whose opinions cannot be changed; hence the decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois naturally shocked his deep-seated Masonic notions, and thereupon he said:—

"Now, if this decision of the Grand Lodge is concurred in by the Fraternity of Illinois, we simply ask them to be consistent, and remove the Bible from their Masonic altars; but if it is not approved by them, that they repeal that section of the law under which the charge was preferred against the Master of the Lodge."

Bro. Brown, in the *Voice of Masonry*, replies to the Kansas Bro. Brown, as follows:—

"The peremptory air . . . with which this *non sequitur* is put forward indicates that our . . . friend and brother did not reach the east by way of the south, or, that going that way, he did not tarry long enough to learn to make his passions and prejudices coincide with the line of his duty." It is a profitless and thankless job to discuss questions of this kind with one who has apparently caught nothing of the Catholic spirit of Masonry, but makes a virtue of attempting to engraft his theological prejudices upon the Fraternity, in defiance of the unmistakable provision of its organic law. We say this, not with reference solely to his remarks quoted above, for in his last year's report he made occasion to declare as follows:—

"We say unhesitatingly, without fear or favour, that any man who does not believe in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures should never seek admission to our Order."

"It is a cheap and easy thing," replies Bro. Brown, of the *Voice*, "to talk about fear or favour when one is certain that his brave declarations will be in accord with popular prejudice . . . Bro. Brown (of Kansas) assumes that because the Bible lies on the Masonic altar every brother should take the same view that he does; while the fact is, that every other brother has precisely the same right to judge of the nature, quality, and degree of its inspiration that he has. The proposition that because the law of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in strict accord with the paramount law of Masonry . . . forbids the introduction of sectarian quarrels into the Lodge, the Bible ought in *consistency* to be removed from our altars, is, as we have said, a *non sequitur*."

Here our brother quotes, from Anderson's Constitutions, the charges relating to religion for the information of the Kansas Bro. Brown, who has probably never read them; for most of our Grand Lodge luminaries know no more about Masonry than what they learn from the ritual. As the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE are familiar with Anderson's Charges, I shall therefore omit them. The *Voice of Masonry* then proceeds as follows:—

"In the face of this (Anderson's Charges), which all who have not been misled by the bogus Charges of Dermott agree to be the correct version of the unalterable law, can it be claimed that as (the Kansas) Bro. Brown implies that the Bible lies on our altar as a fountain of dogma? No, it lies there as a symbol, just like the other two symbols with which it is correlated—no more, no less—deriving its symbolic significance, as they do, from prescriptions of the ritual."

Having proved that Bro. Brown, of the *Voice of Masonry*, is no longer the fierce champion for sectarian Masonry, I must here add, besides fighting the Kansas luminary our Bro. Brown also measures swords with another champion of the pious sort. Bro. Staton, Secretary of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge Kentucky, made the following comments on the doings of the Illinois Grand Lodge.

"In this day of scepticism (says the Kentucky luminary) Grand Masters should be very careful to place no one at the head of a correspondence committee who is not perfectly orthodox on all vital questions affecting Masonry, and if a belief in the divinity of the Holy Bible is not a Masonic prerequisite, then we have studied Masonry to little or no purpose."

But our Bro. Brown, of Chicago, replies to Bro. Staton thus:—

"At the initiation of our brother, did any one ask him for his views with reference to the divine authenticity of the Bible? If not it must have been an inexcusable omission—from his standpoint. We need not repeat here what we have said of the general subject in our review of Kansas, but we must beg to suggest to Bro. Staton that the ritual is no safer to go to as a fountain of law than as a fountain of historical facts and we say this quite apart from the fact that it represents the vagaries of successive lecturers, grand and otherwise, who being generally ritualists and nothing else, often do not know that their own additions thereto are incompatible with the ancient law which determines the character of the Institution.

"But it is not to causes within the Institution so much as to the influences reflected back upon it by other societies, made up of Masons, that we must look for the origin of the disposition which has manifested itself in recent years, to enforce in Lodges and upon individuals the dogmatic definitions which the landmarks forbid. It is the influence of the Temple Order, and the corresponding sectarian degree of the so-called Scottish Rite, that is threatening the broad Catholic foundation on which Masonry is built, to a degree that ought to awaken the apprehension of every thoughtful Mason.

"Another lesser, but still fruitful source of this narrowing evil influence is the unrepudiated utterances of well-meaning, but ill-advised public defenders of Masonry against the attacks of Blanchard (who is publishing a Christian Anti-Masonic paper), and others of that ilk. They are constrained by the audience they seek to reach . . . by an effort to prove that the (Masonic) Institution is more orthodox than the Church, and they have dwelt on one line so long that two of the great lights have disappeared, and dogma has well nigh taken the place of the symbolism of the other."

The above hints prove conclusively that our Chicago Bro. Brown knows a great deal more than he is willing to let out. But, as hints are useless to sectarianising luminaries, I shall therefore endeavour to argue in a less roundabout way.

First, the earliest copy of the New Testament that was ever known was in the Greek language; and as neither Christ nor his associates could write in the Greek language this Greek copy must have been translated from a Hebrew version by somebody. Now, does Bro. Staton know who that somebody; was and if not, how does he know that every word in that Greek New Testament was inspired and authentic?

Second, there are in existence about one thousand manuscript Greek Bibles, all of which were written before the invention of printing; and Christian scholars who have compared the said Bibles have declared that there were about one hundred and twenty thousand variations in the said thousand Greek Bibles. Now, I ask Bro. Staton to inform me which of the said Bibles is inspired and authentic; and why?

Third, we have in the English language several versions of the Bible,—from the Douay or Catholic Bible to the last revised edition. All the said Bibles differ from each other more or less. Now, which of these Bibles does Bro. Staton require all Chairmen of Committees of Correspondence to believe as O.K., and why?

And fourth, the Samaritan Pentateuch differs in about two hundred places from the Hebrew Pentateuch; and that is not all, for the most important part of Bro. Staton's article of faith, viz., that Isaiah said "A virgin shall conceive," cannot be found in the Hebrew version of Isaiah. Now, I want Bro. Staton to inform me whether a Chairman of a Committee of Correspondence must believe in the authenticity and inspiration of the English or Hebrew version of Isaiah?

Lord Brougham, who was a brother Mason, wrote somewhere that a man is no more accountable or responsible for his beliefs and disbeliefs than he is for the height of his stature, the colour of his eyes, or the hue of his hair. Now, according to the opinions of the Kansas and the Kentucky Masonic oracles, the said Bro. Henry Brougham ought to have had charges preferred against him before a tribunal of the "Holy Masonic Inquisition" for having written down ideas which are entirely incompatible with their notions derived from the Bible; and from their standpoint Lord Brougham would have justly deserved expulsion from all rights and privileges of Masonry.

The fact, however, is, our Freemasonry was established not for the purpose of making all Masons believe alike that the Bible was either inspired or authentic, and for the believer to hate and expel from Masonry the disbeliever, but for the purpose of conciliating and for promoting friendship between good and true men who were believers, and equally good and true men who were not believers; hence they were cautioned to allow no religion to be introduced into the Lodge, except the one "in which all agree,"

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and the points in which they disagreed each brother should keep to himself during their meetings, and this idea of "Masonic universality" was, I believe, the main cause which gained for Masonry the applause of the civilized world.

Our Kansas and Kentucky Masonic luminaries have probably never heard that Christians have not confined their hatred to Jews, Pagans, and Mahommedans only, but that Catholics and Protestants were taught to hate each other also, and Churchmen and Dissenters, though both profess to believe in the same Bible, hated each other as much as the old Crusader hated Mahommedans, Jews and Pagans. There were, however, in 1717, a sufficient number of sensible men in England who thought that if Jews and Christians, Churchmen, Dissenters and Catholics had a chance of becoming better acquainted, that this useless and absurd sectarian hatred amongst them would cease; hence the introduction into the Lodge of religious topics in which the members of the various sects disagreed was prohibited, besides which it was thought that good manners and the teachings of the "Golden Rule" would make men abstain from introducing in a mixed assembly those religious topics which have brought so much evil into the world. But, unfortunately, Masonry was never free from religious fanatics, and when did a fanatic ever care for good manners, laws, or the Golden Rule, when either of these interfered with his assumed duty to rant and cant any where and every where about his favouritism?

That class of bigots, combined with a pack of charlatans, as Bro. Brown justly intimates, have not only sectarianized the ritual as much as they could, but they have also manufactured any number of Christian degrees which they palmed off as "higher degrees." And now nothing will satisfy our Kansas and Kentucky Masonic luminaries short of an establishment of a "Holy Inquisition" in every Masonic jurisdiction, in order to punish every brother Mason as much as possible because he disbelieves in the dogma of inspiration, and should they follow up their reasoning logically they will next have to expel every member of the Grand Lodge of England for allowing at home and in their Indian Masonic jurisdictions the initiation into Masonry of Mahommedans, Parsees, Hindoos, and what not!

I have been taught in England that it is a Masonic duty to "study how we may best work and best agree." Now, the Old Charges confined the religion of the Lodge to that "in which all agree." Putting all other points aside, I have no doubt that early in the last century 999 out of every 1000 men in England believed that the Bible (Old and New Testaments) was inspired—was given by God himself to men, and that every word therein was authentic; hence the phrases introduced into the ritual with reference to the Bible were then deemed, as far as England was concerned, "the religion in which all agree." But time has changed opinions on biblical and theological questions as much as Masons' opinions have changed about the history of Masonry; for neither all English or American Masons agree now that the Bible was given by God himself, or that every word therein was inspired, or is it authentic. And should any one either doubt, deny, or challenge my statement, I will furnish undeniable evidence that even eminent Churchmen of the episcopal and other orthodox denominations no longer believe about the authenticity or inspiration of the Bible as their predecessors did one hundred and fifty years ago. Hence, if we do not wish to see the Bible made into a bone of contention in Masonic Lodges on one side, and the encouragement or promotion of hypocrisy and deceit on the other, something therefore will have to be changed.

I must, however, premise that our American combatants on the question at issue must give up their notion about irremovable landmarks in Masonry. Once for all, it must be admitted that we have no irremovable laws, nor an irremovable ritual, and especially so when the laws and ritual are opposed to each other. Hence if a Grand Lodge wants to adhere to the present ritual it should in the first place wipe out Anderson's Charges about religion from its Constitutions. And second, it should ordain that every candidate for Masonry must, previous to his initiation, swear or declare that he will believe, or does believe, that a certain version of the Bible which the Grand Lodge deems to be O.K. is authentic, &c. This would confine the privileges of Masonry to members of one sect only. Then, of course, there will be "peace in Warsaw."

If, however, Anderson's Charges are to remain, and if in accordance therewith we continue to admit into Masonry men of all creeds, and (with the exception of belief in God) of no creeds, then the Bible must be removed from the Lodge, and all the rant and cant thereunto belonging must be left out of the ritual. Then "Jesuitism, hypocrisy and deceit," the prevailing characteristics of our pious Masonic luminaries, will cease. Then the Bible will no longer form a bone of contention among Masons as it has been in Illinois, and in several other American Masonic jurisdictions. Then there will be no necessity for having in our midst a Masonic "Holy Inquisition;" and then, and then only, will Masonry be able to accomplish its mission of establishing "true and sincere friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

BOSTON, U.S., 7th November 1888.

ERRATA.—In Bro. Jacob Norton's paper, printed 27th October, there are two errors. 1st, The 11th line (on page 258) from the top, should read "ordered in 1730," instead of "1750." 2nd, The note on the next page should begin "According to Preston," instead of "According to "Anderson."

APPEAR AT THE FRONT.

An Extract from the Address of Companion Benjamin Franklin Tuttle, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, before the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

COMPANIONS, I trust you will pardon me if I offer a few reflections on the objects and purposes of our Order, as well as our duty as Royal Arch Masons. We, as an association, are Speculative Masons—an outgrowth of "Operative Masonry" of traditional times. Our teachings remind us that we should be as punctual, as zealous in the discharge of speculative obligations, as were our ancient companions in Operative Masonry. With the examples which both Operative and Speculative Masonry have set before the world, what may we not hope in the future, from its broad conservatism as a great national body, in these times of wild and radical disorders which infest our body politic? When civilisation dawned upon the world, tradition informs us that Masonry went hand in hand with it. Rude at first as were the people of those remote ages, yet the broad philanthropy of its teachings has broken the barriers of barbarism, and has elevated and ennobled the human race. There must necessarily be rude shocks on the emergence of mankind from barbarism into civilisation, and from civilisation into enlightenment. Through all this period the Institution of Masonry, which exercises such influence to-day in the world, has kept abreast of the best thought of the ages. It enjoins obedience to constituted authority. It enjoins and requires the recognition of a Supreme Being, to whom each and every one is morally responsible, without any mental reservations. You and I know that some of our Brethren speak lightly of the obligations they voluntarily take upon themselves; but let me assure you, my Companions, that if history teaches anything, those people of the earth who have recognised their dependence on Divine Providence and a personal responsibility thereto for all their acts in life, are the people who have made the greatest progress in the direction of advanced civilisation. You may call it by any name you please. You may call it the evolution of natural forces, or the mysterious workings of God, whom Masons recognise as the creator of all things in the natural and material world; still we must admit the fact, which is susceptible of only one solution, viz.: that man's progress and knowledge are derived from a source wiser than himself. The wisdom of to-day we did not possess yesterday; to-morrow we shall learn what we do not know to-day. You may call it that Supreme Intelligence which pervades all nature and which will remain throughout all eternity. You may philosophise upon it, and the source whence comes intelligence will remain a sealed book, until the curtain which separates the present from the future is withdrawn. And, Companions, it is the recognition of this great fact that has distinguished Masons from time immemorial. It has made them in a sense a peculiar people. It has made them a law and order people, seekin

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not to correct evils by inflicting greater ones, but by the power of of superior over inferior intelligence—that power which mind has over matter. What then may we not hope from the influence of our sublime teachings in our own country, when we see the gradual encroachments which are being made upon our civilisation by the disorderly elements of society, who have selected this land of universal freedom and suffrage for the consummation of their designs against civilised society, thus mistaking liberty for licence. The greatest and best minds of ancient and modern times have been and are patrons of our wise and conservative institution. From Moses, who led the Children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, and established a civil polity among his people, down through the ages to Solomon, whose wisdom we are led to believe developed the system which was an improvement on the civilisation which preceded it, and which the intervening centuries have not been able to obliterate, Freemasonry has marched near the front line. We can trace by authentic history, from ancient to modern times, the close relationship of Masonry with the processes of civilisation. From Washington, who guided the American people and planted them upon the plane of political emancipation and started them on the road to power and political greatness, through a long line of distinguished Americans, Masonry has kept company with the best thought and wisest statesmanship that civilisation has demanded. May this thought ever actuate Masons. However traditional may be the story of the preservation of that great light which we recognise as the corner-stone of our Institution, the results of its teachings have been as effective in the elevation of mankind to a higher plane mentally and morally, as if the fact were proved beyond the possibility of a doubt at our regular assemblages for work.

Companions, you will observe that I have deviated slightly from the regular annual address, and hinted at some things on which it may be well for Royal Arch Masons to ponder. If, however, Masonry is to cut any figure in the future as a great moral conservative force, any departure which will cause our Order to rise and meet the demands of the hour, is not only justifiable, but an imperative duty. As a striking fact which may inspire us to *look* ahead of the present and prepare us to perform our part well in affairs which none can evade, a lesson may be learned from a single race of people which is to-day a living link between the past and the present. "The civil polity of the Israelites, under the leadership of Moses, was founded in the midst of moral, physical and intellectual decay." They emerged from Egyptian darkness, where for ages they had been held in bondage; but during all this period of time these people were preserved by their strict moral and physical code. They possessed poets, priests, prophets and kings; and whether we are to attribute their progress in those dark ages to the special favour of Providence, or the ability to inaugurate a wise statesmanship, the fact remains. The effects of the civil polity of this people were demonstrated in the wisdom of Solomon, and through two thousand years of persecution have survived and are a living activity in our present civilisation. The story of Israel, old though it be, is an instructive lesson, which may be studied with profit by a generation which is inclined to "believe that all wisdom was rocked in its cradle, and will be buried in its grave."

In view of consequences which these reflections suggest as possible, why may not Masonry put in its plea for the higher interests of humanity in the preservation of human rights, in the advancement of science and art, and in the propagation of social, moral, and intellectual elevation? Must we ask, has Masonry any other mission than to follow its ceremonials, or is it to be a living activity in the progress of civilisation? I believe it has, and that it should become the duty of Royal Arch Masons to keep abreast of the best thought of the age. If tradition be correct, its mission was not only to benefit its immediate members, but that its influence should radiate and bring into accord with its advanced thought those outside its immediate circle. It follows as light follows darkness, that any great conservative force will extend its influence to surrounding objects. Thus it should be with Masonry. Organised for the protection of its members, it has extended its influence over many lands, and has performed a part in civilisation. Its mission, I trust, is not yet exhausted, although coming in contact with the active forces of the present age.

Our Fraternity should not rest on the accomplished good of the past, but appear at the front to discharge the duties of the hour. Royal Arch Masons should be living witnesses of the good intent of the Order. In this manner we will convince the world that the cause of humanity will never suffer at our hands, and that civil liberty will always find its firmest supporters among Free and Accepted Masons.

The following lines, which will be fresh to many of our readers, appear in a Masonic book bearing date New-Haven (Conn.) 1820.

ENTERED APPRENTICE SONG.

Just straight from his home
See yon candidate come,
Prepar'd for the time and occasion:
Of all that can harm,
We will him disarm,
That he no way may hurt a Free Mason.

His eyes cannot search
Out the way of his march,
Nor yet where his steps he must place on:
When him we receive
He cannot perceive
How he came to be made a Free Mason.

Then he'll danger defy,
And on Heaven rely
For strength to support the occasion,
With the blessing of pray'r
He banishes fear,
And undaunted is made a Free Mason.

When he makes his demand,
By the Master's command,
To know if he's fit for the station,
Around he is brought,
Ere he get what he sought
From a free and an accepted Mason.

When girded with care,
By the help of the square,
The emblem of truth and of reason,
In form he is plac'd
While to him are rehears'd
The mysteries of a Free Mason.

Then full in his sight
Doth shine the grand light,
To illumine the works which we trace on;
And now, as his due,
He's cloth'd in full view
With the badge of an accepted Mason.

Now, hark! we enlarge
On the duties and charge,
Where his conduct and walk he must place on
Then our rights we'll fulfil,
And show our good will
To a free and an accepted Mason.

THE MAYOR OF DERBY AND FREEMASONRY.

IT is pretty generally known that the recently-elected Mayor of Derby is an active member of the Masonic body. His Worship was initiated in the Arboretum Lodge eight years ago, and since that time he has steadily pursued his course through the various offices leading to the chair. He now occupies the position of Immediate Past Master. On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the Arboretum met for the first time since the elevation of Bro. Woodiwiss to the chief magistracy, and in proposing the health of the Past Masters, the W.M., Bro. J. Whitaker Brigg, made allusion to the distinguished honour which had been conferred upon one of the most energetic members of the Lodge. The speaker warmly eulogised Bro. Woodiwiss's labours on behalf of the Craft, and predicted that, in the discharge of his public duties, he would secure the same amount of confidence and respect that he had obtained as a Freemason The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Bro. Woodiwiss, in his acknowledgment of it, spoke of the great pleasure he had derived from his association with Masonic work. With reference to the distinction which had been conferred upon him—the highest distinction which a man could receive at the hands of his fellow citizens—he could only say that his aim would be to discharge the duties which devolved upon him in the same spirit, and with the same desire to promote the well being of his fellows, which had actuated him as a Freemason.

We understand that "The Quiver" Christmas Number will be published next week, under the title of "Christmas Arrows." It will be enlarged this year to 80 pages in place of 64 pages as hitherto.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervousness and want of Energy.—When first the nerves feel unstrung, and listlessness supplants energy, it is the right time to take some alterative as Holloway's Pills to prevent disorder running into disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weaknesses. They act so kindly, yet so energetically on the functions of digestion and assimilation, that the whole body is revived, the blood is rendered richer and purer, the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition; they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body and confidence to the mind.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Town Hall, Arundel, on Thursday, the 15th inst., for the installation of Bro. J. H. Longman as W.M. The ceremony of installation was most impressively rendered by Bro. T. V. Paxton, the retiring Master. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the year:—Bros. W. Goss S.W., H. T. Holmes J.W., Collings Treasurer, Price Secretary, Foster S.D., Tisdall J.D., Pitt I.G., Robertson Tyler. The banquet was held at the Norfolk Hotel, and was attended by the brethren of the Lodge, who entertained a numerous company of Officers and members of the neighbouring Lodges.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

A SOCIAL evening was held on the 15th inst., at the Elvington Masonic Hall, Devonport, to present the Tyler, Bro. S. Harvey, with a plated coffee pot on his marriage. It was inscribed as follows:

"Presented to Bro. Samuel Harvey by the brethren of Lodge Fidelity, 230, November 11, 1888, on his marriage."

There were present Bros. Meadley W.M., Cawsey, J. R. Harris, J. Whitford, E. N. Littleton, W. S. Twiss, R. H. Burt, J. Rattenbury, and Woodland (all of 230), J. Leonard W.M. 202, J. Viggers P.M. 202, Sylvester and Fox 954. The evening was much enlivened by the songs of Bros. J. A. Collings, Cosworthick, J. Leonard, Viggers, Orchard, Lewis, and J. Sylvester, who ably accompanied on the piano.

FREDERICK OF UNITY LODGE, No. 452.

THERE was a fair attendance of Craftsmen at the installation meeting of this popular Lodge, which took place on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Croydon. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Brother W. G. Hunter, who was supported by his Past Masters and Officers, with the following Visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S.B., Kipps P.P.G.O. Kent, Levy 1017, H. B. May J.D. 1237, F. S. Smyth S.D. 1982, Sharman S.W. 507, Cockell J.W. 507, Eachus P.M. 33. After the minutes of last meeting had been confirmd, several letters were read and communications made. Bro. Morgan was then raised by the W.M. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wise, and this ceremony was performed by Brother H. E. Frances. The new W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Bros. W. G. Hunter I.P.M., Joseph Steele (named for) S.W., W. Acland J.W., Magnus Ohren P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, J. Walter Sugg P.M. D.C., James Waterman (named for) S.D., Aubrey M. Ohren J.D., W. Frances Payne I.G., Harold J. Levett and Walter King Stewards, Benjamin Banks Tyler. Owing to Bro. Steele S.W. being abroad, Bro. Charles M. Ohren P.M. was invested to do his work until he returned, while Bro. Waterman was too unwell to attend. After the Standing Committee's report had been read, Bro. Hunter was presented with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of respect from the members. On Brother Magnus Ohren handing the jewel to the W.M., he pointed out that Bro. Hunter was in the chair on the 25th May 1888—the Jubilee of the Frederick of Unity Lodge—and that a bar had been added to the jewel to mark the event, 1838-1888. After other business, the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet provided by Brother Rhodes, the proprietor of the Masonic Hall where the meetings are held. The W.M. presided, and proposed the toasts in ably terms. Bro. Magnus Ohren responded for the Grand Officers particularly referring to the fact that the other Grand Officer present—Brother Binckes—had well earned the honour bestowed upon him by the M.W. Grand Master, not only by his long and valued services to Masonry generally, but for the many years he had devoted to the advancement and prosperity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which he was the valued and appreciated Secretary. Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. P.P.G.S.B. returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers, Brother Binckes for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Kipps for the Visitors. A most enjoyable and musical evening was spent, Brother E. H. Sugg P.P.G. Organist Surrey presiding at the piano, while those who contributed were Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Cockell and Miss Hunter, with Bros. Aubrey M. Ohren, Charles M. Ohren and H. E. Cockell.

FORTESCUE LODGE, No. 847.

THE annual installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Tuesday, the 6th instant, in the Masonic Room, Honiton, when Bro. Harry Banfield was installed by Bro. Major Swan. Subsequently a banquet, presided over by Bro. Banfield, was held at the Dolphin Assembly Room, which was prettily decorated and arranged for the occasion. There was a fairly large attendance, and among those present were Bros. Sutton, Hussey, Ward, Gray, Griffiths, Baldwin, Berry, Webby, Tucker, Mitchell, Mickeburg, Samson, Melhuish, Telling, Hellier, Reece, Pinney, Langran, Marshall, Smith, Williams, Russell, Bath, Barrett, Brown, Ealing, Woolridge, Sanders, &c. The catering of Bro. Banfield was all that could be desired. After the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

WAVENEY LODGE, No. 929.

THE brethren celebrated their annual festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Lodge Room, King's Head Hotel, Bungay. The Lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. W. W. Walesby, at 5.30 p.m., who then initiated two candidates to the E.A. degree. The Lodge having been opened in a superior degree, the W.M. elect Bro. R. H. Johnston, was installed as Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by Bro. H. J. Hartcup P.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. W. Walesby I.P.M., H. J. Hartcup S.W., W. H. Mann J.W., the Rev. G. W. Jones Chaplain, W. W. Walesby Secretary, H. Martin S.D., J. E. Sales J.D., H. Weston I.G., J. Norman Tyler. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren, joined by visitors from various neighbouring Lodges, adjourned to the dining-room of the hotel, where dinner was served up in excellent style by Bro. E. Phillpot.

KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

THE brethren met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 13th inst. Among those present were—Bros. R. Lingley W.M., Foalê S.W., Westley J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, W. Stuart P.M. Sec., Ruffle S.D., Koch P.M., H. Higgins P.M., T. C. Walls P.G.W. Middx. P.M., C. H. Köhler P.M., W. P. Webb P.M., Cockburn P.M., and others. Among the visitors were:—Bros. E. Ayling and George Gardner P.M.'s. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Potter and F. W. Belleini were passed, and the Ballot was taken for Messrs. J. T. Barns and J. Barry; it proving to be unanimous, they were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed the removal of the cloth. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. The W.M. having replied, the Initiates were complimented, and duly acknowledged their toast. Bros. Ayling and Gardner replied at length for the Visitors. In their respective speeches they complimented the W.M. upon his working, and the Lodge upon its harmony and hospitality. They also called attention to the now well-known fact of Bro. George Everett's candidature for the Grand Treasurership of England in 1889, and spoke in sanguine terms of his probable success. The Past Masters and other toasts were given before the proceedings came to a close.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 1502.

FOR some fourteen years the Jewish Masonic brethren in Liverpool and surrounding districts have been specially privileged in the possession of a Lodge which, while affording them peculiar advantages in connection with their faith, has also been marked by the highest characteristics of the mystic Order. The Israel Lodge, No. 1502, consecrated in 1874, has not only worthily sustained the best reputation of the Craft, but has done much to advance the interests of true charity, which underlies the genuine objects of the body. The annual installation meeting took place on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was largely and influentially attended, the entire proceedings being marked by true Masonic enthusiasm. Bro. the Rev. H. M. Silver W.M. occupied the chair at the commencement of the proceedings, and he was supported by Bros. H. A. Tobias, A. Kirkpatrick, H. Archer, Alfred J. Henoohsberg, and D. Gabrielsen. After preliminary business Bro. the Rev. H. M. Silver concluded an excellent year's work in the chair by installing Bro. David Gabrielsen P.M. as his successor—a post which he has previously held with the greatest satisfaction. The ceremony was performed with much impressiveness, eliciting the heartiest admiration of the brethren. The following members were subsequently invested Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Rev. H. M. Silver I.P.M., J. F. Davies S.W., John Latta J.W., Henry Gabriel Treasurer, Andrew Kirkpatrick P.M. D.C., George Thierry Secretary, David Matthews S.D., M. Karet J.D., J. O. Roberts I.G., H. P. Cowell Organist, J. Vos S.S., W. F. Terry J.S., M. Williamson Tyler. A sincere vote of condolence was passed with Bro. D. Stern on the death of his father, An excellent banquet was supplied by Brother Casey, the house Steward, and in the course of the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, it being announced that the benevolent fund now amounted to about £400. An interesting portion of the proceedings was the presentation to the I.P.M. (Bro. Silver) of a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. The artistic jewel was manufactured by Bro. Phillips, Lime-street. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Batty, Thierry, Howley, Sweetman, and Cowell.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A LARGE assembly of the brethren took place at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 12th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. S. J. Dalton. In addition to Past Masters Brown, Simpson, Seller P.J.G.W., and Blenkin, amongst the visitors were:—Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain of England, Barker 1102, Staniland P.M. 566, Kilner S.W. 1019, Atkinson 910, Baldwin P.M. 630, Barlow W.M. 566, Winn W.M. 1337, Russell 1337, Hudson J.W. 566, Hansell S.W. 1416, Hodgson 566, McGachen P.M. 236, Sample 236, Turner 236, Pickersgill P.M. 837, Marshall P.M. 660, Chambers P.M. 1760, Bowes I.P.M. 1760, Border S.W. 235, Forbes J.W. 236, Laverack D.C. 1991, Parnell Secretary 236, Cheesman I.P.M. 566, Smith 837, Sollitt 1991, &c. The retiring W.M., Bro. W. B. Dyson, presided, and Bro. W. Brown P.M. undertook the duties of Installing Officer, which he carried out with great efficiency. On the conclusion of the ceremony the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers: Bros. W. B. Dyson I.P.M., Brown Preceptor, Chapman S.W., Lamb J.W., Balmford Treasurer, Kay Secretary, Rev. R. Blakeney Chaplain, Storey S.D., Shonksmith J.D., Luckenby D.C., Child Organist, Pearson I.G., Spetch Senior Steward, Halliwell Junior Steward, Hall Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance and expressing hearty good wishes were received from the following brethren:—The Hon. Orde Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, Sir Joseph Terry, C. Palliser, L. Chadwick, J. Stewart, W. Fitton, W. F. Tomlinson, J. Richardson, A. Tophs, H. E. Cousins, Dr. Smyth Past Grand Chaplain, W. H. Cooper, W. H. Henson, J. S. Cumberland, W. Reynolds Provincial Grand Treasurer, &c. The banquet took place at the De Grey Room, when the newly installed Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by about sixty brethren, including Bro. P. Matthews, the Sheriff of York, a goodly array of Past Masters and Past Provincial Officers. The catering was entrusted to Bro. Halliwell, one of the Stewards. A lengthy toast list was

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submitted, and the health of Bro. Dalton was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Sample presided at the piano, and some excellent musical selections were given by Bros. Baldwin, Dow, Halliwell, Dyson, Horner, Pearson, Fletcher, Oglesby, &c.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THIS Lodge met on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-road, to instal Bro. J. Woodmason. There was a large attendance of distinguished members and visitors, including Bros. D. P. Cama, W. Clarke, Sir Roper Lethbridge, F. C. Frye, Baker, R. H. Pearson, Lander, Parkhouse, Murlis, Smout, Davis, Bartle, Mason, Biggs, Dr. Goodchild, Dr. Pocock, Dr. Gawith, Challoner, and Chandler. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. G. Davis P.M. took the chair, and installed the new Worshipful Master. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren dined together in the hall, the banquet being ably served by Mrs. Linscott. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to; as also an additional toast, the Lay Members, which was responded to by Sir R. Lethbridge, M.P., and Bro. Frye. During the evening some capital songs were given by several of the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., this Lodge held its installation meeting at the rooms of the College, Mannville-place, Manchester-square. After the minutes were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report presented and adopted, Bro. Sinclair Dunn, the well-known vocalist and musical lecturer, of the Lodge of St. Luke's, Lander, Scotland, was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously elected. Bro. F. W. Rant Martin, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and after giving his adhesion to the ancient charges and taking the customary obligation, he was, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, formally installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. J. A. Hammond P.M., who acted as Installing Officer, performed that duty with his usual ability and impressiveness. The brethren appointed for office were:—Bros. E. Burritt Lane S.W., John Mills J.W., Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Hammond P.M. Secretary, T. E. Biddlecombe S.D., J. B. Sargeant S.D., G. H. W. Lear I.G., C. J. Ozanne D.C., A. Camall Organist, Wilford W.S., Harrison Tyler. The usual charges having been given to the W.M., the Wardens, and the body of members generally, the Lodge was closed. After the banquet, the Queen and Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Officers, and the Installing Officer, were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Aubery Howard I.P.M. then rose and proposed the Worshipful Master, and expressed the confidence that must be felt by all the brethren present that the W.M. would carry out the duties of his new office in the same able way in which he had accomplished all those that had already fallen to him. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Howard for the terms in which he had proposed it. Short speeches are, however, the rule at Trinity College Lodge, in order to allow more time for music, which is the marked feature of the meetings. The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening. Among the visitors present were:—Bros. E. B. Cox W.M. 1563, J. Brauder J.W. 1563, W. J. Rendell P.M. and Secretary 1716, Benj. Cramplin 28.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

AT a meeting held on Saturday, 10th inst., at Brixton Hall, Bro. John C. Duckworth in the chair, Bro. Robert Jones Griffiths, LL.D. (*Glasgow Mail*) was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Henry Massey P.M. (*Liverpool Courier*), was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. E. L. Drogrez (*Daily Telegraph*) was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Geo. Wishart elected a joining member, while Mr. Alfred Robbins (*Birmingham Daily Post*) was nominated as a candidate for initiation. The death is announced of Bro. Turner, of the *Manchester Guardian*, who was, from its foundation, an esteemed member of the Gallery Lodge. His remains were interred at Doncaster, on Wednesday, 7th instant.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 2025.

THE annual meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, to instal the Principals for the year ensuing, viz., Comps. W. Odam Z., J. T. Bond H., C. G. Withell J. The Installing Officers were Comps. James Gidley, W. Allsford, and Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The Officers invested were as follows:—Comps. James Gifford I.P.Z., J. H. Carty S.E., F. Crouch S.N., L. Wells P.Soj., H. Reynolds 1st A.Soj., R. Brickwood 2nd A.Soj., G. R. Previous to the installations a brother of St. George's Lodge, No. 2025, was exalted to this sublime degree by the retiring First Principal Barrett P.Z. Treasurer, C. Mathieson D.C., James Gidley P.Z. Janitor. Comp. James Gifford. The Treasurer read his annual report, showing a very favourable balance, and that during the past year twelve candidates had been exalted in this Chapter. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to Risdon's Restaurant, George-street, Plymouth, where an excellent supper was prepared, and a very pleasant evening spent.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday last, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Thom Preceptor, R. J. Chillingworth W.M., Dancyger S.W., Ansell J.W., Saqui Secretary, Liscombe S.D., Dodd J.D., McDuell I.G. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. Bro. Dancyger assisted Bro. Thom to work the second section of the second lecture, and the fourth section of the first lecture. Bros. Poppmacher and Dancyger were elected members. Bro. Dancyger was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241.—On Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, a most interesting lecture on "Ancient Masonic Emblems" was delivered, by Bro. Captain J. Macnab W.M. Bro. C. C. Robin, 786, occupied the chair, being supported by Bro. J. Brotherton, the Preceptor, and there was a large attendance. Bro. Macnab announced that he had chosen for this lecture the purely ancient emblems only, reserving those of later date for a future occasion, and the novel and interesting manner in which he explained their origin, and accounted for their presence in modern Masonry, after the lapse of thousands of years, called forth the hearty encomiums of the audience. It is intended by the members of this useful Lodge to have these historical lectures at frequent intervals, and next Tuesday evening another member (Bro. West) is to follow, on a kindred subject.

URBAN CHAPTER, No. 1196.

THE members of this Chapter met on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, to instal Comp. Nightingale as First Principal. The ceremony was well performed by Comp. G. N. Watts. There was but a small attendance, owing to the ill health of several members. Several Kensington Companions were present, including Comps. J. Pearson, Radford, G. Davis, &c. The banquet was well served, and the usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON.

AN interesting event took place at the Junior Athenæum Club, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, on the occasion of the completion of the enlargement and alterations of that building. This was a presentation of a service of plate to Brother F. Richardson P.G.D., who for some years has devoted much of his time to the interests of the club. The service consists of four candlesticks of the period of Queen Anne, a large silver bowl, four small ones, and four large fruit spoons. On the large bowl was engraved:—

"Presented by the members of the Junior Athenæum Club to F. Richardson, Esq., in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Club."

The presentation was made at a dinner in the principal dining room of the club house, Down-street, Piccadilly, when about 20 members sat down. Brother P. McLagan, M.P., presided. At one of the tables was a little knot of some 15 Masons, all personal friends of Bro. Richardson, who had felt it their duty and pleasure to be present on this occasion to do him honour, and to show him how they appreciate all he has done for the club, which is now one of the finest and handsomest club houses in London.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. presided, and Bros. Brett P.G.P. and Cottebrune P.G.P. occupied their respective places. Grand Secretary's office was represented by Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Alfred A. Pendlebury Assist. G. Sec., W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Henry Sadler G. Tyler. There were several other brethren present. At the Board of Masters the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge was submitted. At the Board of Benevolence, which followed, the brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master to the extent of £510. Bro. James Brett moved a vote of thanks to the President of the Board, who had served them for another year, and had displayed great courtesy to all the brethren. He hoped that Bro. R. Grey might yet preside over them for many years. Bro. G. P. Britten seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Robert Grey said he would not occupy the time of the brethren at this Board, which was purely a Board of business. He could only thank them for having carried this motion, and for the uniform kindness which he had always received at their hands. On the new list of applicants were 41 names, whose qualifications for relief were through Lodges in the London District (28 cases), Upper Mill (2), Sidcup, Devonport, Doncaster, Melbourne, Weymouth, Newport (Isle of Wight), Bruton, Illinois, Halesworth, Gainsborough, and Harwich. Three cases were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £930, which comprised: One recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, four recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40, and eight of £30, 13 grants of £20, two of £15, three of £10, and two of £5 each. The sitting occupied nearly four hours.

We have been requested to announce that on and after Saturday, the 1st December, the weekly meetings of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held at the Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway, S.E., close to the New Cross Station of the South Eastern Railway. The hours of meeting are seven to nine p.m.

The first monthly part of the People's Edition of the "Doré Bible" (a weekly issue of which has just been commenced in halfpenny numbers) will be published at the end of this month. By means of this edition the work will be procurable at one-twentieth of its original cost.

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

ON Friday, the 16th instant, the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held in the Hulme Town Hall. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Grand Master, presided. Representatives from all the Lodges of the Province but one were present. With the exception of three, who sent apologies, all the present Provincial Grand Officers responded to the call of their names. The minutes of the May meeting, held at Heaton Norris, were taken as read, and confirmed. Bro. J. L. Hine, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, nominated Bro. John Whitfield Edwards (of the firm of Edwards, Cunliffe, and Wilson, Manchester) for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. William Rowe P.M. 1009 nominated Bro. George Hunt P.M. Shakespere Lodge, 1009, Manchester, for the same office. Bros. John Studd W.M. Integrity Lodge, No. 163, Arthur Middleton, P.M. Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, and W. R. Sowder, P.M. Blair Lodge, 815, were duly elected auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts for the ensuing year. A very satisfactory report of the results of the labours of the Charity Committee was read by the Provincial Grand Secretary and endorsed by Brother James Arthur Birch (chairman), Past Provincial Grand Registrar, who moved the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting. Bro. James Hill Sillitoe, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, seconded the motion, which was carried. Brother James Arthur Birch addressing the Provincial Grand Master, said he had very great pleasure in presenting him (Colonel Starkie), in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers, with a receipt for 100 guineas, which sum had been invested in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the purpose of making him (Colonel Starkie) a patron of that institution, with 80 votes annually. The fact of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master being a patron of two out of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions was, Brother Birch added, sufficient for the brethren to heartily respond to a solicitation for subscribing the required sum to complete the list. The Provincial Grand Master in graceful terms acknowledged the presentation. A report of the Committee for revising a portion of the Provincial Grand Bye-laws was approved and adopted. Brother William Nicholl's (Past Provincial Grand Treasurer) motion for the establishment of a Finance Committee to deal with the Provincial Grand Lodge funds, was after considerable discussion lost. Invitations to hold the next Provincial Grand meeting in Oldham and Newchurch were given to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who expressed his thanks for same. Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and a Court of Governors in connection with the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was subsequently held, and business of a formal character transacted.

CARLETON COLLEGE, TUFNELL PARK.

MRS. WILLIAM HARRIS SAUNDERS' annual birthday party was this year again a great success. There were gathered together former pupils, also many neighbours and friends of Brother William Harris Saunders. Among the assembly, numbering over 160 persons, were friends from the West and East Indies (including Mrs. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, who was accompanied by her nephew, Brother Cama, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cama (Past Grand Treasurer), China, Russia, Austria, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Scotland, and Ireland. The dancing was sustained for some hours, the large class rooms on the three floors being simultaneously thronged with those fond of "tripping it on the light fantastic toe." Many remarks were made as to the elegance and grace of the pupils. The supper was mo t recherché, and was served in the lofty dining room of the College.

The second part of "Cassell's Popular Educator," which will be published on the 25th inst., will contain the first of a series of maps in colours, specially prepared for this new edition, in which the commercial aspect of geography will receive special attention.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

THE annual meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, under the banner of the Northumberland and Berwick Time Immemorial Lodge, of which Bro. Ford P.P.G.D. is the W.M. There was an excellent attendance, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The report of the Committee on General Purposes was read by Bro. J. Straker Wilson P.G.M., and it showed that the Mark Lodges in the Provinces were making steady progress. It recommended that the sum of £15 15s be devoted to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. T. Y. Strachan D.P.G.M. proposed the renomination of Canon Tristram, D.D., as Right Worshipful P.G.M.M. He said the Lodge had an opportunity once every three years of expressing its desire as to their Provincial Grand Master, and he need hardly say that after the fifteen years' service of their R.W. G.M. Canon Tristram there could be but one feeling, that they could desire none other to preside over their Grand Lodge. Bro. R. B. Reed P.P.S.G.W. seconded the resolution, and said it was the singular good fortune of this Province to have one to rule over them whose knowledge of Masonry was not exceeded by any brother in the kingdom. They were proud of their Provincial Grand Master. The motion was unanimously passed. The R.W. P.G.M.M. acknowledged the unanimous and kindly manner in which they had again nominated him. He need not say with what pleasure and gratification he received this repeated testimony of their confidence in his humble endeavours to do what he could in the interests of Mark Masonry in the Province, nor need he tell them how very highly he esteemed the honour. He alluded to the able assistance he had received for some years past from Bro. T. Y. Strachan, his Deputy, who had now removed from the district. On looking round he found there was no one better qualified to fulfil the duties of D.P.G.M.M. than Bro. R. B. Reed, who was in every way suited to discharge the duties. He then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bros. John Strachan	Senior Warden
A. S. Fowler	Junior Warden
J. C. Moor	Master Overseer
W. F. Carmon	Senior Overseer
J. F. Wilson	Junior Overseer
Rev. J. Reynolds	Chaplain
J. S. B. Bell	Treasurer
W. Davidson	Registrar of Marks
J. Straker Wilson	Secretary
J. S. Riddle	Senior Deacon
J. G. Anderson	Junior Deacon
J. Ferguson	Inspector of Works
T. Bell	Director of Ceremonies
J. E. Bell	Sword Bearer
W. Brown	Standard Bearer
— Pilling	Organist
R. Lack	Inner Guard
J. Curry	Tyler

The annual dinner was afterwards held at the Central Station Hotel. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, T. Y. Strachan, Col. Addison Potter, C. S. Lane, R. Hudson, J. C. Moor, and others. The Vice-chair was occupied by Bro. John Strachan. The usual post prandial toasts were honoured.

CHELTENHAM AND KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 10.

THE installation festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the Rev. Dr. Kynaston was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. J. S. Carleton J.P.M., W. R. Porcher S.W., Rev. Battersley Smith J.W., W. C. Ferris Chaplain, Dr. E. Gregory Treasurer, S. Moss M.O., W. Heath S.O., T. A. Huband J.O., J. Balcombe Secretary, J. P. Bevan S.D., Major Rogers J.D., W. R. Felton Steward, T. E. Gandy Organist, J. L. Butler I.G., H. Phillips Tyler. This being the first meeting of the Lodge since the death of Bro. H. Jeffs the D. Prov. G.M.M., and a Past Master of the Lodge, a vote of condolence with his widow was passed, and a donation was likewise made to the fund being raised for the erection of a memorial of the late Bro. Brook-Smith, who was the oldest Past Master of the Lodge.

HUYSHE LODGE, No. 91.

THE annual meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., to

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instal Bro. C. Hunt S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., and Bro. F. Crouch. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. V. Harris I.P.M., C. Tozer S.W., M. Durbin J.W., W. Routledge M.O., W. H. Potter S.O., W. H. Burt J.O., J. Lynn Treasurer, J. R. H. Harris Secretary, W. H. Corner Registrar, S. Harris S.D., E. Sintillo J.D., G. T. Veale Organist, W. Henderson I.G., S. Harvey Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Bosworthick, and under the chairmanship of Bro. Hunt a pleasant evening was spent.

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 175.

THE brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Helston, on Wednesday, 7th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Rosewarne S.W. The ceremony of installation was ably and efficiently performed by Bros. W. Hall W.M., and J. M. Richards P.M. Bro. W. Hall having been invested as I.P.M., the newly-installed W.M. invested the following Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Eva S.W., Willey J.W., Morgan M.O., Dudley S.O., Blackwell J.O., Taylor Treasurer, Hudson Chaplain, Roberts Secretary, Dunstan Reg. of Marks, Ratcliffe S.D., W. James J.D., T. B. James I.G., Willey Steward, R. James Tyler. The Board of Installed Masters present were:—Bros. Hall, Hudson, James, Taylor, Jeffery jun., Tresidder jun., and W. K. Baker. The other visiting brethren were:—Bros. Williams and Thomas 87. On the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to Bro. Culley's, Star Hotel, for refreshment. A capital spread was appreciated, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master.

THE MASONIC JUBILEE YEAR AT HALIFAX.

To the Editor of the BRADFORD OBSERVER.

SIR,—In the *Bradford Observer*, 5th November, there is an account of the Masonic Jubilee at Halifax, in which, I think, is a mistake. In the account of the history of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, it is stated that the Lodge was first held at the Black Bull Inn. I have in my possession the "Freemasons' Calendar" for the year 1797, giving a great variety of information concerning Masonry, which contains a list of all the Lodges from the year 1721 to 1797, and in the list of country Lodges for the year 1738 there was one held at the Union Cross, Halifax. It seems to me that that was the Lodge of Probity, because from your account it was formed in that year. There are also two other Lodges mentioned as having been formed in Halifax, viz., the Lodge of Harmony, held at the Bacchus Inn, at Halifax in 1788; and the Loyal Halifax Lodge, held at the Ring of Bells Inn in 1796. If this Calendar would be of any use to Mr. Herbert Crossley, I should be very glad to let him have the loan of it for any length of time.

I am, &c. J. P.

Great Horton, 5th November 1888.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE following interesting letters appear in the *New Zealand Masonic Journal* for the present month, and are valuable contributions to the early history of Freemasonry in this colony. The first is from Bro. G. H. Powley P.M. Secretary of Lodge Ara, Auckland, and the second is from Bro. J. S. Welsh W.M. Phœnix Lodge, Akaroa:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—On the third page of your issue of 1st July, I notice there is some hesitation as to which is the oldest Masonic Lodge existing in New Zealand. I have very great pleasure in informing you that a dispensation was granted and signed in November 1842 by the Australian Social Lodge of Sydney, and further, that we have an old minute book which proves that a meeting of Masons was held on the 9th February 1843, to take into consideration what time it would be convenient to open a Lodge under the dispensation then received, Brother Frederick Whitaker in the chair; and the same minute book will prove that Lodge Ara, No. 348 I.C., has been regularly convened from that date, consequently the Lodge was first held and made Masons the latter part of February 1843; and I can assure you that from that date to 1859 the records of the Lodge contain names of brethren who have assisted in a great measure to build up this colony, and who are mentioned in the various histories of New Zealand.

"I am, &c.

"GEORGE H. POWLEY P.M. Secretary."

"In the year 1842 Mons. Lievro acted as Tyler on board the Comte de Paris, then lying in Port Levy, Banks Peninsula; the captain and some of his officers were Freemasons, and the captains of four other vessels that were lying in Lyttelton harbour, met on board the above vessel, and initiated three persons belonging to some of the vessels. A Lodge was formed in Akaroa in 1846, by two of the members of the French corvette Le Rhine, Dr. La Parotier and the Master-at-Arms; they initiated four. This Lodge existed about three months, and was formed in the absence of Commander Berard, who, on his return, closed it as being un-Masonic. As far as I can gather, there was no charter in existence for forming a Lodge, and I think it is very doubtful, owing to the state of affairs between the Grand Orient and many of the French Grand Lodges in 1841, that a charter would have carried much weight with it, and I can only come to the conclusion that whatever may have been done, from the little information to hand, that all the proceedings were irregular and un-Masonic.

J. S. WELCH W.M. Phœnix Lodge."

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARMITAGE LODGE.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., close upon 100 Freemasons belonging to various Lodges in the district visited Milnsbridge, to take part in the consecration of a newly established Lodge at Longwood and Milnsbridge, and the installation of Bro. C. H. Crowther W.M. designate. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the W.M. designate was installed by Bro. Crosland Hist. Amongst those also present were Bros. Auley Macauley, the Rev. S. W. Coombe, Francis Preston, Ed. Armitage, J.P., H. N. Crowther, J. W. Turner, Geo. Marshall, C. W. Keighley, Thomas Ruddock, R. Williamson, the Rev. R. C. Wilford, W. Crowther, H. G. E. Green, William Cocking, R. R. Armitage, C. F. Mallinson, J. R. Mellor, H. Holdsworth, A. Graham, W. Fitton, T. D. Ruddock, and others. After the consecration ceremony (during which Bro. T. W. Tew delivered a classical and eloquent discourse) and the installation of the W.M., the company adjourned to the Milnsbridge Baptist School-room, where a banquet took place. The Lodge, which has been named out of compliment to the Armitage family, has commenced its career under very favourable auspices, over 20 gentlemen having been already enrolled. The following are the first Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. C. H. Crowther W.M., Sam. Hirst S.W., Thomas W. Thorpe J.W., J. E. Bottom Chaplain, D. Beaumont Treasurer, Walker Dyson Secretary, Elliot Hallas Registrar, H. J. Leach S.D., Enos. Beaumont J.D., John A. Stocks D.C., F. Heppenstall I.G., W. H. Rhodes A.I.G., Charles Walker Steward, H. W. Gee Tyler.

Irish Exhibition.—The Women's Art and Industries Section, under the presidency of the Countess of Aberdeen and a Committee of ladies, of whom the Countess of Bective, Lady Arthur Hill, Lady Westbury, and others were active members, has, according to the report, proved the most successful, as it has certainly been one of the most useful departments of the exhibition. It was organised and managed by Mr. J. S. Wood, on behalf of Lord Arthur Hill, the Hon. Sec., and, together with the Fancy Fair in July, realised a sum of nearly £3000 for the Executive Council of the exhibition. In addition to this, articles made by peasants in Ireland have been sold to the extent of £1200, the greater part of which sum has found its way into schools and cottages throughout Ireland, either direct or through such societies as the Irish Home Industries Association, and the expressions of gratitude are very general for the money received, which will tide many an Irish family over the coming winter. Lady Aberdeen has arranged to continue the sale of the work of poor Irish peasants in the Old Irish Market Place during the Winter Exhibition at Olympia, and it is to be hoped that the market thus created may be continued and extended for their benefit.

The Jodrell will be reopened to-morrow (Saturday), with a new modern comedy, in three acts (founded on the French of Barrière and Capendu), entitled "The Aldermau," written by James Mortimer. The following will be in the cast:—Messrs. H. Ashley, W. H. Pennington, Mark Kinghorne, E. M. Robson, Sidney Harcourt, Bindloss, J. Tresahar, Compton Coutts, Frank Worthing, and Royce Carleton; Mesdames Nellie Lingard, Edmund Phelps, Lilian Millward, Annie Whyte, Nita Wynn, and Gabrielle Goldney. The comedy will be preceded by "A White Lie," also by Mr. Mortimer.

The production of a new and original drama in four acts, by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, entitled "Brantinghame Hall," will take place at the St. James's on Tuesday, the 27th instant. The following constitute the cast:—Miss Julia Neilson, Miss Norreys, Mrs. Gaston Murray; Messrs. Lewis Waller, William Herbert, Nutcombe Gould, Norman Forbes, C. Dodsworth, Duncan Fleet, G. Trent and Rutland Barrington.

"The Widow Winsome," a three act play, by Mr. Alfred C. Calmore, will be produced at a matinée at the Criterion on Tuesday, the 27th inst. The cast will include Messrs. Conway, Giddins, Fred Thorne, Misses Laura Linden, Fanny Robertson, Gertrude Kingston, and Kate Rorke.

The reopening of the Grand has been postponed until Saturday, the 1st December.

The 250th performance of Mr. Pinero's successful piece, "Sweet Lavender," was given at Terry's on Thursday. This piece is proving as great a draw as ever.

RARE CLARET.—Messrs. Spiers and Pond have recently secured some Château Lafite of 1864, bottled at the Château, and possessing all the distinctive qualities of this magnificent wine. It is emphatically a *grand vin*, soft and silky, and having an unrivalled bouquet and flavour. Connoisseurs of claret should not lose the opportunity of acquiring a wine that is hardly ever in the market, the supply indeed being well nigh exhausted.

Bro. Charles Skipp, Dental Surgeon, of 200 Regent-street, London, W., informs us that he recently has conveniently arranged the electric light in his surgery, so that even on dark and foggy days he will be able to perform dental operations. All who have suffered from toothache are aware how difficult it is, in the majority of cases, to get at the seat of the primary cause. The introduction of the electric light for the purposes of dentistry will, unquestionably, help to remove this difficulty.

At a recent meeting of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, Bro. James Laidlaw Cross (*Daily Chronicle*) was admitted a member and received the benefit of exaltation at the hands of Companion Massey, acting Z.

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NO HONOURABLE DISCHARGE.

FREEMASONRY and the profane world are as wide apart as the poles. This is the reason why Freemasonry is a law unto itself. All ordinary analogies fail when applied to the Craft. It exists of itself, by itself, for itself. In the Lodge we oftentimes debate, but we are not governed by strict parliamentary laws or usages. We have our own rules of order. The Master of a Lodge is not a simple presiding officer, whose function it is to register the will of the majority of the members. He is the majority; his will and pleasure is the law. There is no appeal from his decision to the Lodge. His only responsibility is to the Grand Lodge. In his Lodge he can say, in the language attributed to Alexander Selkirk:—

"I am monarch of all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute."

But, at the same time, he is a sane and equitable ruler, and the Craft never suffers at his hands. He is the conservor of its highest and best interests.

In all enlistments in the profane world, for the purposes of war, there may be, for the soldier, a discharge, and an honourable discharge. This may come by the expiration of his term of office, or by permanently disabling wounds, or by voluntary release from the higher authority. The soldier then returns to his home with honour, and it may be with glory. There is but one war in which there is no discharge whatever, and that is the war in which the immortal spirit of man, when born into the world, engages with the circumstances of time and destiny. No man may escape death or the hereafter, for in Ecclesiastes King Solomon tells us, "there is no discharge in that war." Men sometimes vainly imagine that they can cut the Gordian knot; that they, who fashioned not their own bodies or spirits; that they, who were not even consulted or asked whether they desired to enlist in the battle of life, can shuffle off the mortal coil at pleasure, and destroy their immortal souls. Freemasonry teaches a different lesson. No Freemason should ever be a suicide.

Freemasonry, in accordance with its usages, differs from both the samples we have quoted above. It partially, but never wholly, discharges its initiates, and it never honourably discharges any one who has enlisted in its service. It is from this "law unto itself," that has been derived the aphorism, "Once a Mason always a Mason." The Masonic tie can never be wholly severed. The Fraternity reserves the right to absolve itself, for cause, from obligation to a brother, but it never releases him. Under no circumstances can he obtain an honourable discharge. He voluntarily assumed his relations to it. He sought it—it never sought him. He is under obligation to it, not it absolutely to him. He may become an absentee, but that is no discharge—that is only neglect on his part. He may become a non-affiliate—but that works no dissolution of the Mystic Tie. He thereby only severs his connection with a particular Lodge, not with the Fraternity. He cannot sever that. Not even death can do that. No brother can justly perform an act, in contravention of the fraternal law, which shall become operative after he has passed from life. Masonic obligations are for ever and for ever.

The Craft never gives any other than a partial discharge. If it suspends for non-payment of dues it does it because the brother will not pay, not because he cannot pay. Masonic Charity forbids that an unfortunate, impecunious brother should lose his membership because of his poverty. Any worthy brother may have his dues remitted, and escape this partial discharge. But if there be such a discharge, the brother is not released from a single obligation that he assumed. He is still a Mason, bound to observe all of his duties, and the fact that he has neglected one, gives him no right to decline to perform any or all of the others. So, when the Fraternity expels a brother for un-Masonic conduct, he is still a Mason, though not in good standing. He is expelled for cause, and when that cause is removed, or Masonically atoned for, his expulsion may be removed, and he thereby restored to good Masonic standing. His expulsion does not, and cannot, discharge him from the Craft. He enlisted in it for life. It is not in Freemasonry as it is in the world, where a man and woman, for example, enter into the marriage relation, nominally "until death doth us part," and then, possibly, they go the next month into a divorce court, and take the initial steps for the absolute severance of the marriage tie! The Masonic tie is the tie that *binds*, the tie which has been blessed, in the language of that truly Masonic hymn—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in mutual love."

Let it be understood, then, that the saying, "Once a Mason, always a Mason," directly implies (1) that there can be no absolute discharge; (2) that there can be, at best, or at worst, only a partial discharge, by which, while the Brother is held to all of his obligations to the Craft, it, in consequence of his unworthy conduct, is released from certain of its obligations to him; and (3) that there is *no honourable* discharge for any one of its volunteer army of initiates. The discharge, under any circumstances, is only partial, and is never honourable. Its "threefold cord" is not only "not quickly broken," but is absolutely unseverable.

No one should hastily, carelessly or thoughtlessly knock at the portals of Freemasonry, for once within the mystic precincts of its Temple, knowledge is imparted which is so peculiar that it must be for ever retained. Masonry is not transferable. It is a personal trust, from which there is no honourable discharge. It is for ever and for ever.—*Keystone.*

FREEMASONS AT THE GOLD MINE.

AT the invitation of Bro. John Chidlaw Roberts, the owner of the freehold and leasehold of the Gwynfynydd Gold Mine, the members of the Corbet Lodge of Freemasons recently visited the mine and works. There were present:—Bros. John Chidlaw Roberts, C. Millard W.M., John Jones I.P.M., Henry Owen P.M., Marshall, Davies, Jones, Parry, Gitto, Dix, &c. The party first proceeded in brakes from the Ship Hotel, Dolgelly, and arrived at the mine between eleven and twelve o'clock, when they were shown the process of crushing and extracting the gold by Messrs. Ribble and Crooks. On return to the mill-house a sumptuous luncheon, at the expense of Bro. Chidlaw Roberts, had been prepared. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. J. R. Dix proposed Success to the Morgan Mining Co., and, as a man of some experience in commercial and industrial pursuits, he said that the workings he had visited that day were very systematic and complete. Bro. John Jones proposed the health of the Officials of the Company. He referred particularly to the energy and perseverance of Bros. Hills, Crooks, and Ribble. He also thanked them for their kindness in explaining all matters connected with the mill and the mine. Bros. Hill and Crooks, in returning thanks, mentioned that the glory of opening up of the gold mine in this neighbourhood and their situations fell on the shoulders of Bro. Pritchard Morgan, who, for a long period, had given up all his time to the development of that which was now about to become a permanent industry. He also expressed an opinion that the mine never looked better since it was opened, and that there was every possibility of the gold which was being found continuing for an indefinite time, and thus benefitting the public and the shareholders. Other toasts followed.

Obituary.

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BRO. STEPHEN LARLHAM JUN.

IT is with very much regret we announce the decease of this worthy brother, which sad event took place on Saturday, the 3rd instant, after a painful illness. The deceased's name had been long associated with South London. The funeral, which took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Friday, the 9th inst., was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

BRO. WILLIAM HAY.

BY the death of this brother, which took place on the 15th inst., at his residence, Steeple-street, Kilbarchan has lost its oldest inhabitant and Scotland one of its oldest Freemasons. Deceased was upwards of ninety-two years of age, and had been a Freemason for upwards of sixty-four years, having been initiated in the Lodge St. Barchan as far back as 13th December 1823. He was at one time an extensive cattle-dealer, but latterly wrought as a tailor.

One of the most successful meetings ever held at the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, was that of Thursday last, when Brother George Frederick Edwards was installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. We purpose to give a full report next week.

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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, 24th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
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-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Cavendish, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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, 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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
998—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. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Belmont Hotel, Southampton-bdge., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
115—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
[illegible], Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Canonbury Hotel, E.C.
212—Fitzwilliam, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Rathbone Place, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—York, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Chilton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Belgrave, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
881—Finsbury, King's Head, Theobald's Road, Red Lion Street, W.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Enderby, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1338—Albany, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1342—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
Metropolitan Chanter of Improvement, White Hart, [illegible]
R.A. 21—Ceres, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gres
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pave
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1275—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, Grain
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruc
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
810—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Ca
857—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, C
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmi
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road No
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, D
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbi
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birm
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Stree
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet,
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall,
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgat
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NO

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury,
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, a
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chaucery Lane, W.C.,
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street,
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue,
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Stre
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portlan
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (I
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-ro
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-ro
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fle
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place,
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's C
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Stre
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old K
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare S
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stru
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, V
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walth
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stree
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Stati
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S
2200—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Insti
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Re
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abe
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.3
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8.
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Sarewal
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copperas-stre
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lanca
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Geor
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Nor
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1053—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadi
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street,
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Stree
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
1284—Rybarn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Sq
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Str
1611—Alexandra, Horncea, Hull (Instruction)
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A FORECAST FOR 1889.

AFTER a storm comes a calm. We must not, therefore, be surprised if the storm of enthusiasm which was raised throughout the country in the earlier months of the present year, on behalf of the Masonic Charities, is followed by a calm which will tax to the utmost the resources of the Institutions, and play havoc with the surpluses they have been able to accumulate. Our opinion is that the benevolence of Freemasonry has a limit, so to speak, and we believe that if at one Festival an exceptional amount is contributed, the totals of subsequent ones are likely to suffer, if not in proportion, at least to an appreciable extent. For the same reason we believe that an exceptionally prolific year is likely to be followed by a series of meagre ones, although we hope that in this respect our surmise may prove wrong. In face of the splendid results, however, which have been achieved in connection with the Institutions in 1888, it is hardly to be supposed that next year's returns will be up to the average, and, as a consequence, trouble will result. Although the Institutions are in the happy position of being able to meet those troubles bravely, it must not be supposed that a gloomy aspect can be regarded wholly with indifference, or that a falling off in the returns—however slight—can be passed over without anxiety.

No matter whether the storm of enthusiasm or the calm of indifference prevail in connection with the Masonic Institutions, there is no getting over the fact that a given sum has to be raised to meet the current expenses of the year. It is not a question of cutting the coat according to the amount of material, but rather the necessity of finding enough material to provide a coat of a given size, and if, after this has been done, it is possible to put by a surplus for the future, so much the better; but the fact remains that a given amount must be provided, and it is this necessity which has to be faced at the present time. There are some who will, no doubt, think it time enough to worry about next year's charity when this year has run out, but such is not the case. It is now late enough in the year to bid adieu to what has been done in 1888, and commence active operations for 1889. Accordingly, we this week take up the cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, as usual, will hold its Anniversary Festival in February, the 27th of that month being the day fixed for the event; when, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, we hope the fondest wishes of the friends of the Institution will be amply realised. To ensure this, it will be necessary for the members of the Craft to co-operate, as they have so often done before, and urge the claims of this Charity among their friends, and all who they think are able to contribute to its funds.

Having thus introduced the subject, our readers will believe us when we say that the tale we have to tell is one which has often been told before, and they will excuse us if what we have to say is somewhat stale, or is but a repetition of what we have said in years gone by. We have one very important point, however, to impress upon them, and one which we hope will excuse for any shortcomings, and that is the urgency of the case for which we are pleading, and the absolute necessity which exists for enlisting all possible aid in the cause. At the present time the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is pledged to the payment of something like £15,000 per annum in annuities alone. This sum has to be provided to meet the next year's calls of the aged brethren and widows who have been elected on the funds of the Charity. It is not a question of asking for a large sum and being able to do with less—that amount is required for annuities which have been promised, and that amount will have to be raised by some means or other. Either it will be contributed by the Craft freely and voluntarily, or it will have to come out of the invested funds of the Institution, an alternative which is almost as bad as stopping the annuities altogether—it would really come to the same thing in the end; and as the invested funds are not very great the end would not be far off. It will never do to entertain such a proposal, and therefore the only course open to the Craft is that of subscribing for next year the amount necessary to continue the work as it has been carried on in the past, and not only that, but if possible extend it, so as to admit a few of the many applicants who are now appealing for assistance with but little or no chance of ever receiving it. The actual claims on the Institution do not, however, cease with this £15,000 of annuities, there are the working expenses of the Charity to be provided in addition, and it may well be imagined that with so extensive a field of operations as exists in this case the working expenses are of no trivial amount.

It is to assist in raising these necessary sums that the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston has kindly consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution, and we are convinced he has the heartiest of good wishes from the members of the Craft for the success of his enterprise. Fortunately he has a strong and generous Province at his back, and we shall be much surprised if the brethren of Norths and Hunts do not rally on this occasion, and show their loyalty by splendidly supporting the efforts of their chief. If every district did as much, in proportion, as they will accomplish, we do not think there would be any cause for anxiety in regard to next year's maintenance of the Benevolent Institution, but such support as may be anticipated from the Chairman's Province can hardly be expected from those outside, else what would be the advantage of a chairman calling upon his followers for special co-operation? All we can hope for is, that each and every Province will do its best, and raise as much as possible for the support of the aged of both sexes, whose needs in

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their declining days necessitate an appeal for fraternal assistance, which assistance is so judiciously and faithfully administered through the channels of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to those who are fortunate enough to secure election to its benefits. Oh, that those benefits might be so far extended as to allow of all the eligible candidates being admitted to a participation in them, but unfortunately this is not possible; nor is it feasible to hold out a hope for even a small minority of those who have so far been approved as eligible and worthy of assistance.

There are at the present time close on 140 candidates who seek a participation in the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. All of them have been approved as worthy to receive whatever help it is in the power of the Craft to accord, and very many of them have already passed anxious years of waiting in the hope of one day being placed in comparative affluence through the medium of this Institution. For how many of these must sad disappointment be continued, until death puts an end to their sufferings? Unfortunately, a very large number will die ere the Institution is able to relieve them; not from any lack of desire on the part of its executive to do so, but from a very simple, yet insurmountable objection,—an absence of the necessary funds to perform all that the heart dictates. Will our readers help to remove this objection? We have called it insurmountable, and so it is—but it is possible by heartily answering the appeal now before the Craft to lessen its severity, as by a liberal subscription the Institution will be enabled to declare further annuities, and a few of those who would otherwise have to be turned away will receive the much coveted grant. But such an extension can only be hoped for after an exceptionally good year, and as we said on starting our present remarks we have grave fears as to what will be the result of next year's Festivals. We cannot imagine they will be unaffected by the splendid total of the Girls' Centenary Celebration, and if that of the Benevolent Institution falls short of what it has hitherto reached, how will it be possible to make any extension? As we have already said, the annuities promised require a sum of £15,000, and to this has to be added the ordinary expenditure of the year, while on the opposite side the permanent income amounts to only £8,600. The large balance has to be raised by the voluntary contributions of the Craft, and in order to ensure this work being satisfactorily accomplished it is necessary that every one with influence should use his best efforts in support of the Benevolent Festival of the coming year. If he cannot personally undertake the office of Steward he may be able to induce some one else to do so, or he may be able to make a personal donation in aid of the good cause. With the hope, then, that each will help so far as he is able, we close our remarks with the best of good wishes for the Festival of the 27th February next, and would once more point out the great need which exists for a hearty and liberal contribution, there being one-hundred and forty approved candidates, with only about a dozen annuities available for distribution among them.

THE LION'S PAW.

TO explain clearly the symbol of the Lion's Paw as it relates to Masonry is a difficult matter. Mackey terms it a symbol of recognition, so-called because of the rude resemblance made by the hand and fingers to a lion's paw.

The emblem of the Lion's Paw was found in the sarcophagus of one of the great kings of Egypt, entombed in the pyramid erected to his everlasting remembrance. It brings to mind the representation of the king's initiation into those greater mysteries of Osiris held to be the highest aim of the wise and devout Egyptian. It is claimed by some writers that the Hebrews were probably instructed in the legend of Osiris, and afterwards changed the whole to accord with the wonderful and wise Solomon and his master architect Hiram.

Very many Craftsmen reject the death of Hiram only as a myth.

The emblem may be thus explained. The form that lies dead before the altar is that of Osiris, the personified sun god, whom the candidate represents in the drama of raising, lying dead at the winter solstice, slain by grim Archer in November, the fatal month in the year of the sun. The figure of the lion grasping the dead sun god alludes to the constellation of Leo, which did prevail four thousand years ago, to raise the sun god to his place of power and glory on the summit of the Grand Royal Arch of heaven at the summer solstice, and denoted then, as it does now, that the sun or the candidate is about to be raised from a symbolical death to life and power, by the strong grip of the lion's paw, or as it has been termed, "the lion of the tribe of Judah." The cross which the lion holds in his other paw is the ancient Egyptian symbol of eternal life. The figure erect at the altar is doubtless that of the grand hierophant, with his hand raised in an attitude of command, forming a right angle, with eyes fixed on the emblematic lion as he gives the sign of command that Osiris, or the candidate, be raised from death and darkness to light and life.

It cannot be determined who Osiris was, but he was certainly to the Egyptians what Jupiter was to the Greeks. It is even difficult to determine whether the legend as recorded in mythology is reliable and authentic, but the lesson sought to be conveyed is the triumph of good over evil, or light over darkness.

If we view the scene that has just been described we see an exact representation of an instance that occurs in the making of every Craftsman. He may look upon the form as somewhat inconsistent, but a little study will show him that it was quite the reverse, and that his part was enacted by the devout Egyptian in the days of the most remote antiquity.

The story of the sun starting in weakness and ending in victory, waging a long warfare against darkness, clouds and storms, and scattering them all in the end, is the story of all heroism, of all patent sacrifices, and of all Christian devotion.

If there is monotony in the thought of the daily toil of the sun for beings weaker than himself, of his wrath as he hides his face behind the dark cloud, of his vengeance as he tramples on the vapours which crowd around him at his setting, of the doom which serves him from the dawn at the begining of his journey to restore her at its close, then there is monotony also in the bare record of birth and love, and toil and death, to which all human life may be pared down.

To show that the Lion's Paw had reference to the sun, I refer to a form in the mysteries of Hindoostan. While performing a ceremony the candidate was taught to exclaim on his arrival each time in the south, "I copy the example of the sun and follow his benevolent course." This being completed, he was again placed in the centre and solemnly enjoined to the practice of religious austerities, as the efficient means of preparing his soul for final absorption. In the Mysteries of Bacchus the candidate was imprisoned in a pastos, or cell. He was alarmed by a crash resembling the rush of waters bursting with sudden impetuosity from a deep abyss, or the deafening fall of a tremendous cataract, for now was the representation displayed of the waters of the deluge breaking forth from Hades to inundate the globe. The monstrous Typhon, raging in quest of Osiris, discovered the ark in which he had been secreted, and violently rending it asunder, scattered the limbs of his victim over the face of the earth, amidst the din of dissolving nature. The aspirant heard the lamentations which were instituted for the death of their god, whose representative he was, accompanied with doleful cries and howlings of men, women and animals, to symbolise the death shrieks and exclamations of terror, consternation and despair, which prevailed throughout the world at the universal destruction of animated nature, and which would undoubtedly salute the ears of Noah while within the vessel of safety. Should we follow up the ceremonies of the various mysteries we will find that in all instances the candidate passes from darkness to light, as personified in the third degree.

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To ascertain at what period the Lion's Paw was introduced into the Masonic ritual cannot be done; but this is nothing uncommon with our ancient Order. Even its origin is clouded in uncertainty. Associated with the Lion's Paw is a code or covenant called the Five Points of Fellowship. These five points, taken together, compose the Mason's creed. I cannot conceive anything more binding, more humane and sympathetic than these five admonitions. They contain the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and the brother that fully observes them is certainly the ideal Mason.

The first point of fellowship is that "We should be ever ready to go on foot, and even barefoot, on a worthy Master Mason's errand, should his necessities require it, and we be no better provided."

The lesson of the command just stated is very nicely described in the following exact from Gibbon's Roman History: "All things," replied Mahomet, "are now common between us. Your blood is my blood, your ruin is my ruin. We are bound to each other by the ties of honour and interest. I am your friend and the enemy of your foe." "But if we are killed in your service," exclaimed the deputies of Medina, "what will be the reward?" "Paradise," replied the prophet.

The latest statistics place the Masonic membership as about a million and a hundred thousand. Of this number I am fearful that not even the one hundred thousand would go barefoot on the mission of a worthy brother. The difficulty is that we are brothers in name only, and the strong language of this first point of fellowship is to show the necessity of prompt action. There should be no such thing as half-way Masonry. When the call of distress comes, when the sick need our attention and assistance, there should be a ready response. It is obligatory on our part to respond. If our faith in Masonry is strong, if we are sincere in our professions, if we realise or comprehend what constitutes a zealous Craftsman, there will be no hesitancy on our part, and we will go upon the errand of a worthy brother, even barefoot, to perform it. Certainly the language is expressive.

Titus explains this point very clearly in the passage that reads, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works."

In another book the question is asked, "Who are my brethren?" And He stretched forth His hand towards His disciples, and said, "Behold my brethren; for whosoever shall do the will of my Father, which is in heaven, the same is my brother."

In the same spirit we can say of the Craftsman who observes diligently his first point, he is my brother.

The second point is that "We should ever remember our brethren in our devotions to Deity."

One of the leading principles, or, more properly speaking, the main feature of Masonry, is to make its votaries unselfish, thoughtful and considerate. We must remember one another in our prayers to Deity. Undoubtedly the character of Hiram Abiff gives us the best picture of a perfect man that can be found.

In the history of Cyrus, King of Persia, we find a great similarity with that of Hiram, as regards devotion. Solomon, also, at the dedication, clearly showed the efficacy of prayer.

My conclusion is that the brother who forgets his associates in his devotions, while not intending it as a violation of his vows yet shows clearly that he does not understand Masonry and what is expected of its membership.

The third point of fellowship is that the secrets of a worthy Master Mason, when communicated to us as such, should remain as secure and inviolate in our breasts as they were in his own before communication.

Masonry is overflowing with excellent advice and good intentions, and the man that adheres closely to the lessons thereof must be improved by them.

This particular point, or claw, I might say, instructs us that one of the fundamental principles is that of confidence. If we are sincere in our professions, we must have confidence. We must give a willing ear to our brother. What he imparts to us should be as secure in our breasts as it was in his own breast before communicated. A zealous brother never violates the laws of the land, hence the communications must be towards the advancement of the Craft, which is equivalent to the personal interest of the Craftsman. The Monitor states that the Five Points of fellowship teach us that we are linked together in one indivisible chain of sincere affection, brotherly love, relief and truth. Here we see what a superb institution is Masonry. It is founded upon principles that stand pre-eminent as the very best that man can devise. It may be argued that a man who stands well in the community, in annexing his name to the honoured roll of the Craft, may meet men that are not of his social standing, and that in fulfilling the vows he may in a measure somewhat compromise himself. Such is not the case, however. Masonry is consistent and strictly so. It asks nothing of its followers that is unreasonable or unjust; hence the term of an indivisible chain as applied to the brotherhood is an extremely proper one. The promise that we will keep sacred and inviolable the secrets of a worthy brother is one of the strongest ties of unity, and one that affords very much pleasure and satisfaction in contemplating the beauties of our mystic temple.

The fourth point is that we should be ever ready to stretch forth a hand to support a falling brother and assist him on all lawful occasions.

A great writer, speaking of life, says, "Men are married, love and hate, get wealth, or struggle on in poverty and die, and the monotony is broken only when we have distinguished the toils and acts of one man from another."

The Great Light upon our altar makes this fourth point very clear wherein it says, "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

My view of this point is not that we should freely give to every indigent brother that we may meet in the journey of life, but that we should, by our zeal and assiduity, help the Order to build up asylums, &c., that our needy may be properly cared for. The word charity originally meant joy, and as such we should use it in Masonry. It also has a far broader meaning than that of benevolent intent. We should overlook the ripples that often occur in our Masonic life, and forgive the brother who may not coincide with our individual ideas and opinions. We must remember that the great platform of Masonry is a broad one, and this particular principle of relief is not the least important.

Let us open the Bible and turn to the parable of the good Samaritan, and here we have the fourth point of fellowship enacted in a drama that is unparalleled. This parable also defines the word charity as it refers to relief.

In 2 Peter I find a clear exposition of the word as it refers to the Craft, in these words, "Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God."

The fifth point is that "We should be ever ready to whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother and warn him of approaching danger."

"Take my lyre," said Hermes, "which to those who can use it deftly will discourse of all sweet things, but will babble nonsense and mean strangely to all who know not how to draw forth its speech."

Does this not hold good in Masonry? Very many men, after they are put in possession of our excellent science, for some reason fail to make good use of it, and the result is a failure. What is more manly than to see a brother speak a kind word to a brother who may be wavering, who may be on the downward path, and who may feel that life is a burden, and that there is consolation in certain vices that the perfect Mason dislikes.

It is in such instances that Masonry is tested to its utmost and the real zeal of the Craftsmen is asserted.

Here in the performance of this last point of fellowship we have an opportunity to show whether we are really sincere in our professions.

(To be continued.)

The installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, took place on Tuesday. A report shall appear in our next issue.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, on 8th December, at 7·30 p.m., by Bro. Dr. F. Lawrance. On that occasion a presentation will be made to a retiring Officer.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

ON Monday, 19th ult, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex (Comp. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar) held his annual Provincial Grand Chapter under the banner of the Essex Chapter, No. 276, at Chelmsford, and the proceedings throughout were most successful. The Grand Chapter was opened in Chelmsford Corn Exchange shortly after three o'clock, the Grand Supt. being supported by Comp. E. J. Barron P.Z. and Treas. 214 Prov. G.H., and Comp. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane P.Z. 214 H. 1437 P.G.Sw.B. Eng. acting Prov. G.J., and most of the other Grand Officers of the year; while there was a good attendance of Past Officers and Companions from the Chapters in the Province. The minutes of the last P.G. Chapter (held at Chingford) having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Scribe E. (Comp. Ralling) read letters from several Comps. regretting their inability to be present, including Comps. Shadwell H Clerke Grand Scribe E., A. C. Velley P.Z. 276 Prov. G.J., R. Clowes P.Z. 51 Prov. G. Reg. &c. The roll of Chapters was then called, and it was found that all the six comprising the Province were duly represented. The annual returns showed an increase of 29 in the number of contributing members; the Auditors reported a balance in the hands of the Provincial G. Treasurer of £19 9s 8d. The Grand Supt., in his address, congratulated the Comps. on the progress R.A. Masonry was making in the Province, the more assured, he considered, because it had been a steady progress, and not by leaps and bounds. Since their last meeting the Brooke Chapter had been added to the roll, and he was glad to know that another Lodge (one of the youngest) was about to petition for a Charter empowering them to form a Chapter. He was glad to feel that perfect harmony prevailed amongst them—there was no need of a Royal Commission to inquire into the wrong-doings of the R.A. Masons of Essex—and the working of the Chapters was everything that could be desired. Since his arrival at Chelmsford he had received a most cordial and fraternal invitation from Ex. Comp. the Rev. T. Cochrane to hold the next Grand Chapter at Romford, and as they had not yet visited Romford he had accepted that invitation, and he trusted they might all be spared to meet together there under as satisfactory and happy prospects as those of to-day. On the motion of Comp. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane seconded by Comp. Fred Wood, the Comps. unanimously re-elected, for the fifth time, Comp. Andrew Durrant, P.Z. and Treas. 276, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Comp. W. D. Merritt P.Z. 1000	H.
John J. C. Turner P.Z. 51	J.
Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. 51	Scribe E.
J. P. Lewis Z. 276	Scribe N.
Jos. Clever Z. 2005	Registrar
G. Wallace P.Z. 214	Sojourner
Henry Mason Z. 1437	1st Assistant Sojourner
F. H. Bennett N. 2005	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. J. Cavill J. 276	Sword Bearer
T. W. Eastgate J. 1000	Standard Bearer
A. Lucking P.Z. and S.E. 1000	Director of Ceremonies
G. F. Smith P.Z. Org. 1826	Organist
A. W. Martin	Janitor

The sum of five guineas having been voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Grand Superintendent proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Principals and Companions of the Essex Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, which, having been unanimously carried, the proceedings closed. Between 30 and 40 Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, the repast being well supplied by the host. The Grand Superintendent presided in his well-known genial manner, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed. In proposing the loyal toast, the Grand Superintendent said there was being enacted that day a scene which would touch the hearts of Englishmen. Their beloved Queen, herself a widow, was welcoming to our shores her widowed daughter—that daughter, who some years since

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Superintendent was proposed by Co
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of those present, with others, were i
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he expressed a hope that their Grand
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rising was the signal for loud and pr
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with which the toast had been propo
and received by the Companions.
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F. Whitmore P.P.G.P. Sojourne
P.P.G.P. Soj., Arthur Mead P.P
P.P.G.A. Soj., Andrew C. Dur
G. Kellet P.S. 276, G.W. Pascall 27
Fred Horsman 51, Theo. Davey 14
Jennings 1437, J. S. Hammond 143
Major Bannister 276, &c., &c.

PROV. GRAND CHAPT
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AT a Convocation of Provincial
in the Technical College, Ho
Wednesday, the 21st November 188
invitation of Sincerity Chapter,
present:—

Companions Thomas William Tew, J.
John Wordsworth as H., F. Laxton as
Ridgard Massie S.N., Mark Newsome,
Past S.N.'s; W. H. Milnes as Treasu
Treasurer, J. G. Hutchinson as Registrar,
Sojourner, Samuel Freeman and Charles
Sojourners; W. Chas. Ellisdon First A
W. Embleton as Second Assistant Sojourn
Slack, George Normanton, Robert Craig
Richard Vaux, and William Watson Past
Sword Bearer, Reuben Williamson Pa
Wright as Standard Bearer, Arthur A. St
Standard Bearers, J. W. Monckman a
Assistant D.C., John Barker, Edmund L
D.C.'s; Joshua Paget Priestley Organi
Assistant S.E., Samuel Barrand Janitor,
Roper, and Jose Rickard as Stewards, Job
Principals, Past First Principals and
Chapters throughout the Province.

Apologies for absence were received f
cial Grand Officers:—Companions H. J.
E. T. Clark 458. John Shaw 139, Tho

the minutes of the meeting held at Rotherham, on Wednesday, 2nd May 1888, were presented and confirmed. The Roll of Chapters and the Roll of Present and Past Grand Officers were then called. The M.E. Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address :—

COMPANIONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE,—Health, peace, and goodwill be to all of you, is my fervent desire, as the season of Christmas approaches, and as my personal acknowledgment and response to the salutation so generously accorded to the occupant of the chair of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Freemasons of this Province. Every one of us reciprocates this cordiality and warmth of greeting, and acknowledges in the largest and fullest manner the excellent and elaborate preparations for this Convention. At the annual Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter, in St. George's Hall, Rotheram, in May last, a proposal was made that this Provincial Grand Chapter should hold its November assembly under the Banner of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter, No. 837, in the Town Hall at Ripon, and that the Companions of the various Chapters, with other branches of the Craft, should attend a special service in the Minster. Companion the Rev. W. C. Lukis, who is still detained at Guernsey through ill-health, and Companion Pickersgill, corresponded with me on this proposal, but matters could not be matured in time for this autumn gathering at Ripon; therefore an invitation having been received from Bradford, your Grand Superintendent accepted the hospitality of Sincerity Chapter, No. 600, to meet under its banner this afternoon in the Technical College. This is the seventh time Prov. Grand Chapter has met at Bradford. Sincerity Chapter was consecrated by Comp. Geo. Fearnley 2nd November 1858. It numbers now 42, and Chapter Charity, 302, 43 members, all of whom take an active part in the welfare and progress of Royal Arch Masonry. We must all deplore the death of Companion Dr. W. Hill Evans, of Horton Lane, P. Grand Deacon 1881, P.G.J. in 1881, and of Fred Smart, our Standard Bearer and Companion of Chapter No. 302. This vacancy I have filled by Comp. James Wright P.Z. of Chapter No. 600. You have confirmed a grant of £2 2s for the Library. I believe there is a mine of Masonic wealth to be exhumed in this Province, which our Librarian is gradually bringing to the surface for our knowledge and use. The greatest treasure this Library has received has been contributed by a Huddersfield Companion. It is an old parchment Masonic manuscript, several feet long and six and a half inches wide, and rolled up in a case. It contains a history of the Craft in ancient times, and a series of charges. Bro. Hughan, the greatest living expert on Masonic manuscripts, has now temporary possession of it for his critical examination and report. These manuscripts are all known either by numbers or names, as the "Inigo Jones," the "Woodford," &c. I should like this West Yorkshire parchment to receive the name of the donor. We thank Companion J. W. Cocking for his valuable gift to our Library. Lodge and Chapter No. 600 have liberally contributed to our several Masonic Institutions, and our Charity Committee acknowledges these gifts to augment the grand total contributed by the Craft of £50,600 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Every Companion present will, I hope, echo this sentiment that this Provincial Grand Chapter, according to its means, may ever be found supporting Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter, in an active and judicious benevolence towards our Masonic Charitable Institutions, and to all our fellow creatures. According to the proverb of the Fathers, "Benevolence" is one of the pillars upon which the world rests; "the world," said they, "is sustained by the virtue of three things—the Law, Divine Worship, and Active Benevolence." The Pentateuch commences and ends with an act of "Benevolence," as is written, Genesis iii. 20, "And the Lord God made unto Adam and to his wife, coats of skin, and clothed them." And also, "And He (God) buried him (Moses)." To do a person a favour is to act beneficially towards him, without any hope or desire of return except gratitude. The "Benevolence" of God is called "Mercy," because we are in debt to God, and He owes us nothing. "Charity" is also a species of benevolence, but it can only be applied to the poor and needy; while benevolence itself is both for poor and rich, high and lowly. We may even act benevolently towards the dead, accompanying our friends to the grave, and thus attending to the last rites; this is called "Mercy and truth." In three instances is Benevolence superior to Charity. Charity may be practised by means of money; benevolence with or without money. Charity is for the poor alone; benevolence either for the rich or for the poor. Charity we can display but to the living; benevolence to the living or the dead. It is written, "after the Lord your God ye shall walk." How is this possible? The symbolisms of Royal Arch Masonry tell us—"By the strong and mighty name of Jehovah; by His Holy name Tetragrammaton, and by all the wonderful names and attributes Dadai, Sillon, Paracleos, &c., &c.; by following from Holy Writ His attributes and examples; by endeavouring to unravel the mystery which overshadows the Sacred Word—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." In Him was "life," and the life was the "light" of men, and the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. He who was, and is, and shall be,—the Eternal. The Tetragrammaton, I need hardly say, is a symbolical figure having four sides or angles, a square, a parallelogram, a rhombus, and a trapezium, symbolical of four letters,—the name of the Supreme Deity, as expressed by four ancient languages, the mystical word resolving itself into Jehovah, which was the name of the Divine Logos, being formed of the essence. He who simply is, and always existing, which is the character assigned to Christ in the Apocalypse—"He who was, and is, and shall be, the Eternal." Theologians, Mathematicians, and Divines have diligently sought to fathom the mystery of the sacred word of the Arch Masons. Companions, we must do the same; and thank the God who created the heaven and earth, and gave us the Word, the Life, the Light, and Essence and the Eternal, to be sought out and to be comprehended by us. He in His mercy condescended to reveal His name unto Enoch, to Jacob and to Moses, and it has descended to us through Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, Hiram King of Tyre, and also our departed Grand Master H.A. To the ends of the earth, then, we are anxious that His holy name should be carried, and to unborn generations of Royal Arch Masons for ever—that the true name of the Great Creator and Eternal, as a name revealed by Himself, should be preserved and made known throughout all ages and to all peoples. As an illustration of the Spirit of God, actuating the minds of generous persons, let me here mention the case of Miss Louisa McKellar, of Clapham Park, London. This lady gave £58,000 twelve months ago to forty-five hospitals, and she has left £45,000 further, which has been recently distributed, and our Masonic Institutions have received as follows :—R.M.I. Girls, £250; R.M.I. Boys, 250. May this Order of Royal Arch Masons, which we believe is founded on the sublime basis of "benevolence," charity, religion, virtue, and hospitality, remain to us a perfect system of "wisdom, strength, and beauty," which ages cannot obliterate, or adversity in our midst decay. May this Order flourish in West Yorkshire. Make, by your influence, then, every W. Master Mason join it; spread its mysticism and symbolism wherever civilization is known; and I pray the Essence and the Eternal Most High Jehovah, to whom be all honour and glory, to give you a bright and happy Christmas, and to remain with you for evermore. So mote it be.

The Grand Superintendent invested Comp. James Wright, P.Z. 600, as Prov. G. Standard Bearer. Comp. J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, by the invitation of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, gave the Mystical Lecture in a very able manner. Moved by Comp. S. T. Steele, P.Z. 308, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C., seconded by Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded by this Grand Chapter to Comp. Hinchliff Z. and the Companions of Chapter Sincerity, No. 600, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements." The Grand Superintendent called upon Comp. W. Watson, P.Z. 304, who addressed a few remarks to the Companions respecting the Library and Museum at Wakefield.

Comp. Thos. Riley, Z. 1001, invited, and the Grand Superintendent accepted an invitation to hold the Annual Convocation o Grand Chapter at Harrogate, in May 1889.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was held on the 22nd instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, to instal the Principals for the year ensuing. Comps. G. H. Sellick as Z., J. Maton as H., Alonzo J. Rider as J. The Installing Officers were Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70 and J. Gidley P.Z. 1205 and 2025, assisted by Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., F. B. Westlake, J. B. Gover, J. Kinton Bond, J. Griffin, J. Dupré, R. Pengelly, E. Tout, S. Jew, E. Aitken Davies, W. Browning, E. Whitford, J. Hammond, John Wallis, W. H. Williams, C. G. Withell, R. Blight, J. M. Hifley, T. Goodall, and J. W. Cornish. The Board of Installed Principals being closed the other Officers were invested, as follows:—Comps. F. B. Westlake I.P.M., Lord as S.E., Sercombe S.N., Kinton Bond Treasurer, Hocking P.Soj., Hicks and Goad Assist. Sojs., King D.C., Westcott Assist. D.C., Davis Organist, Mayne and Helson Stewards, Phillips Janitor. A candidate was exalted. The Companions adjourned to the refectory for supper, and a pleasant evening was spent.

ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 732.

THE annual installation meeting took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Companion Daniel was duly installed in the chair of the First Principal, the other Principals being Companion E. Histed H., who was unavoidably absent, and Bro. T. Billing J. The meeting was well attended and there were more visitors than members, proving the popularity of the new M.E.Z. Amongst the visitors was the Grand Superintendent, Bro. Gerard Ford, who paid the first visit he had been able to make since his severe illness, and was most cordially received. The banquet, which was supplied by Companion Sayers, was well served, and enlivened by a programme of music by Miss Annie Chappel, Miss Minnie Freeman, Mr. Ralph Dawes, and Mr. Harold Sayers, who sang several songs and a number of glees. It was one of the most successful meetings the Chapter has had for many years.

ATHOLE CHAPTER, No. 1004.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, on Thursday, 22nd ult. As this is the only Chapter in the island, all the Lodges constituting the Province are represented in it, and there was a good gathering of Companions, especially from Ramsey. The Principals elect, Companions R. Swinnerton Z., Dr. Dearden H., and P. M. C. Kermode J., were installed by Companion J. A. Brown P.Z., and Companion W. L. Wild P.Z., and the following Officers were invested :—Companions Challender S.E., Spencer S.N., Brown Treasurer, Rev. W. Morris P.S., Heron P.Z. D.C., and J. Lanagan Janitor. There were three candidates for exaltation, and one joining member. At the conclusion of the business the Companions dined at the Granville Hotel, when the fact that at the opening of the Chapter there were ten Past Principals present was referred to as an indication of the satisfactory progress that Royal Arch Freemasonry is making in the island.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A QUARTERLY Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, the 17th October. After the confirmation of the minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on the 18th July, and the receipt of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the Most Worshipful Grand Master (the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, &c.) called attention to the observations of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, with respect to South Australian Freemasonry in the Grand Lodge of England, at its Quarterly Communication in June last, and moved :—

1. That this Grand Lodge whilst affirming its independent and sovereign Masonic jurisdiction within the country under its government, deems it desirable that the privilege should exist of vesting in H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Patron of the South Australian Constitution, the final decision of such appeals as may be referred to him with respect to any difference arising between this Grand Lodge and any other Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges, or with respect to any differences in regard to the Antient Landmarks arising within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, such appellate jurisdiction only to arise in the event of any such dispute being referred to H.R.H. the Grand Patron, with his permission, by resolution of this Grand Lodge and of any other Grand Lodge concerned, and with the consent of the Grand Master for the time being.

2. That the Grand Master be requested to bring the foregoing resolutions under the notice of H.R.H. the Grand Patron, and in the event of H.R.H. graciously consenting to undertake the jurisdiction above referred to, the General Laws and Constitutions be amended so as to give effect thereto.

These two propositions having been unanimously agreed to, some other matters of business were considered and Grand Lodge was closed.

ANOTHER MASONIC MANUSCRIPT.

THE "THOMAS W. TEW MS."

BRO. WM. WATSON, of Leeds, has sent me for transcription another copy of the "Old Charges," by desire and with the consent of the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.D., the esteemed Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire. This parchment roll was presented in October last to the *Masonic Library and Museum* formed in that Province, by Bro. J. W. Cocking W.M. 2035, in whose family the document has been preserved for several generations. It is composed of three strips of parchment of over six inches in width, two being long and of about equal length, and the third, forming the concluding portion, being much shorter. The whole extends to some six and a-half feet in length, and is well written, only at times not easily decipherable, as the roll is considerably worn or rubbed in some parts. Its age apparently is about *two centuries*, and the text is mainly of the ordinary kind (save as to several original additions and alterations) until the conclusion is approached, when numerous departures may be noticed, and entirely fresh matter and new regulations are introduced, quite new to me, and making this valuable MS. a *sui generis*.

In consequence of this latter fact Bro. Watson has obtained the approval of the Prov. G.M.—after whom, and in whose honour, *by desire of the donor*, it has been most appropriately named—for its publication by me in the *Christmas* number of the *Freemason*, in which paper I feel assured it will be a most attractive feature, and be welcomed by the ever-increasing band of Masonic students.

I am now carefully collating it with the other MSS., and hope to announce its peculiarities and distinctive character in time for the reproduction, so that the value of the "T. W. TEW MS." may be fully appreciated, especially by the thousands of brethren in West Yorkshire, where the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew is beloved and respected.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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COMPLIMENTARY DINN
J. L. MATH

ON Saturday a number of brethren Cheese," Addle-street, E.C., for t plimentary dinner to Bro. John L. Mat chair was taken by Bro. Fredk. supported by Bro. James Terry P.G.S. following brethren:—W. Roebuck, C. Hirst, J. E. Terry, T. Cubitt, T. H. Mille George Gardner, R. Baker (Hon. Sec Treas.), J. A. Berther, W. Maple, T. G Daley, G. P. Gillard, Thomas, J. S. &c. The guest of the evening occupied the post of honour on the hearty welcome at the hands of his frien dinner the Chairman proposed the referred to the visit to this country o Germany, and felt assured that the s would receive at the hands of her cou dency to console her in her great sorrow Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wale Royal Family was next given. Bro. B popularity of the Heir Apparent, which joyed by any one who had occupied a by. In proposing the toast of and prosperity of Bro. Mather, the intend to go through any stereotyped rather to call for a hearty outbur The roof they were that night under —could not boast of the palatial pro ments in this great metropolis. Conseq dation the invitations issued for the necessarily restricted, and but for thi larger assembly could have been brought occasion. Even the few invitations it forth, and which had been accepted, had representative—illness and an impend militated against a full assembly for those around him that they of tried friends who had gathere to support him in his new ventur under which they were assembled; no Bro. John Lawrence Mather had gone Freemasonry, that had tended to gain fo is now held. Doubtless at the present t to contend with, but it was the fervent well as present—that he should have hes those difficulties, and that his present u satisfactory manner. The toast was Mather, in reply, expressed the the reception accorded him that his great aim, both within and ou masonry, to gain the approbation of his to some extent he had succeeded. It w when he knew that he had so many w him friends with whom he had been assoc and he had worked together for the Bro. Binckes he had been closely ass while Brother Richard Baker had e and sympathetic friend; but it would b ticularise; all he could hope was tha deserve the friendship of those who had him honour. "The Corporation" was r Miller C.C., and then Bro. Roebuck pro Binckes, the Chairman, and that brothe toast, that of the Hon. Secretary and Tr nett replying. The Masonic Press wa Bro. W. W. Morgan, who duly respond proceedings were brought to a conclusio

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A DISCLAI

To the Editor of the FREEM

DEAR SIR,—It having come to our Johnson, styling himself the Founde of the National Refuge Harbours So appeals for money, issued from 22 Char the Life Saving Appliances Exhibition which he has been advertised as Manag such appeals setting forth that the said age, we wish it to be as publicly known our names is not only without our sanc trary to our direct orders.

We further wish it to be understoo assisting Mr. F. Johnson in any of his opinion, are unworthy of public support.

Your obedient S

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

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

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IN accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL 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 Thursday, 6th December 1888, at Four o'Clock precisely, to consider, and, if approved, adopt, the following recommendation of the Centenary Committee, viz.:—

That the Centenary Committee be empowered to accept Messrs. Haden and Son's estimate for Warming and Ventilating the whole of the Building, in three sections, as under:—

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FOURTH ANNUAL

North London Masonic Benevolent BALL,

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THE Committee have great pleasure in announcing, that the Fourth Annual Ball will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, 2nd January 1889.

Tickets, including supper and light refreshments, Double (to admit Lady and Gentleman) 21s; Gentleman's Single, 12s 6d; Ladies' Single, 10s 6d.

The Profits accruing from this Ball will be given to the Masonic Charities.

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Bro. Wright's Quadrille Band. Dancing to commence at 8·30 p.m. precisely.

A dispensation to wear Masonic Clothing has been granted.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 27th of FEBRUARY 1889,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

The Right Hon. the EARL of EUSTON,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts.

has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

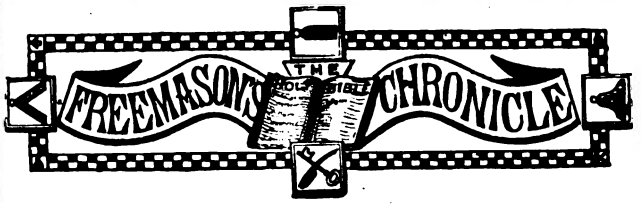
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th December 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September for confirmation.

2. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," for recognition.

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool	50	0	0
A Brother of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, London...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London ...	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872, Surbiton	75	0	0
A Brother of the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, Newquay ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, Camberwell	50	0	0
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A Brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough 50 0 0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4026 0s 8d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £24 8s 7d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th November 1888.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By W. Brother John F. H. Woodward P.G. Sword Bearer.

"That in Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, the five words, 'receive due notice in writing' in line 4, be taken out, and the following inserted in their place: 'had due notice sent to him in writing by the Secretary of his Lodge in a registered letter to his last known address.'"

"Also, in line 10, to add the words 'who vote' after the word 'present.'"

11.—APPEAL.

By the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District G. Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the Lodge on Brother William Bands for alleged Masonic offences.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

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.
Bro. CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. Britten, George Pole	183
Brown, William Peter	90
Cull, Thomas	1446
Cundy, George A.	901
Dairy, Charles	141
Grieve, James Burgess	1351
Haslip, Lewis Christopher	813
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.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2278—The Kingswood Lodge, Elstree, Hertfordshire.
2279—The Thornham Lodge, Thornham, Lancashire (E.D.)
2280—The St. John's Lodge, Sangor, Bombay.
2281—The Lodge of Emulation, Perth, Western Australia.
2282—The Lodge of Harmony, Fremantle, Western Australia.
2283—The Euston Lodge, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
2284—The Smyth Lodge, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
2285—The Eden Lodge, Workington, Cumberland.
2286—The Albion Lodge, Albion, near Brisbane, Queensland.
2287—The Lodge Mokerets, Wyndham, District of Otago and Southland, N.Z.
2288—The Sitapur Lodge, Sitapur, Oude, Bengal.
2289—The Blundellsands Lodge, Great Crosby, Lancashire (W.D.)
2290—The Fairfield Lodge, Fairfield, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)

Those of our readers who have not as yet witnessed "Pepita," will do well to see it ere it be too late. Owing to Mr. J. L. Toole's return, this amusing opera is shortly to be withdrawn, and, unless another house can be secured for its further representation, Londoners will lose one of the best comic operas they have had the opportunity of enjoying.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon street Hotel, City, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. Wm. John Heath Worshipful Master presided, supported by his Officers. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. F. O. Heath and C. Maidment were passed. The next business was the installation of Bro. George Frederick Edwards, who was placed in the chair by his predecessor, who conducted the ceremony in an eminently satisfactory manner. Having been proclaimed and saluted, the Worshipful Master invested the following as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. F. G. Barns S.W., E. Brooks J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treas., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., H. Heck S.D., J. Greenslade J.D., J. Goode I.G., J. F. Haden D.C., J. G. Kemp A.D.C., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony of installation was thus brought to a conclusion amidst the congratulations of all present. Bro. Miller acted as Director of Ceremonies during the installation and rendered good assistance throughout. At a previous stage of the proceedings of the evening the ballot had been taken for Mr. William Pierson, a candidate for initiation, and now the new Worshipful Master had an opportunity of showing the brethren that he was worthy of the trust reposed in him; he performed the ceremony of the first degree in favour of Mr. Pierson in an eloquent and impressive manner. Routine work next claimed attention. It was announced that arrangements had been made to hold a Masonic Ball under the auspices of the Lodge, and several brethren gave in their names as Stewards in connection with it. Lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. W. F. Smart, Alfred Le Grand, W. J. Collens, R. Clowes, E. Kidman; Dr. Jacob Pickett, and Dr. Henry Ernest Trestrail, a full attendance of other members, and the following Visitors:—J. B. Macfarlane 1821, T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, Wootton 1986, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1326 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. G. Lowe 1962, J. Collingwood 1769, E. Bond W.M. 860, W. White 1326, F. W. Hollands 1636, J. W. B. Rickwood 1185, R. A. Kirkaldy P.M. 1321, Henry Garrod P.G.P., W. Medwin P.M. 1613, L. Ferguson D.G. 1997, A. Saxelby 1297, J. F. Pilditch P.M. 1257, J. H. Walker 1329, A. Paterson J.D. 1804, S. Wootton 820, R. Pye P.M. 820, Caleb Stranger S.W. 612, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51, Thomas Coxhead P.M. 1674 P.P.G. Superintendent Works S. Wales, J. Bailey 1056, W. E. Wigmore 177, H. Von Joel W.M. 1257, T. Wilkinson P.M. 1420, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, F. Smith P.M. 1305, J. L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., W. Rickwood P.M. 192, Herbert Sprake 813, J. Pearce 569, C. P. Bellerby W.M. 2021, F. O. Robinson D.C. 1769, E. T. Pearce 1260, E. Stimson 2182, R. T. Palmer J.D. 1732, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, T. G. Doughty 1287, M. L. Russell 95, T. C. Eastwood J.D. 1305, J. Mitchell 957, Carl Schmidt P.M. 1671, R. D. Cummings P.M. 2168, G. Lambert P.G.S.B., F. W. Smith 2030, H. Cattermole P.M. 1839, H. Guy P.M. 1706, N. Goodwin 1768, W. Blunt 957, W. Woodruff P.M. 17, C. Quennell 214, Aug. Walton J.W. 2020, C. Rawlinson I.G. 168, &c. The banquet was served in the pillar hall of the Hotel, after which the W.M., who made an excellent President, briefly introduced the loyal toasts. In speaking to the third toast—the Grand Officers—the Worshipful Master said that his attendance at Grand Lodge had not been so frequent as he could have desired, but on the few occasions when he had presented himself he experienced the difficulties that had to be surmounted when any special business—such for instance as the election of Grand Treasurer—claimed the attendance of the members of United Grand Lodge. It was then that the limited accommodation provided for the Craft palpably manifested itself; however, amongst the Grand Officers were men who were always ready on such occasions to do all in their power to promote the comfort of the members. With the toast he associated the names of Bro. J. L. Mather and Major Geo. Lambert. The former brother was the first to reply, and in doing so expressed the pleasure he at all times experienced in being associated with this toast, and with the two eminent noblemen who were at the head of the Grand Officers. Bro. Mather referred to the efficient working of the Lodge and the capable manner in which the Installing Officer had acquitted himself. He thanked the Worshipful Master for having giving him the opportunity of spending a most agreeable evening. Major Lambert followed, endorsing what Bro. Mather had said. It was gratifying to find that the Lodge—which took its name from one of the luminaries of the Craft, Brother William Preston, the well known author of the famous "Illustrations of Freemasonry"—was carrying out the work of the Craft in efficient style. With respect to the "Illustrations" of Bro. William Preston, it was a work that should be studied by all Masonic aspirants. Unfortunately, it was not easily to be obtained, but copies were occasionally to be met with by any one desiring to possess it.* It was a matter of deep regret to him, and he might say to many other members of the Craft that the Prestonian Lecture had been allowed to lapse for so many years. He might remind them that it was in 1819 that Bro. William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, bequeathed, amongst other masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and 300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture. He was afraid, however, this latter gift had been entirely lost sight of for many years past; this was much to be regretted. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master.

* By a reference to No. 207 in the list of books advertised on p 350 it will be seen that we are in a position to offer copies of several of the editions of Bro. Preston's "Illustrations" To prevent disappointment, however, we advise that early applications be made for the same.—ED. F.C.

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It was the general impression of the Past Masters that Bro. Edwards would conduct the Lodge in a manner that would tend to the happiness and comfort of the members. In reply, Bro. Edwards said if there was one thing more than another he had looked forward to it was to be placed in the chair of that Lodge. He was surrounded by many friends, and the hearty acclamations with which they had received allusion to his name gave him great encouragement. Theirs was a "banner" Lodge, and he flattered himself their respective banners produced a very pretty effect. The Lodge prided itself upon always giving a cordial reception to its visitors, and he thanked the numerous body of guests who had attended to do honour to his installation. Before sitting down he would propose the next toast—the health of the Immediate Past Master, in whose footsteps he should strive to follow. He had been entrusted with a pleasing duty, that of investing Bro. Heath with a Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the members of the Lodge. He would personally add that no Master could have been more worthy of the jewel and of their thanks. Bro. Heath, in a few graceful sentences, thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, and assured them of his continued interest in the working of the Lodge. The Initiate was next complimented, which toast was also briefly acknowledged. The contents of the Charity box was, as is usual in this Lodge, put up to auction, and it realised the amount of £4 10s. Bros. Von Joel, Bellerby and Hawkins responded to the toast of the Visitors, and then came the toast of the Past Masters, with which was associated the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. This was duly acknowledged, and then was proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, to which the Wardens replied, assuring the Worshipful Master of the interest they felt in their work. Brother Heck S.D. then desired to be allowed to make a few remarks. He thanked the W.M. for the very eloquent and flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and thanked the Brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to it. The toast given in honour of the Officers is at all times received in this Lodge with a certain amount of interest; natural and easily understood when we consider that the honour, the reputation and the well-being of the Lodge depends to a great extent on the efficiency of its Officers. He (Bro. Heck) had often heard it said that in the William Preston Lodge the members prided themselves on their good working; how far they are justified in this was a question not for him to answer; moreover, whether it is to the advantage and well-being of a Lodge that such expressions should too often come to the front is also a question. Undoubtedly, among the Officers are some who take a great interest in the working of the Lodge and the purity of the ritual therein practised. All must admire their zeal and assiduity. So long as the Lodge selects from its members workers with the ability of Bro. Greenslade, the Junior Deacon, they may rest assured the work would be well done. To quote Bro. Greenslade's own words, when he said that whatever office he might be put into he would make it difficult for any other Brother to do it better;—an Officer who so exerts himself cannot fail to do credit, and may feel entitled to the compliment just bestowed by the W.M. He (Bro. Heck) could scarcely hope successfully to compete with Bro. Greenslade. He was labouring under difficulties as regards our language, not that he wished to make that an excuse. A Brother accepting office should do his duties without excuses. Moreover, having had the honour to visit Lodges in this as well as in other countries, he found the ritual of Freemasonry varied, and perhaps he would be pronounced a bold man who would venture to say which version is correct. We call ourselves Freemasons; even this name sounds well, but it should not be the empty sound alone; freedom of will should ever characterise all those who seek to be admitted, but let it be understood we are not free from the obligations we owe to the State; each of us ought to be free from vanity and empty pride, free from egotism and selfishness, free from haughtiness, free from envy and bad sense, free from ambition and dishonesty, and in full possession of the knowlege of ourselves. These are tenets which he trusted might be efficiently practised in the William Preston Lodge. After giving utterance to other excellent sentiments, Bro. Heck concluded by thanking the Worshipful Master for advancing him as regards office in the Lodge, and assuring the brethren he would do all in his power to sustain its efficiency. This concluding the programme of the day the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to an end with the usual toast. The music of the evening was under the direction of Madame Worrell, who was, as usual, most efficient in her work; she was assisted by Madame Sutton Shepley, Bro Henry Guy, Bro. D. Sutton Shepley, and Mr. Lovett King. The menu card and list of toasts for the meeting was a novelty, which calls for approval at our hands. On the front was an excellent portrait of the W.M., a fine example of one of the many new processes which have been introduced during the last year or so. The work was executed by Frank Harford, of 135 Fulham-road, who, we doubt not, will hear further from some of those who saw this specimen of his work.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE installation of Bro. H. F. Pringuer took place on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, in the presence of a numerous company, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Westwood, assisted by Bro. Edwin Beer P.M. D.C. The W.M. having been duly installed, invested his I.P.M., and appointed his Officers for the ensuing year. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Brother Ward, in his usual excellent style. Among those present at the installation and banquet were the following:—Bros. John Noble P.M., J. Naylor, J. T. Reeves P.M., H. Maclear W.M., S. Saunders W.M., C. M. Driffield, E. Cockersell P.M., George Briggs P.M., H. Naylor P.M., John Wood S.W., Charles Gurr, G. R. Stratford, H. Ward P.M., C. Sabri, F. Hall W.M., L. J. Adams, E. J. T. Adams, James J. White S.W., W. Asbenden W.M., W. T. Claydon S.W., and T. Beckett.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

ON Wednesday, the 21st ult., the members and their friends had a very pleasant réunion at their Lodge Room, 80 North Hill-street, Liverpool, which was acknowledged to be one of the most enjoyable this Lodge has held. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and dancing was kept up with great spirit for several hours. Amongst those present were—Bros. Hughes W.M., Paull P.M., Williams P.M. Treas., Wilson I.P.M., George P.M., Holgate P.M., Rankin S.W., Blair I.G., Williams and Jones. Brother M'Farlane J.W. was an excellent M.C., the arrangements being efficiently carried out by Bro. Lawrance Phillips S.W., who acted as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

FITZALAN LODGE, No. 1432.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry, on the 15th ult. The members present were Bros. Akeroyd W.M., Aylmer Lewis S.W., Nelson J.W., Evans J.D., Roberts I.G., Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maclardy P.M. S.D., Wilson, Johnson, and Edwards. The following visitors also attended:—Bros. Spaull, Owen, Benson, Avery, Ogg, Cartwright, Giles, Bott, Dovaston, Dr. Brough, Pay, Jackson, Knight, Haslett, Brayne, Aston. The usual routine business having been transacted. Bro. Aylmer Lewis was presented by Bro. Maclardy, and duly installed in an impressive manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. Akeroyd, assisted by Bros. Spaull and Parsons. Bro. Lewis appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Akeroyd I.P.M., Nelson S.W., Edwards J.W., Drew P.M. Treasurer, Parsons Secretary, Roberts S.D., Lashmore J.D., Martin I.G., Smith, Johnson and Minshall Stewards. Bro. Akeroyd was presented by the Lodge with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year, and also with a Past Provincial Grand Officer's jewel, he having been the last Provincial Grand Organist of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Rowland G. Venables, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Rev. J. B. Meredith, Belton, Major, Edisbury, Salter, and others. The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet served in Bro. Drew's well-known style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, called attention to the somewhat unique position in which he was then placed, having the Acting Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Spaull) as the chief guest on his right, and the Acting Grand Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Akeroyd) as I.P.M. on his left, consequently he could not fail in having the ceremonies of the evening carried out according to due and ancient form. Altogether it was one of the most successful meetings held for some years past.

SANDGATE LODGE, No. 1436.

BROTHER PLEDGE was recently installed W.M. of this Lodge, by his predecessor Bro. W. Terry. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. Illman S.W., Rev. Russell Wakefield J.W., Samson Treasurer, Gosby Secretary, Kennett D.C., Smith S.D., Simons J.D., Roper I.G., and Butcher Tyler.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

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By the members of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 4th of December, at seven o'clock p.m., at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, held at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 P.Z. 933 W.M., Stewart P.M. 1278 S.W., Da Costa S.D. 1349 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Allan, Cary, Isaacs, Eschwege, De Casseres, Stewart, and Richardson. Second Lecture—Bros. Fox, Moloney, Moss, Oxley, and Smith. Third Lecture—Bros. B. Da Costa, L. A. Da Costa, and Harris. Bros. Dixie Preceptor, Vallentine Co-Preceptor, Williams Treasurer, Mendelssohn Secretary.

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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, 1st DECEMBER.

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)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1386—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—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. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
60—Unity, Innsfof Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
[illegible]—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-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.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—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.)
1566—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1635—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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.
2031—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 234—Menatechin, 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
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
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
391—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market Street, Over Darwen
392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
396—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbledon
633—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
650—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
938—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, 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, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
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
1796—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. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-stre
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
186—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Ca
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instr
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Cliff (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road,
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street,
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, W
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-st
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tave
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Roa
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7.
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Stree
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corn
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern,
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Stre
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptf
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pave
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton,
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Mott
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
12[illegible]—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old K
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trini
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruc
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-str
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwic
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Cr
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Glou
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Q
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
82[illegible]—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (In
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
94[illegible]—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leig
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cocker
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manc
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyn
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexh
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instru
1488—St. Kleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Swa
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2133—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbit
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Li
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-stre
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall,
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Bir
R.A. 1611—Ebenezacum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourg
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Bromp
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birm
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Ki

WEDNESDAY, 5th DEC

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freem
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., a
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Bo
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Stre
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street,
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Ins
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Ch
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Ken
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Str
1586—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Ho
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Vic
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltha
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street,
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell Ne
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S. W

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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
206—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
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406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
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972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
993—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1015—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1027—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
1344—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1368—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1523—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1908—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2048—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
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M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

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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 (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)
[193—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. (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
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)
[823—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1156—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1361—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6:30. (Inst)
1556—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1631—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aboburch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1986—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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 Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, 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, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
36—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—Napthali, 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.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—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
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
975—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1383—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1384—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—Equity, Alfords 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—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1839—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2060—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. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 439—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 756—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 996—Welshpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welshpool
M.M. 55—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconcree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Charlestown
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
91—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Mason's Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longton, 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—Inviota, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
996—Welshpool Railway, Station, Welshpool
1096—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)
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1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 8th 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)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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—Scolaston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Roupy Street, S.W., at 7. (Instruction)
1671—Mispah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In).
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN our last issue we published a preliminary announcement in regard to a Testimonial it is proposed to raise to Bro. R. F. Gould, the well-known Masonic writer. It is not often that such a suggestion as is there set forth meets with so much strong support in its earliest days as this proposal has already received, and the hearty manner in which the rulers of the Craft have come forward with their names to swell the Committee list of the Fund induces us to believe that the Testimonial will ultimately assume proportions worthy of the brother for whom it is intended, and become a fitting tribute to the importance of the work he has performed. It would be very difficult to estimate the value of the labour which Bro. Gould has undertaken for Freemasonry, or to guage the services he has rendered to the literature of the Craft; it may truly be said, in the words of the circular announcing the proposed Testimonial, that since the production of his "History of Freemasonry" "it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their society." This being the case, we have at once a fair incentive for our labours, and at the same time—we may almost add—a debt of gratitude to discharge, which the proposal now under consideration affords a ready means of satisfying.

Bro. Gould's latest experience in the field of literature—that in connection with his "History of Freemasonry"—has been of a somewhat disappointing character, and after the great labour and research which he must have undertaken in the compilation of his work, we can well understand how grievous must be the disappointment he now feels. Robbed, by death, of his original publisher—the late Mr. Jack, who was at once a personal and a business friend—he had difficulties to surmount from the outset which under more favourable circumstances might not have arisen, but the most severe blow to his hopes came from the other side the Atlantic, where, as our readers are aware, his work has been reproduced, both without sanction and without bringing him any pecuniary reward. We shall not here attempt any dissertation on the moral obligations which should be recognised as existing among business men throughout the world, irrespective of the actual laws which govern their respective countries. As the matter now stands there is nothing to prevent the reproduction of an English book in America, or of an American book in England; still, while it is thus possible to repay our American cousins in their own coin, it seldom happens that it is possible for the English author whose work has been pirated in America to recoup himself by a similar course in regard to an American publication. But this course is sometimes open, and we know of a case where it was done, with the result that the American authors, who were the first to transgress, were by far the loudest in complaining, and they were not at all particular in regard to the terms they used in exposing what they were pleased to term the wholesale robbery of which they had been the victims. They even went so far as to forget that they were the original offenders, and as a matter of fact had taken more—both in quantity and quality—than they were deprived of in exchange. Our readers may think we are digressing from our subject, but we recount these facts as—having come under our personal observation—they but strengthen the case which has been made out against the American pirates on behalf of Brother Robert Freke Gould. The fact, however, remains,—after years of labour Bro. Gould finds the naturally to be expected return for his labours taken from him, and when he protests, he is met, not with sympathy, but with actual abuse for having dared to complain of what must be regarded as wholesale robbery, notwithstanding the laws of the respective countries concerned do not recognise it as such. If no other argument could be found in support of the Testimonial which is now being raised to Bro. Gould, we still think this would be sufficient to ensure for it universal sympathy and general co-operation, but there are other matters equally worthy of being taken into account, all of which should conduce to the desired end. First and foremost among them is the fact we have already referred to, that Bro. Gould has removed the stigma that previously attached to the great body of Freemasons, that they were "without a reliable and critical history of their society." This alone should ensure for his Testimonial the support of every brother who takes more than a superficial interest in the Masonic Order. It is one thing to lay claim to a great antiquity, and to boast of the doings of our forefathers, but quite another matter when we are put in the position of proving what we boast of, and are able to silence ridicule or objection by a carefully compiled and well authenticated history. English Freemasons are now in this happy position, that in Bro. Gould's "History" they have a work which enables them to prove statements which had hitherto been open to strong doubt and objection. Is it then asking too much when the members of the Order are invited to support a Testimonial which is proposed as a recognition of this great work, or unreasonable to expect that it will meet a more than local encouragement?

We have so far refrained from mentioning either of the previous works issued by Bro. Gould, but it is not because they are undeserving of commendation. In his "Four Old Lodges," and "The Atholl Lodges," Bro. Gould performed good service to Freemasonry, and we do not think we are disclosing any secret when we say that he has reaped no reward for the labour thus entailed. It must not, however, be thought that we consider this proposed Testimonial as actual payment for the work he has performed. It should

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rather be the material evidence of a gratification which we know exists in many quarters, and which we hope only needs the opportunity in order to make itself conspicuous. This we are convinced is the object of those who have started the project, which we trust will be brought to a successful and satisfactory termination.

We may add that individual subscriptions to the Testimonial are limited to one guinea; Lodges and other Bodies being unrestricted in this respect. Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D. (Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.), the Hon. Secretary and *interim* Treasurer, who will also be pleased to receive the names of any brethren willing to act on the Committee, answer inquiries, or give any information that may be desired.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master presiding. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. as Senior Warden, and Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy G.M. Suffolk as Junior Warden. The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I have just read the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, in which is reported the presentation to His Majesty the King of Sweden of a Past Grand Master's clothing. I have now the honour to lay before Grand Lodge a letter, which has been received from His Majesty, acknowledging that present, and with your permission I will read it. It is as follows:—

Stockholm, 12th November 1888.

SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—With great pleasure I have received the insignia that your Royal Highness, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England, has been graciously pleased to send to me in token of the dignity as Past Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge, with which I was invested during my last sojourn in England.

I pray your Royal Highness and the Grand Lodge to accept my sincere and cordial thanks for this new testimony of the friendly relations that exist between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden.

I have the honour to remain, your Royal Highness's faithful Brother and true friend,

OSCAR, V.S.V.,
P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England.

To
His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales,
&c., &c., &c., &c.

The Earl of Carnarvon proposed, and Bro. Beach seconded, that the letter from the King of Sweden be entered on the minutes. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon then addressed Grand Lodge, as follows:—

It becomes my duty to submit to you a resolution by command of our Illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Some, perhaps, here present may remember that I alluded at our last Quarterly Communication to the possibility of some such reference being made to you, and I doubt not that the general facts are more or less within the knowledge of all who are now present. You will, no doubt, remember that for some time past, Masonry in New South Wales, that great and most flourishing colony, has not presented that unanimity which, as Masons, we could desire to see exhibited by the Craft all over the world. And, brethren, when I, myself, was in the Colony of New South Wales at the commencement of this year, it grieved me to see the disunion and the dissension which existed in so many quarters. It would be alike a painful and an unnecessary task for me to recite or to expatiate upon those dissensions; and all the more that during the last six months, to my infinite satisfaction, those difficulties have cleared away, the dissensions have passed into ancient history, and a new order of things has arisen in the colony. Brethren, it is my good fortune and my great satisfaction this evening to announce to you formally that those dissensions have been closed, and that all the dissentients, as far as I know, whether English, Scottish, or Irish, of those who stood aloof and formed themselves into a separate and dissentient Grand Lodge, all those have combined to unite upon what I believe to be true Masonic principles, and to constitute henceforward a United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. New South Wales has the good fortune to be governed by one of the most popular and successful administrators who could be found, and whom England has sent forth to that great country. In New South Wales I think there is no name that is more popular than that of my noble friend and brother, Lord Carrington. Our Illustrious Grand Master, with that happy perception of circumstances which characterises him, appointed Lord Carrington District Grand Master of New South Wales and it was very much due, indeed, to that felicitous appointment that the present happy state of things came to pass, for Lord Carrington, being in the position of District Grand Master, was hailed through, the length and breadth of that great land with one unanimous acclaim, as the future Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. Our Illustrious Grand Master has not withheld his consent, and now the United Grand Lodge has been formed, and Lord Carrington has accepted the position of Master of that Grand Lodge. Brethren, it was but a short time since that his installation took place in Sydney. There are few towns in the New World which are more worthy of admiration than Sydney, with its exquisite harbour; and probably no place in Australia could have been better fitted for such a solemnity. In the Old World, from all that I have heard, Lord Carrington's installation would have been a splendid and a noteworthy event. In the New World of Australia it was absolutely without precedent. Between 400 and 500 Masons, of all ranks and estates, and degrees, and conditions, and kinds, met from all parts of that mighty continent to do him honour who was so well worthy to receive it, and at the same time to lay fit hands upon the foundations of the new United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. And now, brethren, to-night it is my duty, in the name of our illustrious Grand Master, to ask you to confirm that act of our New South Wales brethren, and I cannot doubt that you will readily do so. You, as Englishmen, whether Masons or otherwise, have the wholesome practice of being largely guided by precedent, and the precedents leave us in this matter no option, but identically, I may say, the same state of things arose only three years ago in South Australia. A Grand Lodge was there formed, and it applied to this Grand Lodge, as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales applies to us to-night—for recognition. This Grand Lodge, I think most wisely, following upon the conditions which have been established now, and which have guided us for many years, at once accepted and confirmed the act, and I trust that they will do the same unanimously this evening. I can say from my own experience that the results in South Australia have been very happy. The Grand Lodge there thrives and flourishes; and if the welcome that they gave to me in my capacity of Pro Grand Master can be accepted as any evidence of the strength of the ties of affection, then I have a proof that I could not for one moment doubt that the old loyalty, though turned into a different channel, remains identically the same, and that our brethren in South Australia are as much our brethren as if they were our brethren in West Yorkshire. Our Illustrious Grand Master has fully accepted that principle, because you may remember that at last Grand Lodge I announced to you that His Royal Highness had consented to become the Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Now, brethren, I have one word more, and only one, to say with regard to this new Grand Lodge of New South Wales. I believe that the vote has been practically—perhaps actually—unanimous. We have not received news of any one single lodge being dissentient on any ground; but there are two or three lodges that have not given in their answers. There are 82 English lodges that have consented, 56 Scotch, and 51 under the dissentient Grand Lodge, and my belief is that there is no one single Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the colony that dissents from the proposal; but it is right, and it is in accordance with all our practice up to this time, that we should reserve the full right of any who may chance to dissent from the vote of the majority. I believe that in this case it is a purely formal act, but it is my duty not the less to mention it and to insist on it. Brethren, I have nothing further to add except to say this, that if we seem to lose from under our control, so to say, the prosperous lodges of the grand Colony of New South Wales, we are losing nothing that we could possibly have retained for one moment against their wish. We are following the analogy of Imperial Administration in this matter. Self-government has been freely and fully accorded, without stint and without reserve, to these great self-governing colonies, and there is no one in England so blind or so mad as to repent that gift. They have repaid it with a feeling of affection and loyalty towards the mother country, and it is my conviction that in the same way we are bound to give freely, generously, and without stint the powers of self-government in Masonic matters to our Masonic brethren in the New World. They deserve it, they are fully capable of using it; and I am convinced that as time goes on we shall find that the ties of Masonic affection have not in the least degree been weakened by that concession. Brethren, I have now, on the part of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, to move "That this Grand Lodge do recognise the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, seconded.

After the very eloquent speech that we have heard, it wants but little, beyond the simple seconding of the proposition, to ensure its acceptance with this Grand Lodge. But the duty devolves upon me, and a most grateful duty it is, to second the proposition to recognise the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We, as the Grand Lodge of England—the oldest Grand Lodge existing in the world,—when we find the brethren of Lodges owning allegiance to our jurisdiction, and situated in a country where a spontaneous wish of many and divided Masonic authorities has created a Grand Lodge for the district or country, where the creation of such a Grand Lodge is spontaneous and practically unanimous, where it tends to the great cause of Masonic unity, have never in a grudging spirit withheld our recognition or have considered aught but the great interests of the Craft, which we have so much at heart. That the limitation which the Pro Grand Master has expressed is a wise one it is our duty to accede to. No establishment of a new body, however lawful it may be, however much, and however gladly, and however cordially we may recognise it, as we do this new Grand Lodge, can for one moment be held to render unlawful that which was lawful before its creation. Having the honour to hold the position of adviser to this Grand Lodge, I should say it is my duty to inform the brethren that we are bound to protect those who should not feel themselves enabled to join with

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the majority. I am sure this Grand Lodge, under the happy circumstances which have been detailed, wishes God speed to the newly-established Grand Lodge—that its foundation may be the foundation of healing all Masonic strifes and differences, and that great colony, separated from us by the breadth of the whole globe, may show by its future history how great, how universal the acceptance of the doctrine of Masonry, and that this one of the offshoots of the Grand Lodge of England may be a worthy scion of its parent. I have the greatest pleasure in seconding this motion.

The resolution having been unanimously approved of, the Earl of Carnarvon said:

Brethren,—Before this subject passes away I have a further communication to make from His Royal Highness, our illustrious Grand Master, which I could not have properly made to you until that vote was taken. The new Grand Lodge of New South Wales has requested His Royal Highness to consent to become the Patron of the Grand Lodge. It is an honorary title, but it marks the feelings of loyalty and affection on the one side, and the position which His Royal Highness ought to occupy on the other. I rejoice to think that His Royal Highness has assented to the request of the New South Wales Grand Lodge, and that as he has become Grand Patron in South Australia so he will be Grand Patron in New South Wales.

Bro. Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., Under-Secretary of State for India, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then addressed Grand Lodge:—

Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren,—I rise for the purpose of nominating our present Illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The task which has on this occasion devolved upon me becomes every year in one sense an easier, but in another sense a more difficult one for the brother who has to propose it. It is easier, because as years go by the services which his Royal Highness has rendered to our Craft become more conspicuous and more widely known; and, therefore, the brethren of the Grand Lodge require no argument to induce them to confer upon His Royal Highness the position of Grand Master for another year. But it is more difficult, because the brother who is entrusted with the duty of making this nomination has more difficulty in discovering anything new which he can urge upon the brethren, and he is in this somewhat embarrassing position of having to recommend his Royal Highness in the presence of men far more cognisant of the services which his Royal Highness has rendered and of the qualifications which he has for the high office than the brother who has the nomination to make. I will, therefore, on this occasion confine myself simply to reminding the brethren of the past, and looking forward for one moment to the future. I remind the brethren of the past example which H.R.H. has set to others, which has tended so greatly to the spread of our Craft during the last few years, not only in England and Scotland, but in the Colonies of the English-speaking races throughout the world; and I remind the brethren of the devotion to the Craft, and to the principles of Masonry, which his Royal Highness has in so many conspicuous instances exhibited; and then I look forward for a moment to the future, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings and wishes of every Mason throughout the English-speaking world, when I say that we hope that His Royal Highness will long be spared to take this office upon him year by year, and that it may be a long time before Freemasons have to go further afield and have to look for any other than his Royal Highness for their Grand Master.

The Earl of Carnarvon being obliged to retire early, as he was leaving England the next morning, now left the Lodge, being saluted with loud cheers as he passed down the Temple. Bro. W. W. B. Beach having assumed the chair, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, rose and said:

It is my great privilege, as the selected representative of a large and influential Committee, numbering over 700 members of the Craft, and comprising brethren resident in all parts of the country, to nominate, for the high office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, a brother whom I believe to be universally known, highly esteemed, and eminently qualified to discharge the important duties of that position; I allude to Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry. That brother, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, entered the ranks of Masonry more than 20 years ago; he was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382; joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which most of our brethren may know is a Lodge composed mainly of professional gentlemen connected with the liberal arts and sciences, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He also joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, of which he a Past Master. He is a member of the Savage Club Lodge, of which I am at this moment in the proud position of being Worshipful Master; he has been Treasurer for the last two years. Brother Terry is also a Past First Principal of the Asaph Chapter, and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1885-86, and has been two years a member of the Board of General Purposes; he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Life Governor of the two other Masonic Institutions; he has also served the office of Steward eight times. That, M.W. Sir, I think is a Masonic record which would commend itself to any brother. But, apart from all Masonic associations, I venture to assert that the public and private life of Bro. E. O'Connor Terry is such as should commend him to the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in Grand Lodge. For several years past he has occupied positions of public trust, and he has discharged the duties appertaining to those positions in a manner which has reflected credit on him as a patriotic citizen. He has also the pleasure of being, among those who have his private acquaintance, a most consistent friend, and, therefore, as I said before, in public and in private life he has shown those attributes which are essential to a good Mason. On those grounds, M.W. Grand Master, I beg to nominate him for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Ferguson P.M. Domatic Lodge, No. 177, next addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

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

Bro. Beach having inquired whether there was any other nomination for the office? and receiving no reply, said the next business was the appointment and investiture of the President of the Board of Benevolence, to which office, the Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed Bro. Robert Grey. Brother Grey P.G. Deacon was then re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence amidst loud applause, after which the acting Grand Master announced that Bro. James Brett P.G.P. had been re-elected Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President of the Board, and that the brethren whose names we gave last week were elected the twelve Past Masters to serve thereon. The recommendations of the Board of Benevolence for grants from Grand Lodge having been approved of, the report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted.

Bro. John F. H. Woodward, P. Grand Sword Bearer, in moving the proposition standing in his name, said:—

As far as he was aware, this was the only rule in the Book of Constitutions that worked badly. In his Province of Middlesex several Secretaries of Lodges had written to him to know what course they should take. The rule, as at present framed, threw on the Master and Secretary of a Lodge the onus of proving that a brother summoned had received the notice, and if he appealed to the Board of General Purposes, the Board would rightly require the Secretary to prove the brother had received the notice in accordance with the requirements. If the notice when posted was registered, that would be proof.

Bro. Beavis seconded the motion, upon which Bro. Brackstone Baker said he objected to tinkering the Book of Constitutions. If there was any difficulty about Rule 210, Rule 211 would set it right. If a brother could show he never had notice, he could not be excluded. If he was excluded he could appeal, and the Board of General Purposes would reinstate him. Bro. Philbrick advised the brethren not to make the alteration, and Bro. T. Fenn supported, after which the motion was put, and lost. Bro. Philbrick brought up an appeal by the Star in the East Lodge, No. 918, Queenstown, South Africa, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of South Africa (E.D.) cancelling a sentence of exclusion passed by the Lodge on a brother for alleged Masonic offences. The brother in question had been excluded by his Lodge because he belonged to, and was the Master of, a Scottish Lodge in the same district, and had said he should induce candidates and joining members to join that Lodge. The District Grand Master cancelled the sentence of exclusion, and the Lodge appealed. Bro. Philbrick advised that the appeal should be dismissed. There was nothing un-Masonic in a brother in an English Lodge being a member of a Scotch or Irish Lodge. Bro. Fenn seconded the motion, and the appeal was dismissed, the District Grand Master's decision being upheld. Grand Lodge was then closed.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

SEEING that Brother Norton has started a fresh subject in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I may fairly assume that for the present he has finished his "Comments" on my recently published work. If that be really so, I am rather sorry, for although our critical brother has been most unsparing in his denunciation of the "Ancients," and Laurence Dermott in particular, his observations on the contents of the book are like angels' visits, "few and far between." I shall hereafter direct his attention to one or two points on which I particularly wish for his opinion, but I have first to thank him for having acceded to my request,—although contrary to his own inclination,—and the simple fact that I am now endeavouring to answer his arguments should sufficiently evince that I am not in the least offended with him for his inability to agree with me in this matter. He, I am sure, will not take amiss anything I may say in so doing, for while condemning his logic I cannot help admiring his pluck. Being pretty familiar with Brother Norton's views on the subject of the "Ancients," and also his antipathy to their leader, I felt some little curiosity as to how he would dispose of some of my "facts," although I was not much surprised when he informed me that he was not a convert to my theory, but when I afterwards learnt that he had only read a portion of the book, it seemed to me that he was scarcely doing himself, or even the author, justice in thus expressing a decided opinion on the merits of a theory with which he had only a partial acquaintance. Indeed, it savoured so much of prejudice, and so nearly resembled a verdict of guilty without having heard the evidence, that I strongly urged him to read the book carefully through, and then let me know his views. He says he has now done as I wished him, but his opinion is unchanged, and I am bound to believe him, although I must confess to some little doubt as to his having kept in view the adjective in my request. However, assuming that he has given the book a fair amount of attention, his mode of disposing of the facts referred to has evidently been the very common one of shutting his eyes to them, or, at all events, he has not thought them worthy of notice.

After reading Brother Norton's first "Comments," in the CHRONICLE, No. 719, I was forcibly reminded of the practice popularly imputed to gentlemen of the legal profession when they have a weak case to defend, *i.e.*, abuse the plaintiff's witnesses; and having now read the whole of his dissertation, I am of opinion that he has adhered to this practice most assiduously. It is not unlikely that my inexperience as a writer has led to some misunderstanding as to the exact nature of the theory with which Brother Norton is unable to agree, for he appears to have entirely lost sight of it. It is not that "Dermott and his seventy or more associates of 1751 and 1752" were "Masonic saints of the highest standard," not even that Dermott himself was a Hebrew scholar and an educated gentleman, who never under any circumstances deviated from "the vantage ground of truth." I cannot therefore quite see how I have "totally failed" in doing that which I never attempted. I say that when elected Grand Secretary he was a journeyman painter, and I have plainly shown that those who aided him in forming a Grand Lodge were chiefly mechanics, shopkeepers and labourers, but I must beg to differ most strongly with Brother Norton in his estimation of Dermott's character, especially when he would have us believe that he was a *forger*, as well as "the most shameless, impudent, and unscrupulous story-teller of all" Masonic historians or writers.

In order to prevent misconception in future, I will state as briefly as possible what my theory is, although I was certainly under the impression that I had already made it sufficiently clear on pp 4, 128 and 197 of the work under discussion. I feel somewhat diffident about quoting verbatim passages out of my own book, and should prefer to avoid so doing wherever possible. Under present circumstances it will doubtless be sufficient if I state that one of the two Masonic bodies which in 1813 formed the United

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It has a deep significance as it relates to the primitive days of Osiris. By great strength and perseverance was the body recovered as the legend records it. Later on, by the strong grip, was the body of the Master Builder raised, for reasons so well known to every Craftsman. A thousand years later Jesus of Nazareth gave us additional lessons upon the real nature of the Lion's Paw.

It means life, death, and resurrection. It required great strength to preach the doctrine of the new dispensation to the people of Herod's day. To my mind this is the real definition of the emblem now under consideration. Its use is to lift up. Not by ordinary means; we must have something far more powerful. It needs the strength of *the lion*

This was fully demonstrated in the life of our Saviour. He met death to accomplish the purpose of His mission.

The good principles of Masonry lift a man up to a higher appreciation of life and the future.

By the excellent precepts he sees beyond the vail. He is reminded that the great object of life is to prepare for the better one. Masonry is strictly a progressive system of morality. All this is demonstrated in the speculative journey through the various degrees and ceremonies. Even after the aspirant has travelled almost over the whole distance, and he thinks that he is nearly at the top of the ladder, he is told that the most critical part is yet to come, and that there is doubt of his being equal to the emergency.

The person that carefully considers this ceremonial and all its teachings will discover immediately that it refers to the most important period of a man's life.

Is not this a lesson on strength, and an exceedingly important one? Does it not admonish the Craftsman that Masonry can only be attained by great fortitude and perseverance? By this I mean to attain what is called ideal Masonry, for I still claim that it is not every brother that fully comprehends what is the real significance of the term Master Mason, as we use it in this far advanced age, as it relates to our Ancient and Honourable Order. What I call the ideal Mason is not the man whose zeal for the Order seems to be unlimited, who rushes into it blindly, and who appears to perform very promptly and willingly every duty that comes within the sphere of his labours.

The man who cannot swim and yet would jump into the water to save a drowning man would be called brave, but the man who would make a similar move, with such preparation as makes success assured, would very properly be called heroic. And so it is with the neophyte in Masonry. He has reason to doubt and to tremble, and even to fear that he may not reach the summit of his ambition. These qualifications just named are the experiences of all ideal patrons. It is right at this point that strength of purpose is requisite. And this is the mission of the Lion's Paw.

In St. Matthew this verse is recorded, which has especial reference to the thought now under consideration: "And he went a little further and fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.'"

I do not repeat this verse to explain a scriptural truth in the connection that it is generally used, but to illustrate that even the most zealous and sincere have their doubts as to their ability to accomplish fully their purpose. Here is positive evidence that the Son of Man, now on the verge of betrayal, actually lost His courage and fell on His face to appeal for help, which act has left the future ages an everlasting lesson of fear and doubt.

The remedy for success is that of devotion, as clearly portrayed in the illustration just quoted.

I look upon Masonry as somewhat of primitive design. We cannot term it otherwise, and this comes readily by comparison with ancient times. Compare the ancient Egyptian system with our own and the similarity will be surprising. They worshipped certain animals with a zeal that was ardent, and while to all appearances it would seem that the animal itself was the one worshipped, yet it was the benefit conferred upon the nation by the particular animal that was really the object of the veneration.

It is in this view that we must look at those old systems, as well as the great system of mythology. A perusal of the standard works of Masonic literature will readily confirm what I have just stated.

It is in a similar spirit that we adore the plain, simple working tools of Masonry, not as implements of toil, but for the lessons that their uses signify. I imagine, as I look back into the remote ages, when man depended entirely upon the strength of his hands, that the lion's paw was regarded by him as something of great power. Before the ages of mechanical arts the lion was the strongest known thing, hence, in hieroglyphical language, power and majesty are represented by this particular animal. Strength was highly esteemed by the ancients. Coriolanus was condemned to death, but he was so strong that no one could arrest him, and the result was that the sentence was changed to banishment.

What relation, may be asked, has the lion to Masonry? Of course it is used only in the symbolic sense. Oliver gives this explanation: "The lion was a symbol of Jeremiah, because of the terrible voice of his threatenings, and of St. Mark, because the gospel begins with the voice in the wilderness; but principally of Christ, who is denominated the lion of the tribe of Judah, and will ultimately subdue all things to Himself, for He must reign till He has put all His enemies under His feet."

If we very carefully study our moral system of Masonry we will discover that it is very closely interwoven with the religion of the "Great Light."

In the early ages it is said there were two important divinities, one the good principle, and the other the evil principle. A sharp war took place between these two personages, and the result was the good principle got the better. As a retaliation the other principle scattered over the earth all sorts of evils and miseries. Here comes in the mission of Masonry. I firmly believe that it is a part of the programme of the Supreme Architect that this society should exist and do just the work that it is now performing. Only our interest should be so strong that greater results should be achieved.

Some writers place the birth of Masonry in the second stone age, and this age, which was of two thousand years' duration, ended about the age of Abraham. If this is correct, it had its origin among the strong men; hence it is easily understood why strength occupies so important a part in Masonry. It is so in the operative world and also the same in the speculative. In erecting the temple there must be entire soundness and firmness in all its parts, and the same rule holds good with the mystic temple. Freemasonry, in the speculative sense, must be guided by the same rules that govern the operative system. The story or drama of the Lion's Paw is a myth, and as such cannot be strictly relied upon. Like William Tell and many other myths, their origin is lost in obscurity. It is hardly a century ago that a being thought to be the Wandering Jew was supposed to be traversing the earth. He refused to let the Saviour rest, and, in obedience to the curse, has wandered over the globe ever since. When he reaches the allotted age of man he is transformed into a youth, and so suffers again for a refusal of the characteristic which is one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Of course, this seems absurd to us, but who can deny it?

Myths were the products of ages anterior to printing. Then everything was told orally; now it is recorded. By the wonderful progress of mechanical art we have outlived the system of myths, hence it is that many reject the myth of the Lion's Paw as it relates to the legend of the third degree.

My conclusion is that to ascertain the real significance of this symbol, we must delve deep into the pages of antiquity. A perusal of the Ancient Mysteries will point out to us very many of the present forms of Freemasonry. The Persian Mysteries of Mithras especially convey the very ideas and forms somewhat similar that we use to-day in unfolding the history associated with the Lion's Paw.

I therefore give a very broad significance to this myth as referring to the movements of the planets which give us the seasons. All the myths and fables are supposed to refer directly to the origin first named, and the characters introduced are simply the creations of enthusiastic minds of remote antiquity.

I think we can reject all uncertainties as irrelevant to the cause of Masonry, as we find it to-day, and ask ourselves, "What is a Craftsman's duty?"

"If we live righteously, the way to heaven is open to us. If we wipe away the tear from the orphan's cheek, and bring him up to virtue and to God—if we make the widow's heart to sing for joy—if we cheer our worthy aged and infirm brother in his onward passage to the grave, we shall have cause to rejoice in the testimony of our conscience, that in all simplicity and godly sincerity we have had our conversation with the world." Such is

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the higher mission of Masonry, and the manner of its attainment lies through the instrumentality of the Lion's Paw. It is certainly a symbol of strength, and our part in the drama of life is to carry out thoroughly all the lessons and teachings of this significant emblem.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE members met at the Town Hall, Arundel, on the 15th ult., for the installation of Bro. J. H. Longman as W.M. The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. T. V. Paxton, the retiring Master. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the year:—Bros. Goss S.W., Holmes J.W., Collings Treasurer, Price Secretary, Foster S.D., Tisdall J.D., Pitts I.G., Dixon Steward, Robertson Tyler. The banquet was held at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, and was attended by the brethren of the Lodge and a number of guests.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THIS Lodge held a meeting on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. Bros. M. Lion W.M., Botibol S.W., Gardner J.W., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Lyons Treasurer, J. Meyers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., Saqui I.G., Garrard Steward; P.M.'s Abrahams, Dewsnap, Wall, J. B. Dodson, &c.; Bros. Carrociero, Thomas, Thomas, Phillips, A. Botibol, Cohen, J. Davis, Weigel, Van Volen, Jonas, Ansell, L. Isaacs, Joseph Josephs, Rosenburg, Wynman, Franks, Harward, Chamberlain, &c. Visitors—Bros. N. Lyons 185, Herschell 1662. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ernest Davis was re-elected. Bro. Carrociero answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was passed. Bros. Cohen and Phillips were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Both ceremonies were excellently performed by the W.M. The annual elections now took place; Brother Botibol was elected W.M., Brother Lyons re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler was re-appointed. Brothers L. Isaacs, Weigel, Barns, Thomas and Jonas were elected to serve on the Board of Management; Bros. Barns and Weigel as Auditors; the following eight brethren were chosen to serve on the Board of Benevolence:—Bros. J. Meyers, H. Lazarus, Barns, Jonas, Rocco, Dodson, Thomas, and Hart. Bros. Saqui and Ansell were elected to act as the Auditors to the Board of Benevolence. It was proposed by Brother Alexander that a jewel should be presented on the installation night to the I.P.M., Bro. Lion. This was seconded by Bro. Dodson, and unanimously agreed to. After other business the Lodge was closed. We congratulate Bro. M. Lion on his having so successfully passed through his year of office.

DEVONSHIRE LODGE, No. 625.

THE brethren celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Thursday, 22nd ult. In the afternoon they assembled in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Glossop. The most attractive feature of the meeting was the installation of W.M. elect for the ensuing year (Bro. Alfred Walker) and the investiture of his Officers. The installing master was Bro. J. E. Steward P.M. 336 P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire. He was assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. Walker W.M. 1427, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Brothers G. E. Cox P.M. P.P.G.S.D., and Albert Andrew W.M. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Norfolk Arms Hotel, where a dinner had been prepared.

ST. PETER LODGE, No. 1024.

AFTER the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, 20th ult., the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, Maldon, where the annual supper was served in excellent style. The W.M., Bro. A. Barritt, presided, and was supported by about 30 brethren and visitors. Among the latter were Bro. Thos. J. Railing P.M. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Pro. Gr. Sec., and W. Strutt Treas. 1997. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and one which, perhaps, excited as much enthusiasm as any was the health of Bro. Joseph Sadler, Mayor of Maldon, our Senior Warden, which was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., and ably responded to by his Worship, who heartily thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which his name had been received by them. Songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. J. P. Lewin, W. Gowers, Francis Birt, and Bros. Rev. H. Venn-Ellis (Chaplain), H. T. Baker, R. Orttewell, and C. F. Rush.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Alexandra-square, Saltash, on the 3rd instant, to instal Bro. W. R. Rawling S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was the retiring W.M. Bro. R. C. Revell, whose rendering of the ceremony was very impressive. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested as follows:—Bro. Revell I.P.M., Nancarrow S.W., Shaddock J.W., Herring P.M. Chaplain, Pearce P.M. Treasurer, Deeble P.M. Secretary, Lander S.D., Netting J.D., Meadows I.G., Rawling Dir. of Cers., Prout and Hunt Stewards, John Deeble Tyler.

WALDON LODGE, No. 1280.

THE annual festival took place at at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden, on Tuesday, 20th ult., when the installation of the Rev. T. Stevens, M.A., Vicar of Saffron Walden, took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. F. H. Bennett W.M. There were about 20 members present, who afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, served by Host Payne.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Wednesday, 28th ult., when Bro. Joseph Francis Porter, M.D., was installed as Worshipful Master. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ceremony of the day was proceeded with, Bro. Wm. Sugg P.M. acting as Installing Officer, and Bro. T. A. Greene P.M. delivering the addresses. Bro. Glaisher P.M. P.G.D. having been re-invested as Treasurer, the following were appointed the Officers for the year:—Bros. T. H. Martin S.W., Wm. Liddall J.W., C. T. Porter, D.D., Chaplain, Magnus Ohren P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, W. King S.D., David Wm. Sugg J.D., Wm. Sugg P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Wm. A. M. Valon I.G., Hubert T. Bailey and Andrew Stephenson Stewards. Bro. Banks was re-elected as Tyler, and duly invested, after which the addresses were given and the ceremony regularly brought to a conclusion. It was proposed by Bro. Glaisher, and carried unanimously, that a P.M.'s jewel to the value of £10 be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Edward Hide, as a mark of respect from the members. Other matters of business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed Master. Among the visitors were Bros. G. St. Clair W.M. 2060, J. A. Reed P.M. 1228, G. Fawcett Past S.W. 1054, J. B. Chamberlain S.W. 1364, J. H. Pearson P.M 1567, W. Westcott 1827, C. M. Obren P.M. 452, H. F. Bromhead J.D. 1662, Hawk W.M. 1745, A. Martin 1599, E. D. Sapey S.D. 1141, H. D. Chatterton S.W. 1494, W. G. Lewin P.M. 1601, H. J. Dutton 1706, H. Rogers 1567, O. Yearsley 1319, E. Wharton 1319, H. E. Cockell J.W. 507, J. A. Butt 74, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. H. Bird P.M. 1567. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace, the Worshipful Master proceeded to propose the usual toasts. Her Majesty the Queen was a noble ruler, who had evidenced the sympathy of a wife, a mother, and a universal friend to her subjects. In proposing the health of the Grand Master, Bro. Porter considered the Masonic Craft ought to be very proud to know the interest taken by His Royal Highness in the Order. The Prince of Wales came forward whenever he was required to do anything for the good of his country and his brother Masons. This was particularly evidenced during the Jubilee year, when he took an active part in the various grand ceremonies that were organised. The third toast on their list—that of the Grand Officers—particularly commended itself to the members of the Lodge, inasmuch as they had two Grand Officers on their roll, Bros. Glashier, their Treasurer, and Bro. Ohren, their Secretary. Bro. Glashier, he might say, was really their trump card. He was in fact the Grand Old Man of the Evening Star Lodge, and possessed a power of juvenility that many a much younger man might envy. To Bro. Magnus Ohren it would be his province to refer later on. Here he might say that every one knew him as an efficient Grand Officer. Bro. Glaisher, after tendering his thanks for the way in which his name had been honoured, acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to the working heads of the Craft and the Grand Officers generally. He felt flattered by the reference which had been made to his activity, and assured them that if love for his fellow man was a sign of juvenility he was yet a boy. Bro. Edward Hide the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master, who suitably responded, and then gave the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. St. Clair and Sapey. The past Masters were next complimented, and a reply having been given to the toast, the trio—the Chaplain, the Treasurer, and the Secretary—was proposed. The Worshipful Master felt he might say that each of them was quiet in his action, but firm and consistent in the discharge of his duty. Bro. Porter, Chaplain, made a very humorous speech in reply. His brother, the Worshipful Master, had devoted himself to the practice of Medicine, while he had gone to the Church. There was an old saying that the clever men went in for medicine and the fools went to the Church. He left his hearers to judge how far this applied in the case of himself and their Worshipful Master. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by the Senior Warden, and that of the Charities by Bro. Magnus Ohren, shortly after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

THE installation banquet of Bro. John Beavis Groom W.M. took place at the Bell Hotel, Week-street, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. An excellent repast was served by Mr. W. W. Frost, the guests' seats at the tables being indicated by cards in the novel design of trowels. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wright I.P.M., Farden S.W., Stonham J.W., Dann Treasurer, Welsh, M.D., P.M. Secretary, McVicar S.D., Galpin J.D., Whyman Organist, Dickinson I.G., Simmonds D.C., Wind Steward, Gowen Tyler, Ker P.M. Charity Rep. The W.M. then presented Bro. Wright with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. It was also decided, on the proposition of Bro. George Ker, seconded by Brother Wright, that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. G. Hurn, for his services as Secretary to the Lodge. There were several brethren present from the Belvidere Lodge, No. 603, including Bros. Elmore, Appleyard, Wallis, and several others.

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

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Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—At the meeting on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., there were present Bros. Thom Preceptor, E. Ansell W.M., F. Jones S.W., Garrard J.W., Saqui Secretary, Poynter S.D., Dodd J.D., Lockstone I.G.; Poppmacher, Cohen, Goodinge, Marcus and Marks. The work comprised the rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, Bro. Poppmacher candidate. Bro. Thom assisted the brethren to work the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture.

A new Lodge of Instruction was opened at the Masonic Hall, Grays, on Tuesday last, in connection with the Lodge of St. John, No. 1353, when Bro. P.M. Atkins gave the explanation of the first tracing board. The Lodge will meet every Tuesday evening, at 7-30.

THE "THESPIANS" DRAMATIC CLUB.

A CAPITAL Smoking Concert was given at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 27th ult., Bro. Harry Price in the chair. This club, which was established about twenty years ago, has during its existence contributed upwards of £1000 to various charities, out of sums realised by entertainments given by its members, who are connected with the firm of Copestake, Lindsay and Co., Bow-churchyard. A lengthy programme was gone through; this included Fred. Stephen's unexpected appearance with "Gilbooley's Supper Party," Mr. Pearce's "Daddy," and "The Children's Home," Bro. Alfred Probert's "Tom Bowling," Arthur Court's "Gwendoline," James Akers's "Thy Sentinel am I," Thom's "My Queen," Gray's "Quite English," James Robinson's pianoforte selection, Walter Abbott's violin solo, and Mr. Rogers's brace of humorous recitations, "The Wail of the Standard Bearer," and "De Dog and De Lobster." The junior member of the Club, Mr. A. Gooding, offered the company a taste of his quality on this occasion, and gave a very capable rendering of a selection from the "Lady of Lyons." We may also particularise a song by Mr. Harden, "Finecule, Finicula," and Mr. Catchpole's "Jack's Message," as especially worthy of notice.

A special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday—Bro. Frank Richardson in the chair—for the purpose of considering and, if approved, adopting the following recommendation of the General Committee, viz.:—

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The first volume of a History of Freemasonry in New York, by Charles T. McClenachan, has been published by the Grand Lodge of that State. It embraces the history of the Grand Lodge from its formation in 1781, and a sketch of each Lodge under its jurisdiction. This record is preceded by a short account of Masonry in England, Scotland, Ireland, and several continental countries, together with an outline of the origin of the institution in the thirteen colonies of the Union. The present volume comprises the first division of the history, and relates to Masonry as existing at home and abroad prior to the granting of the Grand Warrant to the Fraternity of New York, in 1781, and including sketches of the individual Lodges, the institution of which preceded that of the Grand Lodge. The work contains several steel portraits, and is handsomely printed.

We have received from Messrs. Hamilton, Hills and Co., 22 Paternoster-row, London, E.C., specimens of Masonic Christmas greeting cards. These would be found most useful among members of the Craft at the present season. Before now, however, we have pointed out that the Masonic apron on these little souvenirs should have the Master's levels in lieu of the three rosettes. The principal use of these greeting cards is for the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to send one to each of his members at the festive season, and when used for such a purpose the rosettes on the apron are not "in form." Still this is a matter of detail, which does not actually detract from the beauty and general usefulness of the card, and no doubt it will be remedied in future issues. As they stand we can heartily recommend the cards of Messrs. Hamilton, Hills and Co. to all who make a point of sending Christmas greetings to their Masonic friends and thereby help to sustain one of the time-honoured customs of the holiday season.

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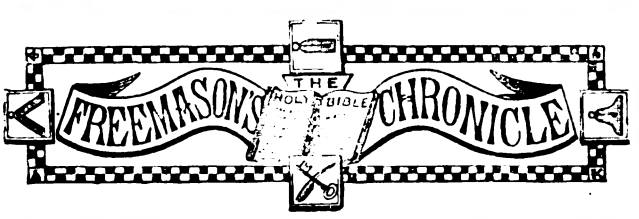
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting took place at the Town Hall, Swindon, on Thursday, 22nd November 1888, being held under the banner of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, was unavoidably prevented from attending, and in his absence the chair was filled by R.W. Bro. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney P.G. Warden England, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers and brethren:—H. J. Birch as S.W., W. J. Mann J.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd Grand Chaplain England as Chaplain, F. H. Goldney Treasurer, B. H. Watts Registrar, Harry Bevir Secretary, F. Griffin S.D., John Bryant J.D., G. J. Farrington Superintendent of Works, J. Chandler Past P.G.S.W. Director of Ceremonies, E. Jones Assistant Director of Ceremonies, W. H. Bart as Sword Bearer, W. S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac., Organist, J. Green as Pursuivant; and also by H. C. Tombs P.G.D. England, Alfred Plummer Past P.G.J.W., T. Ringer P.P.G.J.W., W. H. Brinkworth P.P.G. Organist, &c., &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was attended by Brother Henry Wilson P.P.G.J.W. Worcester, and Brother William Parnell P.P.G.S.B. Bristol, and by a considerable number of brethren, being members, of No. 355, and of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, as well as by brethren from all parts of the Province. The Roll of the various Lodges was called, and it was found that each Lodge was duly represented. The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and were duly confirmed. The P.G. Sec. Bro. Harry Bevir then read, as a Report, the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, held prior to the assembling of the P.G. Lodge, from which report it appeared that the P.G. Treasurer's account had been duly audited, with the following result:—General Account, balance in hand of £1 15s 11d, after paying a donation of £52 10s to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, and the working expenses of P.G. Lodge; Charity Account, balance in hand of £75 17s 9d, out of which the Board recommended that £26 5s should be granted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Bart, whose Stewardship for that Institution, on behalf of the Province of Wilts, had been approved by the Board. The Report was received and unanimously adopted. The P.G. Registrar, Bro. B. H. Watts, then presented his Report, which having been printed and circulated was taken as read. It noted the increase of the number of Masons in the Province, the larger receipts, the increased amount subscribed to charitable purposes, and the greater voting power of the Province. The Report was adopted, with a hearty vote of thanks to the P.G. Reg. for the trouble he had kindly undertaken in preparing it. In the the absence of Bro. W. Nott P.P.G.S.W. Prov. Charity Sec., his Report on behalf of the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organization Committee was then read, as follows:—

The Charity Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, has the honour to report as follows:—

Benevolent Fund.—Eight years have now passed since the establishment of this Fund, and owing to the exceptionally good fortune which the Province has experienced in having no claim made upon it, the Fund is now represented by an accumulation of £335 1s 2d in Consols, and £78 5s 3d in the Treasurer's hands. Judging from the experience of similar organizations in other Provinces, the exceptional immunity from any claim which Wiltshire has enjoyed can hardly be expected to continue, and it is therefore a subject for congratulation that the Fund has already reached such a substantial amount.

The Committee has strongly felt that all the Lodges in the Province should contribute to the Benevolent Fund—every Lodge being entitled to participate in its benefits,—and accordingly, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution expressing this feeling, and directed a copy of such resolution to be sent to every Lodge.

Charity Organization.—The work of the "Western Provinces Charity Association" having increased, it has been found necessary to adopt for its guidance certain definite Rules, the principal—so far as this Province is concerned—being one under which the eight several Provinces in the Union will bear, in definite proportions, the expenses of the Association (which, however, will be but trifling). The proportion of Wiltshire will be one-twelfth.

At the elections for the Masonic Institutions during the present year, Wiltshire had only one candidate, viz., Frederick Joseph Harris, son of a late member of the Longleat Lodge, 1478, Warminster, who was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in March last, and having been placed on the list of candidates for the 26th October election, was then successful at the first attempt, and this with no waste of votes, since he was last on the list of those who succeeded.

Several candidates from the other Provinces forming the Western Provinces Charity Association were also successful during the year.

The associated Provinces have between them something like seventy recipients of the benefits of the Masonic Charities, Wiltshire alone having three boys, two girls, and two widows, representing something like £100 per annum.

The Festival of the Girls' School this year having been the Centenary of that Institution, especial efforts were made by its supporters to raise funds which would enable them to carry out a much

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needed extension of the School Buildings. The result was most satisfactory, for at the Festival, which took place at the Albert Hall, on the 7th of June last, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an approximate sum of £51,483 18s was realised. To this Wiltshire contributed £340 8s 6d, through the medium of six Stewards, viz.:—The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen, Bros. W. J. Mann £285 6s 6d, William Nott £10 10s, the Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade £10 10s, F. S. Hancock £10 10s, R. W. Merriman £23 12s.

All the ordinary votes of Lodges and private subscribers are now, with but nominal exceptions, regularly placed at the disposal of the Charity Organization Committee of the Province, whilst extra votes to a considerable extent are also frequently sent in, principally through the medium of Lodge 626.

The Votes which have during the last three years been rendered available for the work of the Committee have reached the following numbers:—

	1886.	1887.	1888.
ORDINARY VOTES.			
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	560	637	652
" " Girls	467	472	597
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons	223	223	243
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows	212	218	250
EXTRA VOTES.			
For Boys and Girls	...	240	116
	1462	1790	1858

It will be noticed that the above figures show a steady and satisfactory increase from year to year.

The Report was approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. Nott for the same. The P.G. Sec. was requested, in conveying the vote of thanks to Bro. Nott, to assure him of the deep regret which the brethren entertained at his absence from the P.G. Lodge, through illness, and the unanimous expression of their hope for his speedy recovery. Bro. H. C. Tombs drew attention to the fact that some of the Lodges in the Province did not subscribe to the P.G. Benevolent Fund, and expressed a hope that they would give the matter serious consideration, as he thought it was the duty of every Lodge in the Province to support this Fund. He gave notice of a proposition on the subject to be brought before the next meeting of P.G.L. Bro. J. A. Lloyd Grand Chaplain, gave notice of his intention at the next Prov. Grand Lodge to propose an amendment to the Bye-Laws, by providing that every Brother advanced to Provincial rank shall receive a Certificate of his appointment without paying any further fee beyond the fee of honour provided by the Bye-Laws. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney then addressed the brethren, explaining the absence of Bro. Lord Methuen, and expressing his regret at Bro. Nott's illness. He referred with much gratification to the fact that Bro. Lloyd, a P.G. Chaplain of the Province, had been appointed Grand Chaplain of England, and after alluding to the presence in the Provincial Grand Lodge that day of Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, in his capacity of W.M. of the recently founded White Horse Lodge, No. 2227, at Westbury, concluded a most interesting address by referring to the inquiry now pending with regard to the Boys' School, in which he believed the brethren to take great interest. Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Savory (who has held the office continuously since 1869) was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Wm. Dean, the Tyler of Lodge 355, was appointed Assistant Tyler. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then declared all offices vacant, and approved and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. J. Campbell Maclean 355 and 1295	Senior Warden
Edward Baverstock Merriman 1533	Junior Warden
Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler 1271	Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626	Treasurer
Benjamin Hicks Watts 335 and 626	Registrar
Harry Bevir 355	Secretary
Walter Hugo Nood 2227	Senior Deacon
Henry Kemble 355	Junior Deacon
J. Howard Foley 632 and 2227	Superintendent of Works
John Chandler 355	Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Lynd Martin 355	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Francis Barton 1271	Sword Bearer
W. H. Brinkworth 626	Organist
E. E. Bartlett 586	Pursuivant
A. H. Lapham 626	Standard Bearer
John Savory 355	Tyler

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, which was presided over by Sir Gabriel Goldney, and attended by about sixty brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE AND LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I did not fail to notice with interest your report of the installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, held on the 22nd ult., and which appeared in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, but it was more that I was interested in that part of the report containing the observations of Bro. Major Lambert in reference to the Prestonian Lecture. Now, that is a subject which, for a long time past, has occupied my attention, and you, Mr. Editor, have often given publicity to my remarks, articles frequently appearing in your Journal; therefore I say that what recently fell upon the subject from Bro. Major Lambert was by no means new to me or uncalled for. As far as my humble abilities permitted me to bring this matter under the notice of the entire body of our Craft I did my best, but, unfortunately, I entirely failed in bringing any information to the light of day as to what had become of the Prestonian Lecture, or the money which had been bequeathed by its benevolent founder for its annual celebration and delivery. I had the satisfaction of being present, with a great number of other Masons, many years ago, on, I believe, the last occasion when the Prestonian Lecture was delivered, by the late Brother Henry George Warren, and I well recollect the attention that was paid to the beautiful precepts and symbolic teachings inculcated therein, and which, up to that time, had been a matter of annual recurrence, some of the most eminent members of the Craft undertaking the task of its delivery. I know not whether those members of the Masonic body who performed this annual duty received payment for their services or not, I should rather incline to a negative proposition, but upon that point I will for the moment concede that they did. But I wish to know, considering the many years which have passed over since the "Lecture" has been consigned to cimmeranic darkness, and nothing has been heard of it, what has become of the interest arising from the £300 Consols invested by Bro. William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, in the name of that Lodge in 1819? On former occasions I have endeavoured to extract, by published articles, some information from the Lodge of Antiquity, a Lodge that prides itself upon its position and antiquity, as to what has been, and is, doing with the interest accruing from this fund, and how it is disposed of, but up to the present moment have been unable to obtain the slightest glimmer of light, and it appears to me that there is no inclination to give any information upon the subject. Well might Bro. Major Lambert say, that "it was a matter of deep regret to him, and he might say to many other members of the Craft, that the Prestonian Lecture had been allowed to lapse for so many years." But I certainly think they ought to know the reason why the Lecture has been discontinued, and what, during a long lapse of years, has been done with the money that was left for its endowment.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 177.

[In the report of the William Preston Lodge, which appeared in our last issue, we wish to draw attention to an error we unwittingly committed. We stated that Brother Greenslade was appointed Junior Deacon; we should have said Brother J. F. Haden. It was Brother Haden who conducted the candidate through the initiation ceremony, and it was likewise to him that the eulogistic remarks of Brother Heck, in his reply to the toast of the Officers, had such special reference.—ED. F.C.]

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Brother W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Walters, Hogard, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Richardson, Gregory, Saunders, Gillard, Dr. Mickley, Maple, Morgan, Glasse, Imbert-Terry, Webb, Senrrah, Stiles, Andrew Motion, Gladwell, Wace, Cumberland, Mather, and Frederick Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, nine petitions were successively taken into consideration and dealt with, the result being that six were accepted, and the names directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in April 1889; two were deferred, and one was rejected. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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St. James's.—Mr. Rutland Barrington, notwithstanding the adverse criticism he has encountered, is to be congratulated on his second venture, a new and original drama, by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, entitled "Brantinghame Hall," which was produced last week. A drama may be designated as a literary compound of smiles and tears, and, though in the present instance tears predominate, the tale is highly sympathetic, and appeals strongly to the susceptibilities of the audience. The new play is in four acts, the first of which introduces us to an Australian cattle station, where we find the Hon. Arthur Redmayne, heir to Lord Saxmundham, married to Ruth, the daughter of an ex-convict. Redmayne is recalled suddenly to England on business connected with a large legacy, and is supposed to be lost with the vessel in which he sails. The next act brings us to Brantinghame Hall, the seat for three centuries of the Redmayne family, which is heavily mortgaged to Ralph Crampton, a former friend of Arthur, and a lover rejected by Ruth. Lord Saxmundham, believing his son to be dead, and unconscious of his marriage, has obtained the reversion of £300,000, and astonishes Crampton, who thinks him ruined, by offering to pay him off. Ruth now arrives with her marriage certificate and husband's will, which are acknowledged by his lordship, though their production will result in his ruin; moreover, his pride prevents him accepting the necessary amount of the mortgage from his son's wife; and the latter, possessed with an overwhelming desire to save the old family, in sheer desperation declares herself an adventuress and the certificates forgeries. This scene was splendidly enacted by Miss Julia Neilson, and secured a hearty reception. Exception may be taken to this incident, which is certainly startling; still it is well to remember the French philosopher's axiom that "woman for good or ill is capable of anything." Again, it is inexpedient to criticise too closely the probability of so interesting a piece. In the last act Arthur, who has been shipwrecked on an out-of-the-way island, is restored to his wife, whose deception is forgiven, and all ends happily. The comedy of the drama is capitally sustained by a pair of young lovers, represented by Miss Norreys and Mr. D. Fleet, whose humour is essentially Gilbertian. There are several very pretty passages, notably the interview between Lord and Lady Saxmundham, when they believe themselves ruined; these characters are portrayed with much dignity by Mr. Nutcombe Gould and Mrs. Gaston Murray. Mr. Wm. Herbert is a manly representative of Arthur Redmayne, and Mr. Lewis Waller makes the most of the unsatisfactory Ralph Crampton. A quiet little sketch is given by Mr. Norman Forbes as Noel Ross, the Bush Missionary, where he breaks the news of Arthur's safety to his wife, and Mr. Barrington contents himself with the small part of Mr. Thursby, a county gentleman, friend of the Redmaynes. The piece was met throughout with applause, the principal personages receiving a call before the curtain after each act.

Grand.—Saturday last may be regarded as a red letter day for "Merrie Islington," inasmuch as the new and elegant theatre erected under the superintendence of Mr. Charles Wilmot was opened. To inaugurate this event some of the shop-keepers displayed appropriate devices, while round about the theatre the scene was ablaze with illuminations. A greater surprise, however, awaited those who managed to secure admission to the building, for here was to be seen one of the most comfortable and pretty theatres London can boast of. The theatre has been erected entirely of concrete and iron, by Messrs. G. H. and A. Bywaters, from designs by Mr. Frank Matcham. The decorations, which are of a most pretty description, have been executed by the Plastic Decorating Company. They are in the style of the Louis XV. period, with a magnificently painted ceiling, and mirrors at the side of the dress circle. A most comfortable and roomy pit has been provided, while the interests of the patrons of the gallery have not been forgotten. Altogether the appearance gives an idea of cosiness and warmth, and is most pleasing to the eye. The stage has been considerably enlarged, as, in fact, has the auditorium of the house, while every available precaution for safety has been carefully studied. As of yore, the electric light has been installed throughout. A house, crowded to excess in every part, welcomed the re-opening of the theatre, and although nothing novel was chosen for the first night, plenty of interest was got out of the "Still Alarm," with all its accessories, from the Princess's. Every situation and interesting event was heartily appreciated, and the audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the piece. Mr. Charles Glenny and Miss Grace Hawthorne played the hero and heroine, and received capital support from Messrs. Edward Sass, Eardley Turner, Edward Cheeseman, and the Misses Fannie Leslie and Ciceley Richards. At the conclusion Mr. Wilmot was called upon for a speech, and he introduced to the audience Mr. Matcham, the architect, and Mr. H. A. Freeman, his manager. Needless to say, both these gentlemen were heartily welcomed. But for a little incident that occurred in the earlier part of the evening, through the overcrowding of the pit, everything passed off most satisfactorily, and we trust that the Grand has been again launched on a successful career. Next week Miss Kate Vaughan, with a carefully selected company, will appear in "Love and Honour," after which the Theatre will remain closed until Boxing Day, when "Cinderella," written by Geoffrey Thorne, will be produced on an elaborate scale.

On Monday, the 17th instant, another new theatre will be opened in Shaftesbury Avenue. This has been erected by Mr. Henry J. Leslie, and will be known as the Lyric. The opening attraction will be "Dorothy," with the full company now appearing at the Prince of Wales's.

Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Wilson Barrett to produce a new play at the Princess's on the termination of the run of "Hands across the Sea." The engagement with Mr. Barrett is limited to twelve weeks. Miss Grace Hawthorne will herself appear in weekly matinées during Mr. Barrett's engagement.

MARK MASONRY.

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WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, the 30th Oct. The W.M., Bro. T. C. Hopkins, duly installed Bro. William H. Bush as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Johnson S.W., Brereton J.W. Pocock M.O., Bambridge S.O., Rev. W. Humplays J.O. and acting Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treasurer, Hancock P.M. Registrar, Ward P.M. Secretary, Foley S.D., Baldwin J.D., Howse P.M. D.C., Crees I.G., Howse and Johnson Stewards, Barnes Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Officers and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ALFRED CHAPTER, No. 340.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford, on 20th ult. The officers for the ensuing year were installed and invested, as follows:—Comps. T. Lucas Z., H. G. W. Drinkwater H., J. A. Acock J., A. Badcock S.E., Rowbotham S.N., A. Rowley P.S., J. M. Dormor A.S. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. E. G. Bruton. The Grand Superintendent of the Province, the Rev. H. Pickard, the outgoing Principal (Comp. E. Horne), and several other Past Principals were present. After the closing of the Chapter, the members dined together, and the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

The meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, held at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, have been resumed for the Winter Session. The Chapter opens at 8 (sharp), on Thursday evenings. Comp. John Evans Sheffield is Scribe E., and Comp. T. C. Edmonds is Preceptor.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN TOMLINSON.

THE remains of this well-known brother, host of the Plough Inn, Crossens, were interred on the 23rd ult., in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard, Southport. Deceased, who was fifty-two years of age, was well known in the agricultural district between Southport and Ormskirk, and to frequenters of the South Lancashire Coursing Meetings. His funeral was very largely attended, among those at the graveside being Mr. Charles Scarisbrick (lord of the manor), and over fifty Freemasons, deceased being a member of Lodge 613. The Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys (rector of North Meols) and the Rev. W. T. Bulpit (vicar of Crossens) conducted the service.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners for a new Lodge, to be held at the Town Hall, Stratford, to be called the West Ham Abbey Lodge. Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 1056, is the W.M. designate. Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, P.M. 171, will act as Secretary *pro tem.*

The fourth annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball is announced to take at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, 2nd January next, under the superintendence of a most influential Committee, and the patronage of Sir A. K. Rollit, M.P., and Cowley Lambert, Esq., M.P. The profits accruing from the ball will be given to the Masonic Institutions, and judging from experience in the past we anticipate a goodly addition to the Charity Funds of the Craft. The price of tickets has been fixed at 21s, for a lady and gentlemen; or 10s 6d and 12s 6d respectively for single tickets, in each case supper and light refreshment being included. A dispensation has been granted, enabling Masons to appear in Masonic clothing, and every possible arrangement has been made to ensure an enjoyable and successful gathering. Brother Wright's band will supply the music.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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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, 8th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Leadenhall St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—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 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1961—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

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
20—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Bush-lane, Cannon St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Portchester 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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. (Inst)
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2033—The 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. 1115—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.
230—St. Bikin, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Clarges Hotel, Piccadilly. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street Birmingham
588—Friends of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
767—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Portsmouth
803—Meridian, Natural School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
940—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Victoria Horse Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1064—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Scarborough
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Cantham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1370—Farmer Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Hengistbury, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wensley, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1866—Felicity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 577—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 124 Mount Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 579—Lytte, Masonic Hall, Old Odiham Castle, Hants
M.M. 174—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Chancery-lane, Ottawa
K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Out Ball Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
63—Prosperity, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, C
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresh
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
853—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
854—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (In
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, (Instruction)
833—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Derborne, Middleton Arms, Middleton R
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Stre
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill House, Alma Road
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. J
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town,
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street,
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High S
1587—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Green
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-stree
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tave
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen
1944—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, B
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-squ

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochfor
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assem
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, B
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-stre
406—Northern Counties, Mason's Hall, Mosley
461—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hote
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, B.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street
509—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Marlborough
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chipp
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wo
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Ho
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, L
963—Gosport, Lydia Arms Hotel, High-street
1120—St. Mildburga, Tontine Hotel, Wroxeter
1230—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Surbiton, Surrey
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverp
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, S
1463—Cowden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Norman's, Bail
1674—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton,
2003—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Broad Street
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern,
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Bir
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple,
R.A. 161—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff
R.A. 207—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Stre
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nor
R.A. 547—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhea
R.A. 550—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall,
M.M. 152—Dorset and Chapter Rooms, Royal
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
3—Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity Allied, Surrey Rooms, Barnes
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
12—Waterlo, Union Masonic Hall, Willia
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', Freemasons' Hall, Poplar
72—Regent Junior Mark, Oakley Hotel,
79—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Hounslow
87—Yarborough, White Hart, Cowcross Stre
111—Justice, White Swan, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall
228—United Strength, The Rose, Stratford
254—La Tranquille, Portland Hotel, Great
[illegible], Cannon Hotel, Hackney
278—Mark and Navy, Stone Buildings, Lincoln's
[illegible]—Jolly Farmers, Stamford
[illegible]—Salisbury, Sir Isaac Newton, Kingsland
[illegible]—Temperance, Bedford Hotel, Bedford
1260—South Bridge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1336—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel,
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Peckham
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, M
1538—St. Matthew's-le-Grand, Great Eastern
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, U
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Rooms, Clifton
1810—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street,
1984—Lansdowne, Bear and Antelope, Jermyn
1994—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street
2118—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Russell
2190—Montague Grant, Imperial Hotel,
2262—Earl of Lathom, Salmon Hotel, Cannon
2268—Duke of Albany, 15 Gerrard Street,
2286—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Cyrus Tavern, Air Street
R.A. 749—Richard, Freemasons' Tavern, Gr
R.A. 93—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E.,
M.M.—Atlantic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.,
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall,

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258—Amphibions, Freemasons' Hall, Hockmondwike
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
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
668—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—Worsley Lodge of Friendship, Stevne Hotel, Worsley
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, 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, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness

1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heaburn-on-Tyne.
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 350—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, 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, 13th 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.

535—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, Lower Tottenham, 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)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1559—D. Connaught, Camberwell Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)

1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1628—Tranquil, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1654—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1714—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)

R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 66—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sawyer Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Cleckheaton
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastington
331—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
338—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye

784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Dover
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle
1090—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1045—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belfort Street, Barrow
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Penrith
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1117—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Stalbridge
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala

1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Fairfax
1457—Burshaw, Public Hall Loughton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1597—Cantorum, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8.

1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1687—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Cole-hill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Inst)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

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M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland
144—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
57—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (In
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1225—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Ca
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Inst
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (In
2003—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham
at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Langham Street, W.
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., L
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company,
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Paddington, W. (Improvement)

M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's S
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
455—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Brighton, at 7.
468—Asre and Calder, Private Rooms, Otley, Yorks
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
596—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1031—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament St.
1097—Bondedeert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Louth
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, Bir
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Co
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instru
1288—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford-Causeway, S.E., at 7. (I
1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instru

1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Roary Street, S.W.,
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammers
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Criterion, Air Street, Regent St.
M.M. 261—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Pence, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

LAST week we announced that at the regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the previous Wednesday, two brethren were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England for the ensuing year. The election for this appointment will, as usual, take place on the occasion of the March Communication, when there is every prospect of the contest being as animated and as severe as at any time since the Grand Treasurership came to be regarded as an office to be held only for a single year. By this time a large number of Metropolitan brethren, and not a few Provincials, who have a voice in the election, and who are likely to attend Grand Lodge when the matter comes on for consideration, have pledged themselves to support one or other of these two candidates, and yet we may look forward to a busy period of canvassing on the part of those who are taking more than an ordinary interest in advocating the cause of the brethren who are now eligible for the post.

We feel considerable surprise, year by year, that so important an appointment as that of Grand Treasurer,—now that it has come to be regarded as an office calling for a fresh holder each time,—should not attract more than two nominations, and we are still at a loss to understand the apathy which appears to exist in many quarters in reference to what may truly be described as one of the most important annual events in connection with the English Craft. We can understand that in the case of the Supreme Head of the Order change is undesirable,—no better ruler than the Prince of Wales could be found; and we hope, with the majority—or we may almost say the entire Craft—that he will long do us the honour of filling the Grand Master's Chair. The same may perhaps be said in regard to the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence; were the knowledge gained by experience is no doubt very useful, and at the same time serviceable to the Craft; but when it comes to the Past Masters who are to serve on that Board, and the brethren who are to form the various Committees of Grand Lodge, we certainly cannot account for what appears to us as evidence of wide-spread apathy and lack of interest. For instance, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge twelve Past Masters had to be elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence. There were only twelve nominations; a matter of frequent occurrence in connection with these and similar elections; and so it only remained for the acting Grand Master to declare the said nominees duly chosen as the representatives of the Craft, a result, we think, which is more to be regretted than approved of. But even in this and similar elections the apathy is not so surprising as is the case in regard to the Grand Treasurership. A member of the Craft chosen to fill a place on one of the Committees or Boards of Grand Lodge acquires no life-long honour such as attaches to the Grand Treasurer, who for all time is regarded as a Grand Officer, and is regularly honoured as such. What then can be the cause for the office being so little sought after, or at least so sparingly contested? Can it be that Freemasons, as a body, are indifferent to the honour it bestows, or are there so few who possess friends and power enough to secure the coveted dignity?

We are aware there are many ways of answering the queries we have propounded, and we also know that what we regard as evidence of apathy is in other quarters looked on as proof of unanimity. We shall proceed to consider these varied opinions, and leave our readers to formulate a verdict for themselves.

At the present time, as we have already said, the English Craft considers that two of its members are worthy of the honours of the Grand Treasurership, and accordingly they have been nominated for the appointment. We are personally acquainted with both these gentlemen, and but for the fact that we have known Bro. George Everett longer and more intimately than has been the case with Bro. Edward Terry, we might have some difficulty in deciding who to favour. With such a narrow distinction between the two candidates it may well be understood we do not feel inclined to advocate the cause of one of them at the expense of the other; rather we urge a friendly rivalry, and leave the result to be decided on the basis of proving which side possesses the most friends with a voice in Grand Lodge affairs and the inclination to attend on a given day and record a vote. Fortunately past contests for the office have invariably been conducted with the greatest cordiality and good feeling; no bitterness has ever been imported into the struggle, and we hope that similar Masonic feeling will be evinced at all times in the future. But this does not get over our first impression, that the absence of candidates is proof of apathy and disinterestedness, and we cannot accept as an answer thereto the argument of those who urge that the limited number of nominations is proof of unanimity. We cannot see how this unanimity is to be made manifest without a contest, and though we are aware that those who take upon themselves the nomination of a candidate may have been working for weeks previously, we also know they have little trouble to secure for their candidate a comparatively clear field. It is not that a number of candidates are mentioned, and a selection has to be made, but rather that one, or perhaps two others are in the field, while the qualifications of each are frequently so uniform as to leave the ultimate decision merely a question of personal friendship, influence or regard.

We have already said that our esteem for the two candidates is divided,—that on the principle of being true to the old love we lean to the side of Brother George Everett, who, it is also mentioned, has the claim of longer membership to urge in his

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favour. It will therefore be understood that we do not intend anything personal to either candidate in any remarks we now offer. We speak of the office, not of the officer, and in that regard we consider a mistake has been committed in making so much of the annual election of Grand Treasurer. We are aware that so far the periodical contests have been conducted with good feeling, and without any very serious harm resulting, but we see in their continuance much that will be productive of evil, and may tend to disturb the harmony of the Craft. We shall be greatly surprised if some alteration in the present mode of procedure is not attempted at no very distant date. Many think it would be well to prohibit canvassing, although we suppose the answer to this proposition will be that such a course is absolutely impossible. We should like to see a suggestion that the election be by proxy, and in such case would propose that every Lodge in the Kingdom be supplied with a voting paper, so that all the members eligible to vote could do so without the necessity of personally attending Grand Lodge in London. Such a course would render the Grand Treasurership an office of far greater honour than at present attaches to it, while the brother so chosen would really be the elect of the Craft rather than of a section, as is now the case, when the election really rests with those who live within easy distance of Grand Lodge, or who can spare time and money for the purpose of recording a vote which should be free and open to all, and rendered as easy of being registered as possible. If our suggestion of sending voting papers to every Lodge was adopted we would stipulate that the votes should be recorded in open Lodge and by ballot, the sheet sent to headquarters simply giving the result of a ballot such as is taken in every private Lodge for its own Treasurer. We believe that by enlarging the method of recording votes Grand Lodge would create a greater interest in its affairs generally, and many brethren would be elected to take part in its concerns who are now kept out simply because they do not approve of the course under which success is likely to be secured. We are further of opinion that the greater the interest shown in the affairs of the Craft the greater will be the good accomplished through its means, and the greater its power and usefulness, all of which considerations should be worthy of thought by those who desire to promote the welfare of Freemasonry.

PILLARS OF MASONRY.

An Address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 3rd October 1888, by Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, Grand Orator.

INSPIRED poetry, picturing the universe as a stupendous and sublime structure, exclaims, "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars," and again, "the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He hath set the world upon them." But these mighty and wonderful supports, whatever they are, are not independent of their Creator. By a bold flight of fancy He is conceived as the greater Atlas, upholding not only the globe, but upholding everything on which its stability depends. Hence, it is written: "The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved; I bear up the pillars of it;" "He shaketh the earth out of his place, and the pillars thereof tremble;" likewise, "the Pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at His reproof." According to this vivid imagery, everything is, as it were, instinct with life: the granite foundations, the snow clad peaks, and starry dome hear the Divine voice, feel amazement, and can fear and be humbled before its reproaches. This striking language is doubtless designed, like other poetic passages, for the imagination rather than for the reason, and the effort should not be made to interpret it too literally. In general terms, simply and yet magnificently it teaches that all secondary means and intermediate agencies, employed in maintaining the order and operations of the universe, are dependent on the Almighty for their existence and efficiency. While we may not too nicely inquire into the essential nature of these subordinate causes it must be evident to us from what we see of creation that they are characterised by irresistible power—that they are strong; that they are co-ordinate and harmonious in their working, contributing regularly to specific ends—that is, they are wise; and that they are distinguished by features which charm the eye and exalt the soul—that is, by beauty. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—these are the pillars of the Cosmos. These underlie all that the Almighty hath made, and by these and through these all things subsist, resting in turn on Him who is called "the only wise God," of whom it is said, "With Him is wisdom and strength," and who is also revealed as a "King in his beauty." Let then the Craft, gathered to these solemnities, seek "the wisdom which is from above; pure, peaceable and gentle;" and let its members "ascribe strength unto God," and "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

In the ancient mysteries of various lands three pillars occupied a conspicuous position. Among the Hindu illuminants they were placed east, west and south, and the one in the east denoted Brahma, or wisdom; the one in the west represented Vishnu, the preserver, or strength; and the one in the south symbolised Siva, or beauty. These deities were considered as a trinity, and three pillars were regarded by many mystics as emblematical of the Divine Triad. The prevalence of such conceptions may be inferred from the fact that the Persians claimed that their Mithraic Cave was supported by three intelligences—Ormisda, Mithra, and Mithras; and that the Egyptian Deity was presented under the forms of Wisdom, Power, and Goodness. So general was the custom of combining these attributes that the Oracle of Damascus is credited with the saying: "Throughout the world a Triad shines forth, which resolves itself into a Monad." In studying this mystery, and meditating on its significance, I have come to the belief, that while the primary reference is to Deity, in a secondary sense it is to man; that the Divine trinity of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty is destined to resolve itself, as from eternity ran the purpose, in the human Monad.

This impression is strengthened by the importance attached to the three pillars in Speculative Masonry. A Lodge has a two-fold relation: one to King Solomon's Temple, the other to the universe. In regard to both, the genius of the Order is that of spiritual architecture. Its degrees, legends, symbols are derived mainly from the House of the Lord at Jerusalem, or from the glories and wonders of creation. At every turn the world, considered as a magnificent building, is pressed on the attention of the neophyte and initiate; and in harmony with this fundamental conception, and adhering consistently to the figure, the three pillars which sustain the universe—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty—form the principal supports of the Lodge. But these attributes do not find their fulfilment merely in rules, precepts, ceremonies, in which doubtless much of the sagacity, vigour, and attractiveness of the Order consists, but rather in human beings—in the Monad. Hence it is written in the Ritual: "The column of Wisdom is situated in the east part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Worshipful Master, because it is presumed that he has wisdom to devise labour for the Craft, and to superintend them during the hours thereof; the column of Strength is situated in the west part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Senior Warden, because it is his duty to strengthen and support the authority of the Master; and the column of Beauty is situated in the south part of the Lodge, and is represented by the Junior Warden, because from his position in the south he is the first to observe the meridian sun, which is the beauty and the glory of the day—to call the Craft from labour to refreshment, to superintend them during the hours thereof," &c., &c. But while the ritual is thus specific in its application of these symbols, let it never be forgotten that, primarily, they denote the supports of the Order, and that, therefore, what is true of the officers must likewise be true, though possibly in a less degree, of the members—for without their conjoint wisdom to contrive, their combined strength to support, and their united beauty to adorn, the Masonic edifice would be unstable and incomplete.

It is this great truth, Most Worshipful and Brethren, for the good of the Fraternity, that I desire to further unfold

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and illustrate before we are called by high noon from labour to refreshment.

While our institutions bring into relief the five orders of architecture, they particularly revere the three which obtained among the Greeks, namely, the Ionic, the Doric, and the Corinthian, they have much in common, and the ingenuity which distinguishes the first blends with the massiveness of the second, and these are crowned with the ornament that adorns the third. Thus, in the conduct and teachings of a Lodge, and particularly in the formation of personal character, which is the supreme purpose of Masonry—these are not to be separated, but are to be combined and unified. As in nature contrivance and design, exhibited everywhere, evince the qualities of durability and permanence, and clothe themselves with the loveliness of flowers and light, so similar harmony should reign between the distinctive features of our institutions. While I shall for the sake of clearness consider these singly, it is with the hope that they may ever be actualised unitedly.

It is a sign of wisdom both in the ceremonies and life of Masonry that it recognises the supremacy of the spiritual and moral. It is no materialistic system, denying the Creator, the authority of virtue, and the immortality of the soul. While it honours the visible universe, and while it admires every temple that human skill has reared, it reverently employs them both to exalt and initiate, to converse with the Unseen, and to figure forth the glorious duties which he should zealously perform. The significant letter "G" gleaming in the east, the sacred altar with the open Bible bearing the square and compasses, the checkered pavement, the blazing star, the tessellated border, and the ladder of Jacob, with the direct inculcation of love, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, emphatically teach that God reigns; that He has revealed Himself to His creatures; that He is to be worshipped; that He providentially cares for the race, never abandoning it to despair; that He has opened the way to heaven's blessedness, and that He has magnified goodness above all the distinctions of earth and time. Masonry is no devotee at the shrine of perverted science and destructive criticism. It has not reached the deplorable stage of mere philosophy that robs man of his soul, degrading him to the level of a machine, secreting thought, love and sense of right as the liver does bile: and neither has it reached that degree of phosphorescent intellectuality in which Divine Revelation is counted unreasonable, and prayer and a future existence are set down as foolish superstitions. All over the world, wherever its morning bell calls to labour, and its noon and evening chimes to refreshment, it raises its magnificent protest against the entire brood of atheists, scoffers and rationalists; against the doctrine of a universe without a ruler, and of a man begotten of nature, identical with nature, and destined at last to be confounded and exterminated among the ruins of nature. And in thus grounding its very being in the reality and sovereignty of the spiritual, it displays its eminent wisdom; for the highest welfare of mankind intimately related to confidence in these verities, and where they are maintained, and only there is society blessed with law-abiding citizens, and with such fortitude and hope as serve to overcome difficulties and triumph in disaster. Where they are obscured, and particularly where they are obliterated, the ties that usually bind men are broken, rights of property and rights of other kinds are easily ignored, and lawlessness and anarchy come to prevail. Masonry is wise in that it discerns the real source of progress and happiness, and impresses a knowledge of the same on the minds of its members, and in this manner not only perpetuates its own order, but contributes to the advancement and well-being of the outside community.

But I have intimated that in this respect its influence is exceedingly helpful and elevating to the individual. And so it is: for he is taught in the light of spiritual supremacy that the true life, the imperishable life of the soul, is the life of morality. Other ideals have prevailed, and the brethren of the mystic tie have not always been consistent with their own, but wherever heresy has occurred on this subject it has in time led the unfortunate to query, "whether life is worth living?" I do not hesitate to say that, as frequently led, it is not. When it is spent in carousing and dissipation it is not; for excess deadens the sensibilities, diminishes vitality, and contracts the dimensions of this vast universe to the dimensions of a sty. Physical indulgence tends to animalise the soul, and deprives it of its noblest functions and sweetest joys. Nor is that the real life which is abandoned to greed and selfishness, which stirs up the angry passions of others by success and is depressed to madness by failure. There is no abiding comfort, no fellowship with the most exalted pursuits of the race, and everything becomes small and paltry. Let these and other misconceptions cease, and let a man array himself on the side of righteousness, and cling to it, and be moved by it as the poet is by form of loveliness, and he will feel himself allied with the noblest and most enlightened minds of all ages; with the vast commonwealth of heroes and martyrs—and with God Himself. In such goodly fellowship as this he will have joy, and as he accustoms himself to the thought that the moral is the grandest of all forces, he will believe that it must prevail; that the entire universe must be on the side of right, and that justice must infallibly triumph. The sacred mysteries of the Lodge deepen this impression. Hiram Abif—Hiram the father—may be foully assassinated, and his body may be securely hidden, but some moaning of the murderer, some sprig of acacia, will reveal the terrible secret, and Justice unsheath her sword. The guilty shall not escape, and the innocent victim shall be honoured through all time in the annals of the Craft. But virtue is not only crowned in such historic scenes, but culture, refinement, intelligence, the sisters and allies of virtue are commended. The aspirant is led into the domain of knowledge, he is taught that he has entered the empire of power. The arts and sciences are unfolded to his wondering sight, and he is encouraged to persevere to ascend the steps, in a word, to be a man. And he who is constantly seeking enlightenment, and who is ever purifying himself through virtue, has attained to manhood, and has within himself the real sweetness of existence; and such an one is a genuine and wise support to any society or community.

(To be continued.)

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrated St. Andrew's Festival on Friday, the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Amongst the toasts, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was given by Sir Chas. Dalrymple, M.P., and the Grand Master, in replying, thanked the brethren of the Grand Lodge for having re-elected him for the fourth time to his high office, and he assured them all his energies would be devoted to furthering the interests of the Craft. Having referred to the death of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and the serious illness of Lord Rosslyn, the Grand Master said he was glad to inform them that during the past year they had received 4584 new entrants—and their income had been £4543. Nine new Lodges had been added to the roll in Scotland, which showed that Masonry in that country was prospering. While they had added to the daughter Lodges in Scotland, they had lost a large number of their daughter Lodges by the formation of a new Grand Lodge in South Australia. Speaking of the new scheme of benevolence, he said the Grand Lodge had passed rules for administering the fund, and what they now wanted was £10,000 to enable them to place it on such a footing as to enable them to carry comfort to many deserving homes, and he believed that if every Province was represented by a stall in a great bazaar next year, they would exceed that sum. Lord Saltoun, in proposing the New Grand Lodge of New South Wales and its Daughter Lodges, said there were 130 Masonic Lodges in the Colony, of which 57 were Lodges holding from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. Francis George Barns, S.W. of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, is one of the candidates for the vacant seat in the Common Council for the Ward of Cripplegate Without. The Election will take place on the 21st inst.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., J. A. Powell 186 S.W., T. G. Hodges S.W. 1695 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Park, Baker, McNamara, Witte, Da Costa, Fenner, Hodges. Second Lecture—Bros. Brown, Lone, Da Costa, Powell, Moss. Third Lecture—Bros. Galer, Oldis, Langdale. Brother R. Heslop is the Secretary.

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BROTHER W. T. WARHURST.

THE remains of the late Bro. W. T. Warhurst, one of the principal tradesmen in Liverpool, and a prominent Freemason, were interred on Tuesday afternoon, in Anfield Cemetery, in the presence of between three and four hundred people. The deceased shortly after being raised to the chair of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, about a year ago, was stricken with a grievous illness, which terminated fatally on Friday last, only a few days after being presented by proxy with the usual Past Master's jewel upon the termination of his year of office. The cortège arrived at the entrance to Anfield Cemetery at two, being there met by a large concourse. The Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, was represented by Bros. Kellie W.M., Johnston P.M., Bargery P.M., Marshall P.M., Mitton P.M., Britten P.M., Grierson P.M., Molyneux S.W., C. Johnson J.W., Croxton Treasurer, Bushell Secretary, Macaulay J.D., Dr. J. Ricketts I.G., Carmichael Steward, Eyton Organist, Evans, Clarke, Macindoe, Rowe, Walter, Dodd, J. Orrel, J. N. Orrel, Armstrong, Davies, Pendrigh, Thomson, Bridgewater, Crawford, Bibby, Brophy, Ferguson, Johnstone. From the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, of which deceased was also a member, came Bros. Dr. H. Taylor W.M., Ibbs, Blundell, Armitage, Blake Tyler. The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, sent Bros. Peake P.M., Whalley P.M., Bryan P.M., Curtis, Bennett, Hill, Worthington, Howson, and Perrins. Other Masonic bodies represented on the ground were:—Derby Lodge, No. 724: Brothers Sharples W.M., Barrett, Captain Thornton, and Griffiths. Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713: Bro. Cross P.M. Mariners' Lodge, No. 249: Bros. Spurr W.M. and Routledge Junior Steward. Antient Union Lodge, No. 203: Bros. Galloway I.P.M., Hounsell P.M., Ashton W.M., Dunning, G. J. Clough, and T. Clough. Lodge of Harmony, No. 220: Bros. Jones P.M., Thompson, and Baker P.M. Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620: Bros. Stirzaker and Stubbs S.D. St John's Lodge, No. 673: Bros. Edgar and Thompson. Everton Lodge, No. 823: Bros. Barberry and Hagree. There were also present Bros. H. Smith, George Major 67 (I.C.), J. Capstick, &c. The officiating ministers were Bros. Dr. Hyde and E. F. Neep Chaplain 1473. The former clergyman delivered a short but impressive address at the grave side, and at its close a large number of beautiful wreaths were placed over the coffin in the grave.

BROTHER W. H. CORBIN.

THE funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Corbin P.M. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, took place the same afternoon, in Anfield Cemetery. The deceased was a prominent representative of the firm of Messrs. Landlands and Son, shipowners. The following brethren were at the grave side: Bros. H. H. Smith P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Hockin P.M. 673, J. W. Reece 594, W. H. Hignett P.M. 1547, and others.

BRO. JAMES THOMPSON COOPER.

BRO. James Thompson Cooper, of Morpeth, died on Saturday last. He was a well-known figure in Masonic circles in the Province, having been for about sixteen years Tyler to De Ogle Lodge, and during all that time only twice absent from duty, whether that had to be discharged at home or in some other part of the Province.

It is said that a lady in New York has opened a subscription list to procure ten millions sterling with which to rebuild Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple. She thinks her project has special interest for Jews and Freemasons. Her sanguine anticipations have been encouraged by the receipt of seven shillings and sixpence. Society seems credulous about restoration projects at a distance,—with other people's money.

At a meeting of the members of the One and All Lodge, No. 339, Bodmin, on Monday last, Brother Tom Whale was elected as the W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Rowe was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Dennis was re-elected Tyler. The installation of the Worshipful Master will take place on Monday, the 14th January.

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 24 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of

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KEYSTONE LODG

ON the 26th ult. an interesting meeti Newport, Monmouthshire, the occ of a W.M. for the coming year. The given with proficiency by Bro. Cap J.P., P.G.M.M.M. The Master, Brother afterwards invested the Officers for the Bros. E. J. Whitley I.P.M., Jones S.W., E Mitchell S.O., De Angulo J.O., F. Philli Captain S. George Homfray Treasurer, A ton Secretary, T. H. Shute Reg. of Mar Keen, and T. B. Garrett Stewards, Alfre Tyler. After the ceremony the brethr Hotel, where the installation banquet wa of the new Master.

ST. MARTIN'S LODG

THE members of St. Martin's Ma Liskeard, on the 6th instant, a as Worshipful Master, F. Crouch Trese for the ensuing year. The next regular will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, and influential meeting is anticipated. held at Bro. J. Venning's London Hotel

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MARQUESS OF GRANBY

THE annual meeting was held, on t masons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham was unanimously elected W.M., M. Fowl Tyler. There were present Bros. Rev Past Masters Logan, Bell, Bousfield, C with several visitors.

SINCERITY LODG

AT a meeting, held at the Lodge-roo house, on Monday evening, the Thomas W.M. presiding, Bro. George unanimously elected Treasurer in the Bayly. Two candidates were initiated sublime degree of M.M. It was decided the new refreshment room by a banqu and St. George's combining on that M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Chap to the Lodge a handsomely framed pi "Temple of King Solomon," with s sanctum sanctorum, belonging to the panel of the frame bore the following in

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity 189, house by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 Honorary Devonshire, 10th December 1888."

Bro. Lemon also presented to the L the installation of H.R.H. the Prince The unanimous thanks of the Lodge we his gifts.

FIDELITY LODG

AT a regular meeting, held at the E port, on the 6th instant, Bro. unanimously elected Worshipful Maste John Lynn P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer sum of three guineas was unanimously of Devonport. The installation of the place on Thursday, 20th December.

YORK LODGE,

AT the regular meeting, at the M York, on Monday, 3rd instant, elected W.M. for the ensuing year. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. tion and banquet will take place on M

TEES LODGE,

THE annual festival was held in th the 6th inst., when bro. Alexan chair of K.S. by Bro. W. G. Smith I.P invested or appointed the following ensuing year:—Bros. W. G. Smith Holt J.W., W. M. Watson P.M. Tre J. Burton S.D., T. R. Cephan J.D., Al tyrs Organist, T. Hayne Cleff I.G., Stewards, B. S. Smith Tyler. There ford P.G. Standard Bearer England Nelson P.S.G.D. (Mayor of Stockton) P.P.G S.B., E. D. Brown, G. F. Allen Long P.G.S.D.

TEMPLE LODG

AN unusually large muster of th Masonic Hall, Folkestone, on T

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the Craft—Mr. A. H. Gardner and Mr. J. T. Sams. There were several visiting brethren present, and nearly fifty of the members of the Lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dunk W.M., A. J. Crane I.P.M., F. Francis S.W., G. Sparrow J.W., S. Joseph P.M., J. Kennett P.M. Sec., F. Hall S.D., W. Griffin J.D., G. L. Hart P.M. D.C., L. Banks I.G., R. Pope S.B., H. S. Roberts Organist, J. G. Cheyney and C. Saunders Stewards, F. Klatt P.M., J. H. Clarke P.M., H. D. Stock P.M., W. Francis P.M., A. Petts P.M., E. T. Ward, G. Peden, J. Dunk, W. G. Prebble, J. Ward, T. F. Makin, C. J. Parsey, T. B. Hammond, D. Devereux, W. K. Westropp, T. J. Vaughan, H. Tolputt, S. J. Petts, F. Brown, J. Eldridge, F. Clements, D. P. W. Jones, W. D. Goddard, T. A. Franks, F. J. Jarvis, H. H. Barton, H. E. Brooke, F. C. Stevenson, T. H. English, and visiting brethren J. C. Kent P.M. 546, J. Lathey 126, R. M. Hazell 125, G. J. E. Marsh P.M. 1586, A. Thompson 1601, C. S. Clark 1760, and J. D. Goddard 1056. The Lodge was opened at 7·30 by the W.M. (Bro. W. Dunk.) The above-named gentlemen were then introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. G. L. Hart rose, and said he had been asked to undertake one of the most pleasing tasks he had ever been called on to do. It was to present to the Lodge, subscribed for by every member of the Lodge, a most beautifully executed coloured photograph of their worthy Senior Past Master, Bro. Stock, as a mark of the very high esteem and regard in which he was held. It was in the year 1857 Bro. Stock filled the chair, and in the following year was appointed a Prov. Grand Officer. In making the presentation, he begged the W.M. to receive it on behalf of the Lodge, to be held by them in perpetuity. The inscription below the portrait is as follows:—

"Worshipful Bro. Henry Stock W.M. 1857, Prov. G. Sup. of W. 1858, Prov. G.J.W. 1887. Presented to the Temple Lodge, No. 558, by the Brethren, as a mark of the esteem in which they hold their Senior Past Master. December 1888."

The W.M., Bro. Dunk, then acknowledged and accepted the very valuable gift, stating that the picture, which was a wonderful specimen of the art of photography, was the work of their esteemed Bro. Clarke, of Church Street. Bro. Stock then rose, and, with considerable feeling, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—When you, worshipful sir, first intimated to me the desire of the brethren to present to my mother Lodge this valued token of their fraternal regard and esteem, I was filled with emotion; indeed I can but now feebly express to you my deep inward feelings of gratification and pleasure that I should have been chosen as the first representative of that long array of worthy Past Masters whose portraitures may some day grace the walls of this noble temple. And, further, I feel the great honour which will be accorded me of a place in close proximity to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and to our old and esteemed Bro. Eastes his Deputy. I cannot disguise from you my feelings that this last act of your kindliness may be somewhat in recognition of the fact that I, as your senior Past Master, for a long series of years fought nobly for my Lodge, and zealously endeavoured to keep together the frequently dying embers of the Temple; neither can you fail to judge of my unbounded satisfaction at being permitted to see it rise, like another Phœnix, from those ashes, to assume the very large proportions it now does. It will be in the recollection of you all that only a few months ago I was presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge with the Jubilee Medal and the honorary rank of a P.P.G.J.W. I considered this as one of the greatest honours that could be conferred upon a humble individual like myself; but believe me, my brethren, that this honour even pales before the circumstance of to-night. My Brother Hart has kindly wished that I might be spared to be with you for very many years. This, in the ordinary course of things, I can scarcely expect; but I do venture to hope that for some little time longer yet I may be permitted to be be with you, and to retain that fraternal regard, love, and esteem which I have already earned, so that in death I may not be forgotten. But whenever you gaze upon that picture it may elicit some passing thought and a kindly word of one who went in and out among you, and of one who throughout his long life ever sought to maintain and practise those three grand Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Bro. Stock then resumed his seat amid the acclamations of the brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

THE installation of Bro. E. Mainprize took place at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, on Wednesday, 5th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Creaser P.M. P.G. Standard Bearer. In the evening the banquet was held at the Britannia Hotel, and was well attended, several visiting brethren being present.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

IT has hitherto been the custom of the Officers of this Lodge to organise an annual sea trip to the beautiful Welsh coast, in aid of the Masonic Charities of the Province, and in these efforts the late Bro. T. H. Carefull P.M. rendered yeoman service. This year the "benefit" in aid of the Charities took the form of a concert and dance, which successfully came off in Rodney Hall. The entertainment was under the control of Bros. W. Maddox W.M., R. T. Britton J.W. who acted as Hon. Treasurer, and Edwin Kite S.D. as Hon. Secretary, while the general arrangements were entrusted to a competent body of Stewards. The artistes were Madame Graefe, Bros. A. B. Ewart (Organist of the Lodge), J. Handford, J. M. King, G. A. Redhead (solo violin), T. Hague, E. O. Roberts, George Smith, Jackson, Masters Latham and Pritchard, and Miss Ivy Carefull, Madame Graefe, who was in splendid voice, received a unanimous encore for Cowen's "Never Again," and subsequently rendered "Ora pro Nobis" with most commendable artistic taste, and in irreproachable style. Bro. Redhead's violin solos on English and Irish melodies were characterised by much care and ability; and Miss Carefull, a miniature performer, was given an encouraging [illegible] for a well-played pianoforte selection. Bro. King contributed exceedingly interesting recitation on the [illegible] progress of Masonry and the choir from St. Luke's Church officiated in two instances with great credit to themselves. The programme, which was of very enjoyable nature throughout, was followed by a dance, Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C. acting as M.C.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1010.

AT a meeting of the members, held on the 5th instant, in the new Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull—Bro. Colonel H. Fawcett Pudsey in the chair—Bro. John Bilson, the Worshipful Master-elect for the ensuing year, was duly installed by Bro. Francis Fullerton. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from numerous brethren. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren officers of the Lodge:—F. S. Brodrick S.W., Herbert Woodhouse J.W., the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D., Chaplain, F. Fullerton Lecture Master, H. Forde Treasurer, J. Carlill Savill Secretary, W. H. Briggs S.D., F. C. Bishop J.D., F. Bentley Organist, T. A. Baldwin I.G. On a resolution moved by Bro. W. H. Wellsted it was resolved:—"That a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s, be formed to consider the best means of recognising the Mayoralty of Bro. John Sherburn, M.D." This was seconded by Bro. F. Fullerton. It is understood that the mode of recognition will be by a banquet. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren dined together in their dining-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. Bilson and the newly-appointed officers. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent. During the proceedings in the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, asked the Secretary (Bro. Carlill Savill) to accept a Masonic jewel, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to Bro. J. Carlill Savill, by Bro. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Worshipful Master 1010, in recognition of valuable services, on removal of Lodge to new Masonic Hall, 1888."

Bro. Carlill Savill acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual banquet was held on the 5th instant, at Bro. N. Bray's Commercial Hotel, Saltash. There was a large attendance. After dinner the W.M. Bro. W. R. Rawling gave the toast of the Queen and Craft. The toast of the M.W. Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M. and was drunk with enthusiasm. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon Lord Ennington, and the Provincial Officers of Cornwall and Devon were proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bros. J. T. Brooking, W. H. L. Clark, T. W. Lemon, S. Jew, D. Cross, and C. H. Cooper. Bro. W. N. Nancarrow S.W. next proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. W. R. Rawling. He felt sure Bro. Rawling would deserve the honour which had been conferred upon him. He had gone through the minor offices with credit to himself and to the Lodge, and he had no doubt that he would occupy the chair in the same way. Bro W. R. Rawling, in reply, thanked them heartily for the way they had received the toast. The I.P.M. of Lodge Zetland (Bro. R. C. Revell) was given by Brother R. Pearce, who presented Bro. Revell with a P.M.'s jewel on behalf of Lodge Zetland. Bro. R. C. Revell responded. The medal, a very beautiful one, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 1071, Cornwall, to Bro. Richard Carter Revell P.M., in appreciation of his Masonic worth and talent.—December 5th, 1888."

The P.M.'s of Lodge Zetland was proposed by Bro. Rawling and responded to by Bro. E. Herring in suitable terms. The Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by Bro. W. H. L. Clark, who eulogised the Secretary and Treasurer, Bros. J. Pearce and T. Deeble. Bro. Deeble suitably responded. The S. and J.W. of Lodge Zetland, proposed by Bro. R. C. Revell was responded to by Bros. W. N. Nancarrow and T. Shaddock. The Senior and Junior Deacons and Assistant Officers, proposed by Bro. H. Bowden and replied to by Bros. J. Lander S.D., Notting J.D., R. Meadows I.G., Fred A. Rawling D.C., W. Prout and C. Hunt Stewards. Our Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. E. Herring, was responded to by Bros. Aitken Davies, Lavers, and Jew. Masons' Wives and Sweethearts was proposed by Bro. Rabbage and replied to by Bros. Fred A. Rawling and W. P. Wood. Our Host and Hostess was proposed by the W.M. and replied to by Bro. Bray. Our Poor Brethren, wherever distressed, however distressed, speedy relief to them, proposed by Bro. Lemon, brought the toast list to a close. Afterwards songs were rendered by Bros. Jew, Cox, W. R. Rawling, and T. Betty.

MADOC LODGE, No. 1509.

THE annual installation took place on the 5th inst., at Portmadoc, Bro. W. Jones (North and South Wales Bank) being installed W.M. Bro. Dr. Jones Morris was the Installing Officer; he was assisted by Bro. Cornelius Davies P.G.S.W. of North Wales.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1529.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Columb, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Drew was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Whitley, the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. F. Whitley I.P.M., F. E. Remfrey P.G.P. S.W., W. R. May J.W., J. R. Evans Secretary, T. Gatley P.M. Treasurer, E. Benny S.D., Brewer J.D., Burgess D.C., J. James I.G., Garrison Tyler, Coad Steward. After the usual business of the Lodge was completed the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was laid by Mrs. Brewer.

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ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, 5th instant. Lodge was opened at 4·30 p.m. precisely. There were present Bros. W. C. Williams W.M., Wing S.W., Harding J.W., Fayers acting S.D., Oliver J.D., Coombe I.G., Bowler acting Tyler, Watkins Treasurer; P.M.'s Robinson Secretary, Collings Dir. of Cers., Stacey Organist, Pardoe, and about twenty-two other members. The visitors were Bros. Wingfield P.M. 1360, Silcock S.D. 144, Tucker 144, Bass, Bells and Cory 865, Turner 1767. After preliminaries, Bro. Hague was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Marshall was passed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Morrish and J. Cox, and it being unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were carried through by the W.M. in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from the members and visitors. Some routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 7 p.m. After discussing the good things provided by the host, Bro. Silcock, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were pithily proposed and heartily accepted. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Robinson P.M., who complimented the Lodge on having such an able Master and the W.M. on having such a prosperous and harmonious Lodge. Bro. Green sang "The Last Stirrup Cup," and then the W.M. responded. The W.M. next complimented the Initiates, remarking how fortunate the Royal Commemoration Lodge had been lately in the quantity and quality of its initiates. Bro. Price recited "Sal Grogan," in a most pathetic manner, and then Bros. Cox and Morrish replied, the latter at some length, referring to the manner in which he had been impressed by the solemnity of the ritual and the forcible rendering of it by the W.M. To the toast of the Visitors those named above replied. The health of the Past Masters was proposed. Bro. Howard sang "The Sprig of Shillelagh," and Bros. Robinson, Collings and Pardoe replied. The W.M. next gave the Officers, complimenting them on what they had done, and forcibly impressing upon them the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Williams commented on the small number who had availed themselves of his invitation to meet him at the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction on the previous Monday evening. Bro. Knight sang "Mary Carey's Bean," and then the Wardens and Senior Deacon responded. The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening at 10 p.m.

KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, and was without exception the most numerously attended Craft Lodge of the year, over forty W.M.'s and P.M.'s being present, besides many other visitors and members. The Lodge has the largest number of contributing brethren of any at the North-end, and has been remarkable since its formation in 1878 for its generous donations to the Masonic Charities. The chair was taken by Bro. R. T. Britten I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. W. T. Warhurst), through severe illness, and he was supported by Bros. E. Johnston (Father of the Lodge), H. Fergusson P.M., R. E. Milton P.M., H. Marshall P.M., J. Grierson P.M., C. Bargery P.P.S.G.D., J. A. Kellie S.W. (W.M. elect), Joseph Molyneux J.W., Joseph Croxton Treasurer, C. Johnson Secretary, G. Eyton J.W., J. Milne I.G., &c., and a large body of visitors. The W.M. elect, Brother J. Kellie, was presented by Bros. E. Johnston and H. Fergusson, and most efficiently installed by Bro. Britten. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. T. Warhurst I.P.M., Joseph Molyneux S.W., C. Johnson J.W., Joseph Croxton Treasurer (re-elected for the fifth time), John Milne S.D., John. Macaulay J.D., Dr. Joseph Ricketts I.G., G. Eyton Organist, Dr. R. H. Powell S.S., Thomas Hood J.S., J. R. Carmichael A.S., R. T. Britten D.C. Bro. E. Watson was re-elected Tyler. The brethren, to the number of 100, afterwards dined together, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. T. Warhurst (whose absence was feelingly alluded to), by proxy, on behalf of the Lodge. A beautiful silver tea and coffee service, supplied by Bro. J. W. Morton, was also presented to Bro. J. Croxton, on behalf of the members, in recognition of his long and valuable services. The service during the installation was fully choral, and an excellent musical programme was given after the banquet by Bros. Williams, Griffiths, J. T. Pugmire, T. C. Fargher, and H. J. Nicholls, the conductor and accompanist in both being Bro. George Eyton. The banqueting-room was tastefully decorated by Messrs. Griffiths and Davies.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

AT the regular meeting, held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, East Stonehouse, Bro. John Griffin the S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. W. H. Williams the retiring W.M., C. Nicholson P.M., James Lose P.M., and W. H. Macey P.M., all of 1847. It was unanimously decided to present Bro. W. H. Williams the I.P.M. with a handsome Masonic jewel in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability during the past year, and also to present Bro. A. R. Lethbridge with his portrait, in consideration of his valuable services to the Lodge as honorary representative on the Committee of Petitions, for the past seven years. The Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. W. H. Williams I.P.M., J. T. Rooke S.W., J. J. Parvey J.W., S. Jaw Chap., C. Nicholson Treasurer, J. Lose Secretary, G. Strear S.D., B. Michel J.D., H. Roberts I.G., E. Daw D.C., T. L. Foley A.D.C., J. Kenet Organist, T. Lee and W. Warren Stewards, J. Bartlett Tyler. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge was chosen as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Williams Charity Steward. Bro. T. W. Lemon P.M. 1789 presented to the Lodge a framed photo

"Presented to Lodge Ebrington, N
Devon, 11th December 1888, by W. Bro.
P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 223, 1071,
P.P.G.C. and P.J.G.W."

The brethren then adjourned to the
genial chairmanship of the W.M., a very
The annual banquet is fixed to take place
Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th of Januar

GALLERY LODGE,

THE installation meeting was held on
ton Hall. Dr. R. J. Griffiths
ceremony being performed by Bro. J.
were appointed and invested as Officers o
Wright S.W., W. T. Perkins J.W., H. M
Minstrell P.M. Secretary, R. J. Albery
years occupied the post of Secretary)
Gale D.C., E. E. Peacock I.G.; Charl
F. W. Pattison, and W. Macdonald Ste
Mr. A. F. Robbins was elected, and initi
number of visitors were present, among
Grand Treasurer of England, F. A. Phil
Secretary of the Royal Masonic School f

WILBERFORCE LOD

THE winter soirée and ball took place
street, Hull, on the 4th instant.
tastefully and artistically decorated
proceedings, in which about 150 persons
enjoyable and successful character.
half-past eight o'clock, under the directi
M.C., and during the evening entertai
smaller hall adjoining by Bro. Vessey
chief credit of the excellent arrangemen
comfort and delectation of the brethren
were provided in tha dining-hall, by Bro

EARL OF SUSSEX LO

A MEETING of the brethren of this
Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday af
was opened by the W.M. the Right Ho
M.P., who was supported by his Offic
Secretary to write to Mrs. Gerard Ford
brethren of the Lodge, and thank her fo
priate cover for the Lodge table, which
the brethren. The Secretary reported
Earl of Sussex Lodge had been presen
Warre, and the W.M., on behalf of the
sincere thanks for the thoughtful pres
been transacted the brethren adjourn
when they sat down to an elegant banq
style by Bro. Matton, of King's Road,
himself in his excellent catering. The
W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., presided,
toasts, which were duly honoured.
Prov. G.M. then rose and begged the in
making an alteration in the order of the
anxious to leave to catch an early train
able to start in the morning for
Gordon-Lennox, the newly-elected Pro
to leave Brighton by the same train.
the opportunity of coupling two toasts,
drink the health of the W.M. and the P
said, though soon to be absent from th
them. He then alluded in graceful ter
the Duke of Richmond's family with th
W. T. Marriott, in responding, said
"let the cat out of the bag." He amus
decay and general break up he had bee
that he had the sympathy of every bro
be back in a months time, fully prepar
the Lodge. Bro. Lord A. Gordon-Lenn
said he would endeavour to faithfully
new office. His family, as Bro. Ford
nected with Sussex Freemasons for ma
association would long continue.
brethren had taken their leave, Bro. G
and proposed the Officers of Grand L
Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretar
Grand Lodge (he wished to omit
acknowledged ability, who merited
Sussex Province possessed two note
Provincial Grand Master and their Pro
E. Letchworth P.G.Deacon proposed t
Sussex H.R.H. the Duke of Connaugh
received a hearty response from the B
all entertained great respect and re
Connaught, who, though absent from
engaged in promoting the interests
Bombay, and Grand Superintendent
Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the D
Gerard Ford P.G.D. and the Officer
Present and Past. Though unavoida
Duke of Connaught, he said, placed th
Grand Officers, and he (Bro. Clerke)
witnessing the admirable manner in

many years. Though absent from the last Lodge meeting Bro Ford had taken the liveliest interest in all that had taken place, and he believed the hearty sympathy which the brethren had extended to him had done much towards his restoration to health. Bro. Gerard Ford, who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. As Bro. Clerke had said, his severe illness had been much relieved by the marked kindness of the brethren, and he was grateful for their cordial sympathy. He received admirable support from the Provincial Grand Officers, and so long as they continued their efforts the Province would be prosperous. He also tendered his thanks to Bro. Shadwell Clerke for the great interest he had always taken in the Province of Sussex. Bro. Gerard Ford then proposed The Visitors. Specially amongst them he mentioned the officers of Royal Clarence Lodge—the mother Lodge of the Province. In 1869 he himself joined that Lodge, and in 1876 he was its W.M. Many good and worthy Masons of that Lodge had passed away, amongst whom he mentioned Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell and J. Henderson Scott. Bro. T. Billing W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge responded. The remaing toasts were the Officers, to which Bro. W. H. Hallet (Treasurer) made an excellent response, and the Tylers' Toast. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music was sustained in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Amy Freeman, Bro. A. King, and Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, under the able direction of Bro. A. King P.P.G. Organist.

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BROTHERLY LOVE CHAPTER, No. 329.

THE annual installations took place on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, when the retiring Z. Companion W. J. Nosworthy was succeeded in the chair by Companion H. F. Edgar. The following is the list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Companions Edgar Z., W. Wynn Westcott H., J. A. Milborne J., Farley Treasurer, W. J. Nosworthy P.G.R. S.E., Dr. Colmer N., L. H. Ruegg Principal Sojourner, S. W. Bowsey First Assistant Sojourner, J. L. Bowsey Second Assistant Sojourner, John Edwards Janitor. The ceremonies of installation were ably performed by Companion E. C. Sherrin P.G.S. Dorset.

The annual banquet and installation festival of the Peveril of the Peak Lodge, No. 654, was held on Wednesday, at the Crown Hotel, New Mills, when there was a large gathering of members of the Craft from New Mills, Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Glossop, and other places.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and Cornwall will be held on Wednesday, 2nd January, when the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Hall in Princess-square will be consecrated.

At a meeting of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, at the new Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Brother A. W. Spinney S.W. was elected as W.M. for the year ensuing, Bro. J. T. Browning P.M. Treasurer, and Brother W. H. Phillips Tyler.

The foundation stone of the New West Established Church, Cambuslang, at present in course of erection, is to be laid on Saturday, 15th inst. The local Lodges have issued invitations to other Lodges to take part in the proceedings.

We referred last week to the Christmas Greeting cards of Messrs. Hamilton, Hills and Co., of 22 Paternoster Row. These gentlemen inform us they can supply the cards we referred to with the "levels." This removes the trifling objection we made as to their adaptability for the purpose intended.

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has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

The following is a copy of the Warrant referred to in the concluding paragraph of my paper in last week's issue of the Freemason's Chronicle:—

Blesinton Gd. Master,
Wm. Holford D.G.M.

Jas. Nisbet S.G.W. John Abercromby J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern—

We the Grand Lodge in ample form assembled do hereby authorise and Impower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren, *Thomas Killingly*, Master, *James Wood*, Senr. Warden, and *William Baily*, Junr. Warden (with their lawful assistants), To form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons at the sign of the Punch Bowl in Peck-Lane in the Town of Nottingham (or elsewhere) and in said Lodge Admit, Enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the Known World.

No. LXII.

And we do hereby farther Impower our said Trusty and well-beloved Brethren Thomas Killingly, James Wood and William Baily (with their lawful Assistants) To Nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors, whom they are to invest with their power and Dignity, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner Nominate Chuse and Instal their Successors, &c., &c., &c., such Installations to be on every St. John's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for Ever, providing the above Named Brethren and their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Grand Lodge, London, this thirteenth day April Anno Dom. 1757. Anno Lap. 5757.

Lau. Dermott G.S.

The other Warrant, dated 6th day of June 1759, is very similar to the older one, but it bears the additional words "Grand Lodge of York Masons, London," (showing, as I have stated, that the adoption of the York tradition was an after thought, and had nothing whatever to do with the origin of the "Ancients"). Both of them bear what I believe to be the actual signature of Lord Blesinton, or "Blessington," but what Bro. Norton would have us to believe are merely forgeries of Dermott; they also bear the signature of the D.G.M. and the Grand Wardens, and in my opinion one is as little likely to be a forgery as the others are. Having carefully examined and compared these two signatures, I have no hesitation in saying that they were both written by the same person, and that person was *not* Laurence Dermott.

Although perfectly convinced myself of the genuineness of these documents, as well as of the authenticity of the correspondence relating to Lord Blessington, alluded to by Brother Norton in the Chronicle, No. 722, I felt that I ought to make an effort to satisfy the scruples of those friends who have not the opportunity of personally inspecting the original records. Accordingly, a few days ago I paid a visit to Sir Albert Woods (Garter King at Arms), our Grand Director of Ceremonies, to whom I am already under many obligations, and who is at all times most willing to assist me in my researches, both Masonic and otherwise. Sir Albert at once pointed out to me, in the official records, *three* different ways of spelling the title of the nobleman in question, viz., "Blesington," "Blessington," and "*Blesinton*." He also informed me that the Will of the Countess of Blesinton was proved in the year 1774 (her husband died in 1769), and suggested that I should go to Somerset House, and ascertain how she spelt the name. He was also good enough to say that he would write to Ireland, and endeavour to obtain further information on the subject.

It really ought not to be necessary to remind a person of Bro. Norton's erudition that considerable license formerly existed in regard to the spelling of the family names of some of our nobility, and that what was generally deemed the most correct mode was the way the owner spelt it himself.

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Bro. Norton in his "Comments" has given an example of this license in the name of "Heseltine," Dermott's formidable opponent,—which I find he persists in spelling *Hesseltine*, whereas I have adopted the same method as the owner. In my opinion it would be almost as absurd on my part to suggest that Bro. Norton purposely misspelt this name, in order to avoid an indictment for forgery, as it is for him to suggest that Dermott misspelt the name of Lord Blessington for a similar reason.

I found, on examining the Will of the widow of Lord Blessington, that she invariably signed it "E. Blesinton," and that wherever her late husband is mentioned in the document the name is spelt in the same way; this I take to be pretty conclusive evidence that Dermott was not, in this instance at all events, a forger. If this is not sufficient to satisfy Bro. Norton, I have much pleasure in presenting him with *facsimiles* of the signatures of Lord Blesinton. The one of 1759 is copied from the Warrant of that date, and the other is copied from his lordship's will, in Dublin.

Blesinton. 1759.

Blesinton. 1769.

I sincerely hope, for the credit of our Order, that we have now heard the last of this pitiful slander, which, originating in malicious rivalry more than a century ago, Bro. Norton has done his utmost to perpetuate, for want, I presume, of a more solid argument with which to support his peculiar views.

Bro. Norton seems to have taken an infinite deal of pains to prove that Laurence Dermott was a lying impostor and a forger, and that he and his associates "had no right to pretend to antiquity, or to the name of Ancients;" indeed this is the substance of the whole of his "Comments." I cannot find one word either in support of the old "Secession fiction," or in opposition to my new theory of the "origin of the Ancients;" hence I am placed in a somewhat difficult position, for I am at a loss to know whether he assents to that theory, or whether he rejects it. I am sure Bro. Norton will pardon me if I do not attempt to follow him through all the maze of figures, dates and references by means of which he tries to fortify the position he has taken up as to the non-antiquity of the "Ancients," for, as previously remarked, I attach very little importance to the adoption of this title by the organisers of the Grand Lodge of 1752; they probably applied it in a different sense to what Bro. Norton does, and merely intended to imply that they practised the old customs, not those of the "Modern" Lodges. Indeed, I doubt very much whether they had any knowledge of the Ancient Masonry to which Bro. Norton refers. And so far from making myself responsible for all the sayings of Dermott to be found in my book, why I should just as readily undertake to be answerable for the assertions of Anderson, Preston, Oliver, and the rest of our historians;—they all more or less drew upon their imagination when at a loss for direct evidence;—and, moreover, I have distinctly expressed my doubts as to the correctness of some of his statements, and others I say are "scarcely worth a moment's consideration." Bro. Norton seems to forget that my non-secession theory is not based upon anything said by Laurence Dermott, or any other individual, but chiefly upon official documents now in existence, and other evidence of a perfectly independent character, quite unknown to former writers. In determining the plan of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I thought, whether rightly or wrongly, that the best and fairest way would be to examine, in the first instance, the records of the older Grand Lodge, and extract every item of intelligence that could possibly be construed into having the smallest bearing on the origin of the "Ancients." To do this effectually it was necessary that I should give their views as to the origin and character of their rivals. My next step was to go through the same process with the records of the opposition body, leaving my readers to draw their own conclusions as to the existence of reliable evidence of "secession." In neither case could I find a particle of evidence to justify any

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nisant of any difference not appertaining to the Laws and Regulations between the two systems. Indeed, I think it highly probable that some of the *English Lodges* at a distance from London were many years before they were made acquainted with alterations in the ceremonies at that early period. It appears to me that Bro. Norton hardly realises the great difference, both socially and Masonically, between the years 1730 and 1888.

(To be continued).

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,

AND

DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN, SHADWELL, E.

THE Tenth Festival Dinner in aid of the Funds of this Charity is arranged to take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday next, the 20th inst., on which occasion Charles A. Prescott, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, has kindly consented to preside. This Hospital was opened by Dr. and Mrs. Heckford in two old houses at Ratcliff Cross on the 28th January 1868, with ten beds. Before the end of the year the number of beds increased to 35. The present building was opened by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck, on the 2nd of May 1877, and contains 102 beds. Since the opening of the hospital in 1868, 197,912 cases have been treated—being 124,193 out-patients, 61,522 casualty cases, and 12,197 in-patients (children). The number of children under 13 years of age in the district, according to the last Census, is 92,870, and the population 390,595, all of whom are poor. Applications for treatment annually increase, and, on an average 60 applicants apply daily, of whom 20 to 30 have to be refused treatment for want of more accommodation. The in-patients are taken from the out-patients. They are selected on this principle: Is there a bed vacant? Is this the worst case of the day? the admission being entirely in the discretion of the medical attendant. Out-patients attend with orders from Subscribers, who receive two letters or orders for each annual subscription of a guinea. A donor of ten guineas in one sum is a Life-Governor, and is entitled to five letters of recommendation annually. Our Brother, Charles Lacey P.M. and Treasurer Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, has again undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of this deserving Charity. He tells us "there never was a time in the history of the hospital when its need of increased support was more urgent." We sincerely trust the appeal of the Committee will be liberally responded to on Thursday next.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Once more London will have the opportunity of seeing that charming little play, "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy." This time it will be played at the Opera Comique, every afternoon, except Saturdays, commencing on the 17th instant. Véra Beringer will once more be the little Lord, while the rest of the cast will be sustained by the following:—Messrs. C. W. Somerset, Canninge, Girardot, Hendrie, Branscombe and Hughes; the Misses Mary Rorke, Helen Leigh, and Fanny Brough. The piece will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., Messrs. George R. Sims and H. Pettitt's new and original drama, entitled "The Silver Falls," will be produced at the Adelphi. The scenes are laid in England, near the Thames, and in Mexico. Mr. William Terries will be the hero, and will be supported by the Misses Millward, Olga Nethersole, and Clara Jecks; Messrs. Charles Cartwright and J. L. Shine.

Mr. Richard Mansfield opens his season at the Globe on Saturday, the 22nd inst., with "Prince Karl." It will be preceded by "Editha's Burglar," with Mr. Lionel Brough as the Burglar.

The Christmas bill of the Princess's will include the production at daily matinées, except Saturday, of "Oliver Twist," in which drama Miss Grace Hawthorne will appear as Nancy Sykes. These matinées will commence on Monday, 24th inst. "Hands Across the Sea" continues in the evening bill.

The Annual Benefit of Miss Annie Parker, the popular elocutionist, is announced for the evening of the 17th instant, at the French chamber, St James Hall. An interesting programme will be submitted.

In our notice of the Tenth Annual Brewers' Exhibition, recently held at the Agricultural Hall, London, we referred to the Oakhill Invalid Stout as a wholesome and palatable beverage that would meet a want that had long been recognised by almost all heads of families. At the time of writing no arrangements had been completed for pushing the sale of this Stout in the Metropolis, but now we learn that Messrs. Jillard, Spencer and Co., the well-known brewers, of the Oakhill Brewery, near Bath, have appointed Mr. Hubbard, of 1 Finsbury Square, E.C., as their Agent. "The Oakhill Invalid Stout" has long enjoyed a high reputation in the West of England for its nourishing qualities, and now that it can be readily obtained in London, we anticipate its special qualities will soon win

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THE EVENING STAR LOD

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had the pleasure o
vitation to the recent installation meeting of the E
but, perhaps, at the time it reached me I had n
"class" of men I was to meet there:—I may tell
public journal that this Lodge is a hot-bed of jo
tion. Still, I decided to avail myself of the opport
judging, if possible, whether such a charge was
hardly tell you, Bro. Editor, that I found the memb
Star Lodge as true gentlemen and as sincere M
desired, and I think it a pity that the name of th
its constituent members, should have been mixed u
scandal, or in any way associated with general mis
world.

Among the members of the Lodge I found Bro.
an octogenarian, but as genial a Craftsman as
apron. I felt that in such a frame it was impos
to lurk." I gathered that it was in the course of
land that Bro. Glaisher expressed the wish to beco
and he ultimately induced Bro Magnus Ohren to p
alone would, I think, entitle Bro. Magnus Ohren
the members of the Evening Star Lodge, but he ha
their regard, not the least of which is his persisten
the welfare of the Masonic Charities. His efforts
a happy issue on the evening of my visit, inasmuch
of Stewards for each of the Masonic Institutions w
meetings for the Festivals of 1889. I, for one, shou
more Lodges following the example of the
if their only reward for so doing was to create e
world, they would at least have the gratification
had done something to attract attention.

I remain, yours fraternally,

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IRISH COTTAGE WORK AS PRES
THE SEASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

SIR,—The announcement that the Old Irish M
be kept open at the Winter Exhibition at Olympi
with delight by the peasant workers in all part
within the last few days hundreds of parcels have
taining beautifully executed and cheap articles, m
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Kindly permit me to suggest to your readers th
Market Place and purchasing some of the Irish w
and New Year's presents, or for charitable distribu
only get good value, but encourage and materially h
Irish peasantry and poor gentlewomen who are de
work of their hands for their daily bread. A ca
Irish work would be returned in exchange for
amount.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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The monthly meeting of the Committee
of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institut
Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabe
presided, and there were present Bros. Jam
J. Newton, Samuel Brooks, W. A. Scurrah,
ton, A. H. Tattershall, Alexander Forsyth,
Cubitt P.G.P., C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, H
M. Hobbs, J. J. Berry, and James Terry P
tary). The minutes of the previous meeti
read and confirmed, the Secretary reported
three annuitants (two men and one wi
Warden's report for the past month was re
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close.

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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, 15th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, 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, Bexley Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1512—Legedolum, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1969—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Fidelity, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
86—Eastern Star, Sun and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Masonic Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
162—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
17—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street,
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cl
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning To
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lam
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate St
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolw
1540—Chancery, Old White Hart, Borough H
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, H
1605—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Qu
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich R
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion S
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Wh
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel,
R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsb
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, C
R.A. 1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Ho

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Bar
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rod
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatr
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, N
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hav
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. Jo
461—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound H
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmin
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street,
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ash
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup,
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lan
960—Hute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day,
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Malton
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Str
1059—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sitting
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Cul
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Berkhamsted,
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffr
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street,
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street,
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street,
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park R
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Brigmor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abingt
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, W.
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms H
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, S
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park T
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion,
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hote
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne S
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandg
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkest

WEDNESDAY, 19th

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall,
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romma Road, Barn
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peck
92—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery La
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High S
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresha
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade
225—United Strength, The Hope, Stamf
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, a
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bar
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, South
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Co
902—Langoyne, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.
969—Maybury, Inner Court Hotel, W.C.
1319—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall R
1474—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, P
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fle
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward,
1681—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisha
1691—Wanderers, Victoria Masons Rest
1694—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1706—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Stree
1775—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1951—Londesborough, Bell and Anchor, Joh
1963—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-s
1972—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cha
1985—Duke of Albany, 15a Battersea Park
2296—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air S
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron,
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Squar
M.M.—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Ste
M.M. 114—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel,
124—Chelsea, Prince of Wales Tavern, Ch
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel,
126—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bostock-st
170—East Smithfield, Masonic Hall, John-st

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343—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, Barnsley
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Oneashaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
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—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—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
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1367—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londonwall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, 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. (Instruction)
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)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Battersea Green Road, S., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Gosbrook Park, Dunstable, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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 7.45. (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, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Ben 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, 39 Lennark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
66—Howard, Bickerstreet, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Barnsley
103—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 Room, Stanley-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Church-st., Darwen, Blackburn
350—Charity, Gripes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Saddleworth
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Ottawa
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
466—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
602—Bank Terrace, Bridgeraves Arms Hotel, Accrington
623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Market-place, Leicester
660—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Sharp-street, Bradford
665—Cumbermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1122—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1152—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Bath
1296—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1352—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Stockport
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Swinton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Copper Street, Manchester
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2090—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
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, The Mercers', Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 6—St George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Troon
401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Staithes
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill
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
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 621—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, 22nd DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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

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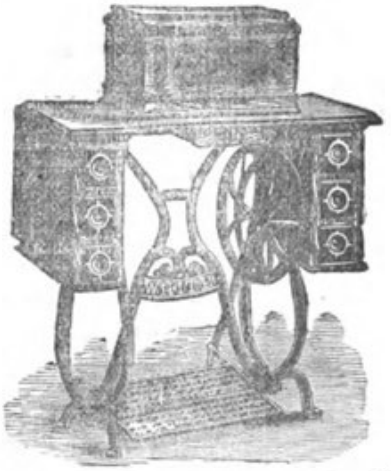
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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

ONCE more the festive season of Christmas has come upon us, and while it gives cause for joy and rejoicing it also serves to remind us of the rapid flight of time, and the ever-changing scenes around. Fourteen years ago to-day preparations were actively being made for the first appearance of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and well do we remember the enthusiastic band of workers who helped us to launch our paper on the troubled waters of journalism. Then, as now, we had some true, staunch friends, who brought to bear their best efforts on behalf of the paper, and we rejoice to look around to-day and find that among our warmest supporters are many of the men who stood by us in our earlier days. Others, alas, are no more; one by one we have had to chronicle their decease, and to mourn their loss—losses which to us have seemed almost irreparable, although, we are happy to say, other workers have come forward to support us, and have done their best to supply the places of those who have gone. This is most gratifying, and it urges us to make yet further efforts to please and satisfy our patrons, many of whom have been so long associated with our enterprise as to cause us to regard them as personal friends.

Thus far we have, perhaps, been guilty of painting the mournful side of Christmas, but who is there, even amid the loudest outbursts of merriment, who does not call to mind the laugh, or cheery face of some dear old friend long laid to his rest; or who does not yearn for the sturdy grasp of the hand never to be raised again? It seems part of our nature to associate old memories with present enjoyments, and we candidly confess we would not alter this if we could. But the anticipation of Christmas usually presents a happy and bright prospect, even if our present surroundings are the most gloomy. We look forward for a change taking place, which will give us cause for rejoicing on that auspicious day, and the clouds of our life must be very dark indeed if they do not show a slight tinge of brightness in association with the festive season of Christmas. But how is it for those who are not fortunate enough to possess the means of celebrating the holiday? Is there a gleam of sunshine visible even for them, or is it possible for such to rouse themselves sufficiently to wish their neighbours a Merry Christmas? Fortunately there is, and in no few cases the present season will supply the only gleam of sunshine during the year to many who are in misfortune and distress. At no other season is the Masonic injunction of being happy and communicating happiness more generally practised than at Christmas, and at no other time is it more needed. Let us, therefore, strive, as far as lies in our power, to prove that this Masonic principle is something more than mere words, and let us endeavour, to the best of our ability, to afford some enjoyment to one at least of the thousands who are in sore need of sympathy just now. No doubt our brother Masons will have ample opportunities during the next few days of extending the hand of charity, and it is to be hoped they will avail themselves of the opportunity with no grudging spirit, but if it should happen they are so happily circumstanced as to be free from the appeals of the needy, then we would ask them to give a passing thought to the claims which Freemasonry has upon their benevolence, and if they do not actually send a Christmas contribution to one or other of the Masonic Charity Funds, at least let them make up their minds to do something on their behalf at no distant date.

Freemasonry will play but a very poor part in the events of the next few days. Even the joy and rejoicing of our Mystic Art sink into insignificance when brought face to face with Christmas, and he would have to be a very enthusiastic Mason indeed who would choose to assemble in a Lodge room in preference to making one of a family circle at such a season, and yet we know that the true principles of Freemasonry will be as active just now—perhaps more active—than at any other part of the year. The widow and the orphan will not be forgotten, neither will the aged brother whose closing days have found him in distress. Many such will have good reason to bless the Mystic Craft, and will be loud in wishing its members, as most sincerely dowe, to-day,

A Merry Christmas.

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An Address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 3rd October 1888, by Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, Grand Orator.

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IT is a mark of strength, both in the ceremonies and life of Masonry, that it acknowledges the importance of the secret and the silent. These are essential elements of stability, and permeate the principles of this Ancient Fraternity. Pythagoras, one of its venerated representatives, when he lectured stood behind a veil, and those who heard him, but did not see his face, were called his exoteric disciples, while those who came into his presence were termed his esoteric disciples; these words were afterwards employed by Aristotle, though he did not conceal himself, to describe those who attended his more popular morning discourses, and those who came to hear his more abstruse evening discourses. So that now they denote the higher and the lower aspects of truth, the external and the internal, the essence and substance, soul and body. As there is to the grain of wheat outward covering and the vital germ within, and to the diamond its rough forbidding surface and its imprisoned splendour, so there are the superficial and the profound degrees of truth. In Pagan religions there were mysteries expressed in symbols or in language unintelligible to the non-initiate, who received the explanation orally. The priests were not allowed to communicate this knowledge

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in writing. The word "mystery" from the Greek muserion means "the concealed," just as the term "mystic" from a Greek root—mu—signifies "the closed." In the New Testament the former expression is frequently found, and the Saviour Himself said that the elucidation of the parables was given to His immediate disciples, but to those who were without it was not given. Hence it is that the "Clementine Homilies" declare that He taught a secret doctrine, and hence the distinction drawn in the services of the early church between the initiate and the neophyte. Now while I do not believe that Jesus taught a secret doctrine in the sense that any where arbitrarily excluded, it is evident that there were heights and depths to what He did teach that exceeded the ability of shallow and secularized intellect to understand. Masonry in common with these examples has its esoteric side, its unwritten instructions and interpretations, and even beyond these its recondite and spiritual expositions, which cannot be communicated orally even, but are made plain only to thought. The grips, passwords, and hailing signs which are frequently mentioned to prejudice the the populace against the Order are the merest trifles, and form the most inconsiderable part of its esoteric traditions. They need hardly be mentioned here. But the impression that has zealously been promoted that secret societies are a threat to community and dangerous to the commonwealth, deserves to be noticed. Masonry is not, properly speaking, a secret society, but a society with secrets. Where it a body concealing its existence, like a company of "Ku-Klux" or "White Cape," seeking to exercise a lawless influence on the public, and doing so the more readily because of its secrecy, it would deserve to be repudiated by every lover of his country. Such, however, is not the character of our Order. It publishes its existence to the world, gives annual reports of its organisations and work, and tells any one and every one what is its purport and mission in the earth. But while it is no secret society, it has its secrets; and when it can be shown that it is wicked for Jehovah to have secrets accessible only to His children, and when it is proven indefensible for a business firm or a family to maintain some degree of privacy, or for philosophers to give esoteric instruction, then, but not till then, we will challenge the right of Masonry to hide from prying and irreverent eyes the light they would only pervert and abuse. And until then we shall likewise believe that this very peculiarity, which prevents every idler from profaning its sacred courts, and rendering its Holy of Holies, common and unclean, is an abiding element of strength.

So is the silence it enjoins. This naturally grows out of secrecy. There are moments in the mysteries when absolute stillness reigns, a hush comes on the soul, and tongueless death appears to overawe. Then the initiate is prepared for wondrous things, or wonderful things are taking place.

> "In silence mighty things are wrought—
> Silently builded, thought on thought,
> Truth's temple greets the sky;
> And like a citadel with towers,
> The soul with her subservient powers
> Is strengthened silently.
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> "Soundless as chariots on the snow
> The saplings of the forest grow
> To trees of mighty girth.
> Each nightly star in silence burns
> And every day in silence turns
> The axle of the earth."

From the Lodge the Craftsman turns with a new appreciation of the proverb, "speech is silvern, silence golden," and he is prepared to hear Carlyle: "In thine own mean perplexities do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day; on the morrow how much clearer are thy purposes and duties; what wreck and rubbish have these mute workmen within thee swept away, when intrusive noises are shut out."

This is an invaluable lesson. There are sounds that cannot be heard until all other sounds are hushed. The roar of the streets must be gone before the rhythmic music of the lakes becomes audible. A nightingale cannot be heard through the clang and crash of a brass band. Neither can the voice of the soul, or the "still, small voice" of God if we live in a perpetual bable of chattering and gabbling. Nor is it possible until then for the man to know himself, or acquire that stability of character which is honourable in all. Until we learn that noise is not force, that the thunder does not add sharpness to the lightning, nor the roar of the breakers might to the waves, nor the beat of the heart purity to the blood, nor anything at all to gravity, to electricity or the tornado, we shall never accomplish the grandest results. In this talking, fussy age, therefore, let us be thoughtful for the Mystic Order, that teaches us at times to hold our peace, and to believe that the walls of God's temple will as surely rise if no noise of hammer or metallic instrument be heard, as they would were we to be deafened by clanging implements and turbulent shouts.

It is a token of beauty both in ceremonies and life of Masonry that it extols the value of the artistic and ornamental. Of Solomon it is written "that he garnished the temple with precious stones for beauty," and Isaiah declared of the second temple, "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box, together to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious." When we realise how large a sphere is occupied by this quality in the universe, how it gleams on us from the stars, how it charms us in the flowers, how it breaks on us in sequestered nooks and quiet glens, and how it dazzles us in the sun drenched clouds and in silver saturated mists, we cannot but admit its incomputable worth. Within the limits of a Lodge it salutes us in artistic and symbolic ornament, in dramatic rite and histrionic representation. But beyond this, and more to our purpose, it is manifest in the graces of character it seeks to cultivate and the adornments it commends to conduct. There are those who assume that if a man is rigidly exact in his dealings, accomplishments, and decorative virtues, like gentleness, courtesy and sympathy may be dispensed with. As well might it be said that the world can do without flowers because it has the trees, and do without the lark and the nightingale because it has the eagle and the buzzard. The charms and attractions of character are not to be despised; for they are fruitful in blessings to the world. Among these charms may be classed the cardinal virtue of Temperance, which means more with us than mere abstinence from the use of intoxicants. It comprehends that "due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice." Yet the Order is not indifferent to excessive indulgence in strong drink. To its credit be it known that in Italy it established, in 1748, the first temperance society ever formed anywhere, and called its members Xero-phagists, a compound Greek word signifying "those who live without drinking." (See Scott's Ancient Craft Masonry, p 112.) What more radiant and fascinating than self control? The serenity, the calm, is as fair to the eye as the unruffled mirror of a verdure bordered lake, or the undisturbed splendour of a star beaming through the torn bosom of a gloomy storm cloud. Fit to be associated with this are the graces of brotherly love and relief. Benevolence, sweet charity, who can do justice to thy beauty! It is the purest gem in the crown of Masonry, and sheds a lustre over the entire body, and illuminates many a home of sorrow and penury. To dry the widow's tears, reverently to bury her dead, and generously to shield her little ones from want; to succour a distressed brother, and to lighten the burden of his declining years—these are the sacred privileges of our Craftsmen. And they are to be met in the spirit of disinterested service: for while gratitude is a grace inculcated by the Lodge, it is frequently not exhibited by those outside who are the recipients of its favours. Tourgenieff, the Russian, happily hits off this omission in one of his charming fables. He represents a meeting of the Virtues, and observes that Benevolence and Gratitude pass each other as strangers, and are not even on speaking terms. "This is too bad," he says, "and ought not to continue. I must introduce you to each other. Benevolence, this is Gratitude; Gratitude, this Benevolence; at least bow to each other." Ah me! that there should be any reason for this satire. Yet, so it is; and he who does no good except for praise, will do but little in this naughty world. It is possible to be mercenary even in charity, and to have an eye to profit in our gifts. If we would be radiant benefactors we must be charmed by the essential glory of beneficence, must be convinced that it is its own reward, and be practically indifferent to the encomiums of our fellows, knowing that their approval or disapproval cannot change the nature or effect the merits of our actions. It is related of Cicero that he went to Syracuse for the purpose of visiting the tomb of Archimedes. Arrived in the city he called on the Archons, on the chief men, on those who correspond in

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function to our mayor and aldermen. He informed them of his object. But the magistrates did not remember Archimedes, and did not know his resting place. They asked each other, Who was he? What did he do? Had he run a corner grocery doubtless some of the officials would have recollected him; at least they would have done so in these times. But as he was merely a geometrician, a man of brains, who had guarded the town from the Roman fleet, they were ignorant of him and of his grave. After much searching, Cicero discovered the sacred spot, and duly honoured the memory of the man of science. But had he not, and had the defender of Syracuse been entirely forgotten, it would not have detracted from the grandeur of his achievements. Oblivion would not have been to his discredit, but it would have been to the everlasting shame of the people who could forget their indebtedness to his genius and patriotism. In the same manner, the quality of our deeds are independent of the applause to which they may be entitled, and he who performs them for their own sake invests his character with a halo of beauty.

There are other jewels and other robes, surpassing in ornamental splendour the most gorgeous of regalias, with which the true Mason should be adorned. These I have only time to mention by name; they are contentment, peaceableness, gratitude and a sunny cheerfulness. A gloomy, desponding, dyspeptic, discontented, dreary brother ought to dimit as speedily as possible from fraternity with those who claim to be the children of light, who should live in it, and be as bright and brilliant as the light itself. Listen to Epictetus: "If a man is unhappy, remember that his unhappiness is his own fault; for God has made all men to be happy." "I am," he elsewhere says, "always content with that which happens; for I think that what God chooses is better than what I choose." And as you ponder his words, and cultivate this duty of glad submission, do not forget what Bernard says: "Nothing can work me damage except myself; the harm that I sustain I carry about with me, and never am a real sufferer but by my own fault."

Manifold are the blessings we have in return for our evils and trials, and he who has attained to the Corinthian stage of Masonic progress, who is not only wise and strong but beautiful, has entered into the spirit of such sentiments as these: "To watch the corn grow, or the blossoms set; to draw hard breath over the ploughshare or spade; to read, to think, to love, to pray," these, says Ruskin, "are the things that make men happy."

"I have fallen into the hands of thieves," says Jeremy Taylor; "what then? They have left me the sun and moon, fire and water, a loving wife and many friends to pity me, and some to relieve me, and I can still discourse; and, unless I list, they have not taken away my merry countenance and my cheerful spirit and a good conscience."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of this Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, I thank you for the courteous hearing you have given to my address. In the unfolding of my subject I have had regard only to the future of the Craft in this great Commonwealth. Already this body has achieved an honourable and notable standing among the Grand Lodges of the world. But the work is not complete. The Masonic Temple is still in course of erection, and we are yet in the quarries. Slowly and grandly the walls rise. Let us see to it that in the future as in the past they be distinguished by thoroughness, symmetry and massiveness. If we shall thus build, and if the whole should be supported by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, then shall the Shekinah as of old dwell between the Cherubim over the Mercy seat, and the radiance of the Presence stream forth to bless the world. And if thus we shall labour, happy shall we be when "High Twelve" shall sound, and the Voice be heard calling us through the portals of death to the unfading fields of Paradise.

List to the strokes of the bell—
"High Twelve!"
Sweet on the air they swell,
To those who had laboured well—
And the Warden's voice is heard;
From the south comes the cheering word,
"In the quarries no longer delve."

The members of the Caveac Chapter, at their meeting last week, at the Albion, installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year Companion Nairne. A jewel was presented to the past M.E.Z. Companion Elder.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Opera Comique.—As we announced would be the case last week, "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy" has returned to London, and, we are glad to say, has lost nothing by its tour through the Provinces. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett's version was produced at Terry's theatre early in the present year, when a more charming play and a better caste could hardly have been selected. Clever little Miss Véra Beringer took London by storm by her marvellous acting, and when it was announced that a provincial tour was contemplated it was feared the hard work would have so injurious an effect on Miss Beringer that she would be unable to offer her London admirers a chance of again witnessing her representation of the character of Cedric Errol. That this impression has turned out erroneous we are glad to see, and judging from the way in which this little lady has been amusing audiences throughout the week the piece is likely to enjoy another run. The child actress holds her audience from the time she comes on to the time she leaves the stage. Never is there a dull moment, and never does her acting become forced or stagy. The scenes with the Earl of Dorincourt are natural and impressive. Miss Mary Rorke makes a very natural and interesting Mrs. Errol, while the Earl of Dorincourt is capitally portrayed by Mr. C. W. Somerset, who has thoroughly grasped the idea of the authoress. The sly humour of Silas Hobbs is well brought out by Mr. E. Girardot, while Miss Helen Leigh is good as Minna. Miss Fanny Brough is as amusing as ever as Mary, the servant; her description of the race in the first not being most vivid. Mr. G. Canninge as Harsham, and Mr. E. Hendrie as Wilkins complete a capital caste. The play has been produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, and will be given every afternoon, except Saturdays.

Mr. Henry Irving has decided to produce "Macbeth" on Saturday, the 29th inst. The revival will be on a scale of great magnitude, the scenery has been entrusted to several well-known artists, while the costumes have been designed by Mr. Charles Cattermole and Mrs. J. Comyns Carr. The incidental music has been provided by Sir Arthur Sullivan. The following will be the caste:—Macbeth, Mr. Henry Irving; Lady Macbeth (for the first time), Miss Ellen Terry; Macduff, Mr. Alexander; Banquo, Mr. Wenman; Duncan, Mr. Haviland; Malcolm, Mr. Webster; Donalbain, Mr. Harvey; Rose, Mr. Tyars; Lennox, Mr. L. Outram; Angus, Mr. Lacy; Monteith, Mr. Archer; Siward, Mr. Howe; Seyton, Mr. Fenton; Serjeant, Mr. A. Rayner; Doctor, Mr. Stuart; Porter, Mr. Johnson; Murderers, Mr. Black and Mr. Carter, &c. Gentlewoman, Miss Coleridge; Hecate, Miss Ivor; Witches, Miss Julia Seaman, Miss Desborough, and Miss Marriott.

Mr. Augustus Harris starts his pantomime season on Boxing night, with "The Babes in the Wood." Grand preparations have been made so as to score a success, which we feel sure will be achieved. Old favourites return to "Old Drury," so that plenty of fun will be forthcoming. Mr. Walter Slaughter has composed the music. The following are the artistes engaged:—Messrs. Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Charles Laurie jun., Victor Stevens, Dan Leno, the Griffiths Bros., Walter Andrews, Reuben Inch, Tom Pleon, Henderson and Stanley, Dezano, and Harry Payne (clown); the Misses Florence Dysart, Maggie Duggan, Theresa Mayer, Æneas, Sybil Grey, and Harriet Vernon.

Covent Garden will once more be the scene of a grand Circus, this time under the direction of Mr. Hengler. The first performance will be given on Boxing Day, and, judging from the list of artistes engaged, a successful season may be anticipated.

On Christmas Eve a new version of "Faust up to Date" is due at the Gaiety. New songs, dances, and "business" are to be introduced, in order to make the piece attractive for the holidays. At present the business is excellent, and we think it is likely to be so for some time to come.

The Christmas edition of "Nadgy" is due at the Avenue next week. Several fresh features are to be introduced, including Mr. Arthur Roberts on a camel.

On Boxing Night, Miss Patti Rosa, the American "Queen of Comedy," will make her first appearance in England, at the Jodrell; she will be supported by a specially selected company. A new farcical comedy, in one act, entitled "Apollo, M.D.," by Sir Randal H. Roberts, will be produced the same evening.

The difficulty that has hitherto surrounded the lighting of a cigar or pipe in the open air, or in a railway carriage, without being subjected to the annoyance arising from the fumes of an ordinary fusee, has been surmounted by the Fusee Vesta Co. Limited, who now supply fusees which ignite without smell or unpleasant taste. The special goods of this Company also possess the advantages of the ordinary wax match—the two being, in reality, combined. The "Fusee Vestas" are therefore available, with equal convenience and comfort, for general household purpose as well as out-door requirements, a combination of usefulness not previously achieved. They may be obtained wholesale at 11 Russell Road, Holloway, or retail of all tobacconists, oilmen, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Body's Bulwark.—Any one who reflects on the cause of the enormous amount of suffering he sees or hears of around him, will be forced to confess that nine-tenths of the maladies afflicting adults depend upon a disordered state of the stomach. Holloway's Pills correct the first symptoms of indigestion by acting healthily on the gastric juice (the food's natural solvent) and wholesomely exciting the liver. They dispel flatulency, incipient indigestion, and overcome heat, distention, and pain attending more advanced or neglected cases. These Pills invigorate and restore the dyspeptic from the great and sudden depression of strength, always accompanying stomach disorders or biliary derangements.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from page 379.)

AS it has pleased Bro. Norton to devote so large a portion of his criticism of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" to the abusing of Laurence Dermott, I must claim the indulgence of my readers while I endeavour, as in duty bound, to remove some of the odium which, in my opinion, has been thus unwarrantably cast upon his memory. During his lifetime, I should say, he was about the best hated man in Masonry, by one side, but he lived to a good old age nevertheless, and generally managed to hold his own, although his detractors were many and powerful. I am very glad to be able to say that a large and increasing number of brethren take quite a different view of his character to what Bro. Norton does; and those who would like to know what can be said in his favour I recommend to read "Notes on Laurence Dermott and his Work," by Witham Matthew Bywater, published in London in 1884. The concluding paragraph of this little book so clearly indicates the author's opinion of Dermott, and so well expresses my own, that I am tempted to reproduce it here in the hope that it may serve to counteract the effect of some of the mud with which Bro. Norton has so liberally bespattered him. "The zeal and success with which he devoted a large portion of his life to the service of the Craft; the many battles which he fought against her enemies within and without; his staunch and inflexible adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the vast knowledge which he brought to bear upon his work, justly entitle him not only to the encomiums which his Grand Lodge pronounced upon him, but to the generous admiration of his brethren in succeeding ages."

Nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to discuss with Bro. Norton every one of his imaginary grievances against Dermott, and I make no doubt he will admit that the greater part of them *are* imaginary, after he has read these lines, but it is so much easier to cast aspersions than it is to disprove them, I must therefore content myself with adverting only to such as are easily refuted, but the reader will please *not* to infer that my omitting to notice others indicates acquiescence in them.

Bro. Norton's third grievance strikes me at first sight as being so peculiarly inconsistent that I really cannot pass it over without comment. "Third, the dubbing of his Constitutions 'Ahiman Rezon' was designed to impose on his dupes that he was a *Hebrew scholar*. The said words, however, are *not Hebrew*, and were a pure invention of Dermott."

Now, if there were an atom of truth in this aspersion Dermott *must* have been an out and out fool, but Brother Norton himself admits that he was a "clever and well-informed man." How any *sane* man could expect to gain credit for being a "Hebrew scholar" by making use of words which "are *not* Hebrew" passes my comprehension; my head fairly aches through trying to solve this riddle. I give it up. It appears to me that his dupes (?) must have "multiplied and increased exceedingly" for the book went through eight editions in England, and the title was readily adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and many of the American Grand Lodges; but what I want to know is, where is the evidence of the design to impose? Can Bro. Norton refer me to anything said or written by Dermott which could possibly be construed into a desire that the words "Ahiman Rezon" should be accepted as Hebrew? If he cannot, he has no right to make such an assertion; but if he can, I apologise to him at once. That Dermott knew something of the Hebrew characters is evident, from his having used them in writing his own name at the end of his first Minute Book, but the extent of his knowledge in this direction I will not attempt to surmise; I must, however, confess that at present I am ignorant of any indication that he wished to be considered a Hebrew scholar; and as for the words being "a pure invention of Dermott," which I must beg leave to doubt, I fail to see any crime in a man inventing a title for his own book. I may possibly have something more to say on this matter later on, but for the present I would recommend Bro. Norton to make himself familiar with *Irish* and *Arabic* before repeating this part of his assertion, and, indeed, I would respectfully suggest that he reconsider this grievance in its entirety, and if he will only bring a little of what in this country we call common sense to bear upon it, I feel sure he will arrive at a more favourable conclusion.

On the supposition that Dermott considered the Masons of Scotland, Ireland, and many parts of America, together with those of his own jurisdiction in England, as "Antient Masons," I see nothing extraordinary or inconsistent in his saying, "The number of Antient Masons, compared with the Moderns, being as ninety-nine to one, proves the universality of the old Order, &c., &c."

In a foot note on page 243 of the CHRONICLE Bro. Norton has referred to a certain prayer which Dr. Oliver says was the joint composition of Anderson and Manningham, in or about 1754. I assume that my exposure of this fiction on page 9 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" has escaped Bro. Norton's notice, or he would have mentioned it, but if he turns to the page named he may read as follows:—"Now, as Dr. Anderson died, and I presume was decently buried in 1739, and whereas Manningham did not appear on the Masonic stage until 1747, and was not appointed Deputy Grand Master till 1752, how these two worthy doctors could have held a consultation passes my comprehension." I fear Bro. Norton will think me very hard to please, and I really am very sorry for being so troublesome, but I must call his attention to a little mistake, quite unintentional I know, in the first paragraph of his second article, wherein he refers in the following words to my reasons for imagining that alterations were made in the ceremonies in the year 1730. "And this theory he derived, not from the records, but from something he read here and something there, which, with the aid of a little imagination, he persuaded himself that the Grand Lodge of England authorised, as innovations, in 1730."

It is true I have not much to complain of here. I would merely ask what is Brother Norton's definition of the term "records," if the written minutes of the Grand Lodge, the written minutes of the Lodge of Promulgation, and original letters to the Grand Secretary do not come under that definition?

These are my chief sources of information, which can easily be verified by a reference to pp 39, 40, 145, 153, 156, 157 and 162 of the book just named. On page 39 I give several extracts from the Grand Lodge Minutes, the first of which must suffice for my present purpose. On the 28th August 1730 "Dr. Desaguliers stood up and (taking Notice of a printed Paper lately published and dispersed about the Town, and since inserted in the Newspapers, Pretending to discover and reveal the Misteries of the Craft of Masonry) recommended several things to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, Particularly the *Resolution of the last Quarterly Communication for preventing any false Brethren being admitted into Regular Lodges*, and such as call themselves Honorary Masons." "The Deputy Grand Master seconded the Doctor, and proposed several Rules to the Grand Lodge to be observed in their respective Lodges, for their security against all open and secret enemies of the Craft."

It will be observed that in the preceding extract reference is made to a "Resolution of the last Quarterly Communication for preventing false Brethren," &c., &c. As a matter of fact no such Resolution appears, either in the minutes of the "last Quarterly Communication," or of any previous meeting, and the only way I can account for the omission is that the said Resolution and also the *several things recommended* "to the consideration of the Grand Lodge" had some relation to the ceremonies and were not considered proper to be written, or why the omission? I should very much like to hear Bro. Norton's explanation of this matter. Surely he would not wish us to believe that he is so utterly ignorant of the traditions and established customs of the Grand Lodge of England as not to be aware that nothing of an esoteric character was, or is, ever recorded in the minutes of the Grand Lodge.

At the following meeting of the Grand Lodge, *i.e.*, on the 15th December 1730, "the Deputy Grand Master took notice of a pamphlet, lately published by one Pritchard, who pretends to have been made a regular Mason, &c. &c.," and a resolution was passed relating to the admission of visitors. With reference to this incident I say, on page 40, "assuming that both these extracts refer to one pamphlet, it appears as though something unusual had occurred between the 28th August and the 15th December, or the second and more emphatic notice would not have been either judicious or necessary . . . . Pritchard is said to have made an affidavit before an alderman on the 13th of

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October, that his publication was a "true copy of Freemasonry." It seems to me most unlikely that he should have taken this extraordinary step unless under the fear that his book was in danger of being discredited in consequence of some important alteration having taken place in the recognised ceremonies." I would also direct Bro. Norton's attention to page 156, where he may read, "I have already noticed the sensation created by the publication of Pritchard's pamphlet in 1730, when the D.G.M. recommended several things to the consideration of the Grand Lodge;" and I will now state, without fear of contradiction, that in no part of the records is there a passage so capable of being interpreted as forming a prelude to an alteration in the recognised forms as the one referred to. A second edition of a rather curious, and now scarce book on Masonry, was published in London in 1766, which professes to show the difference between the "Ancient" and "Modern" systems. The writer states that the E.A.'s word was formerly the F.C.'s, till a pretended discovery of Freemasonry came out, wrote by Samuel Pritchard, and still continues to be published to this time . . . . . But in order to prevent being imposed upon by cowans or impostors, who might want to gain admittance, from his performance, the Fraternity held a general Council, and the E.A.'s and F.C.'s words were reversed, and Private Accounts transmitted to each Lodge, though there are some unconstituted Lodges still retain the former Custom." I am unable to give the period of the first edition of this book, but it was probably some years earlier, leaving an interval of about thirty years only from the first appearance of Pritchard's pamphlet, it is therefore easy to conceive that the writer had good grounds for his statement.

On page 145 I give "The following extract, from an original letter dated 15th October 1776," which appears to have been written at the instigation of the Duke of Athole, Grand Master of the "Ancients," by a Captain Smith, himself a "Modern." I need only give two of the four questions in the book which "His Grace, &c., would wish to know."

"2. Why the G.L. of England has thought propper to alter the mode of Initiation; also the Word, Pas-word and Grip of the different Degrees in Masonry."

"3. Whether Dermot constitutes Lodges in his own Name or in the name and Authority of the Duke of Athol, and whether anything can be laid to his charge inconsistent with the character of an honest man and a Mason."

The following is a portion of a letter from Major Shirreff (an "Ancient"), dated 27th June 1785, and in order to save Bro. Norton the trouble of searching for it I may mention that it is to be found on page 153. "I was Introduced into this Noble Institution according to the most Antient manner, and that you may understand me more clearly, when a Candidate is presented to me, my first instruction to him springs from the Second Le'r of the Alphabet, and I never knew but one Lodge since I have been a Bro'r that ever began with the ninth Le'r, I have met with several Brothers that have been Initiated so, but all such I was from the first told were call'd Modern Masons." These letters were addressed to the Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," and, in all probability, have never been read since they were endorsed and put away, until I turned them out in searching for materials for "Masonic Facts and Fictions." However, should any one feel so disposed, he is at liberty to satisfy himself that they are genuine "records," and are not manipulated for my own purposes.

I will now ask Bro. Norton to read the following extracts (he will find them on pp 161 and 162), from the minutes of the Lodge of Promulgation, to the proceedings of which he appears to attach so little importance, although I cannot help remarking that in his "Comments" he has been exceedingly careful in avoiding whatever portions of them appear to support my views; however, I freely forgive him, for I honestly believe he has done his best. "At the next meeting, on the 28th December, eighteen members of the Lodge and forty Masters of other Lodges attended, and the 'R.W.M. took a retrospective view of the proceedings of the Lodge of Promulgation.' I need not reproduce everything that was said and done on this occasion, no doubt the following extract will be sufficient for our present purpose:—'The R.W.M. therefore proceeded to point out the material parts in and between the several Degrees to which the attention of the Masters of Lodges would be requisite in preserving the Ancient Landmarks of the Order—such as the form of the Lodge, the number and situation of the Officers—their different distinctions in the different Degrees—the restoration of the proper words to each Degree, and the making of the Pass words *between* one Degree and another, instead of *in* the Degree." Knowing how sceptical Bro. Norton sometimes is as to the reliability of printed history, and justly so, I will here remind him that I quote from the original minutes, and that the words in italics are so distinguished in the minute book.

Although Bro. Norton and I differ materially in our interpretation of the word "Ancient," and I fear we must agree to differ, there ought to be no difference between us as to the meaning of the word "records," he will, therefore, I make no doubt, on reconsideration, readily admit that he is mistaken in saying that my theory is *not* derived from the records; and as for the "something he read here and something there," I would remind him that it is by careful research and the simple process of putting "this and that together" that I have been able to deduce conclusions which although not acceptable to him are perfectly clear and satisfactory to some hundreds of other readers. If Brother Norton, *will* prefer the unsupported and partial assertions of Preston I cannot help it, but I think, in common fairness, he ought to show some reliable grounds for his preference; I readily admit the truth of his somewhat sarcastic remarks, that my "*veneration* does not extend to Preston," and I think I have already given several good and tangible reasons for my disbelief in him, one of which would satisfy most thoughtful persons, *i.e.*, that he was a malicious and partizan writer. I was certainly under the impression that I had dealt very leniently with him in my book, only saying enough, indeed, to show that he was not a reliable historian, and this, it appears, has entirely escaped the notice of Bro. Norton, for he makes no allusion to it. As a matter of principle I prefer to—

"Let the dead Past bury its dead."

but since he makes such wonderment of my want of veneration for Preston, I feel constrained to present him with a brief sketch of the Masonic career of that Brother, from *my* point of view, and in so doing I shall refrain from imputing motives, but confine myself to historical facts gleaned from his biography and the Grand Lodge records. William Preston was initiated in a Lodge under the sanction of the "Ancients." In less than two years he deserted that body and went over to the enemy taking his Lodge, or as many of the members, as he could of it with him. In the rival society he soon came to the front, and tried his utmost, by misrepresentation, to annihilate the body that had first received him into Masonry. Having entered the service of the Grand Lodge, he obtained access to the records, and was thereby enabled to write what he called a History of Masonry, which was printed in the Freemasons' Calendar. He obtained the sanction of the Grand Master for publishing his "Illustrations of Masonry," and the book was extensively advertised in the Grand Lodge Circular, along with the Book of Constitutions. After a while, he and a few others rebelled against the constituted authorities, and were very properly expelled; whereupon they started a schismatic society and called it a "Grand Lodge," which ignominiously failed, after a precarious existence of about ten years. They then apologised for their misconduct, and petitioned to be restored to their Masonic privileges; and their petition was eventually granted. We do not find his name amongst those of the worthy Brethren who worked long and patiently to heal the differences between the two rival societies in England, and who ultimately succeeded in cementing what has justly been described as the "Glorious Union of 1813," but we *do* know that in 1812 he issued another edition of his book, which, together with the mendacious statements concerning the "Ancients," previously formulated, contained fresh matter of an irritating nature, or, at all events, such as would not be likely to assist in consummating the desires of the leading members of the two Fraternities. There can be no doubt that Preston possessed abilities of no mean order, and, in my opinion, had he devoted them to this laudable object, the Union might have been brought about some years earlier than it was. However, this is a mere matter of opinion. But to return to historical facts. Shortly after the former rival bodies had, in the face of enormous difficulties, which "can better be imagined than described," —after several years of patient labour—agreed upon a system of ceremonies and lectures which were to be recognised as orthodox for the future, and which had only been arrived at by mutual conciliation, Preston died, and it was found that he had left two legacies to the Grand Lodge,

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one, of £500, to the Fund of Benevolence, and the other, the interest of £300, for the annual delivery of *his* lecture. Of the first of these legacies I cannot speak too highly; but as for the second, it appears to me that if he had wished to promote and *perpetuate discord*, he could not have done anything more likely to produce that result. I must confess that *I fail* to see anything in the character, thus depicted, to inspire *veneration*. If Bro. Norton is more successful, he is heartily welcome, so far as I am concerned, to *venerate* as much as he pleases. I make him a present of his *idol*, together with his legacies, his History of Masonry, and his Prestonian Lecture into the bargain.

Laurence Dermott is quite good enough for me: the man who stuck to *his colours* from first to last, and stood his ground in the face of tremendous odds; who inspired his raw recruits with his own indomitable pluck; and although he did not live long enough to lead them to victory, he taught them how to gain it, and fell fighting; the man who lived down slander and misrepresentation, alike discreditable to the originators and to those who persist in perpetuating them; who expressed a hope that he would "live to see a general conformity and unity between the worthy Masons of all denominations;" and who, although comparatively a poor man, gave up the profits of the fourth and all future editions of his book for the relief of the poor and needy of the Craft he loved, and had so long and faithfully served.

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ANCIENT LANDMARK STICKLERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

SIR JOHN LUBBOCK, in his "Prehistoric Times," informs us that, in a newly discovered island, the natives were ignorant of the existence of fire. It is not, therefore, impossible that far back in ancient times our ancestors were also ignorant of the existence of fire until some genius discovered that by rubbing two sticks together fire was evolved. How many years intervened between the discovery of the above method and the invention of the steel, flint and tinder-box process for obtaining fire, I know not. But it is certain that our ancestors preferred the new method to the old, and never troubled themselves about sticking to "ancient landmarks," or "the wisdom of their ancestors." And in a like manner, after the invention of lucifer matches we also discarded the wisdom of the steel, flint and tinder-box inventor.

Now, among other valuable discoveries bequeathed to us by our forefathers, they left us a number of books, called "sacred books." These generally contain codes of laws, morals, theologies, creeds, ceremonies, &c. About the morals there are no disputes; but the theologies, creeds and ceremonies have divided mankind into numerous sects. Each sectarian, however, is positive that all the theologies, &c., are very absurd and ridiculous, save and except his own. And when he is assailed by positive proof that his creed and ceremonies are foolish and childish, then he points out the excellent morals contained in his book, and he argues that as the morals are very excellent, hence everything enjoined in the book must also be excellent, and then he pleads "the wisdom of our ancestors," and "ancient landmarks."

For instance, for thousands of years the ancients believed in witchcraft, and who knows how many hundreds of thousands of human beings have been destroyed through the belief in witchcraft? The slaughter of those poor "innocents" began at a very early period of time, and within a few hundred years Catholics, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Puritans were alike convinced of the truth of witchcraft, and all alike mercilessly burned and otherwise slaughtered men and women by thousands. Since the invention of printing, however, men began to think and to reason. Some of them, here and there, began to suspect that the ancients were not wise in all things, and that some improvements may yet be made on the knowledge bequeathed to us by the ancients; also that some of the ancients were erroneous; and among those thinkers some one suspected the truth about witchcraft. It, however, took a long time before a sufficient number of Englishmen were enlightened upon the witchcraft subject, and when the English Parliament, in 1736, finally repealed the laws made by their *wise ancestors* for burning witches, the Rev. John Wesley, a true blue landmark stickler, protested fiercely against the repeal of the said laws, without avail, however.

But the fact that only three hundred years ago, or even less, Doctors of Divinity, Bishops, Cardinals and Popes believed in witchcraft proves conclusively that all the learned theologians of those days *were not infallible*. To be sure, Moses ordained that witches should not be suffered to live. But what of it? It simply proves that Moses also was not infallible. True, we are indebted to Moses for very good laws and moral precepts, but that is no reason why we should cling to his superstitious belief in witchcraft, or to any other errors that may be found in writings.

In the *Freemason* of 2nd and 16th November 1872, I called attention to the fact that the phrase "ancient landmarks" was not *Masonised* before 1723. Since then Masonic luminaries have gone stark mad about "our ancient Masonic landmarks." The old luminaries, however, believed that our mysteries descended either from Solomon or the Pagan mysteries, or the Essenes, and what not! Dr. Oliver, in his "Star of the East," says:—"Freemasonry was revealed by God Himself to the first man," and in a note he adds:—"This may appear a bold assertion, but I am persuaded it is nevertheless true." These luminaries also believed that the symbols depicted on our "Tracing-boards" are very ancient. And as they were somehow persuaded that Moses and the Prophets were Trinitarian Christians, it is therefore no wonder that they believed that the Saints John were "Eminent Masons," Grand Masters, and what not.

Bro. H. J. Whymper, author of a new book, called "The Religion of Freemasonry," does not believe in the Masonry of Adam, Moses, Solomon and Co., but he undertakes to advocate Christianised Masonry, because Masonry was unknown before Christianity existed; and as the first Masons were Christians, he therefore maintains that Christianity is a Masonic landmark, to prove which he quotes from the Halliwell poem a Masonic prayer of the 15th century, namely, "Pray we now to God Almyght, and to His sweet moder Mary bryght," and several other lines from the same poem wherein Christ and the "holy church" are mentioned. And again, that the prayers in the pre-1717 rituals were addressed to the Trinity, and the candidate was enjoined to be true to the holy church, &c.

The question, however, is, was the "holy church" which the Masons believed in when the poem was written the same holy church which the Masons in the 17th century believed in? To show that the older Masons' church was a very different thing to what the 17th century Masons called "church," I will simply mention a curious anecdote I have read, viz, the confessor to the widow of Phillip IV. of Spain said to the Duke of Lerma, in a most serious manner, "It is you who ought to show me respect since I have every day your God in my hands, and your queen at my feet." Such was the lesson taught by the church to the Masons in the 15th century. Now, if Christians were allowed to remove "holy church" landmarks, why may we not also remove Masonic landmarks? Nay, the Protestant Masons were not only guilty of removing the ancient Masonic landmark of praying to "Mother Mary Bright," but Bro. Whymper confesses that the Roman Catholic brethren never had a Bible in their Lodge, and that the Bible was not introduced into Lodges for swearing candidates on before the year 1600. Now, it seems to me right and proper that, as well as the Masons of 1660 could make the innovation of introducing the Bible into the Lodge, we should certainly have the privilege of restoring the old usage by removing the Bible from the Lodge.

When our author comes to the introduction of modern Masonry, he proves from the succession of rituals, lectures, and the writings of Masonic luminaries, that by hook or by crook Christianity was the religion of Masonry. Well, and what of it? It only proves that with all the boasting about the superior Christian virtues and Christian morals, orthodox Christians have been guilty, and are still guilty, of gross deception—they unscrupulously say one thing and mean another, or say one thing in one place, and assert the opposite in another. Thus the Charge in Anderson's Constitutions distinctly declares that the Masons should be charged "to that religion in which all men agree," and "leaving their particular opinions to themselves;" which means, if it means anything at all, that all doctrines and dogmas, about which good and true men disagree, should be kept out of the Lodge. Now everybody knows that Jews disbelieve in Christianity, yet we find that as early as 1725 Jews have been initiated into Masonry. If the then

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Christian Masons had been truthful and sincere, if they had been imbued with ideas taught in the "Golden Rule," neither Christianity, Judaism, nor any peculiar *ism*, would have remained in the Masonic ritual.

The rituals of 1723 and 1724 refer in plain language to Christ and the Trinity, but after Jews began to be initiated these phrases were stricken out, but pious ritualmongers soon after supplied disguised phrases, and new symbols, which in the Lodge were explained to mean one thing, but in their writings they luminously demonstrated that they referred to Christianity. These new symbols were in a few years after supposed to be very ancient, and of course they could not thereafter be removed. Now, according to my way of thinking, the whole scheme was a fraud, and nothing else; and if Protestants had been tricked in the same way by pious Catholics, it would have been stigmatised as Jesuitism.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. There was an exceedingly large attendance of brethren, every Lodge in the Province being represented. In the absence of the P.G.M., the Marquis of Hartington, the universally-esteemed D.P.G. Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, presided over the gathering, and was supported by several Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. The reports read by the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges were, on the whole, most satisfactory, indicating steady numerical growth, and much material prosperity. It was a peculiar source of gratification to note that the brethren in every part of the Province have been active in promoting the cause of charity, it being demonstated by the various returns that, apart altogether from local and private benefactions, a sum approaching £1000 has been contributed during the past year by the Derbyshire Freemasons in support of the three great Charitable Institutions of the Order. The evidence of harmonious working which the reports afforded was also an exceedingly pleasant feature of the proceedings. The statements presented by the Charity Committee, by the Masonic Hall Trustees, and the Audit Committee were uniformly satisfactory. References to the removal of brethren by the hand of death were rather more numerous than usual. Cordial tributes of respect were paid to the memory of the late Bro. H. Hilliam P.P.S.G.W., who for many years was Secretary to the Hall Trustees, and to that of the late Bro. George Johnson, W.M. of the Hartington Lodge. The D.P.G. Master appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—

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A large number of the brethren subsequently dined together, their comforts being exceedingly well looked after by Bro. Day. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, who eloquently pleaded the cause of the Masonic Charities, and who gratefully acknowledged the liberal support which he had always received from the Derbyshire brethren on behalf of the Institution with which he was more particularly associated. It is highly probable that in view of the special effort made last summer on behalf of the Girls' Institution, the Boys' School will next year receive a goodly measure of local assistance. At all events, we hope so.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL REREDOS.

A SPECIAL meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire and the annual Chapter or Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province were held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, when the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Superintendent of Arch Masons, presided. There were also present the Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, R. V. Vassar-Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Baron De Ferrières P.G.D. of England, J. R. Winterbotham Provincial Grand Secretary, T. Albin Roberts P.G.R., E. Dening P.G.S.D., General Visard D.C., W. H. Gwinnett P.P.G.S.W., and a large number of P.M.'s and other Officers and members. The special meeting was held to consider the subject of the decoration of the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral, which was erected fifteen years ago by the Freemasons, at a cost of £1300, the work having been executed by Redfern, from designs by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, in white stone, in which are groups representing the Nativity, Entombment, and Ascension. Some time since the Cathedral authorities were advised that a certain treatment of the reredos with colour was desirable, and after careful consideration Messrs. Clayton and Bell were authorised to experiment in a tentative way by a subdued treatment of a section of the interior of the niches and gilding of the tabernacle work. On the resolution of Bro. Nelson Foster it was now sought to complete the decoration, at a cost not exceeding £300. Bro. Walker seconded the resolution, to which an amendment was moved by Bro. Gwinnett. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost by a considerable majority, and the original resolution carried. The Companions afterwards dined together.

The usual New Year's entertainment to the Old Folks will take place on Wednesday, the 2nd January. Arrangements have been made for a special 2nd class saloon carriage to be reserved by the 12·57 train from Charing Cross, or 1·9 p.m. from Cannon Street, for East Croydon, at a reduced fare.

In consequence of the holidays, the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not meet until the 8th January 1889. On Tuesday, 15th January, Companion Brown will deliver a lecture on the Royal Arch jewel. The Chapter will be opened, on this occasion, at half past six o'clock; no other business will be done on that evening.

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

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

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

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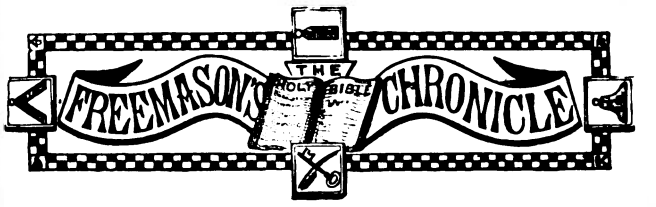
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HOW JAKE'S FAMILY WAS CARED FOR.

WHEN we were boys, Bill Howard, Jake Noxum and I were called triplets, and I do not suppose there ever were three firmer friends than we. Why we should have been so intimate and confidential is more than I could ever understand, for we were about as different, individually, as three boys could possibly be.

Bill was strong, active and impulsive; the natural leader in all our mischief and the champion of every weakling; his opinion was respected, for he was inclined to enforce obedience by pure will power; he was not a bully nor a tyrant, but a big hearted, manly fellow, who felt that he had a right to mould the opinions of others.

Jake was quiet and sickly-looking, generous to a fault, gentlemanly in all that the word implies, a close student and somewhat diffident; he was a universal favourite and frequently joined us in those sports in which boys delight to indulge.

As we neared manhood, Jake was the first to get into business; his physical condition influenced him to engage, for a time at least, in some active pursuit, and he obtained a position as a passenger brakeman on a railroad. His good common sense and gentlemanly deportment soon won the confidence of his officers, and he was promoted to a conductorship on a freight train. In those days the freight service was not so laborious as now, and Jake found his position both pleasant and profitable.

We were often together and Jake's description of several wrecks, in which he had participated, inflamed the impetuous Bill, who was charmed with the bustle and excitement of a railroad man's life, and by Jake's influence he was given a situation as brakeman on Jake's train.

Finally I dropped into business myself, and removed to a distant city, from which I kept up a friendly correspondence with my two old friends and school-mates.

We all prospered in our chosen occupations, and in course of time Bill's natural trait of leadership asserted itself, and he became a conductor also, and for many years the two ran over the same portion of the road, which was a crooked and mountainous division, characterizad by stiff grades, high bridges and smoky tunnels, where none but the most trusted men were employed.

Bill and I had been made Masons shortly after passing our majority, and had solicited Jake to join us when we made our petitions, but he had declined; when, however, he found that there was a secret between us which he did not share, he asked to be taken into our confidence, but it was after my removal from the city that he was admitted, and I never met him as a brother. He saw much in the Order to gratify his taste for study, and he rose rapidly in the esteem of his brethren as a wise and accomplished Freemason; for several years he presided in the Oriental Chair, and when he had filled it as long as he thought the interests of the Lodge would be promoted he positively declined a re-election. The installation of his successor was made an occasion for a public installation, to which the families and friends of the members were invited, and upon the conclusion of the ceremony, which Jake had performed in his quiet and dignified style, Bill arose and addressed him in a speech, which he had with much difficulty memorized, and in the name of the Lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel. The genuine surprise created was too much for Jake, who knew whose generous impulses had prompted the testimonial, and he accepted it with some incoherent remarks, among which he said that if he were to be removed from his family his intercourse with the brethren of the Mystic Tie had been such as to convince him that that the Craft would never cease to protect and care for his little ones.

Little did he he or his hearers know how soon this test was to be made, for in less than a year (November 1870) I received a letter from Bill in which he said: "Our Lodge's cheerful and happy meetings have been changed to mournful assemblages of distressed brethren, by the sudden death of Jake, who was killed on the 8th inst., at R—— Tunnel. He and I were on the same run and were on side track to meet a passenger train. We had separated to go to our respective trains when we heard the passenger train approaching, but he became blinded by the steam escaping from the cylinders of his own engine and was struck and killed by the passenger engine. He left us a widow and three small children to protect and care for, and as we stood around his grave, more than one man vowed that his 'little ones' should never want while we had a crust to divide with them."

The details of the accident and burial were all written me, and the manly love of the kind-hearted Bill assured me that he would keep the vow whether others did, so or not.

Time flew on, and our letters came and went as in the years gone by, but neither of us had taken sufficient holiday to visit the other. Last Fall I visited my early home and took a run up to see Bill, whom I found wearing the uniform of a passenger conductor, and one morning, by permission of the superintendent, I occupied a seat in his train for a trip over the road with him. I asked him to show me where Jake had met his death, and the noble fellow actually wiped his eyes as he did so, and it was then that I learned from him how Jake's family was cared for.

He said: "You remember Jake's quiet, undemonstrative manner. Well, sir, he carried that into his family, and if ever a man was happy at home that man was Jake. He never failed to take some-

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thing to the children, no matter how insignificant, and when he was off duty and on the street at home one of the babes was sure to be with him.

"The meeting of the Lodge in the December succeeding his death occurred a few nights before Christmas, and as we sat around the room before Lodge was opened, the solemn drapery of the Lodge turned our conversation upon our recent loss, and the good qualities of our deceased brother. His love for his family was spoken of, when some one remarked that his children would miss him sadly at this season. The utterance was scarcely made before another rejoined, 'It is our duty to see that his place is filled.' Well, sir, every one of us appeared to be struck with the same idea at once, for every man made a motion down into his clothes and laid a greenback on the altar. Quite a snug sum was counted out, and we delayed the opening of the Lodge very much in determining what to do with it. Finally it was decided that as I was his oldest and nearest friend I should take possession of the fund, buy whatever I thought proper, visit them a la Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, and cheer the widow's heart.

"Christmas Eve was a terrible night; snow a foot deep and still falling, and Jake's house was in the suburbs, where he had a couple of acres that he was accustomed to plant with vegetables and fruits. Every pocket of my immense storm coat was crammed with candies, nuts and toys, and I carried in my arms a lot of bundles containing more substantial articles that I had bought at my wife's suggestion. When I reached the house I was a veritable Kris Krinkle in appearance. The door was opened by Mrs. N—, but I declined her invitation to enter and simply remarked that I had brought Christmas remembrances from the Lodge. The poor woman held out her arms mechanically, and when they were filled, I placed the remainder on the floor, bid her good night, closed the door, and left her standing, crying and apparently oblivious of what had transpired. To tell the truth, I could not see clearly what was going on. I never felt so happy in my life, nor so totally undecided what to do, so I fairly ran home to tell my wife what a dunce I had been, and how much I wanted some one to tell me how I should have acted.

"The children had a merry Christmas, for they were too small to comprehend their loss, and you can depend on it that a happy Lodge heard my report at the next meeting. Since then and until the children grew too old for it, we never forget them at Christmas.

"When spring came and people began to make garden, a lot of us were loafing in the railroad yard one day, when it was suggested that we should go and make Mrs. Nuzum's garden. The thing was done, and all through that season and succeeding ones we cultivated her garden and gathered her crops, and some of us learned all we know about farming at those times.

"Mrs. Nuzum supported herself by sewing, and she made all the underwear for every single brother in the Lodge, and those of us who had wives threw quite as much sewing in her way as she could perform. Her children are now nearly grown. The oldest, a boy, contributes largely to her support, and it has been quite a time since the Lodge has been required to do more for her than to exert its influence in her behalf. She is always an invited guest and attendant at any public Masonic gathering, and I tell you, old fellow, there is something solid and genuine in the manner the Masons have acted towards her.

"And now you know all about Jake. How appropriate does that old Masonic couplet apply to us,

'For three there were and one is not,
But lies where 'Cacia marks the spot.'"

After hearing such a recital I had a desire to visit a Lodge where brotherly love was so religiously practised, and the bright example the action in the case just stated (and no doubt there are others) has been to the younger Craftsmen is evinced in the cordial greeting they give a visitor; in the perfect arrangement of their Lodge room; the impressiveness of their ceremonies, and the general air of truthfulness that pervades every where and every one. Every member appeared to realize that Masonry was earnest and not a myth; that it was worth all the time and attention they gave it, and that each man's duty was to promote each other's happiness and rejoice in each other's prosperity.

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CARNATIC LODGE, No. 2031.

AT a regular meeting, held on the night of the 20th of October, Bro. Dr. Pulney Andy was installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the next twelve months, in the presence of the Deputy District Grand Master, Colonel Moore, and his Officers, as well as in that of the representatives of other Lodges. Brother Ponnoosamy Pillai performed the ceremony. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Vijiarunga Moodelliar I.P.M., M. Thengasa Moodelliar S.W., C. Sankaran Nair J.W., Cavasjee Eduljee Pandy Treasurer, M. Puchatcherum Moodelliar Secretary, A. Balakrishna Moodelliar S.D., S. Theagaraja Iyer J.D., P. Rungiah Naidu D.C., M. B. Vacha, S.S., V. A. Rajaruthna Moodelliar J.S., C. Krishnasawmy Pillai I.G., and B. Madoorachari Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren partook of refreshments, drank the usual toasts, and parted in peace, love and unanimity. This is the second time that Dr. Pulney Andy has been honoured with the Mastership of the Lodge.

Bro. James H. Scott, 1673, who has for many years past held an important position in the English and Scottish

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BRUNSWICK L

THE annual meeting was held Temple, Hobart-street, Stone duly initiated the W.M. elect Bro stalled as W.M. for the ensuing y Bros. R. Selmon the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed the followin ensuing year:—Bros. R. Selmon Warren Chap., H. Mortimer Trea S.D., Roberts J.D., Wingate D.C. Eden and Endicott Stewards, Merry and James Bartlett Tyler. Bro Charity Steward, and Bro. H. J. T Lodge on the Committee of Peti fixed to be held at Bro. Routly's, 2nd proximo, but it having been Master would attend at Plymout meeting and banquet in connectio square, the arrangements for the the W.M. and the Wardens. The Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A framed photograph of the Temple appeared after the fire, May scription:—

"Presented to Lodge Brunswic W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, (70, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 h Junior Grand Warden, 12th Decem

Votes of thanks were accorded to adjourned to the refectory, where a

YORK LOD

THE installation meeting was he place, on Monday. Bro. Jos Installing Master, and the new W following brethren as his Officers fo Forbes S.W., Brogden J.W., Very of York, P.G.C. England, Chaplai tary, Sampson S.D., Hopton J.D Watkinson I.G., Bryson and Archi brethren then adjourned to a banq were proposed, and heartily resp W.M., Installing Master, Visitors, Samson, Everitt, Peck, Horner and ment of the evening with songs an

MENTURIA L

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., Bro W.M. at the Masonic Hall, brethren, including visitors fro The ceremony was very ably pe retiring W.M., who was assisted b T. Bickley, E. V. Greatbach. Th pointed for the year ensuing:— Hampton J.W., the Rev. F. E. Wa E. B. Deverenx Secretary, J. Bar Greatbach D.C., C. F. Baker Orga son and W. Jones Stewards, G. Wi of the Menturia Lodge present we Boothman, J. L. Hamshaw, F. Scrivener, J. Stringer, S. Lawton, The visiting brethren included don 460, R. Tooth 637, T. Turner 4 546, R. Dain 98, F. Weston 98, F J. T. Snape 460, T. Unwin 637, J. Eardley 637, J. Duignan 1942, 456, Charles Adams 2149, &c. A brethren adjourned to the Town was provided by Bro. J. Munro. paid to the Queen, the Royal Fami Bro. Bickley proposed the healt Grand Standard Bearer, Acting Pr shire, which was very heartily re the toast of the Officers of P.G. L Bro. Blair responded. He expres very long see Col. Gough the actu great knowledge of Masonry and interests of the Craft, his appoint out the Province—a sentiment wh of the brethren present. Bro. Tu W.M., whom he warmly complime The toast was drunk with the gr that it was the W.M.'s birthday, the 18th of December 1842. Bro acknowledgment of the compli Visiting Brethren, for whom Bro Turner (who was also called upon Bro. Hales, who, in the course of h completed the decoration and furn had cost them little less than £30 proposed by Bro. Bromley, wa Bro. Tunnicliff, in returning thank of the Lodge during the year, and

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gant management, mentioning that a committee had been appointed to make an investigation with respect to the management of the Boys' School. During the whole course of the inquiry the figures which he had published were never challenged, and the Secretary said he could not deny their accuracy. If the result of the inquiry should be that only one extra boy could be educated for the money raised, some good would result from their labours. Bro. Windle, who responded, observed that the whole of the Masons of the country were indebted to Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbach for the services which they had rendered in relation to the Boys' School. Since he had been their Charity Representative he had sent up—in 1886, £48 12s; in 1887, £54 3s; in 1888, £52 16s. The amount raised for the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association from the commencement to 1887 was £733 14s—namely, £586 16s for the A Fund and £148 18s for the B Fund. The Menturia was the second Lodge in Staffordshire with regard to the amount raised for the Charities. During dinner instrumental music was supplied, and afterwards a pianoforte solo was given by Miss Hampton. Several brethren contributed some capital vocal music.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 976.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on the 6th instant, when Bro. W. Moody W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Palmer I.P.M., Buckley S.W., Phippen J.W., Austen Chaplain, E. R. Hayter P.M. 976 P.P.G.O. Somerset Treasurer, Clarke Secretary, T. G. Vincent P.M. 976 P.P.G.D.C. Somerset D.C., Cruse S.D., White J.D., J. W. Pearce Organist, Creed I.G., Shaw and Bowring Stewards, and Swain Tyler.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Frank Matthews W.M., who was well supported by his Past Masters and Officers. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Jones 193, J. Smith P.M. 193, S. Smither W.M. elect 193, H. Busbridge 1589, A. J. Budd 1446, James F. Haskins Organist 1364, E. Moffatt 2266, J. Smith P.M. 45, C. Elledge 1524, W. Barnett, J. Page 1288, J. Chillingworth P.M. 1228, J. A. Robson P.M. 1445, and W. W. Lee 1897. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted. The feature of the evening was then proceeded with. Brother Joseph Cox was presented as Worshipful Master elect, and duly installed into the chair by his predecessor, Brother Frank Matthews. The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. H. J. Thrower S.W., L. A. Harrison J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. 1524 Treasurer, C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, W. Beasley S.D., J. W. Griffiths J.D., H. J. Scott I.G., S. Batcheler D.C., W. Shurmur P.M. 1471 and F. Meriton Stewards, and J. Very Tyler. Brother Louie Stean delivered the first and third addresses, and Brother Clarke P.G. Pursuivant rendered the second. The W. Master in presenting Bro. Matthews with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, congratulated him upon having been the tenth Master of the Lodge. The I.P.M. was one of the first initiates who had worked up to the position of the chair. The members were well content with the manner in which he had carried out his work, and had done well in acknowledging his valuable services by presenting him with a jewel, inscribed with the good wishes of the brethren. Bro. Matthews, having briefly returned thanks, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed. After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Wm. Clarke P.G.P. responded for The Grand Officers; he should be wanting in his duty if he did not do his best in replying. The Pro G.M. was one who was always received in a body of Masons with that pleasure they all felt towards the position he occupied; he was a working Mason, ever ready to study the welfare and best interests of the Craft. That day was the birthday of the Earl of Lathom, which fact was an incentive to receive the toast in a very hearty manner. The Grand Officers would endeavour to uphold the prestige of Grand Lodge and assist in the government of the Order. At the next Communication they would have the honour of re-electing the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and there was also another office for disposal—and he hoped always would be—that of Grand Treasurer. He had taken a great interest since the first election for the latter office, and was one of the few Grand Officers who voted for the change. He trusted he should be with them for many years, and should always do his best to assist the Lodge. Bro. Frank Matthews I.P.M. said it was his privilege and pleasure to have to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Cox was so well known to the members and visitors, and so highly appreciated by all, that it required few words from him on the subject. The W.M. was an old Mason, of 18 or 19 years' standing, who went into their Lodge as a founder, and who had worked hard as the Secretary for many years. The services rendered by Bro. Cox had been highly spoken of in past years, and he (the I.P.M.) would simply wish him a successful term of office, and was convinced that the members would rally round him to ensure that success. Bro. Joseph Cox said he had to acknowledge the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received the toast. It was quite true, as the I.P.M. had observed, that he was not altogether a young Mason, and it was, perhaps, not to his credit that he had not reached the chair before. In the proper course, he ought to have arrived at his present position at a somewhat earlier period in his Masonic experience; but, for various reasons, until this present Lodge was formed—when he had the honour of being one of its Founders—he did not work up for office. As the brethren had been so kind as to place him in the chair, he should like to say that it would be his desire to be able to conduct the business of this Lodge in some approach to the manner in which it had been conducted by the array of Past Masters he saw on his left. Although he had not worked up to the chair until the present time, he had a great regard for the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry. It seemed to him that Masonry stood alone in some of its features, and certainly there was one aspect that was very grateful to his mind, and he believed every Mason would agree with him, that they owed an allegiance to the Almighty Father, the Great Architect of the Universe. That carried with it another idea, and that was that with a common Fatherhood, there must of necessity, be a strong bond of brotherhood among Masons. He supposed they were privileged in this respect, because when they were gathered together, whatever opinions they held they never allowed either the conflicting opinions of the political world or their various ideas in regard to their religious duties to mar the harmony of their gatherings. This was a great advantage, and if they carried out, as they should do, those great principles of piety and virtue on which the Order was founded, they were bound to become better men; their families were bound to be better, and the community in which they moved and mankind at large must be the better for the true principles of Masonry. These things seemed worthy of mention on the present occasion, and he hoped that the members of the Lodge, while he had the honour to fill the chair, would not fail to observe those principles, and show kindly feeling to each other, and thus prove that their professions were not mere words upon their lips, but that they also had a place in their hearts. He thanked the brethren for the honour done him in electing him W.M., and trusted that his term of office would be a prosperous year in the history of their Lodge. Installing Master, Bro. Matthew, I.P.M., was next given in felicitous terms by the Worshipful Master, and briefly acknowledged by the I.P.M., after which the W.M. proposed the Past Masters, whom he characterised as the veterans who had borne the heat and burden of the day. The members were at all times pleased to give honour to brethren who had filled the chair, and who by their experience were enabled to assist materially in conducting the affairs of the Lodge. The I.P.M. was the latest addition to their ranks, while at their head was Bro. Louis Stean, the Father of the Lodge, whom they were pleased to see so hale and hearty. Brother Barr was one of the founders and an early Master, who continued to take a great interest in the Lodge. Bro. Barham P.M. and Secretary had not only passed the chair in their Lodge, but also in another, wherein he rendered valuable assistance. Bro. Benjamin was known as a good worker. Bro. Funston had the honour of being the first initiate of the Lodge who had worked up to the position of Worshipful Master. Bros. E. Walker and Dryedale were also esteemed P.M.'s, the latter being another initiate of the Lodge. The members would heartily drink the toast of the Past Masters, wishing them health and prosperity and many years to be present to assist in the work. Bro. Stean, in reply, said he felt proud, as the first W.M. of the Lodge, to see the progress made and the assistance they had rendered to the Charities during the ten years in had been in existence. Bros. Smith Past Master 193, Chillingworth Past Master 1228, J. Smith P.M. 45, and others, responded to the toast of the Visitors, acknowledging the hospitable and hearty manner in which they had been received. The Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, having been duly given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Mus. Doc., to whose finished musical accompaniments the success of the installation ceremony was also partly due. Signor Alberto, 1685, one of the visitors, kindly entertained the brethren a full half-hour with some exceedingly clever illusions. The occasion was voted successful and enjoyable all round, and it may be hoped that the Lodge will continue to prosper.

The December meeting of the Board of Benevolence took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President, presiding. Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant G. Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee were the representatives from Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. Binckes, Roebuck, Brown, Taylor, Mercer, Garrod, Hopekirk, Britten, Woodward, Matthews, Dairy, Cull, Bywater, Hogard, Haslip, Tidmarsh, McClelland, Szlumper, Casely, Tomkins, Stokes, Vohmann, Carey, Older, Pullen, Lee, Massey, Paas, Low, Thomas, Langley, Hooper, Unite, Grove, Marsh, Kempton, Herbert, Forge, Wicks, Alcock, Finlay, Haslett, Crook, Bilby, Dodson, Hill, Brown, Tongue, Bird, and Sadler G. Tyler. The brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the November meeting to the amount of £400. The new list comprised the names of 47 candidates. Two of the cases were dismissed, and three were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £967. This was composed of five recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, four to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of £40, and six of £30. There were thirteen grants of £20, ten of £10, three of £5, and one of £2. The work of the Board of Benevolence for the year shows a total amount granted of £11,468. Unfortunately this has entailed the selling of stock to the tune of £9000. Before the Board commenced its business on Wednesday it was £1,100 in debt.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

The swallows from the jutting eaves
Have flitted long ago,
And in the woods the fallen leaves
Are piled with drifted snow.

And far and faint the echoed chime
Of Christmas bells comes soft and clear,
Like voices from that far-off time,
That memory brings so near.

The mellow peal, with cadence low,
Invokes the shadow-haunted past;
Bright vistas of the long ago,
Like tinted sunbeams, fleeting fast.

Dim corridors, that echoed once
To rhythmic music sweet—
The melody of tender tones,
The ring of childish feet.

Of Christmas stockings hung, with glee,
Beside the mantel square—
Of gentle hands laid lovingly
Against a forehead fair.

The years—how many? long have swept
With ruder touch that childish brow,
But all the dreams those years have kept,
In Christmas chimes are ringing now.

The musky breath of garden flowers,
That filled the air with still perfume;
The mellow smile of twilight hours,
Gilding the night's foreshadowed gloom;

The tasseled corn, whose rustling shade
Beguiled us in the summer time,
The nutty woodlands where we strayed
In bright October's golden prime;

The glittering dew-drops sparkling bright,
The frost-work on the window pane,
Reflecting back in waves of light
The tinted moonbeams quivering stain,

When life seemed gladly bubbling o'er,
With royal gifts of oil and wine,
And pleasure, rifled to the core,
Held endless leagues of treasured wine;

When fancy led us, hand in hand,
Through mystic realms of poesy,
And sent us, dowered, from fairy-land,
With golden-freighted Argosy.

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And still the merry bells ring on
And still the echo dies away,
In silver chimes that ring the dawn,
The happy dawn of Christmas day.

They tell, in tones of cadenced rhyme,
How fled the passing summer hours,
'Mid tufted shrub and clinging vine,
When perfumed breezes rocked the flowers.

They whisper of the leaves that fell
When wild November whirled the snow,
Where lissom alders fringed the dell,
And humid willows drooped below.

They bring "glad tidings of great joy,"
Of "peace on earth," good-will to all,
Of Him who hears the raven's cry,
"And marks the sparrow's fall."

Of Christmas day, whose first pure light
Broke o'er the plains of Bethlehem,
When shepherds watched the Star of night,
That shone o'er far Jerusalem.

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And still the merry bells ring on,
And still the echo dies away,
In silver chimes that ring the dawn
The blessed dawn of Christmas day.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

LEND A HAND.

Lend a helping hand, my brother,
To the weary ones you meet,
There are many bowed with burdens
Fainting in the day's fierce heat.
Pass not by a toil-worn brother,
Let none ask for aid in vain,
Lend a helping hand, believing
Time will pay you back again.
Lend a helping hand, my brother,
There are chances all the way;
When you see a man discouraged
Have a helping word to say.
Kindly words are balm and comfort
To the weary, and they make
Many a load seem lighter;
Speak them for a brother's sake.
In the march of life, my brother,

Bless the hands outst
With a hopeful wo
Lend a helping hand
It is grandly worth

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We shall be obliged if the Secr throughout the Kingdom will fa Days of Meetings, &c., as we have that are verified by the Officers o

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MONDAY, 24th

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22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clap
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropem
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railwa
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-stre
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, C
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinst
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 20
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel,
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1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, O
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel,
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylet

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gate
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons'
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxb
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall,
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Cant
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
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WEDNESDAY, 26t

228—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall,
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresha
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32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverp
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Coop
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
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439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
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1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel,
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Ki
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Sta
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manches
1953—Prudence and Industry, George H
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M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-

THURSDAY, 27t

General Committee Girls' School, Freem
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leade
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-str
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street,
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-stree
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgat
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lo
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, W
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith,
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bet
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern,
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Mason
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Ho
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratfo
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Ma
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms,
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1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at

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1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creation, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
208—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

651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1066—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1335—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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley

1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1802—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 87—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
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R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,

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834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Instn).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 860—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
1308—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1593—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
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
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

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1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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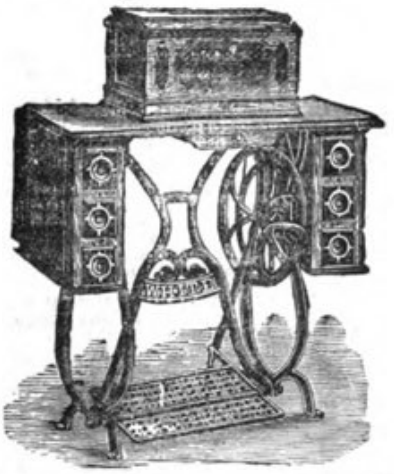
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CANVASSING FOR MEMBERS.

ONE of the earliest lessons impressed on every member of the Craft is that which teaches him that Freemasons are not expected to seek for candidates; rather, that any one desiring to receive the benefits of the Order must be the suppliant, and must ask of a friend the means of securing the light of the Craft. No matter how much we may desire to see a friend admitted as a member of our Lodge it is not our place to induce him to take the steps necessary to ensure a participation in our mysteries, and, as a consequence, we sometimes lose good men, or see our friends remain outsiders for all time, or perhaps admitted to some Lodge other than our own, whose members were not quite so strict in this matter of canvassing as we had been. Under such circumstances we have sometimes asked ourselves if there is really any need or desirability for such a rigid observance of this rule as is generally urged on the members of the Craft? We are aware it would be very wrong for the members of a Lodge to make a point of touting in their district for new members, or to use any unworthy means to secure additions to their ranks; but is a little judicious advocacy of the benefits of Freemasonry, or a brief description of its advantages out of place when we meet a friend who we would desire to introduce into the ranks of the Craft? We think not, and we fail to see in what part of our ritual canvassing is especially prohibited, provided that in seeking new members we confine ourselves to worthy advocacy of the Craft.

It may be said that any gentleman desiring admittance within the portals of Freemasonry can find a friend to introduce him, but is such always the case? Even if he know some one already a member it does not follow that he has the courage to make the needful application; he may think the request might come with better grace from the Mason, rather than from the one who desired to become a brother, and for these and many other reasons he may fail to take the step he desires, and which we, as members of the Craft, should be equally anxious for him to take; for, be it understood, we consider the principal object of every Craftsman should be to extend the benefits of Freemasonry as far as lies in his power, both by practising its principles himself, and by inducing others to do so; to accomplish which it is almost imperative that we should occasionally use our influence towards securing new members, which, we urge, is not only legal from a Masonic point of view, but might be encouraged, under certain conditions, with great advantage to the Craft.

It is not alone in the matter of initiates that canvassing is to be commended. We should also seek to extend the number of joining members for our Lodges, and in this respect particularly is a little energetic canvassing to be approved of. The objections to which we have already referred as applying to the admission of gentlemen to the ranks of Freemasonry do not affect the case of those who have already been received into our ranks, but for whom a change of Lodge is desirable, and there can be no possible harm in keeping a sharp look out for those who may, from one cause or other, seek a change in their Lodge. Removal is not the least of the many points which have to be considered in this respect, and this particularly applies in the suburbs and Provinces, where every new arrival should be regarded as a likely addition to the local Lodge, instead of which it sometimes happens that it is years before a new resident discovers there is a Lodge meeting close by. Of course in such a case the apathy is not wholly confined to the Lodge, as it would be far easier for the new arrival to find out the Lodge than it would be for the members thereof to discover that their new neighbour was already a Mason, and was desirous of extending his acquaintanceship with the Craft.

The more closely we examine this matter the more are we convinced that judicious canvassing is desirable, and we think it would be well if Lodges and individual members were to take the matter into consideration, with a view of relaxing the hard rule which has so long existed in many quarters, and adopt in its place one of a more tolerant and less restricted character. If it were not deemed desirable to set at once to the work of canvassing for initiates something might be done among the large body of Masons at present unattached, and the ranks of whom are daily swelling in all parts of the country. By securing some of these as joining members we should strengthen our Lodges, lessen the number of inactive Masons, and, in all probability, afford enjoyment for the brethren introduced. All or any of these objects are sufficient to warrant us setting at once to the task of canvassing.

MASONIC DUES.

THE season of the year suggests this topic. December is emphatically the month for the collection of dues, and in some Grand Jurisdictions the payment of same is prerequisite to the right to vote at the annual elections of the Lodge. The regular notice is familiar—we have all received such—and, omitting the heading and date, reads something like the following:

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panaceas have been advanced and advocated, and a question which has two sides to consider.

On the one hand stands the Lodge, the local unit of the Grand Lodge, and the representative of the body of Masonry in the community in which it is located. Whether guided by wise councils, or otherwise, the Institution is judged of men by what it appears to be in its corporate capacity, and the brethren, being only men, will also judge it by its acts, and hold the whole Order responsible for what it does to them as individuals, hence the Lodge must show a clean record of profession and practice if it expects to escape censure in its matters of discipline.

The other factor is the brother himself. The Lodge sets forth the foundation, the Masonic edifice that is expected to be reared, and the rewards of the practice of the tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Mason on his part has voluntarily assumed irrevocable vows in the name of God, to perform certain duties so that he may be the partaker in the privileges—among which is the support of the Order, including the payment of his dues. In theory the two parts united form a perfect and complete whole, but, alas! our printed reports show that each year hundreds, nay, thousands, fail to live up to their vows, and are disciplined therefor.

We have a few thoughts to suggest, and will consider them under two denominations, viz, 1st, the Lodge; 2nd, the brother. And in so doing we may be pardoned by taking men and Masons as they are, not what we would like them to be, and the Lodge as well. An active membership of nearly a quarter of a century will be an excuse for quoting examples from experience, although they must be considered impersonal.

First, the Lodge. Lodges err in many ways, they would be more than human not to do so, but in two ways I believe they contribute towards swelling the number of non-affiliates. (a) They do so, often and thoughtlessly, by an indiscriminate bestowal of Masonic charity. A member is sick, and upon his recovery some brother rises and makes a motion to pay say forty dollars for the nurse hire, the brethren not having been allowed to take turns watching; the treasury happens to be well filled, the audience has been moved to liberality by a glowing speech and the money is voted. The recipient of this bounty possibly lives in his own house, is comfortably off, and the only inconvenience he suffers financially is the loss of income for one or more months. What sort of effect will this have upon another equally as worthy a brother, absent or present, who lives like St. Paul in his own hired house, and whose neglect to pay his accruing dues is largely due to a like illness and for which the same Lodge extended no monied relief? Possibly there was not sufficient cash in the treasury, or it was at a subsequent period, when it had been spent. The principle is the same in either event.

(b) Many Lodges allow discussions over the accounts due from members, and sometimes this goes on to the calling of the names of delinquents. This is manifestly wrong. If the brethren meant (if not named) are not present their friends may be, and hard feelings result. I assume the broad ground, and have so ruled for two years, in the East, that when the Lodge elects its officers it entrusts to them the fiscal as well as esoteric concerns of Masonry, and that, therefore, unless in event of Masonic trial for non-payment of dues, the relation of the brother who owes the dues is to the East and not to the floor. At any rate this ruling has worked well wherever I have known it to be tried. An example in evidence will be cited further on.

These two instances are not expected to cover the whole ground of this portion of the subject, but they will serve to suggest the probability that the Lodge may err as well as the individual brother. While not cited as an indictment, it serves to assert that even-handed justice should characterise all dealings with the weaker factor.

Second, the Brother. Theoretically all the stones in the Masonic temple are equally true, equally strong. How is it in actual life? Our Lodges are made up of three great classes of men: (a) Those with fixed incomes, and in this I would include the wealthy and also the recipients of a comfortable salary. (b) The middle classes, as the English would say, the men of business with fluctuating incomes, subject to reverses, and in this category we place the labouring man who is likewise subject to the fluctuations of commerce, circumstances and trade. (c) The poor man, made so by reverses over which he had no control, and the man who "never could get along in life." We have all these in our cosmopolitan ranks, and to deal with them so that the Lodge shall cause no brother to offend requires statesmanship of a no mean order. It will be found that the first class mentioned are the most difficult to manage, or to keep from offending in the line of talk about the second and third divisions, above. With a fixed income, always assured, they have no patience with or charity for the others. They pay their dues and boast of it, and cannot see why a business man cannot pay to-day the six dollars due the Lodge, although he may have a payment of one thousand dollars to make before three o'clock at the bank, and barely enough in hand to do it with. Neither can they be made to understand many times why it is that the poorer brother does not become as forehanded as they are, and so there is likely to be an irrepressible conflict of opinion and interest on the question of payment of dues, in any Lodge, which, if not checked, as the years roll away, will be sure to lead to, first, trouble, and, ultimately, to a frame of mind in the one or both, which results in non-affiliation.

The root of the difficulty, in my opinion, lies at the door of the preparation room. The Lodge owes to the neophyte something more than an examination into moral character, or a perfunctory rehearsal of the three constitutional questions. Admitted that the candidate is moral and upright before God and of good report in the world, the duties and obligations involved should be freely and frankly stated. He should be informed of the expense involved in the Masonic relation, and the Committee of Investigation have no higher duty than to become satisfied on this point: that the proposed brother cheerfully, aye, cheerfully is the word, agrees to undertake the life responsibilities involved in his petition. But no amount of dereliction of duty is an excuse for a deliberate refusal to support and maintain Masonry, and hence it is rightly judged an offence in many jurisdictions, including Vermont.

The remedy, however, is what we are aiming at, and involves, on the part of the Lodge, the cessation and banishment of all debate in individual cases. This avoids all personal acrimony between the three classes enumerated, and the officers do not find themselves trammelled and confronted by the indiscreet remarks of brothers whose zeal is not often according to knowledge, and to whom the Lodge has not entrusted this business.

The duty of the officers of a Lodge are manifold, and should be impartially performed. There are two ways of collecting dues—one is to assume that frequent notices, sent out by mail, absolves the Master and Secretary from all further responsibility, that the brother's obligation is to pay and the Secretary's to receive. This is theoretically correct, but how long would the Institution stand if it were universally practised? Another method is for the Secretary to carry a list with him and collect the amounts in greater or less sums. Who does not know the latter way to be the safest, provided the Lodge cares to retain its members?

"Business is business" with Lodges, as well as with other concerns of life. Some years since the writer was engaged to collect the arrearages of a credit list of newspaper subscribers. The proprietor, now deceased, was one of those prompt men who dunned a subscriber two or three times; if he paid, well and good, or if he heard nothing from him, after a month or so, the name was erased, and the amount due carried to "profit and loss" account. On one occasion there had been selected nearly one thousand dollars in such accounts, for summary disposal, as the advance pay system was to be inaugurated. I asked to be allowed to collect these accounts according to my own notion, and it was of course accorded. I realised nearly all this money, and, better still, retained the names as future patrons. How was it done? By carrying a list of the accounts with me and asking for small sums until paid, and in advance one year. A few years afterwards, being elected Secretary of a Lodge, I tried this system with great success, and I know of a Secretary to-day who has been eminently rewarded by a like trial. Incorrigible cases will occur, but they only prove the rule. This is the method: John Doe is five or more years in arrear. He is able, but has neglected to pay up. If he is influenced by a grievance, remove it, whether proceeding from the inside or outside of the Lodge. Ask him for three dollars to help make out the rent; at another time for something more for another

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purpose; he will hand out the money, and before he know it he has paid all arrearages and one year in advance Richard Roe is in arrear fifeeen dollars. The Secretary reports to the Worshipful Master (mind, to the East, and not to the floor of the Lodge), that Bro. Roe thinks he was not fairly treated on a certain occasion, or is too poor to pay up. The grievance is removed, or, if poverty be the cause, proper statements are made to the Lodge, the dues are remitted by the payment of five dollars and the promise recorded to pay in advance hereafter, which will be fulfilled if this business is properly handled. The brethren are saved from suspension and the Lodge from depleted membership.

We will give the promised example here. The Worshipful Master is informed by his Secretary that an aged brother, several years in arrear for dues, wishes to consult him. The name and amount in open Lodge would precipitate a discussion, and opposing parties probably result. But floor discussion is not in order, hence the brother's case is between himself and the proper officers. This illustration will be found to have been the experience of many. The brother is persuaded by the Worshipful Master to come into the Lodge and state his cause. He does so and is not prejudiced by any former discussion. His story is the experience of many another. During active business life he united with the Order. While he had the means he paid his dues and liberally in other directions as well, and now, verging well on to four-score years he finds himself unable to longer contribute, and asks that the accrued dues of the past few years be abated, and an honourable discharge (dimit) be granted. What is the result? The dues are abated, the future dues remitted, and an exhibition of Masonic feeling not often seen makes a deep impression on all present. The "pay up or get out" spirit flees.

In conclusion, the advice, earnestly urged, is to clear up the books. Settle with each brother annually. If the past officers have neglected their duty, close up and begin anew. Nothing will bring to the surface for settlement the sins of omission and commission of the past as will this, and the good feeling engendered by a fraternal adjustment of these things will go far towards the stoppage of losses by withdrawal, becoming non-affiliates, and that other curse—suspension for non-payment of dues.—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE MASON'S FAMILY.

WE have heard it asserted that a Freemason has no business to be married, or to have a family. Why not? Are the six hundred thousand Freemasons in the United States to be relegated to the positions of bachelors or widowers? Are the Brethren who are not married to remain single, and those who are to have proceedings commenced against them to sever the marriage tie? What is the meaning of this wholesale indictment against the members of the Masonic Fraternity?

It is alleged, we are told, that Freemasons are "never at home," or—"hardly ever." Is this true? for if it be true there is some ground for the complaint, since no man who possesses a family has any right to absent himself from it continuously. If he has a wife, or children, or both, they have a mortgage upon him for life, payable in daily interest instalments of kindly attentions. He is not his own man, for he is their husband and father; he belongs to them, as well as to himself. There is thus a joint interest in his person, possessions and time.

But what is the foundation for this charge, that some Freemasons are better known abroad than at home?

It is replied, that it is due to the multiplication of Masonic degrees, which are about as numerous, or as

> Thick as autumnal leaves that strow the brooks
> In Vallambrosa.

We have had a "Masonic Register" sent to us to prove it. Its title-page reads as follows: "Masonic Register, Maitland, Ontario, Canada. Thirty Masonic Bodies meeting under warrants, conferring a total of 282 degrees."

Thirty Masonic bodies! If these bodies meet once a month, that would fill every night in the month, so where could the Mason's family find a spare night awarded it? With this presentation of the matter our sympathies are all with the Mason's family. But while the rest of creation is probably not afflicted as Maitland, Canada, is with so-called "Masonic" bodies, some other sections with which we are acquainted appear to be aspiring to that distinction. The truth is, there are too many miscalled "Masonic" bodies everywhere, and Ancient Craft Masonry suffers from it, together with Masons' families. There is a craze for inventing new societies *composed of Master Masons.* Their inventors forthwith dub them "Masonic," which they are *not.* No society is Masonic simply because its membership is composed of Masons. It is "principles, not men," that make Masonry, and no one by diluting even these principles, and serving them up in a different shape, or by making Masons the constituents of a new organization can thereby extend Masonry.

But suppose a brother indulges only in what, by common consent, is regarded as "legitimate" Masonry, in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. Suppose he is active in all of these bodies at the same time, and an office holder. Necessarily he is a busy Mason. Then add to these regular duties the incidental ones of committee work, funerals, and the like, and probably it were as well if he were a bachelor instead of a Benedict. It possibly is a question of suffering—whether it shall be his brethren, living and deceased, and their widows and orphans, or his wife and children. Which shall it be? It should be neither. One's duties should be so assumed and so adjusted that they may not interfere with each other. This can be done. That brother is more than foolish who holds official station in all of his Masonic bodies at the same time. Thereby he does not do justice to them, to himself, nor to his family.

We confess we sympathise with some Masons' families. The man who takes only breakfasts regularly, supper occasionally, and dinner never, at home (except on Sundays), and is but the "sleeping partner" in the household firm, and not statedly that, might almost as well remove to Maitland, Canada, and join all of its thirty "Masonic" bodies.

There is another matter in which Masons' wives and families are overlooked, and this by the Craft itself. Of course it goes without saying that a woman cannot be a Freemason, nor receive any so-called "side degree" which will communicate to her a particle of Masonry. Nor can she rightly be present at any meeting of a Lodge, convened for work of any character whatever. But we have often thought that Freemasons should not be as chary as they are, of granting to their wives and daughters an opportunity to share in reunions with their husbands and fathers who are members of the Craft, upon occasions that are not official. The least that Masonry can do is to grant some pleasure of this description to those from whom they ask so much. We are all social beings, and bereft of the social feature even Freemasonry itself might find its quietus. Let us occasionally allow the partners of our hearts and homes to share with us our purely social enjoyments, for they will thereby gain none of our secrets, while they will learn to respect us as Freemasons, and love us the more as husbands, fathers and brothers.—*Keystone.*

On the 20th instant a Masonic demonstration took place at Sunderland, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of the New Masonic Buildings, in North Bridge Street, Monkwearmouth, in connection with the Williamson Lodge, No. 945. The proceedings commenced with a Grand Lodge meeting, in the Workmens' Hall, from whence a procession was formed to the site. The foundation stone ceremony was performed by Canon Tristram. Several corner stones were also laid. The company afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a banquet took place.

We have received from Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. a finely executed portrait of himself, which we shall have great pleasure in placing in our collection of worthy Masons. The work has been most artistically carried out by Bro. Bradnee, of Torquay, who has already won for himself renown as a skilful artist. We understand Bro. Bradnee will be prepared to forward copies of this cabinet sized picture to any Lodge or Brother who may wish to secure a copy. The price is 2s, which should be sent by postal order.

TO THE DEAF.—A Person cured of Deafness and Noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any Person who applies to NICHOLSON, 21 Bedford-sq., London, W.C.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from page 390.)

BROTHER Norton will not, I trust, feel offended with me if I pass lightly over the numerous references to rituals, &c., contained in his article of the 27th of October; the pamphlets from which he derives his knowledge are in my opinion too unreliable and partake too much of the catchpenny character to be of any real value in a discussion such as ours. I must therefore decline any further allusion to them, but if my good old friend will reserve his judgment on that class of evidence until we meet again on this side of the water, I may be able to put him right on at least one point which he has mentioned.

It would be extremely gratifying to me if I could but find in Bro. Norton's "Comments" something that would enable us to meet on level ground, as it were, and enjoy a real brotherly "shake" of sympathy and cordial agreement, and indeed I was under the impression that I had reached that delightful stage when I read, in his first article, that the Irish Grand Lodge derived all its ceremonies from the London Grand Lodge; but when, in his second article, he tells us that "the installation of Masters, with words, signs and grips thereunto belonging, was an early Irish *invention*, and so were the Officers known as 'Senior and Junior Deacons,'" I find we are nearly as far apart as ever; and yet it is only the one little word "invention" that separates us. I am curious to know what authority other than Bro. Norton's imagination there is for saying that the ceremony referred to was an *Irish invention*; if he turns to pages 34 and 196 of that troublesome book of mine he will find that allusion is made to a postscript to the *Constitutions* of 1723, and if he compares that Postscript with "The antient manner of constituting a Lodge" in Spratt's Irish Constitutions, I think he will admit that there exists a strong family likeness; and if he makes a comparison between "Spratt," Anderson's edition of 1738, and Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," he will find a still closer resemblance. In each of the books named the ceremony of installation is described quite as clearly as I should expect to find it in an authorised publication, and unless Bro. Norton can produce *evidence* that this ceremony was practised in Ireland prior to 1723 I shall prefer to believe that it was *not* an "Irish invention," but that it was taken from England originally, and was afterwards restored by the Irish Masons, or "Ancients," when the English Fraternity had neglected to practise it for so long a period that it was quite unknown to the general body of the Craft.

I am sorry to say I cannot accept the assertion that the Moderns never had a ceremony of installation, for it appears to me to be of a similar character to many other of Bro. Norton's assertions, *i.e.*, it is contrary to evidence. In order to enable those who have not access to the books just mentioned to judge for themselves, I will quote a paragraph from the Postscript to the Constitutions of 1723.

"Upon this the *Deputy* shall rehearse the *Charges* of a *Master*, and the GRAND MASTER shall ask the *candidate*, saying, *Do you submit to these* Charges, as MASTERS have *done* in all Ages? And the candidate signifying his cordial submission thereunto, the GRAND MASTER shall by CERTAIN significant ceremonies and ancient usages install him, and present him with the *Constitutions*, the Lodge Book, and the *instruments* of his office, not altogether, but one after another; and after each of them, the *Grand Master*, or his *Deputy*, shall rehearse the short and pithy *Charge* that is suitable to the thing presented." I am quite unaware of the extent of Bro. Norton's knowledge of the English ceremony of installation, for I have no recollection of the subject ever having been mentioned, either in our correspondence or on the occasions of our meeting, but having myself had some years of practice, I may observe that this quotation seems to bear a very striking resemblance to a portion of the authorised ceremony of the present day.

If I am not mistaken there is in Boston an excellent Masonic Library, to which Bro. Norton is at all times welcome, and, although I know him to be a very busy man, yet I think it will be worth his while when he *can* spare a few hours to carefully read the whole of this postscript and also the descriptions in the Constitutions of the Annual Grand Feasts. Prior to 1717 he will find a long list of persons of one sort or another who are said to have been Grand Masters; this Bro. Norton knows as well as I do, but he may not have remarked that none of these personages are represented to have been installed; indeed, the word is not used at all, so far as I can see. At the Feast in 1717, and for several years afterwards, the Grand Master, if present at the Annual Feast, is said to have been "installed." According to the written minutes of Grand Lodge, the last Grand Master of that period to whom this term is applied is Viscount Montague, who was installed on the 18th April 1732; from thence till 1782 the word is only used once, and that is in 1764, when John Revis was installed as proxy for Lord Blayney. And in 1782 the Earl of Effingham went through a similar process for the Duke of Cumberland.

Here then, in my opinion, is fairly conclusive evidence that in the early days of the Grand Lodge the "Moderns" had a ceremony of installation for private Lodges as well as for the Grand Lodge; but why they were discontinued I can only surmise. In the latter case it could not have been out of consideration for the appetites of the brethren as the ceremony always took place *after dinner*. A possible clue may be found in the following incidents:—

In 1730 the Duke of Norfolk is not stated to have been installed, but only "declared" Grand Master; his predecessors had all been installed, and in 1731, Lord Lovell, his successor, was "so very ill of an Ague that he was obliged to return home, but that he had appointed the Right Hon. the Lord Coleraine to be his Proxy for that day." After dinner Lord Coleraine was accordingly *invested* with the Badge of Grand Master as Proxy for Lord Lovell. It may be that finding that these two got on very well without a formal ceremony of installation the brethren did not attach any importance to that function, for although the next Grand Master, Lord Montague, is said to have been "install'd," his immediate successors are all described as having merely been "invested," or "declared." Private Lodges would probably follow the Grand Lodge in this respect, and in course of time the ceremony of installation was no longer deemed a part of the modern system of Freemasonry.

As for my trying to prove "that the Ancients' form of Installation was truly *ancient*, or even as old as 1723," I am not likely to attempt anything of the kind, for it certainly is not possible to do so, neither do I consider it necessary. It is quite sufficient for my purpose if I prove that the Moderns had *no* ceremony of Installation when the Ancients or Irish Masons started their Grand Lodge, and the latter had; thus showing that their customs were different, and the inconsistency of the secession theory; and this is also my reason for quoting the minutes of the Lodge of Promulgation with reference to Deacons, which Bro. Norton says "were not an ancient landmark." But as I never said they were, this piece of information seems quite superfluous.

I find I must take exception to another assertion about that terrible fellow Dermott, and, as in the former case, I find we are very nearly agreed until Bro. Norton allows his imagination to get the better of his judgment and common sense. On page 259 of the CHRONICLE he says:—"Hence he was persuaded that the Irish ritual was ancient, or more in accordance with the old ritual of Solomon, or at least of the one used at York in the days of Prince Edwin, and he therefore may have felt himself justified in doing what he did. (Not at all unlikely) But, although he must afterwards have been better informed, he still continued to swear, through thick and thin, that his Grand Lodge was ancient, and the old one modern." I should like to know the authority for "must afterwards have been better informed." and also for the swearing business. So far as I know Dermott never did anything of the kind. The purport of his claim was that the *ceremonies* and *customs* of the body to which he belonged were *ancient*, but I am not aware that he ever pretended his Grand Lodge as an organization was older than 1751.

Now, with regard to the Resolution passed in Grand Lodge on 12th April 1809, at the recommendation of the Committee of Charity, consisting of all Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Masters of Lodges in good standing, Bro. Norton says in effect that he does not believe this body of Masons knew what they were talking about. Therefore, the Grand Lodge that adopted their recommendation must have been in a similar state of darkness. It is some-

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what difficult to make out from these "Comments" what Brother Norton *does* believe, and I occasionally find myself wondering whether he *believes anything* beyond the range of his own eyesight, but with all due respect to *him*, I must say that it appears to me that the brethren of 1809 *ought* to have been better acquainted with the subject of their "motion" than Bro. Norton is to-day; he will therefore, I trust, permit me to stick to my text, *i.e.*, that they knew "they had previously departed from the *Ancient Landmarks* of the Order, and were ignorant of the precise period when this event occurred." As for their not knowing what the "Ancient Landmarks" were, probably they did not, according to Bro. Norton's definition, for this is a phrase even more elastic than the word "ancient;" but they evidently knew enough for their own purposes, for the said "motion" was passed in a very numerously attended Grand Lodge without a division.

I shall not reply at length to Bro. Norton's "Comments" on my simple statement as to the non-observance, by the "Moderns," of the popular Saints' days, but as he has given me credit for a much more powerful imagination than I can fairly lay claim to, I think it better to repeat what I *did* say than to attempt to defend what I did not.

"I shall now endeavour to show, that apart from the question of form or ceremony, innovations upon the ancient usages and established customs of the Order had, at different times, been countenanced by the leaders of the regular Grand Lodge; that from the advent of the aristocratic element in such large numbers, the Society had undergone a process of what, for want of a better word, I shall call modernising. The 24th June and the 27th of December were literally '*red letter days*' in the old Masonic Calendar, and are still regarded by many of the Fraternity with veneration" . . . . . (See pp 162-3).

Indeed, the Saints John days were generally looked upon as *the* days for all important Masonic gatherings, not only in this country, but in Scotland and Ireland also. Our first Grand Master (Anthony Sayer) was elected and installed on St. John Baptist's day, 1717, and this day was adhered to by the Grand Lodge for the installation of his successors until 1725, when, "being unprovided with a new noble Grand Master, the officers were continued six months longer." Lord Paisley was, however, installed on the 27th December following; Lord Inchiquin on the 27th February 1727; Lord Coleraine on the 27th December of the same year; and Lord Kingston on the 27th December 1728. From this time forward the "regulars" seem to have been utterly oblivious to the fact,—

"That saints will aid if men will call,"

for the eighteen installations between 1730 and 1753 appear to have taken place on a day best suited to the convenience of the noble personages most concerned, and not once on either of the popular Saints' days. Now this irreverent disregard of an old custom was not likely to strengthen their claims to antiquity when put forth at a later period."

"The 'Ancients' from the first seem to have been most scrupulous in selecting one or the other of these days for their Grand ceremonials."

I give this as one of several instances of neglect on the part of the regular Grand Lodge of the old customs whereby they had earned for themselves the appellation of "Moderns;" it is a simple statement of facts, and my explanation of it happens to be the true one; it was done to suit the convenience of the different noble Grand Masters, for the day of the Grand Feast was invariably left to their selection, as the minutes of Grand Lodge show, and as Bro. Jacob Norton might have seen had he read the paragraph of Anderson's immediately following the one he quotes:—

"But of late years most of the *Eminent* Brethren being out of Town on both the St. Johns' Days, the *Grand Master* has appointed the *Feast* on such a Day as appeared most convenient to the *Fraternity*." This is what Dr. Anderson said in 1738, and no doubt it was the real reason, if we read the concluding words thus; *to himself and his successor*, instead of "to the *Fraternity*." Bro. Norton's method of dealing with this portion of "Facts and Fictions" is, to say the least of it, most peculiar. I can only afford space for a sample of it.

"Again, the Ancients observed St. John's Day, but the Moderns ceased to observe it after 1730; hence our worthy brother imagines that the Moderns were guilty of removing an ancient landmark. The truth, however, is, the observance of Saint John's Day is not an ancient landmark at all, &c. Now, as I did not mention the word "landmark" in this connection, and certainly never attempted to define it in any part of the book, it seems to me that my old friend has taken an infinite deal of unnecessary trouble to demolish a "guy," created entirely out of his *own imagination*, for in order to obtain the requisite materials he appears to have hunted far and near, and to have mixed up Jews, Christians, Roman Catholics and Reformation, Saints and sinners, Dr. Anderson and the Virgin Mary, with the misdeeds of American Masonic luminaries, into a mass which defies all my efforts to penetrate. I imagine, however, from the purport of his concluding remarks that this saintly subject must be rather a sore point with him, and on the principle that "any stick is good enough to beat a dog with," he availed himself of the opportunity I had given him to retaliate for some grievance he has against our brethren over the water.

I cannot agree with Bro. Norton as to the possibility of Israelitish objections having had anything to do with the non-observance of the Saints' days by the Grand Lodge, for although our registers show that in the latter half of the last century a large number of that sect entered the Order, it is difficult to ascertain to which branch they gave the preference. I am, however, inclined to the opinion that, at the Union in 1813, the Ancients had the larger number of Jews on their register. I have not thought it necessary to go thoroughly into this matter, but I may mention two Lodges that were certainly founded by brethren of the Jewish faith, viz., the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, constituted by the Ancients in 1793, and the Hiram's Lodge, constituted by the Moderns in 1781.

Bro. Norton's mother Lodge (Joppa, No. 188) seems to have been a mixed Lodge from the first, but judging from the names on the register in 1813 I should say it was then composed chiefly, if not entirely, of Jewish brethren; it may interest him to know that about the year 1758 the person with whom he is so exceedingly angry, the much abused Dermott, had sufficient good sense to slightly alter the wording of his Warrants, which, I have no doubt, was done in order to meet the views of Israelitish brethren; for, instead of stating that "Installations are to be on every St. John's Day," as at first, subsequent Warrants read "on (or near) every St. John's Day." My answer to the assertion "Even the Ancients never found fault with their opponents for not keeping Saints' Days," is the following extract from a resolution unanimously passed in their Grand Lodge on the 6th June 1810, having reference to the terms on which they were prepared to consider the question of an union of the two societies: "and that the Grand Lodge shall be convened and held quarterly, on a given day in each quarter, for communication with the Craft, besides the anniversary meetings of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist."

(To be continued.)

THE EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

THE tenth anniversary dinner of the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, Shadwell, was held on the 29th instant at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, Mr. Charles A. Prescott, Vice Chairman of the Board of Management, presiding. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, the East London Hospital for Children, said that he believed that, taken as a whole, the hospital management of the Metropolis was such as they had a right to be proud of. At the East London Hospital they very much desired to enlarge the building for the benefit of the out-patients, and this would cost something like £10,000, which he felt sure they would have no difficulty in raising. As an example of the value of the work of the hospital, he mentioned that during the past year no fewer than 20,000 patients had been treated in the institution. In conclusion, he asked his audience to remember that in helping those for whom he pleaded they would be helping the very poor, and a class of the poor who were least able to help themselves. Other toasts followed, and during the evening subscriptions to the amount of £2000 were announced.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. G. H. Hoyle W.M. presided. The principal business of the evening was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren being unanimously in favour of Bro. W. Nicholson S.W. Bro. W. M. Bywater P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Paston was elected on the Audit Committee. The W.M. announced that an organ had been presented to the Lodge, through the instrumentality of Bros. Moser and Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed Organist, and enlivened the Lodge working, to the greatest satisfaction of the brethren present. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, at which various toasts were duly honoured.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE December meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. There were present Bros. F. T. Bennett as W.M., H. T. Lindfield S.W., Harry Nash J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. J. King S.D., Orlton Cooper I.G., W. W. Morgan P.M., Joseph Withers, G. J. Copley, G. Absell, W. Kirkland, W. J. Dyer, B. Banks Tyler; Visitors—J. Peace 569, W. G. Jennings 1580, Walter Abbott 2168, J. A. Collings Org. 1693. After preliminary business had been attended to, Bros. Absell and Copley were passed, Bro. Bennett conducting the ceremony in a perfect manner. The brethren afterwards supped together and, as usual in this Lodge, an hour or so was spent musically. The violin playing of Bro. Walter Abbott was an especial feature.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE brethren held their annual meeting on the 18th instant, and, on this occasion, met for the first time at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. Bro. P. H. Bridgman W.M. presided. The business commenced with the initiation of two candidates, after which two brethren were passed and two others raised. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and during the recess the Past Masters of the Lodge were entertained at a high tea by Bro. Bridgman. The following visiting brethren also shared Bro. Bridgman's hospitality—Bros. Major Tracey, R.A., 1247 P.G.S.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189 P.G.J.W., S. Jew 105 P.P.G.Tr., E. Aitken-Davies 1099 P.P.G.S. Wks., R. Pike 230 P.P.G.O. On the Lodge resuming, it assembled in the handsome and commodious Provincial-room, and Bro. W. Stenlake, the W.M.-elect, was installed. The Installing Officers were Bros. P. H. Bridgman, W. Browning, and J. M. Hifley, who were supported by an unusually large Lodge of Past Masters, which in addition to the seventeen Past Masters present at the tea, included Bros. J. R. Lord 1247, Cawsey 230, Hooper 1212, H. S. Hill, W. J. C. Hannaford, and J. Hoyten 223, W. T. Hookin W.M. 70, R. Selmon I.P.M. 159, B. S. Johns 159, F. R. Thomas W.M. 189, J. Leonard W.M. 202, T. Goodall 954 1550, J. Wallis 1255, H. E. Sitters W.M. 1205, W. Powell 1205, J Bray 1212, P. G. L. Pearce 1247, W. D. Lavers 1255, W. H. Williams, W. H. W. Macey 1847, and W. R. Rawling 1071. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Bridgman I.P.M., Lavers S.W., Earl J.W., Browning P.M. Secretary, Goodyear P.M. Treasurer, Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, Payne S.D., Rogers J.D., Hutchings I.G., Court D.C., Gale A.D.C., Parnell Hannaford Organist, Soper Musical Director, Yeoman S.S., Sanders J.S., Biscombe 1st A.S., Tozer 2nd A.S. Bro. J. Neno was re-elected Charity Steward, and Bro. Phillips was elected Tyler. It was resolved to celebrate the festival of St. John by a banquet at the Freemasons' Hall on the 9th January, to present the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel in token of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the office, and to present a testimonial to Bro. T. Mair the late Tyler, and Mrs. Mair, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. It was also agreed to add the £100 realized by the sale of the Lodge furniture to the Reserve Fund, increasing it to £150.

ST. HILDA LODGE, No. 240.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Ingham-street, South Shields. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Charles F. Sutcliffe S.W. was installed by Bro. Robert Purvis jun. W.M., the installation ceremony being gone through in a highly impressive manner. Afterwards Bro. Sutcliffe appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Moffett S.W., Henderson J.W., the Rev. W. C. Harris Chaplain, Robson P.M. Treasurer, Thorn S.D., Thompson J.D., Morton D.C., Purvis I.P.M. Secretary, Jacks and Redmayne Stewards, Potter Tyler. Bro. Sutcliffe W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, to the I.P.M., Bro. Purvis jun. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. H. Heslop W.M. 431, Bagulay S.W. 431, Brown P.M. 1119, J. Armstrong P.M. 1119, G. Davis P.M. 1119, W. Whyte P.M. 1119, T. D. Marshall W.M. 1970, T. G. Mabane P.M. 240, John Wilson, W. Ross P.M. 1970, J. Sedcole P.M. 1119. Subsequently the annual banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, Ocean-road. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Hedefine. Bro. Sutcliffe presided, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE installation of the W.M. for the coming year was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Thursday, 13th inst., when Bro. W. Longham, having been duly installed by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the Grand Registrar, invested his Officers. After the installation Bro. Philbrick paid a high compliment to the Province of Essex, as being far in advance of many others of much greater size with which he had been officially brought in contact, both for excellence of Masonic feeling and work. After the Lodge a banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by host Hipkin. A pleasant evening was spent. Bro. W. Metcalfe was congratulated on the way in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted during his year of office.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 14th instant, the festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry-road, Goole. Brother Major Porter W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren from Hull, Leeds, Doncaster, Pontefract, Wakefield, Howden, Crowle, &c. Bro. C. L. Mason P.P.G.T. West Yorkshire, impressively installed Bro. R. Dayson S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Special attention had been paid to the musical portion of the ceremony, in compliment to the musical tastes of the incoming W.M., who, having been installed, invested the following Officers:—Bros. Major Porter I.P.M., Bruce S.W., Gooderidge J.W., Staveley Chaplain, Bray P.M. Treasurer, Chappel Secretary, Leach S.D., J. Peacock J.D., Gooderidge P.M. D.C., Earnshaw I.G., Wood Steward, Mills Steward, Wintringham Cutts Organist, Robinson Tyler. Bro. H. Wilson was unanimously appointed Charity Steward. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to tea.

BELVIDERE LODGE, No. 503.

THE annual meeting took place on Tuesday, 4th December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone, when Bro. Baker was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large and distinguished company. Bro. Kite P.M. acted as Installing Master. Bro. Baker appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Elmore I.P.M., Barker S.W., Sage J.W., Kite P.M. Treasurer, Hope Secretary, Keeley S.D., Burkitt J.D., Weller I.G., Wood D.C., Betts Steward, and Tobin Tyler. The W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, in the name of the Lodge, to Bro. Elmore, complimenting him on his highly successful year of office. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Star Hotel, where the banquet was served by Bro. Keeley. The W.M. (Bro G. F. Baker) was supported by Bros. A. Spencer, W. H. Bond, W. J. Harris Willard, and by a large number of Past Masters of the Lodge and visitors from the Province. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the singing of Miss Jones, Miss Florence Wallis, and Mr. Rhodes.

NORTH YORK LODGE, No. 602.

ON the 14th inst., at Middlesborough, at the annual meeting, Bro. Charles Evers Morton S.W. was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. In the evening the brethren dined at the King's Head.

EXCELSIOR LGDGE, No. 1042.

THE installation of Bro. W. Bingham took place at the Mason c Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Thursday, 20th instant, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, including, in addition to the members of the Excelsior, and of the other Leeds Lodges, brethren from York, Ripon, Huddersfield, Ilkley, and other towns in the Province. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Flockton P.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Smyth Past Grand Chaplain of England. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Carter I.P.M., H. Cowbrough S.W., Booth J.W., Mays Secretary, H. Cowbrough jun. Treasurer, Flockton P.M. D.C., Newby S.D., Blackburn J.D., Grisdale I.G., Smith and Turley Stewards, Barrand Tyler. On the conclusion of the ceremony and the business of the Lodge the installation banquet was served in the dining-room. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Blagbro, Higgins and others.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular Lodge meeting, held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., there were present Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., H. Creed I.P.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary, J. T. Sparrow J.D., H. G. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown I.G., T. P. Stewart, R. E. Hodder Stewards, Wm. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. Ferguson, J. H. Hawkes, E. Margrett, who acted as Dir. of Cers., R. Dowsett (Almoner); Bros. R. F. Hart, E. H. Salmon, W. B. Read, W. C. Long, W. Parkes, W. N. Heron, B. H. Bennett, who acted as S.D., J. Miller and W. B. Biddles, who assisted at the organ. Visitor—Bro. D. Amos 1248. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. having remarked upon the creditable manner in which the accounts had been kept and the good balance the Treasurer was able to show in hand, moved that the report of the Permanent Committee with the Treasurer's balance sheet be received and adopted. This was seconded by Bro. Hickie, and carried. Bro. Margrett also endorsed the thanks offered by the Permanent Committee to the Worshipful Master for his presentation to the Lodge of the Original Engraving, together with two electros and a reduced block of the same design for note headings, &c. Bro. Hickie proposed, and Bro. W. Ferguson seconded, that Bros. E. P. Silver, W. C. Long, and W. M. Colebrook be elected to serve on the Permanent Committee. This was carried. William Henry Kidgell, being a candidate for initiation duly approved at the last regular Lodge, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the Worshipful Master. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. D. N. Heron was passed. The I.P.M. Bro. Creed delivered the charge to Bro. W. H. Kidgell. Bro. E. Margrett called attention to the fact that the tracing boards were in need of repair, whereupon Bro. Creed kindly offered to have them repaired and placed in new frames at his expense. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

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FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on the 13th inst., when Bro. J. T. Hansell was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Reginald Hartley I.P.M., Hansell S.W., Buchanan J.W., Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Greensides Secretary, Hall S.D., Cass J.D., Rev. Eusebius Richardson Chaplain, Bamlett P.M. D.C., Moss P.M. Preceptor, Wright P.M. Organist, Longford P.M. I.G., Conlson and Smith P.M. Stewards, Ayre P.M. Almoner and Charity Steward, Farmery Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous repast at Bro. W. Hall's, Fleece Hotel, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

UNUSUAL interest was manifested at the meeting of this Lodge on Tuesday, 18th December, on the occasion of the visit of the Earl of Euston R.W. P.G.M. of the Province of Norths and Hunts. There was a large attendance, not only of the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, but also of the sister Lodges and of visitors from the Provinces. The chief work of the evening was the initiation of three gentlemen into our ancient mysteries, Messrs. John Neil Whitfield, Arthur Fenton Mulliner, and Joseph Seymour Arthurs, the ceremony of which was performed most impressively by the R.W. P.G.M., assisted by Bro. G. Ellard P.P.S.G.W. P.M. who in an effective manner delivered the charge, whilst the explanation of the first tracing board was given most accurately by Bro. Currall P.G. Stand. Bearer Treasurer. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. Croft P.P.G.O. W.M., T. Emery Prov.J.G.W. I.P.M., H. Brown P.P.J.G.W. P.M., G. Ellard P.P.S.G.W. P.M. 360 1764, H. Spoor P.P.G.S.B. P.M., G. Butcher P.P.G.O. S.W., J. Currall Prov. G. Stand.Br. Treasurer, A. Jones P.P.G.Reg. Secretary, H. Manfield P.P.G.Stwd. Asst. Sec., H. Hodges P.P.G.Stwd. S.D., J. A. Jowett Prov. G. Stwd. J.D., J. Gold I.G., T. H. Vials P.P.G.O. Organist, H. V. Tebbutt Dir. of Cers., and most of the other brethren of the Lodge. There were also present, as representatives of the two sister Lodges of the town, Brother A. Cookerill P.P.S.G.D. W.M. 360, accompanied by the following brethren of that Lodge, J. Hart P.P.G.D. P.M., J. Snow Prov. G. Std.Br. S.W., E. B. Fletcher P.P.G.Stwd. S.D., and several others, and J. Haviland I.P.M. 1911, with Major Turner J.W. 1911 Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers. Of the visiting brethren there were Bros. E. B. Randall Mayor of Higham Ferrers, R. Wallace of Hong Kong, W. B. Oldham of Wellingborough. After Lodge, most of the brethren present, numbering about fifty, sat down to the usual supper, presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, who proposed in most loyal and appropriate terms, the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, both of which were given with musical honours. Bro. J. Haviland proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Euston, expressing the great pleasure and satisfaction felt by the brethren in having one to rule over them who made a point of visiting every Lodge of his Province in order to make himself acquainted with the brethren of those Lodges and to encourage them in their work. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master responded to the toast, and then proposed the Masonic Charities, which he eulogised both for the noble and beneficent work they were performing in the education of the sons and daughters of deceased Masons and in relieving the wants of aged and necessitous brethren themselves. He also referred to the fact that he had accepted the invitation to preside at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 27th February next, and expressed the hope that he would be well supported on that occasion by the Stewards and brethren of the various Lodges of the Province over which he presided. This was responded to by Brother George Ellard P.M., in lieu of Bro. Dorman, who was prevented from attending on account of illness, but who represents this Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Major Turner proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Croft, Bro. Currall that of the Past Masters, and Bro. Brown that of the Initiates. The toast of the visiting brethren was proposed by Bro. Butcher, and the Sister Lodges by Bro. Jones. The Tyler's toast, given by the venerable Bro. Dean, the oldest Mason in the Province, brought this most enjoyable evening to a close.

STANFORD LODGE, No. 1947.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Hove Town Hall. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Eberall, who was supported by his Officers. There was a very strong contingent of visitors. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. E. S. Medcalf. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Eberall, the charges being shared by Bros. Eberall and Styer. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices, as follow:—Bros. Channing S.W., Dufont J.W., Stride Treasurer, Glassington Secretary, Clark S.D., Lamette J.D., Endacott D.C., Crapps Organist, Hughes I.G., Potter and Goode Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, to the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Eberall, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. Bro. A. F. Lamette was elected Charities Steward, and Bros. Voysey and Gravely were chosen to serve on the General Purposes Committee. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton. The W.M., Bro. E. S. Medcalf, presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge being enthusiastically received. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the various speeches being interspersed by a pleasing selection of vocal music, ably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Bros. W. N. Roe, G. Cole, and H. Edwards, the duties of accompanist being efficiently carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

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HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 156.

THE annual meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. The Ex-Comps. the Principals elect were E. Coppin Z., Jno. Parkhouse H., J. Martin J. The Installing Officers were Ex-Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P. third G.P., W. K. Mitchell, J. R. Lord, with the Chapter of Past Principals Ex-Comps. H. F. Hearle P.P.G.S.N., J. B. Gover P.P.G.P.S., George Whittley P.P.G.O., P. B. Clemens P.P.G.O., D. Box, D. Banks 156, F. B. Westlake I.P.Z. 70. The Officers invested were Ex-Comp. W. K. Michell S.E., Capt. G. S. S. Lowe S.N., T. Parker P.S., J. Little 1st A.S., W. H. Michell 2nd A.S., W. H. Phillips Janitor.

YARBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 811.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 14th instant. The Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. T. Hardy. The newly-elected M.E.Z. Comp. L. B. Henderson was duly installed, the ceremonies being carried out by Comp. T. Hardy, assisted by Comps. W. S. Smith and S. Solomon. The M.E.Z. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Comps. Powell H., Higham J., Harrison Treasurer, Peters P.Z. Scribe E., Abell Scribe N., Buckwell P.S., New First Assistant S., Pearce Second Assistant S., Parsons Organist, Flinn D. of C., Peckham and Hughes Stewards, Hughes Janitor. The Chapter being duly closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Comp. J. Sayers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HAPPY TO MEET.

Happy to meet, dear Brother mine,
Upon our chequered floor;
Happy to grasp that hand of thine,
And spend a social hour;
Happy to meet, though brief the stay
That we together be;
Happy to flee from care away,
To meet with such as thee.

Happy to leave the world awhile,
Its trouble and its care
Happy to meet and here beguile
An hour with Plumb and Square.
Happier to meet, O! happier we
Than worldlings e'er can know;
Happy to meet with Brothers free,
Where comes no pomp or show.

Sorry to part, though down the West
The evening sun descends;
Sorry to leave each welcome guest,
Sorry to part with friends.
Sorry to hear the Gavel's sound,
That tells a closing nigh;
Sorry we circle the Lights around;
Sorry we say good-bye.

Sorry we linger round the door,
Thy flight deplore, O Time!
Sooner we think than e'er before
Did peal the signal chime.
"Happy to meet again," we part,
Each wending home his way;
Hoping at last, with each true heart,
To meet in endless day.

—*Keystone.*

At the monthly meeting of the members of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, one of the oldest existing in the world, held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Cochrane the present S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Brother Rawle was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Potter was appointed Tyler. Brother Weekes the W.M. presided. The installation will take place in February.

The Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction, No. 1963, has removed from the Rock, and will in future hold its meetings at the Masons' Arms Hotel, 169 Battersea Park Road, S.W., every Wednesday, at 7·30.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

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

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

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

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

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

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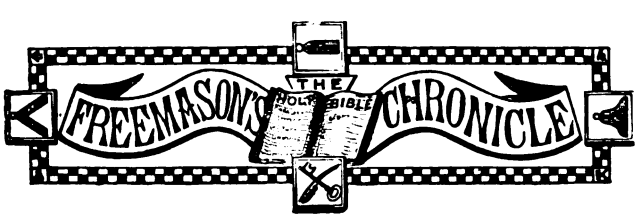
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ANCIENT LANDMARK STICKLERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

Continued from page 391.

BRO. WHYMPER, like most Christianizing Masonic advocates, displays (perhaps innocently) a spirit of one-sidedness. For instance, he quotes by wholesale from Oliver's writings to prove that Masonry is, was, and must for ever remain Christian, but the following quotation from Oliver's "Star in the East," shows that he too could blow hot as well as cold. Dr. Oliver says:—

"Masonry is confessedly a universal system. . . . . A Jew, a Mahommetan, or a Pagan may attend our Lodges without fear of having his peculiar doctrines or mode of faith called in question by comparison with others which are repugnant to his creed; because a permanent and unalterable landmark of Masonry is the total absence and exclusion of religious and political controversy."

And in a long note to the above, the Doctor quotes with approbation, from Stephen Jones's reply to Le Franc, similar opinions, with the reason why and wherefore.

And again, Bro. Whymper refers to a Christian prayer in a book called "Jachin and Boaz," printed in 1762, but he never informs us that in a note in the same book it is stated that prayers were made in the Lodges of the Ancients, but in the Lodges of the Moderns *no prayers at all were made*. I know that Oliver said that up to 1752 the Common Episcopal Prayer Book was used in the Lodge, *but* for *very good reasons* I prefer the authority of the author of "Jachin and Boaz" to that of Dr. Oliver.

Still again, the "five pointed star" is typical (he says) of the five wounds of Christ; the Bible is called "The Great Light," and the saints John, before the Union in 1813, were called "Masonic Parallels." Now, it is very curious that the five-pointed star seems to be, in conjunction with the half moon, a Mahommedan symbol, and as no star is mentioned in the ritual of 1730, a subsequent ritual tinker must have stolen the star from the Mahommedans. Second, as the Grand Lodge in 1738 was opened without the presence of a Bible,* who knows whether Lodges were not then opened in the same manner. Third, "Parallel lines" were unknown until near 1776. Fourth, while the Grand Lodge undoubtedly accepted Anderson's Charge on the Religion of Masonry, it never voted for the successive tinkerings of the ritual-mongers. And fifth, if it even had sanctioned the tinkerings of the ritual which Bro. Whymper has collected, I ask, what then? Roman Catholics claim that their Church was, and is, inspired by the Holy Ghost; hence, whatever dogma the Church ordained or ordains becomes an irremovable landmark. But as no Masonic landmark stickler has ever claimed that a Grand Lodge was ever inspired by the Holy Ghost, why then cannot the Grand Lodge of to-day repeal laws and change usages which were established by former Grand Lodges?

"Masonic symbols" is another hobby argument of Bro. Whymper. Now, with all due respect to my Christian readers, I must remind them that Christian commentators on the Bible imagined that symbols would help them to prove Christian dogmas, and, in order to multiply their imaginary evidence, sticks and stones, fish, flesh and fowl were turned into Christian symbols. Thus the lion, the lamb, the eagle, the dove, and the pelican were turned by them into Christian symbols, and Bro. Whymper quotes from a learned theologian that "Pisces," or fish, is a type of Christ too. With such a method of reasoning they persuaded themselves that something in every page of the Old Testament refers to the Christian advent. This kind of reasoning is now ridiculed by Canon Farrar and other Christian writers. But in the last century the Church was brimful of symbolizers, and the people imagined that their teachings were sublime. It is no wonder, therefore, that when these very learned symbolizers were initiated into Masonry, and heard the Master propound about Masonic antiquity (which of course they believed), that they at once assumed that every sentence in the ritual and every symbol on the tracing board referred to nothing else than Christianity. Bro. William Hutchinson, an out-and-outsymbolising crank—he was very learned, but utterly devoid of common sense—wrote a book, viz., "The Spirit of Masonry," in which he proved that the doctrines of the Trinity, Redemption, and what not, must be and were inculcated in the Masonic mysteries. The following specimen will suffice to show what his "Spirit of Masonry" meant. "Thus," said he, "our Order is a positive contradiction to the Judaic blindness and infidelity, and testifies our faith concerning the resurrection of the body." Hutchinson received a vote of thanks from the Grand Lodge of England for his "Spirit of Masonry," and this is evidence

* Bro. De La Granja informed me that in Spain the candidate is obligated on the Bible in an ante-room. But in the Lodge they have no Bible.

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to Brother Whymper that Christianity is the religion of Masonry. But with all due respect to the Grand Lodge, as no landmark stickler has ever pretended that a Grand Lodge was inspired by the Holy Ghost, I beg leave to differ from the opinion of the said Grand Lodge.

And here are specimens, furnished by Bro. Whymper, of the modus operandi of symbol mongering, which rivals the tricks performed by the great professors of the art of legerdemain. The tools (says he) by which the death was effected, viz., the Level, Plumb, Rule, and Mallet are also remarkable, as the two former, when placed one above the other, present the figure of the Cross. The Mallet is a necessary tool for fastening anything to the Cross, and hence we have the whole of the instruments by which the death of H.A.—of him who was exalted to his Father—was caused."

The above meanings of the symbols, or similar sublime interpretations, are given again and again, but suffice it to say that our Masonic luminaries have not only turned H.A. into Christ, but in Swedish Lodges Solomon is also a type of Christ. Now, with such method of reasoning, is it any wonder that some of our Christianizing luminaries are ready to swear that Moses and the Prophets were Trinitarian Christians? But, seriously speaking, I must say that if Masonry has no better philosophy to teach than how to turn mallets and rules into crosses, I think that we ought to "shut up." Such stuff is no credit to Masonry or Christianity.

But the next question is,—what is Christianity? I know what Roman Catholic Christianity is; also what the various kinds of the Christianity of two hundred years ago was. But at present we have numerous modified kinds of Christianity among our Protestant neighbours. For instance, Mrs. Ward, in her novel "Robert Elsmere," describes a Rev. Mr. Newman as a half-starved, morose hater of science and progress, and above all he detests the word "tolerance." This rev. gentleman is a representative of old Christianity. And then again there is a Rev. Mr. Elsmere, who disbelieves in the inspiration of the Bible, disbelieves in the raising up of Lazarus, and all other Bible miracles. But he loves Jesus, and that constitutes his stock of Christianity. In fact, I know of more than one Christian rev. who believes no more than Mrs. Ward ascribes to the Rev. Robert Elsmere. But as Mrs. Ward's book is only a novel, I shall now give a quotation from the "History of Criminal Law in England," Vol. II. pp 437-8. The author says:

"What specifically Christianity is, and by whom and how questions relating to it are to be determined, has been the subject of passionate controversy. Indeed, for upwards of three hundred years the controversy has been so eager that since 1688 government has been carried on as far as possible without prejudice to differences of opinion, which in earlier times were regarded as altogether fundamental. Even in our own days it is an offence for any person brought up as a Christian to deny the truth of Christianity, however respectfully."

On page 475 he says—

"It is unquestionably true that in the course of the last thirty, but especially in the course of the last twenty years, open avowals of disbelief of the truth of both natural and revealed religion have become so common that they have ceased to attract attention. 'Strauss's Life of Jesus,' 'Renan's Life of Jesus,' and the works of Auguste Comte are read everywhere, and the opinions which they maintain are avowedly held and publicly maintained by large numbers of persons whose good faith and decency of language it would be absurd to dispute. If the cases to which I have referred are good law, every one of these works is a blasphemous libel, and every bookseller who sells a copy is guilty of publishing a blasphemous libel, and is liable to fine and imprisonment. These are certainly strong reasons why the law should be altered."

The above quotations clearly prove: First, that Christians have differed as to what Christianity is for the last three hundred years. Second, that no one can settle the question. Third, that disbelief in the old-fashioned Christianity has greatly increased within the last twenty years. Fourth, that although the disbelievers could be punished by existing laws with fines and imprisonment yet the Government does not trouble them. That, however, may be owing either to the members of the Government being themselves tinctured with the modern disbelief, or the Government may be sensible enough to know that Christianity will lose more believers by agitation and discussion than by taking no notice of the *sinners*. And fifth, the fact that the historian is desirous of having the laws against heretics *altered*, proves conclusively that Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, K.C.S.I., D.C.L., a judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, *is not an ancient landmark stickler*.

BOSTON, U.S., 6th December 1888.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—A new and original drama, entitled "The Silver Falls," was produced at this theatre on Saturday last. The piece results from the joint efforts of Messrs. Geo. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, and can certainly be placed on the list of the most successful dramas on the stage. From the opening scene the play seems to take a firm hold upon the audience, which hold, except on very few occasions, never relaxes. Still, unquestionably, these few instances will be rectified when the piece gets into full swing. We are introduced in the first act to the hero, Eric Normanhurst, heir to a peerage, who has innocently linked himself in the bonds of matrimony with a Mexican adventuress. We here also make acquaintance with two villains; Richard Redmayne, who knows the secret, and is living upon what it produces in the shape of blackmail; and with Marcus Valles, a former lover, who has fled from the hands of justice, for murder and highway robbery. Eric's uncle, Lord Avondale, has heard of his nephew's folly, and he visits the couple and denounces Lola (Eric's wife). This denunciation, however, is indignantly repudiated by both husband and wife. Avondale produces a letter and photograph, which cannot be disputed; whereupon Lola defies her husband, and tells him she intends to take that position in society which his name entitles her to. They separate, and Eric leaves England for the goldfields of Santa Rosa. Here we find Richard Redmayne. Eric meets with a serious accident, and is nursed back to life again by a girl named Primrose Easterbrook, niece of a jovial Irish miner, Bob Maguire. Eric falls in love with her, but Redmayne is also a suitor for the girl's hand, and from a feeling of revenge writes to Lola, who is still in England, and informs her of Eric's whereabouts. He also arranges to meet her when she reaches Mexico. However, Marcus Valles gets hold of the letter, and makes one at the interview, when he informs Eric Lola is dead. Eric, believing himself free to marry Primrose, makes arrangements, and the wedding takes place; but on the evening of the wedding a woman seeks shelter at the house, and she turns out to be no other than Lola. Whatever her intention, she is not destined to exact vengeance, as here she encounters Marcos Valles, who has recently discovered it was she who had doubly betrayed him; and he takes her life. Redmayne, meanwhile, has incurred the displeasure of the band of miners, by trying to rob the house of Eric, so as to get possession of a certain plan which shows where, a few years back, some gold had been buried. He has a narrow escape of being lynched, but escapes, through the influence Eric and Primrose have over the men. All being now settled, the piece closes on the eve of the now united couple's return to England, where, Lord Avondale being dead, Eric is to succeed to the title and estates. As regards the acting, the parts have been allotted with the greatest care. Mr. William Terriss, as Eric, has seldom been seen to greater advantage. As Primrose Easterbrook, Miss Millward played with that innocence which is now so especially her characteristic; moreover, she is most admirably suited for the part. Miss Olga Nethersole as Lola was perfection. She has created a most artistic and natural part, and most certainly deserved the double call she received. The villains Redmayne and Valles were enacted by Messrs. Royce Carleton and Charles Cartwright; they displayed such vigour and spirit as to seem terribly real. The comic element is in the hands of Mr. J. L. Shine and Miss Clara Jecks, but we do not enjoy a great deal of their pleasant company; still, what they give makes us long for more. The scenery, that of the first act by Walter Johnstone, and the rest by Bruce Smith, is magnificent. The last scene when the curtain rose was most enthusiastically applauded.

Shaftesbury.—After a rest of a few days Miss Wallis reappeared on Boxing night as Pauline in Bulwer Lytton's play, "The Lady of Lyons," and was as successful as before. From Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Claude Melnotte, Miss Wallis received goodly support, and by their energetic and painstaking acting these two favourites made the old play most interesting. Mr. Arthur Stirling is now the Colonel Damas; his representation is remarkable for the artistic touches that this sound actor has brought to bear upon it. Mr. Bassett Roe's Beauseant is a capable performance, and does this rising actor much credit. Miss Robertha Erskine, Mrs. H. Leigh, Miss Annie Rose, and Mr. Matthew Brodie all helped towards the success of the piece. Throughout the evening the play went remarkably well, and was loudly applauded.

Vaudeville.—A full house assembled on Boxing afternoon to welcome, after a short vacation, Mr. Thomas Thorne and his company in "Joseph's Sweetheart." The brief rest had evidently done each one good, for they entered upon their business with a will. Mr. T. Thorne resumes his impersonation of Parson Adams, and, needless to say, causes roars of laughter; he received good support from Messrs. Fred Thorne, H. B. Conway, W. Rignold, Cyril Maude, Scott Buist, J. S. Blyth, the Misses M. A. Giffard and Gladys Homfrey. An important change was the substitution of Miss Winifred Emery as Fanny Goodwill, in place of Miss Kate Rorke. Miss Emery acted with spirit and power, and at times thoroughly held the house, while the lighter scenes with Joseph were admirably developed. We may anticipate "Joseph's Sweetheart" remaining in the Vaudeville bill for some time yet to come.

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MASONRY AND POLITICS.

IN this article we do not refer to the movements within the Fraternity, having relation to the elevation of certain brethren to Masonic offices, and the defeat of others for the places of honour and responsibility in the various organizations of the Craft. Whatever of "politics" may thus be expressed within the lines of the Order, is at variance with the fundamental principles which attach to the Masonic system. But we have in mind at this time the outside field of political interests—the realm of public affairs wherein Craftsmen meet with some clashing of feelings as regards the candidates for office, and the measures recommended on party platforms. The question is whether or not Freemasonry has any direct bearing upon the cause which brethren ought to pursue in politics, whether the influence of the organization ought to constrain the judgment in the preferment of one party, or candidate, over another. It is this question to which we now call attention.

That the Masonic organization, as such, has nothing whatever to do with politics, whether of a local or general character, is a proposition which we think will be subscribed to by all English and American members of the Craft. The character of the Institution is misapprehended, and its purposes misapplied when it is used to advance party measures or help candidates into public office. Whenever or wherever any attempt of this sort is made there is a blow struck at the good reputation of Freemasonry, which is always made to suffer by any such attempted perversion of its influence.

Men are not called upon to abate party zeal and loyalty, because they enter the Masonic organization. They still possess and may exercise all the rights of citizenship. They may be active politicians, espousing the cause of a party, and working most earnestly for the success of its candidates, but they must not seek to use their Masonic relations and influence in these political endeavours. Freemasonry should be held entirely aloof from politics. It offers a common ground where brethren may meet in fellowship and peace, putting aside all disturbing questions, and enter into none of the heated discussions which so often excite hard and bitter feelings. The law of Freemasonry, laid down in the early days, and still in force is as follows: "Private piques and quarrels shall not be brought within the door of the Lodge; nor any disputes about religions or nations, or State policy, as these things have never conduced to the welfare of the Lodge." This general rule accords with the genius of the Masonic institution, which seeks to bind men together by strongest fraternal bonds that they may enjoy a sweet social communion, and under the services of a united accomplishment.

Is it not a matter of congratulation that there is one place where the turmoils and conflicts of politics do not enter? Just now, when there is so much of excitement in the political world, we may well rejoice that the Masonic Lodge is characterised by so restful an atmosphere, and that within its peaceful enclosure brethren who hold to opposite views respecting public matters, may meet in friendly and helpful fellowship, uniting their labours for the promotion of the great, humane interests which are inseparably connected with the Masonic Institution. If ever there should be a "new departure," making the Lodge the arena of political strife, and Freemasonry an upholder of a political policy, being used to help to elect certain candidates and defeat others, then would the power and glory depart from the organization, it would soon meet a deserved fate of decay and death.

But while the line of separation ought to be thus rigidly drawn between Freemasonry and politics, there is yet a sense in which Masonic principles and influence ought to be felt in the times of political excitement. The ardent politician, who is also a Mason, ought to be prudent, just and generous,—ought to have due regard for the opinions of others, and be neither intolerant nor uncharitable in words and behaviour. Mindful of the inculcations he has received at the Lodge, and drinking deeply of the genuine spirit of Freemasonry, he should seek to repress a bitter spirit of partisanship, and be large minded and magnanimous in the expression he makes of political earnestness. Differences of opinion concerning men and measures should constitute no bar to Masonic intercourse or personal friendship. In this legitimate way Freemasonry may exert a beneficial moral power in the domain of politics.

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A STATUE OF THE QUEEN.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George of Wales, paid a special visit to the Colonial Office, on the 19th instant, in order to see the marble jubilee statue of the Queen which is to be placed in the Government House, Singapore. Lord Knutsford and Sir R. Herbert, of the Colonial Office, received the Prince and Princess, and Mr. E. Edward Geflowski, the sculptor, who was introduced by Lord Knutsford to the Royal party, pointed out the various features of the statue. The Prince and Princess both shook hands with Mr. Geflowski, congratulated him upon his work, and authorised Sir R. Herbert to state that the statue was most life-like and beautiful. The statue was forwarded to Singapore on the 21st instant.

[Personally we can speak in high terms of praise of the excellent work produced by our good Brother Geflowski. He is a true artist, who throws his soul into what he undertakes. We look forward to see him, at no distant date, take a still higher position in the artistic world.—ED. F.C.]

We reciprocate, with all heartiness, the many kind remembrances we have received during the past few days. If we have not individually replied to each and all, it is not that we are lacking in appreciation of the forethought and cordial sympathy shown towards us. To all our good friends we wish a happy and prosperous year.

The annual banquet in connection with the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, was held at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, Carnarvon, on Thursday, 20th inst. The W.M., Brother E. Roberts, B.A., Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, presided, Bro. Rowland S.W. occupying the vice chair. A number of visiting brethren were present.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—This old and well-known Lodge will resume its meetings on Friday, 4th January next, at eight p.m., at Bro. Hervey's (late Tupp's) Restaurant, No. 8 Tottenham Court-road, Oxford-street, W.C., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Wingham, the present W.M. of the mother Lodge. Bro. Deaton W.M. elect will be the candidate. Brothren are cordially invited to attend.

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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, 29th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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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
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7·30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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)

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1446—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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst).
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

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
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmon
2131—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratfo
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tave
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masoni
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Roo

WEDNESDAY, 2

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bar
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Pec
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery La
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lead
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanh
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Grea
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham,
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bu
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Sout
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's C
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St.
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Hig
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel,
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisb
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Rest
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Stre
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Jo
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresh
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, C
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms,
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air S
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron,
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road,
R.A. 1329—Granite, Freemasons' Hall,
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Squ
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-stree
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-s
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-st
327—Wigton St. John. Lion and Lamb,
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons'
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic H
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsg
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpo
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Ke
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Ho
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Can
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liv
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portlan
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge,
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandw
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' H
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-st
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Roo
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hi
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping S
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solih
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Inst
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue B
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Brom
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Hal
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St.
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar,
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope S
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Che
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Sc
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nels
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 C
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, F
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel,

THURSDAY, 3

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lead
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Taver
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-s
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-ro
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Stree
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall,
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-str
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Ste
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaura
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersg
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses,
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley,
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern,
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, H
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern,
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Mas
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall,
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Ho
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms,
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 Londo
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Ho
Theberton Street) N., at 8.
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealin
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Chur
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wel
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, F

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1906—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, 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, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 9. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
51—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
58—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
61—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
80—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
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, 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
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—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
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1013—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, Elland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, 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—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
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
2060—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. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
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. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th JANUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1469—Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 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)

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
376—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.0. (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
937—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
939—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1005—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—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1645—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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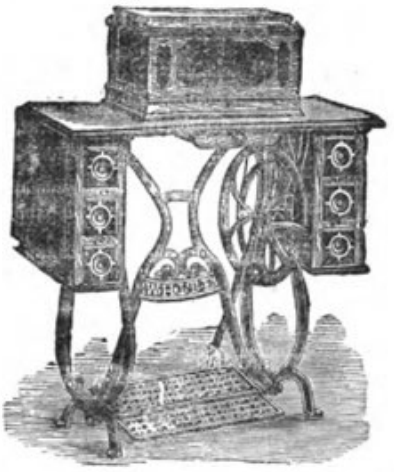
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