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OUR THIRTIETH VOLUME.

WE issue the first number of a new Volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE under exceptional circumstances. This is the first time since this Journal was established—nearly fifteen years since—that we have fully realized the fact that the Grand Institution of Freemasonry is in a divided condition; that party feeling is in the ascendant, and that many of the best friends of the Institutions that we have been so boastful of are foregoing or curtailing their labours and exertions for their success. We are fully alive to the fact that many will argue that the services of the old fogies who have hitherto "had things all their own way" can be dispensed with, and that there are plenty of youngsters ready to come to the front and do good service in carrying on the work. Well, we will not attempt to discuss this question here. We are not of the iconoclastic breed, nor do we wish to paint things worse than they absolutely are. We are told, almost daily, that the Masonic Craft is not adequately represented by the journals that are supposed to be specially devoted to its welfare; and we are forced to the conclusion, in the majority of cases where this doctrine is urged, that we have failed to realise each individual speaker's idea of what a Masonic Journal should be. We will not attempt to refute the assertions made, but will reiterate what we have said time after time. The columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE are open to all who desire to ventilate a grievance; the only stipulation we make is, that in all debatable questions courtesy be exercised, and where differences of opinion exist that the first obligation shall be to try the principle of adjustment. When these efforts fail, we will readily give support to any views that will advance the grand principles we are all pledged to support, these are—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

THE CRAFT AND THE APPROACHING ROYAL MARRIAGE.

THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of Suffolk was held on Wednesday, at Beccles, under the presidency of Lord Henniker, Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master. Referring to the approaching marriage of Princess Louise of Wales, Lord Henniker said all must be glad that the eldest daughter of the Grand Master was to be married to a British subject, and that it would not be necessary for her to leave her native shores. Lord Henniker moved a vote of congratulation to the Prince and Princess of Wales, in the following terms:—

"The Freemasons of the Province of Suffolk, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, offer His Royal Highness the Grand Master and the Princess of Wales their heartfelt congratulations on the approaching marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Louise and Lord Fife, with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless the union and grant them all the happiness and prosperity which the world can afford."

The proposition was heartily received, and carried with acclamation. The other business of the day comprised the appointment of the Provincial Officers, the voting of various sums to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and the general work of the Province for the year. The brethren afterwards attended divine service, and in the evening a banquet was held, presided over by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Grand Master of the Province. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

MASONRY'S WORK.

An extract from an Address by Rev. Alfred Manchester at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the Public Library Building in Barrington, Rhode Island, 24th September 1887.

FREEMASONRY has always been and is always willing to show its interest in all that pertains to human welfare and to throw its influence upon the side of truth and virtue. It is a secret society, but it is much more. Its noble principles and good deeds are known and read of all men. But any man who will read what is printed for the public eye, any man who will observe the course of life among men, may, in our records and from our actions, which are open to the world, draw material for the formation of an opinion that is favourable to our Order. The inner working of an institution of learning is practically a profound secret to those who have never had experience within its walls. But the man who is ignorant of the method knows how to appreciate the result which appears in the life of those to whom the method is familiar. Any man of proper mental powers can learn how to walk the hidden paths of wisdom. So any man of upright character and noble purpose may learn the secret process through which Freemasonry preserves its existence and does its work in the world. Secrecy is not the end of Masonry. The world at large may rest assured that with the darkest shadow of mystery which appertains to this institution there exists not the least element of anything which would bring injury to the purest mind to which it might be revealed. Every social fellowship has the right to state the terms of its membership which shall be accepted by those who are identified with it.

The great end in view among Masons, as may be plainly seen, is social enjoyment and practical beneficence among brethren who are bound together in the application to life of certain noble principles which lie at the foundation of all human welfare. An attempt is here made to put in practice within a limited circle a certain type of life which no man can afford to neglect.

Masonry is not usurper of the rites and privileges of the Church. It does not aspire to be the perfect embodiment of the religious life of humanity. There are limitations to its fellowship, which it recognises to be inconsistent with

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any attempt to embody the religious sentiment in its fullest development. If, however, it is not the sun shining in the perfect day of man's religious life, we may at least compare its influence to that of the refulgent moon which throws no other light over the earth than that which is first derived from the sun itself, and then reflected in glory and beauty over the scene of human life. Freemasonry reflects many of the choicest rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and throws a gentle light over the night of man's sorrows. So while our beloved Order does not seek to cover the whole ground of man's religious obligation, it is careful so far as it does go to say and to do nothing that shall be out of harmony with the deepest needs and the highest aspirations of the human soul. The true Mason bows in reverence whenever he hears the name of God. The atheist must look outside of this Society for congenial companionship.

There is nothing which of right belongs to Masonry which interferes in the slightest degree with the attainment of a perfect Christian character. On the contrary, a faithful observance of the obligations which Masons assume, the application of the symbolical teaching of the ritual, and the manifestation in social life of the spirit which pervades the Lodge-room, will strengthen and increase those elements of character which it is the province of the church to carry to their perfection.

There comes a time in the life of every man when he needs that which money cannot buy. Sickness lays him low, sorrow throws its pall over his life, his plans fail, all things press heavily upon him—he needs a friend. Our Institution tries to do its share in lifting the weight of sorrow from human hearts. From thousands of those who have felt the touch of its beneficent hand the song of its praise ascends to heaven.

While this is not in its essential features a society for mutual benefit in a monetary sense, there is developed among its members that spirit of helpfulness which allows no member selfishly to enjoy the abundance with which he has been blessed so long as a brother, or the widow or orphan of a brother, is in need of that which he can supply to make life comfortable. Masonic charity is free and full.

Freemasonry is often spoken of as an Order. It is one among many institutions which have sought to bring order into human life. No Society established among men has been more successful in giving men a calm and orderly view of life. Through ignorance and wilfulness the life of man is full of disorder and confusion, it is often without satisfaction either to himself or to society.

Masonry tries to bring order into man's life by teaching him that he is a part of a great order of creation. It points him again and again to the order which is manifested throughout the realm of nature, by which the stars move in their orbits, and all processes of growth go on. This order it teaches him to imitate within the sphere of his own life. Geometry and architecture are used as illustrations of the order of moral and spiritual life which man should seek to have established within his own being.

Through the maintenance of rank and station, with a due respect for authority within its own borders, and through the practice of brotherly love and relief, among those who are linked in its mystic chain, Masonry seeks to lead men to the truth—it guides men into the presence of God with some power to see the true meaning of life.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

SYSTEMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE CHARITIES.

ELSEWHERE we announce the receipt of subscriptions amounting to close on £13,200, as the outcome of this year's Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a splendid result it must be acknowledged to be; far different to what was needed a few years back to produce a successful Festival, and far different to what the most sanguine Craftsman of the last generation would have dared to expect could ever be received on behalf of one of the Masonic Institutions. Yet we have now come to look upon such an immense sum as absolutely necessary, year after year, not for the entire work of Masonic benevolence, but for each of the three Central Charities of the Order, while there are many around us who go so far as to say that the totals are yet capable of considerable extension. We shall not here discuss the possibilities of increasing the scope of Masonic Benevolence, all we hope is that the future may produce sums sufficient to meet the many calls made on the Order by members who, through unforeseen calamity or misfortune, are reduced to the necessity of asking help from their fellows. What we now intend to discuss is one of the means by which the splendid results of to-day are achieved, and the channel by which a fair continuance may be looked for in years to come. This we find in the "systematic" subscribing which is now so popular throughout the country, and which is rapidly extending year by year.

As we have just said, the Festivals of the present time are widely different to what they were a few years back. Now we must get well up in the thousands before we can describe a result as anything like a success; then as many hundreds were received with equal gratification, and were regarded with equal pride as is shown to-day over the larger amounts. We need not go back so very far either to reach this state of affairs. There are many brethren around us who can remember a total of thirteen hundred pounds, received at the Anniversary Festival of one of the Masonic Charities, as being regarded as a grand success, and yet, in face of this there are many others who will tell us that the present generation of Masons had little, if anything, to do with securing for the Institutions the proud and exalted position they now occupy. They can hardly believe that thirty or thirty-five years ago there was such a wide difference as that we here mention, but such is the case, and it is not too much to say that the men who raised the Masonic Institutions to their present grandeur are still among us, and have not yet ceased their efforts in the good cause.

We need not go back nearly so far as the thirty years just spoken of to find the commencement of the "Systematic" support that is now enjoyed by the Masonic Charities. A far shorter period will take us to the time when the Provinces lacked the regular organisations they nearly all enjoy at the present time, and, as the most casual observer must know, we shall, by tracing the origin of these organisations, get far towards the root of the system which now produces such splendid results, and which, should it by any chance cease, would at once affect the Institutions, even if it did not seriously cripple their working. But there is little fear of a cessation in the work of systematic support, for on all sides we find evidence that the idea is most popular, that continued effort is being made to extend it, and make it even more beneficial than it is at present.

Only during the present week have we had evidence of this healthy feeling in Masonic Charity affairs. At the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk, held on Wednesday, the eighth annual report of the Provincial Charity Committee was presented, and so satisfactory a report it has seldom been our fortune to listen to. Here, in a Province which has seriously felt the effects of the agricultural depression which has played such havoc during the past few years, we hear of nothing but satisfactory—even more than satisfactory—progress in the promotion of Masonic benevolence. Not one of the Lodges but was able to report to the Provincial Grand Master a number of votes held by the Lodge or its members for one, two, or all three of the Masonic Charities, and in nearly every case there was reference to good work done during the past few months on behalf of the Funds referred to. The total amount subscribed during the present year by the brethren of Suffolk exceeds £1050, and this was not contributed by one or two brethren or Lodges, but, it seemed to us, by the Craftsmen of the entire district. It would be wrong to accredit all this to the Provincial Charity organisation, but there is no question that a large amount of the support recently sent up from Suffolk is to be accounted for in such a way, and Suffolk is no exception to the rule which holds throughout the country—which, in this respect is divided up into a number of centres, all of whom seem to vie one with the other as to who shall do the most for the good cause. Fortunately this systematic working is firmly established, and is likely not only to continue, but be considerably augmented year by year, so that we may safely say that much of the future of the Masonic Institutions depends on the systematic system of subscribing which now exists, and which, as we have already said, is the growth of the last few years, and the work of the present members of the Order.

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

IT is not a thankful task we have now to enter upon; we would fain try to gloss over the shortcomings and disquietude we had to contend with on Wednesday last, but we fail to see a course before us, and we must exercise caution in the way we give expression to our feelings in the matter. The Festival was celebrated at the Alexandra Palace, but we have no hesitation in saying the provision made for the 400 odd guests who sat down was anything but what we had been led to expect, and must be described as lamentably short of what has been achieved at this establishment in years gone by. The friends of the Institution had secured the services of Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, for chairman, and after the banquet this worthy Brother rose to give the initial toast. Brother Eve said that the first toast he had to bring before the notice of the company was one which he knew they would all greet with a great amount of pleasure. The toast of Her Majesty the Queen was always received with acclaim in assemblies of Englishmen. It was 52 years since the Queen, then a young lady of 17, ascended the throne, and from that time to the present England had enjoyed a greater amount of prosperity—socially, morally, and financially—than during any other period. No body of men more appreciated this toast than Freemasons. The Queen was the mother of Masons, a grandmother of a Mason, and she was also the daughter of a Mason. This was followed by the National Anthem, the solos being sung by Miss Fannie Joyce. The Chairman said: Next to Her Majesty the Queen there was no person in England who was more entitled to the consideration of the brethren than the Prince of Wales. As their Grand Master, Masons felt for him the greatest affection and devotion. During the term of his fourteen or fifteen years' reign Masonry had more than doubled in the number of its Lodges, and in the number and influence of its members. This toast was followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales," Miss Mary Belval taking the solo part. In speaking to the third toast Bro. Eve referred to the great services of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. Among the other Grand Officers they had brethren of distinction, who had been selected by Her Majesty to fill various positions in the State, and in the administration of this great Empire. They had also men of all kinds and classes; all the various professions were duly represented; law, divinity and physic were represented; also literature and science; and what they knew of these men was that they had exerted themselves for years. They would, therefore, drink the toast with pleasure. He would call on Bro. Cama, who was his (Bro. Eve's) immediate predecessor in the office of Grand Treasurer, to respond. Bro. Cama, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to return his hearty thanks for the honour done to the Grand Officers. The way in which the toast had been proposed by the Chairman, and received by those present, showed that the brethren had confidence in their Grand Officers. It was very good of the Chairman to couple his (Bro. Cama's) name with the toast. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. rose to propose the next toast,—the health of the distinguished brother who presided over them. On these occasions they were always honoured by the presidency of some distinguished Mason, and he was sure they would all agree with him when he said that to-night that rule had been strictly followed. The chairman of the evening, Bro. Eve, was not only a gentleman well-known and highly esteemed in private life, but he was also a highly distinguished and highly honoured Mason. He had belonged to the Order for some five and thirty years, and during that time he had always been most active, most energetic, and enthusiastic for the best interests of the Order. Bro. Eve, in replying, thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He could assure them that it was with very great hesitation that he took upon himself the position of Chairman of such a Festival; but whatever hesitation he had had, had been removed by the pleasure and gratification that he felt in meeting that night so many friends of the Institution. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had referred to his long association with the Masonic body. There was nothing more gratifying to him than to reflect how long he had been a member of the Craft. It was now 30 years since he became a Master in the Order, and he had never had reason to regret the fact. He undertook the position of chairman, and he could assure the brethren that he had had no hesitation in so doing; he felt that the Institution required a friend, and that if by means of his accepting the presidency of that Festival the Institution could be advantaged he should be highly gratified. On again rising Bro. Eve said he would ask them to bear with him for a few minutes. He wanted to call their attention to the next toast, the toast of the evening. It was one he was sure they would receive with great pleasure, and that they would drink it with enthusiasm. Now, he could assure them it was with some diffidence that he approached the subject, because he felt that individually he was scarcely able to fully enunciate the claims which the Institution had upon them. The Masonic Institution for Boys had now been in existence something like 90 years, and in the course of another 10 years they would be hoping to hold its Centenary. The Institution had been somewhat under a cloud for the last 12 months, because the Institution for Girls held its Centenary Festival last year, and was presided over by the M.W. Grand Master. All knew that the great exertions then made resulted in a collection of over £50,000 for the Girls' Institution. Well, when such great exertions were made in favour of one Institution, it must be at the expense of the others during that year, and they knew that was the case, and that it was in consequence of that that the contributions to the Institution for Boys last year amounted to only £8000. That lee-way had to be made up. That was an Institution which required from £12,000 to £13,000 to keep it going, to pay all working expenses; and, therefore, they knew that the very fact that the subscriptions in last year had fallen short made it all the more necessary that there should be a fair return this year to place the boys in a good position. Well, they had had another matter which had also retarded, to some extent, the movements of the Boys' School. He referred to the Inquiry which—through the wisdom of the brethren and subscribers of the Institution—had been desired. The Inquiry had been held; it had taken nearly twelve months to make a report upon that Inquiry. The report had been before the brethren, and they could best consider it. He was going to put some few figures before them; he was not saying anything against the fact that the Report had been made, and that there were grounds for the Report, but he was telling them that they must not forget the past of the great Institution of which they now were holding the Festival, for, until the year 1857, the Institution was simply for clothing and educating the boys of Freemasons; but in the year 1857 that was departed from, and another portion—and a heavy portion, too—of the expenditure of the Institution was incurred, namely, not only the clothing and education, but then was added the maintenance of the boys of Freemasons. Now he asked anybody—and he was sure all the Committee of Inquiry would go with him—that they could not forget what was the state of the Institution as such in the year 1857; and he wanted to call attention to these facts in order that they might realise their true position. His object was not to set brethren by the ears, but to bring them together. He wished it to be perfectly understood he was not saying anything against the Inquiry Committee, and he was sure that they, after knowing that their Report had been adopted, would be the last to forget that. He knew that all of them were men who had a love for Freemasonry. There were at present about 260 boys who were educated, clothed, and maintained in the Institution. That being so, their object was to get as much as possible, and unless they could show that the work was being carried on honestly and economically, they could not expect to receive the support of the brethren. He was glad of the Inquiry, because it had suggested that a considerable reduction could be made in the expenses. He should only be too happy to find that the reduction could be made. He wanted now to call their attention to the historical part of the Institution. In the year 1857 the subscriptions did not amount to £2000 a year, but in the year 1862 the amount was doubled as compared with the previous year; the next year it was tripled, and every year after that it has been maintained, while in 1883 the enormous sum of £23,000 was subscribed. They must bear in mind also that they had now got a building, and the land upon which it stood. Nearly £100,000 had been laid out. Where had the money come from? It had come from London and the Provinces, to maintain the Institution. It showed how open the hearts of Masons had been. They had now, through the exertions of their officers in the past, obtained that grand building. It might be defective, but if the brethren would give them funds they would remedy that. With reference to the discipline and education of the boys, he knew they were united on that, and he was glad that they were united on the question—the main question—of the education of the boys. He was pleased to say that this Institution was worthy of all the support the brethren could give. Bro. Eve continued his remarks, but his ideas were not accepted by a section of those present, and great uproar ensued. In concluding he said there were boys of that Institution who had become medical men, who had entered her Majesty's service in the Army and Navy, who had become distinguished solicitors, and had obtained honours in the various Universities. That showed that the education and discipline of those children had been equal to that of any body of children in the country. He would give them with all sincerity Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother George Plackett acknowledged the toast. Bro. Binckes said that after the manifestations of feeling that had been exhibited during the address of their excellent Chairman, how was it possible that he could expect to receive at the hands of what he would under other circumstances have called a glorious assemblage a fair hearing. He knew that he had a simple duty to perform, but at the same time they must do him the justice to believe him when he said that he never stood before his friends the Freemasons (this being the 28th Anniversary Festival with which he had been associated) in such peculiar and dubious circumstances as those in which he had now to appear. He asked nothing more than fair play. He had laboured hard to make this Anniversary a success; he had received with gratitude a large amount of support, but he also had to contend with a large amount of persecution. The Stewards' lists were then declared, and of these we give details in another column. Bro. Binckes, in concluding said, that though he accepted the result thankfully, he could say with confidence that the result ought to have yielded £16,000. But for the hostile movement at least £3000 more would have been realised. Other toasts comprised:—the Ladies; the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, &c., of the Institution; Prosperity to the kindred Masonic Charities; and the Health of the Stewards. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. P. Delevanti. A string band performed a selection of music during the dinner. Between the speeches Miss Fannie Joyce, Miss Mary Belval, Bros. Arthur Thomas and Egbert Roberts contributed songs.

V. Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, 33°, had the honour of entertaining the other members of the Supreme Council, 33°, at dinner in the Oak Room of the Junior Athenæum Club, on Thursday evening, the 27th ult. The members present were V. Ill. Bro. Capt. Philips M. Ill. L.G.C., V. Ill. Bro. Major-General Clerk Grand Treas.-General, V. Ill. Bro. Hugh Sandeman Grand Sec.-General, V. Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.C. of G. There were also present, to meet the members of the Council, Ill. Bro. J. H. Matthews, 32°, the Grand Dir. of Cers., Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney S.G.I.G. 33°, Ill. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel George Haldane, 33° nominate, and Ill. Bro. the Earl of Euston, 30°. V. Ill. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, M.P. S.G.C., was prevented, by the illness of his son, from attending.

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The following is a list of the Brothren who served as Steward for the Boys' School Festival 1889, with the respective amounts collected by each :—

		£	s	d
THE CHAIRMAN		120	15	0

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
1	Br. Charles Belton	26	5	0
1	J C Dimsdale	31	10	0
2	C E Keyser	101	17	0
4	J A Hughes			
5	A C Langdale	36	15	0
6	Robert A Gibbons, M.D.	21	0	0
8	Edward E Pullman	10	10	0
12	Frank P Telfer	47	5	0
15	John J Woolley	57	15	0
22	W R Brooks	46	4	0
23	George Simonds	21	0	0
26	Malcolm A Morris			
28	H Newland	47	5	0
29	Thos W L Emden	12	12	0
33	Thomas Fletcher			
34	Thomas B White	16	16	0
49	John Turner			
49	Wyndham Hart	31	10	0
55	Herbert W Roach	33	12	0
58	W Smithett	37	16	0
59	John W Cluff	49	17	6
60	Horace Slade }	105	0	0
60	Eliab Rogers }			
65	George Haller	157	10	0
73	Walter J Gregory	42	0	0
90	Henry O Mordaunt	101	17	0
91	John T Bolding	21	0	0
140	J D Grant, M.A., M.D.,	24	12	0
141	W J Hakim	48	16	6
145	Thomas J Hooper (*See Bedfordshire*)			
147	George Emblin	367	10	0
157	Ernest Jones	15	15	0
162	Arthur W Peckham	31	10	0
167	Edwin Storr	65	12	6
179	Walter Hopekirk	46	4	0
183	Herbert Hooper	159	12	0
192	George Abbott	78	4	6
193	George P Nightingale	67	4	0
198	Fredk Orchard	18	18	0
198	Charles Lambert	10	10	0
198	William Webber	26	5	0
205	Charles F Hogard	64	3	0
256	G Titus Barham			
259	Deputy-Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D.	10	10	0
534	G E Corrie Jackson	36	15	0
534	Edwin Bowley	10	10	0
548	Henry Carman	15	15	0
619	Albert E Austin			
749	Henry John	16	4	0
753	J J Thomas	45	3	0
766	George F Edwards	71	8	0
781	Thomas B Daniell	89	5	0
813	W Pierpoint	10	10	0
813	F Peel	10	10	0
820	Samuel Wootton	10	10	0
822	Edward M'A Seaton	24	0	0
860	Edward Bond	10	10	0
860	Thomas Glass	10	10	0
871	James G Thomas	52	10	0
890	H Wilkie Jones	31	10	0
902	Walter C Smith	52	10	0
933	William Smith	53	0	6
975	Henry Oastler Hinton	31	10	0
1044	Alex C A Higerty	73	10	0
1056	A A Pendlebury	114	14	6
1259	Charles Wakefield	40	0	0
1260	Samuel H Baker	100	16	0
1319	George E Fairchild	63	0	0
1348	William C Wigley	63	0	0
1348	Walter A Harvey	10	10	0
1365	William H Caton	54	12	0
1381	H F Foale	46	4	0
1383	James H de Ricci	111	6	0
1425	Joseph R Allman	36	15	0
1563	Edmund B Cox	137	2	0
1563	Thomas H Beach			
1571	William F Packer	48	6	0
1608	Thomas H Johnson	90	15	6
1613	John F Bell	52	10	0
1614	George Reynolds	157	10	0
1615	Lieut-Col G E E Blunt	10	10	0
1623	Robt F Brickdale	22	1	0
1627	Eugene Delacoste	43	1	0
1635	Sir Geo D Harris	83	0	0
1657	Alderman J Renals	49	7	0
1670	Wm H Duckitt	35	3	6
1671	Alfred P Keeling	176	8	0
1672	W de B Seagrave	10	10	0
1673	Arthur Adams	15	15	0
1679	Jas Wm Hembrow	18	18	0
1681	Geo Dickinson			
1704	Charles Collard	38	17	0
1716	Wm J Randell	21	0	0
1719	Richard Sandell	29	12	6
1732	Chas S Mote	38	6	6
1791	Edward Austin	126	0	0
1804	Chas J J Tijou	66	18	0
1820	Edward Abram	26	5	0
1928	Henry Massey	80	0	0
1949	Adolphus E Albert	26	5	0
1962	J C Tilt	73	10	0
1962	Will G Lowe	36	15	0
1964	Wm Iron	41	9	6
1997	C J Williamson-Pimbury	40	19	0
2012	Geo Gardner	347	0	0
2029	Thos W Richardson	12	1	6
2032	Edward Dare	15	15	0
2033	Chas Gross, M.D.	25	14	6
2060	Henri Bué	40	0	0
2168	Jas P Fitzgerald	130	3	0
2190	Wm S Penley	37	16	0
2191	John J Woolley (see L. 15)			
2192	T Hastings Miller	52	10	0
2206	James Thom	76	13	0
2241	Frank Taylor, C.C.	69	6	0
2265	H I Barnato }	47	5	0
2265	M J Jessop }			
2266	Robt C Davis	37	16	0
2310	Stanley J Attenborough	10	10	0
Chapter				
7	Comp Geo Drydale	34	2	6
140	Henry W Roberts	10	10	0
554	Chas Wakefield			
1185	Geo Powell	26	5	0
1471	W Sharmur	52	10	0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Br William Maple	94	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro Asher Barfield	10	10	0
John Barnett jun.	10	10	0
W Belchamber	10	10	0
F Binckes	10	10	0
W H Bolt			
S G Bonner	15	15	0
James Boulton			
James M Buckley	31	10	0
A G Darby	17	17	0
W G Fenn	15	15	0
R P Forge	10	10	0
W Klingenstein	21	0	0
S Lea-Smith	68	5	0
H B Marshall, J.P.	10	10	0
H B Marshall jun., B.A.	10	10	0
J L Mather	36	15	0
Carter Millbourne	10	10	0
David Ososki	14	14	0
John Osmond	10	10	0
Oscar Philippe	10	10	0
F Ernest Pocock, M.D.	10	10	0
Fred Wm Prior	10	10	0
Stephen Richardson	10	10	0
Wm Roebuck	10	10	0
John Skinner	26	5	0
C G Spark	26	5	0
James Terry	15	15	0
Henry Warden			
Wm W Westley	52	10	0
Alfred Williams			

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
803	Br Thos J Hooper	42	0	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

414	Wm Sherwood	55	2	0
414	Michael J Withers	11	11	0
574	Reginald Maples			
1101	Chas Slaughter	50	0	0
1887	Richard Wilder	22	1	0
1894	Arthur Turner	10	10	0
1899	Major E Ball	23	2	0
Chapter				
414	Comp Henry Creed	35	0	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Lodge				
88	Br Oliver Papworth	115	10	0
1492	Edward Armitage	47	5	0

CHESHIRE.

	Richard Newhouse	89	5	0
287	Geo McClelland	10	10	0
605	Jas Gamblin	31	10	0
1357	Michael Longridge			

CORNWALL.

		£	s	d
The Province				
	Br F W Thomas	105	0	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

Lodge				
129	Br Jas H Hogg	37	16	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	Percy Wallis	42	0	0
	A Woodiwiss	21	0	0
	G Fletcher	10	10	0
253	Wm H Marsden	21	0	0
353	E H Clarke	57	15	0
654	Arthur W Stack	42	0	0
781	Severn Taylor	78	15	0
802	Joseph Monck	16	16	0
1085	Frederick Stone	40	0	0
1495	Hon Chas W Trollope	24	10	0
1739	John D Wragg			
2129	Robt B Ormo	26	5	0
2224	J P Fearfield	10	10	0

DEVONSHIRE.

	John Brewer	10	10	0
	Rev T W Lemon, M.A.	93	9	0

DURHAM.

764	Hans B Olsen			
764	W B Foxton			
764	C S Lane			
764	Kittle			
764	Forsland			
		105	0	0

ESSEX.

51	Thomas J Ralling	52	10	0
276	William Langham	22	1	0
650	Arthur J H Ward	31	10	0
1000	W Downs Merritt	84	10	6
1343	James Howell	30	9	0
1457	J C Hopwood	80	17	0
2006	Samuel J J Kirby, M.D.	29	8	0
2184	George J Westfield			

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	Baron de Ferrières	10	10	0
	R V Vassar-Smith	21	0	0
82	Edward L Baylis	36	15	0
592	Charles Green	36	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

723	John Miller	23	2	0
928	Thomas Caparn	31	10	0
1112	Charles G Beaumont, M.D.	22	1	0
1971	Col A G Yeatman Bigge, R.A.	36	15	0
2016	Henry Harbor	31	10	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Rev W d'A Crofton	28	7	0
404	George E Lake	50	8	0

KENT.

The Province		199	10	0
199	George James Bussey			
784	James S Marsh	53	0	0
1209	William A Valon	122	17	0
1414	J S Norman	7	7	0
2147	Harry Algar	110	6	0

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

44	J W G Coombs	21	0	0
221	Thomas Greenhalgh			
348	John Kenyon	10	10	0
1030	James Cookson	21	0	0

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

32	Robert W Bourne	10	10	0
32	Edward Seagar	10	10	0
32	George Banner	10	10	0
33	T Banner Newton	10	10	0
680	James de B Adam	36	15	0
1182 }	Thomas A Witben	10	10	0
1299 }				
1314	Thomas Whitehead			
1313	T E Chambers			
1313	Richard Sharrock	10	10	0
1384	W J Thompson	10	10	0
1387	Samuel Locke	21	0	0
1562	A J Henochsberg	10	10	0
2269	James Brindle	10	10	0

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LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

		£	s	d
The Province, J H Marshall		525	0	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

		£	s	d
The Province, H E Cousans		69	6	0

MIDDLESEX.

		£	s	d
Lodge				
1194	Br William Dodd	41	9	6
1326	E A Smith	21	5	0
1503	Capt A Bunn	36	15	0
1512	E Clark			
1656	Capt T C Walls	31	10	0
1793	W J Porter	16	8	6
2183	H W Seager	32	11	0
Chapter				
1793	Comp H Sapsworth	13	2	6

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

		£	s	d
Lodge				
	Br Capt. S G Homfray	68	5	0
457	Capt. J A Bradney	31	10	0
471	Charles H Oliver jun.	31	10	0
683	A H Oliver	42	0	0
818	John Owen Marsh	42	0	0
1098	John J Williams	26	5	0
1429	Charles Callum	53	11	0
2186	Sydney W Yockney	11	11	0

NORFOLK.

		£	s	d
100	Walter Diver	36	15	0
996	Henry J Sparks	64	16	6

NORTH WALES.

		£	s	d
1336	C K Benson	52	10	0
1674	Harry A Steer	11	5	6

OXFORDSHIRE.

		£	s	d
310	John Messenger			
310	Capt. Airey			
599	John S Palmer	13	13	0

SHROPSHIRE.

		£	s	d
	J Bodenham	42	0	0
117	W Belton	15	15	0
611	T J Salwey	36	15	0
1124	Rev H Dunkin			

SOMERSETSHIRE.

		£	s	d
	Lt.-Col. A T Perkins	100	0	0
	C Fry-Edwards	10	10	0

SOUTH WALES (E. DIVISION).

		£	s	d
The Province, John Munday		323	13	6

SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION).

		£	s	d
	John Bourne	52	10	0
	F E Remfry	151	18	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

		£	s	d
The Province, Bro W H Bailey		68	5	0
Bro John Bodenham		78	15	0
Lodge				
418	W. Tunnicliff	52	10	0

SUFFOLK.

		£	s	d
71	William J Wilton	91	17	6
1452	Hugh W Elwes	52	10	0

SURREY.

		£	s	d
463	Frederick Nicholls, M.D.	24	3	0
1638	Hy W Humphreys	67	9	0
1872	Sidney M Cock	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

		£	s	d
Unattached, Bro C W Hudson		10	10	0
315	Henry Beaumont	44	12	6
341	William Dawes	100	16	0
619	Baker	42	0	0
851	J Wilmot Jemmett	31	10	0
1636	John Sayers	10	10	0
1797	L Hawker	26	5	0
1821	John Hamlin	19	14	0
1842	William Dawes			
1947	Alphonso F Lamette	52	10	0
2201	Sir W T Marriott, Q.C., M.P.	52	10	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

		£	s	d
	A F Godson, M.P.	21	0	0
	George Taylor	115	10	0
529	Alderman W Williamson, J.P.	10	10	0
529	William T Page	84	0	0
2034	Thomas R Arter	21	0	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST.)

		£	s	d
	W F Smithson			
	William Harrop			
139	Joseph Dixon			
154	William A Statter			
208	Frederick W. Reuss			
208	John Walker, J.P.			
290	C F Mallinson			
290	Joe B Whiteley			
296	James Billin Curry			
296	Harold Thomas			
296	Francis G Cornu			
296	Joseph Beardshaw			
306	John Dyson			
306	William C Ellisdon			
306	William H Jarvis			
306	George Wright			
495	Thomas Hargreaves			
495	William Kingswell			
495	John B Manning			
521	John Dawson			
750	Rawson Kelley			
827	John Cobb			
827	Charley Fox			
837	Capt. A Tupman			
904	Frederick Cleaves			
974	E H Barraclough			
974	William H Benn			
974	George Beanland			
974	Herbert A Foster			
974	W C Lupton			
974	Robert N Rhodes			
974	B R Stansfield			
974	Charles M Wilson			
1019	John Wordsworth			
1019	Herbert G E Green			
1019	Barron Kilner			
1019	Joseph Hartley			
1102	William Wilson			
1211	George F Crowe			
1302	W Asquith			
1311	Thomas Crossley			
1513	Thos W Embleton			
1513	Edward J Massie			
1513	Henry Fountain			
1736	Robert Riley			
2019	Robert Abbott			
		770	0	0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

		£	s	d
	W Girling (Bengal)	26	5	0
	Wm Franks (Bengal)	15	15	0
	Seva Ram (Punjab)	10	10	0

MASONIC RECOGNITION OF A SILVER WEDDING.

The *Brighton Herald* says:—

Councillor and Mrs. W. Botting have just become the recipients of a much-valued souvenir of their silver wedding. The gift came from the Royal Brunswick Lodge, of which Mr. Botting has for many years become an esteemed member. It consisted of an address, enclosed in a massive oak and gilt frame, and most artistically illuminated, amongst the adornments being a beautiful floral border, a fac simile of the banner of the Lodge, consisting of a white horse upon a blue ground, with the motto, "Nec aspera terrens," in a circle containing Mr. Botting's family crest, consisting of a swan, with the motto, "Floreat qui laboret," and elsewhere is Mr. and Mrs. Botting's monogram "W. E. B." The wording of the address is as follows:—

Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732.
Antient Free and Accepted Masons, England.
To Bro. William Botting P.M.

We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Royal Brunswick Lodge assembled at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, desire to offer you and your wife our sincere and hearty felicitations and congratulations upon your Silver Wedding Day.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your wife and family with health, happiness, and every blessing, for many years to come.

Samuel Denman W.M.
T. P. Harker S.W.
Horton Ledger P.M. J.W.
W. Alfred Field S.D.
W. Bennett J.D.
Geo. G. Clements I.G.
Charles Nye P.M. Director of Ceremonies.
Walter Smith P.M. Steward.
Henry Davey P.M. Steward.
Richard Willard I.P.M.
W. H. Hollis Secretary.
And the brethren of the Lodge.

The presentation of the address was made at a Lodge meeting and was accompanied by hearty felicitations.

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.

"A good action brings its own reward," and this truism has its application in every day life. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that some two years back a rather troublesome epidemic of scarlet fever broke out in our "grossly mismanaged" Institution at Wood Green. Something like 50 boys were attacked, but the domestic staff combated it most successfully, and no one with more pertinacity than the matron, Mrs. Dove. The parents and friends of several of the pupils seem to realize that to her energy is due the fact that no case resulted fatally, and it gratifies us to be in a position to state that now the lady in question is about to leave the Wood Green establishment, communications have been received by her, expressing regret, and expressing the deep obligation of the several writers for Mrs. Dove's motherly care, and conveying the hope she may be successful in the new sphere she is about to embark on. Another feature in connection with this severance of "old associations;" Mr. and Mrs. Dove were recently presented with a handsome salver. We copy the inscription upon this souvenir, which inscription speaks for itself:—

R.M.I.B.
Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Dove,
On their resignation, by the Household Servants.
July 1889.

Appended were the signatures of those who contributed to the Testimonial in question.

A handsome Masonic Hall was opened at Sittingbourne on Tuesday, 25th ult., by the Earl of Amherst, Grand Provincial Master of Kent, who was accompanied by the Provincial Officers.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held, this day (Saturday), at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. The Companions will assemble at three p.m. precisely.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE pretty town of Twickenham was selected this year as place of convocation of the Grand Lodge for the Province of Middlesex, and thither a large number of Brethren of various degrees wended their way last Saturday to take part in this important ceremony. The Town Hall having been placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge by Lady Freke, was furnished by two of the Local Lodges, and gaily decorated with flowers, ferns, and shrubs. The Provincial Grand Master the R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett P.G.S.W. of England, and representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, arrived about three o'clock, and was received by the Provincial Officers and Stewards, including Bro Raymond H. Thrupp Deputy Grand Master, Bros. F. W. Levander, Sweetland, Dr. J. W. Oswald, Edmund Yates, C. Moburn, C. A. Walter, J. Etherington, C. S. Buck, W. H. Lee, W. R. Strutt, A. Lingard, E. Y. Jolliffe, J. T. Briggs, J. W. Balderson, J. Tickle, George Gregory, R. W. Forge, E. W. Warner, Howard H. Room, Lee, W. Seward, H. F. Bing, G. S. Elliott, Evan Jones, W. Beavis, W. Beard, R. Wall, E. Calzell, H. W. Seager, T. Inglis, W. Spearing, Elias Rogers, W. F. Reynolds, J. J. Marsh, S. Cooper, C. Parsons, W. C. Williams, R. Fawssett, G. J. Dunkley, Geo. Clark, J. Davies, E. Monson, J. Lawrence, W. S. Dunkley, &c. &c. The Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the roll of the Lodges of the Province was called over by the Secretary, Bro. H. H. Room, and it was found that all but two were represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were then read for verification, and the reports of the audit and charity committees were read and confirmed. The balance sheet showed a healthy surplus, and subsequently, on the motion of Bro. W. J. Spratling, seconded by Bro. R. H. Thrupp, it was decided to invest the sum of £350. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. Tickle proposed, and Bro. Spratling seconded that Bro. Geo. Henry Carter should be nominated. No other name being submitted to the meeting, the R.W. Prov. G. Master declared him to be duly elected. The late three members of the Charity Committee were re-elected. The sum of fifteen guineas was voted to each of the three Masonic Charities. It was also decided that for the future the Masonic Calendar for Middlesex should be prepared and issued by the Provincial Grand Secretary, at the primary cost of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that all moneys received from the sale of copies should be placed to the credit of the funds of the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp	...	Deputy G. Master
Edmund Yates	...	Senior Warden
Dr. J. W. Oswald	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Evans Jones	...	Chaplains
Rev. George Nugee	...	
G. H. Carter	...	Treasurer
H. C. Weld	...	Registrar
H. H. Room	...	Secretary
A. Lingard	...	Senior Deacons
Dr. H. W. Seager	...	
C. S. Buck	...	Junior Deacons
Elias Rogers	...	
E. Monson	...	Superintendent of Works
J. Lawrence	...	D. of C.
A. Tucker	...	
C. Parsons	...	
W. Spearing	...	Sword Bearer
R. H. Dillon	...	Standard Bearers
T. Inglis ...	...	
H. W. Schartau	...	Organist
F. L. Chandler	...	Pursuivants
J. Weston	...	
Dr. W. Cock	...	Stewards
Dr. A. E. Sansom	...	
Geo. Clark	...	
J. Gawith	...	
Lieut.-Col. Bullock	...	
J. Davies ..	...	
John Gilbert	...	Tyler

Votes of thanks were passed to Lady Freke for the use of the Hall, to the two local Lodges which had provided the furniture and to the Vicar, Organist and Choir of the Parish Church for services at the Parish Church, to which the Brethren proceeded at the termination of the business. A short choral service was given, and an address by the newly-elected P. G. Chaplain Bro. Evans Jones, and a collection was made on behalf of the Twickenham Hospital towards the funds of which the Provincial Grand Lodge had voted five guineas in commemoration of their visit. About five o'clock the Brethren returned to the Town Hall, where the banquet was served by Bro. J. B. Mella, of Hampton Court. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially received, Sir George Elliot responding for the Grand Officers. The Health of the Provincial Grand Master was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. R. H. Thrupp Deputy G.M., and drank with loud applause by the Brethren. In reply the R.W. Prov. G.M. said that each year endeared the Lodge more thoroughly to him. He had done all he could for the Province, and had been ably upheld by his Officers. There had been a few small difficulties, but they had been amicably settled by himself, and he thought that he had the respect and good opinion of all the Brethren (loud cheers). He was glad to notice the progress the Provincial Grand Lodge had made during the last twenty years. He should always be at the service of the Province whenever he might be required, and concluded by wishing the Brethren good luck, with the hope that they might all meet again soon. He then in felicitous terms proposed the Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Bro. Edmund Yates briefly responded. Sir J. B. Monckton acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a very pleasant termination. The visitors included Bros. Sir George Elliot R.W. Prov. Grand Master South Wales, Sir J. B. Monckton, J. C. Parkinson, Charles Greenwood P.G. Secretary for Surrey, Thomas Fenn, R. Bradley P.G. Secretary for Berks and Bucks.

THE GOVERNOR AND FREEMASONRY.

We call the following from the *South Australian Freemason* of the 8th ult.:—

IT has been an open secret for some time past that our M.W. Grand Master had views anent his position that were in the direction of a change, and in acknowledging in graceful terms his re-election at the last Quarterly Communication he again broached the matter, though on somewhat indefinite lines. Since then we have learnt his full intent, and whatever there may have been in his previous references to cause misgiving there is nothing in his after explanation to move us to any other feeling towards him but that of increased confidence and warmer regard. The Grand Master has afforded us many proofs of his strong attachment to the South Australian Constitution, and in the act he contemplates we may find further evidence of a worthy desire to do that which he believes will be to its greater advantage, regardless of any personal considerations. In abdicating his high office that another may reign in his stead, and resigning his supreme authority, he is content to become the subject where he might continue to retain the sovereignty. Certain it is that the appointment of a Freemason of eminent standing and repute in his own country as the illustrious representative of Her Most Gracious in this colony has influenced our Grand Master in the direction indicated, so that our prestige may be the greater by intimate association with the highest in the land and the delegate of royalty. If this meant loss of our beloved brother from our ranks and withdrawal from our Councils, in short, retirement in its fullest sense, we might well demur to such a proposition, as involving on his part something too much of self denial and sacrifice, and its expediency might well be called in question; but, happily, such a step is not intended, and he will still remain with us, though in another capacity. As Pro Grand Master, it is his desire to serve us the same, and as such he will be the real working head of the Craft, the active principle of the combination. As Pro Grand Master it must be our duty and pleasure to accept him, if he so wills it. His dignity will be none the less, and the honour to us the greater. To our M.W. Brother His Honour S. J. Way we owe a large debt of gratitude, and are likely to remain his debtor, for his services to the Constitution are beyond all adequate acknowledgment. Throughout the whole period of his Mastership he has worked with us and for us with all his powers of mind and devoted energies, and in every relation at all seasons we have ever found him—

> The kindest man,
> The best conditioned and unwearied spirit,
> In doing courtesies.

We have been requested to state that the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 625, held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, does not adjourn during the summer months, and the brethren can always ensure a meeting each Thursday night, at 7:30.

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PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER:

Bro. the R.W. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C.

Market Place, Reading,
19th June 1889.

BY command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden at the Assembly Rooms, Friar Street, Reading, on Thursday, the 18th of July 1889.

ROBERT BRADLEY, P.G. Sword B. Eng.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

All Master Masons of the Province may attend. Every Lodge should be represented by the W.M., Immediate P.M., or one of the Acting Wardens. Morning Dress.

The Luncheon will take place at the Assembly Rooms, at 2 o'clock punctually. Tickets for which (at 6s 6d each) can be procured of the following Provincial Grand Stewards:

T. Page, Windsor; J. E. Bowen, Slough; J. W. H. Thompson, Temple, London; C. B. Tubbs, Reading.

Railway Arrangements.

Return Tickets at Single Fares will be issued, on production of the Summons at the Booking Offices of the Great Western Railway from the following Stations:—London, Slough, Windsor, Wantage, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Wallingford, Faringdon, Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Marlow Road, Taplow, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham and Reading Railway between Waterloo and Reading.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.H.,
In charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at Half-past 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. H. E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, enclosing 7s, 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 18th July.

The P.G.H., in Charge of the Province, requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m.

By dispensation of the P.G.H., in Charge, Brethren will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Clothing.

Down trains from Charing Cross at 12·57 and 2·5; and from Cannon Street at 1·9 and 2·17, arriving at Caterham at 1·55 and 3·7.

Up trains from Caterham at 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Cannon Street at 7·35, 8·42, 9·45, 10·58.

Up trains from Caterham at 5·40, 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Charing Cross at 6·58, 7·47, 8·52, 9·57, 11·12.

SURREY.

Prob. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Wor. Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D.
Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at 3·30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

N.B.—Morning Dress.

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P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge, been placed under the direction of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, Caterham.

The Dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Bro. Herbert E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, Surrey, enclosing 7s, which will not include wine.

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The Wor. Deputy Prov. G. Master, in Charge, requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Edward A. Chichester, P.G. Chaplain.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In his letter in your issue of the 29th ult. Bro. Godson says, in effect, that the Committee of Inquiry have desired to wash the dirty linen in public, and in saying so he is alike unjust and ungenerous to that Committee. As they simply did what Bro. Godson desired should be done in the resolution he proposed at the Quarterly Court of 27th July 1888, viz., submit their report to a subsequent Quarterly Court. As a matter of fact they handed in their report *sealed up*, and whatever publicity has been given to the report has arisen from the action of that Court, and not in the least caused by the Committee of Inquiry. Bro. Godson himself proposed Bro. Philbrick as the convener of the Inquiry Committee, and all the other six members of that body were brethren of the highest repute, yet, because their absolutely unanimous report differs from the anticipations of Bro. Godson, he stigmatises it as "Crowner's-quest law," a "precious report," founded on "unreliable" and "tainted evidence."

Of the report Bro. Godson says "Cui bono." If he thought that the conscientious report of a Committee of Inquiry would not do any good why did he propose that such a report should be made? On the subject of neglected heads at Wood Green, Bro. Godson says that no witness could give the name, time or date of any boy affected. In my evidence I gave the name of a boy whom I had *personally* seen shortly after his arrival at home from Wood Green, on two *separate* and *distinct* vacations, with his head in a lamentable state from neglected ringworm. I lodged a statement, upon oath, made by the boy's mother, confirming my statement; the boy was in the Institution at the moment I gave evidence, and could have been produced there and then if the allegation of "unreliable" and "tainted" evidence had then been made. I stated, moreover, that I saw this same boy a short time after his arrival from the Institution, with his hands in festering wounds from neglected chilblains, in which state he was sent out from Wood Green, with only a rough wrapping of gray calico, to travel 150 miles, at Christmas time, and I lodged in proof of this a certificate from an M.D. of London University. Is this "tainted" evidence in the eyes of Bro. Godson?

Bro. Godson shows that on heating apparatus alone, at Wood Green, £4978 has been spent, which, reckoning the outside number of 330 Boys, is a capital account of about £15 per head, and yet in 1887 the expenditure for coal, coke, and firewood was £412 17s, a capital and working expenditure, I make bold to say, not to be equalled in any similar Institution in England.

Bro. Godson fears that the Report will assist those who wish local funds to be distributed in the locality, but he does not add why this wish has arisen. It has been created by the bad management and extravagance at the Boys' School. All this complaint is no new matter; it has been expressed year after year—15 years ago the Province of West York proved it up to the hilt, but the management treated that report with scorn. Let the Wood Green establishment be well and economically managed, and no brother will be so foolish as to divert support from an Institution where £95,000 capital has been sunk. Old and hard working subscribers are to be remembered gratefully, and their loss deeply to be regretted if, unhappily, it occurs; but after all we must look largely for current supplies from the daily additions to the ranks of the Craft and their influence, and if they can only be convinced that the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions are well and wisely administered, their hearty support and co-operation may as safely be relied upon in the future as it has been obtained in the past.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Stoke-on-Trent. E. V. GREATBACH.

WANTED.—A YOUNG AND ENERGETIC SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Disregarding the well-known adage that it is best to be off with the old love before we get on with the new, certain would-be reformers (heaven save the mark!) of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, are clamouring for a young and energetic Secretary, to take the place of our old and tried friend, Bro. Frederick Binckes. I say "old and tried" advisedly,—it is certainly no disgrace to become old, especially when one has grown so while labouring in such a cause,—as has been the case with the worthy Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, and most decidedly he has proved himself a tried friend to those who have known him during the thirty years of his Secretaryship. It is only during the last few months that there has been any question as to his fitness for the post he holds, and even now many of us old fogeys would much prefer trusting him with the work of his office than any young and energetic Secretary who could be put forward.

Are we to forget the twenty-nine good years—years of satisfactory labour—because the thirtieth has not gone on quite so smoothly? Are we now to turn out the man who has stood by us year after year, through fair and foul times; who has so won the confidence of his employers that one of the worst charges that can be brought against him is, that he has been allowed to manage all the affairs of the Charity himself, simply because half-a-dozen Masons tell the Craft that an entire change of management is necessary? Even if we allow that there is truth in what has been told us, is it not far better to endure the ills we have, than fly to others we know not of? Or, at least, is it not incumbent on all of us to carefully weigh the two sides of the question?

On the one hand, we have a man who thoroughly knows each part of his duties; a man who can humour every whim of every Steward, or other advocate of the Charity; a man who is known, aye, and respected too, by every Masonic ruler in the country, as well as by most, if not all of those who, by length of association with the Craft, have won the right to interest themselves in its affairs. True, he is getting old, but what does that imply in the case of Brother Binckes? Certainly not that he is getting less fitted for his duties than he was years ago, for I know there is very little, if anything, he used to do, in years gone by, that he would not face to-morrow if he thought the Institution for which he works would reap a benefit thereby. Young blood may be warmer in some respects than that of a man who has faithfully discharged the work of an office for thirty years, but I much question if there are many young men of the present day who would like to start even with Bro. Binckes, and work side by side with him during the next twelve months, as he considers it best to work, in the interests of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As I have already premised, I too am getting old; possibly Bro. Binckes and I are not many years apart, but I must confess I have not the pluck to face such work as Bro. Binckes sets himself in attending to his duties as Secretary of the Boys' School. I could not undertake a tithe of this work. I should be dead in a month, and I should like to see the "young and energetic Secretary" of to-day after he had experienced a year of it. The question to some minds is, whether all this personal canvass is needed? From my experience I say it is,—and despite the fact that we have a "Girls School Secretary who never goes out, and yet they get the money," I maintain it is only because, in the other two Secretaries the Girls' School has most active advocates. If we were to put three brethren such as Bro. Hedges to manage the three

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Institutions, I fear, without any disrespect to Bro. Hedges, that things would show a speedy falling off. Energy and personal interest has, without a doubt, placed the Masonic Institutions in their present position, and I cannot believe that anything but continued energy and continued personal canvass will keep them there. Another point. Do the Institutions require a "young" Secretary? I say, certainly not. The Secretary of either of the Masonic Charities should be a man of weight in the Craft, a man who can be looked up to, and is capable of taking a stand alongside the heads of the Order. It must not be forgotten that year after year the duties of the Secretary bring him into close commune with many prominent Masons. Even the Grand Master himself has had to be approached on more occasions than one, as the Chairman of the Anniversary Festival, and is it to be supposed that the intimate relations which must naturally exist on such occasions are to be forgotten when the question arises of appointing a Secretary? Is a young and inexperienced—I beg pardon, "energetic"—Secretary the right person to be trusted on such occasions? Had we not rather pen our faith to "a poor, worn-out old wreck," who has faithfully and efficiently conducted our work for a period of thirty years, and is even now eminently qualified and perfectly capable of continuing his duties, than to the younger Brother, fresh from his initiation, passing, and raising, and with about as much idea of Masonry as a six weeks' old child has of Baptism, after he has just past that terrible ordeal.

I meant to paint the other side of the picture—a "young and energetic Secretary," but what can I say? I have already told you it is no crime to get old, neither is it a crime to be young (I was young myself once), but then there is that awful associate of youth—inexperience. What power, what amount of energy can compensate for that, even in ordinary matters? but I maintain that the Secretaryship of one of the Masonic Institutions is no ordinary function, and I would hold those brethren responsible who placed a "young and energetic" man in Bro. Binckes' place, if the late hours, the unbounded hospitality, and the general work of the office upset him before he had won the honours and privileges that should be associated with venerable age.

The impetuosity of youth does not always win against the decorum of later years, and I hope I shall never live to see it tested in regard to the Secretaryship of one of the Masonic Institutions, all of which owe much to him who, though getting old, is quite energetic enough to continue in office for years to come, and who would, I am sure, press any "young and energetic" competitor very close if it were possible to start them in the race side by side.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

AN OLD SUPPORTER OF FREEMASONRY.

MINERVA LODGE, No. ~~95~~ 250

ON Monday evening, the 24th ult., on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, a large number of Brethren assembled at the Minerva Lodge, Dagger Lane, Hull, to witness the ceremony of installation of Bro. J. W. Burton, as Worshipful Master. The impressive ritual having been duly performed by several Past Masters, the newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the following being the appointments: Bros. R. R. Hawley I.P.M., G. H. Metcalfe S.W., Alfred Aikman, M.D., J.W., H. Haigh Lecture Master, M. C. Peck Treasurer, Walter Reynolds Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Wm. Holder Treasurer Building Fund, J. J. Adamson Secretary, C. T. Capes S.D., J. M. Bell J.D., C. H. Wood D.C., W. D. Keyworth Almoner, W. Fillingham, W. Thirsk, Saml. Boyd, D. Douglas, and John McDonald Stewards, Vessey King Organist, J. A. Brown I.G., W. Clayton Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, for the annual banquet. Bro. J. W. Burton W.M. presided, supported by the Masters of the other Hull Lodges, and by several officials of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The vice-chairs were respectively occupied by Bro. G. H. Metcalfe S.W., and Bro. A. Aikman J.W. The Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings passed off with considerable *eclat*. Harmony was contributed by several brethren, Bro. V. King (Organist) presiding at the pianoforte.

ANGEL LODGE No. 51.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 27th ult., when Bro. Fred. Horsman S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Charles Osmond, and the following were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Frank Quilter I.P.M., S. D. C. Ablett S.W., F. C. H. Jones J.W., the Rev. W. Morgan Jones Chaplain, E. Hennemeyer Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, H. E. Williams S.D., Harold Francis J.D., R. Hayward Ives D.C., C. Osmond Organist, G. F. Wright I.G., Harry Becker, Claude E. Egerton-Green Stewards, S. Munson Tyler, A. Wright Assistant Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Osmond for the able manner in which he conducted the installation ceremony. In the evening between 40 and 50 Brethren dined together, at the Cups Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. An elegant banquet was capitally served by the Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Brown; and the toast list was interspersed with some part singing and solos, under the leadership of Bro. Osmond. Altogether it was agreed on all hands that the Festival was one of the most successful ever remembered. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from the P.G.M. (the Lord Brooke, M.P.), the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick Q.C., Recorder of Colchester), Colonel Shadwell Clerke (Grand Secretary of England), Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Bros. James Round, M.P., Andrew Durrant P.G. Treasurer, Albert Lucking P.G.P. England, N. Tracy P.G. Sec Suffolk, Richard Clowes P.M. 650, Fredk. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., E. A. Hunt, Lennox Browne, R. F. Symmons, A. E. Church P.M., Rev. C. L. Acland P.P.G. Chaplain, &c. &c. Miss Philbrick, sister of the D.P.G.M., kindly made a large number of "button-holes" for the use of the Brethren.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

ON Wednesday, 26th June, the members of this Lodge left Waterloo Station, at 11 a.m., for Sunbury. The weather was beautifully fine, and carriages were in attendance at the Railway Station to carry the party to the Magpie Hotel. After slight refreshment the party walked along the banks of the Thames towards Shepperton. Dinner was served at 2 p.m. punctually. The Worshipful Master (Bro. W. Eckersall) presided, and briefly proposed a few toasts. The Queen and Craft; the Visitors. Bro. Elgar responded. Bro. Marfleet P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who replied, stating his pleasure at meeting and presiding over such a gathering; this was *par excellence* a *Stability Day*. As the elements were inviting them, it would be out of place to make a long speech. He very much approved of these occasions, for they were the only time the ladies were present. There was little labour (even that, of love) and much refreshment. Bro. Gorrie P.M. proposed the health of the Ladies, to which Bro. Nixon P.M. humorously responded. The further time at disposal was spent in boating and driving. At 6 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent tea, after which the W.M. congratulated the party on the very pleasant day they had spent. He regretted the absence, through illness, of their oldest P.M. Brother Taylor, who had invariably attended these gatherings heretofore, and was now represented by two of his daughters. More social intercourse was enjoyed near the river, when, after wishing good bye to Bro. Freeman the host, the party proceeded to the Railway Station and reached Waterloo about 9·30. Amongst those present were Bro. Eckersall W.M. and Mrs. Eckersall; Bro. Woolmer J.W. and Master Woolmer jun.; Bro. Hinks senior Treasurer, and Mrs. Hinks; Bro. Nixon P.M. Secretary and Mrs. Nixon; Bro. Marfleet Past Master, and Mr. Marfleet junior with Miss Marfleet; Bro. Addington P.M. and Mrs. Addington; Bro. Gorrie P.M. and Miss Gorrie; Bro. Finch and Mrs. Finch; Bro. Garner; Bro. Itter and Miss Itter; Bro. Hancock; Bro. Cowley P.M. and Mrs. Cowley; with the two Misses Taylor; Bro. Elgar (Sphinx) and Mrs. Elgar; Mrs. Stone and Master Stone (wife and son of Bro. C. H. Stone), with several friends.

BUCKINGHAM LODGE, No. 591.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Brother J. E. D. Ostrehan, after other business, installed the new Master, Bro. L. N. Simms. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, as follows:—Bros. A. Mayne S.W., F. J. Brown J.W., H. Jowett Treasurer, L. Poulton Secretary, F. W. Micklethwaite S.D., E. T. Palmer J.D., H. Martin Dir. of Cer., C. J. Roberts Organist, W. H. Sherman I.G., W. K. Gurney and E. T. Mackrill Stewards, F. Payne Tyler, and J. N. Hodgkinson Assistant Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Bull's Head Hotel, and was well served by Bro. Simms.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THIS Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday, 24th June, at 5 p.m., to celebrate the Masonic Festival of St. John, in Harvest. The following members attended:—Bros. W. Simpson, R.I., M.R.S.S., W.M.; R. F. Gould P.G.D.I.P.M., W. H. Rylands Grand Steward (W.M. No. 2) as S.W., John Lane P.P.G. Registrar Devon as J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., R.I.B.A., S.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott J.D., T. B. Whytehead, C. Kupferschmidt as I.G., F. H. Goldney P.G.D., Prof. W. Mattieu Williams, F.R.A.S., F.C.S., and C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz., Bros. S. Richardson, E. W. Carus-Wilson, R. Roy, W. M. Graham, D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, J. B. Mackey, R. A Gowan, H. Tipper, Max Mendelssohn, G. A. Nock, C. E. Wright, W. Lake, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, and J. Bodenham P.G.A.D.C. Also the following Visitors:—Col. Marmaduke Ramsay Dist. G.M. of Malta, Dr. B. W. Richardson P.M. 2029, H. Warner 2265, S. L. Mac Gregor Mathers. The Lodge having been opened, and the previous minutes confirmed, 3 Lodges and 28 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz., the District Grand Lodge of Natal; Meridian Lodge, No. 1469; Cradock, Cape of Good Hope; and the St. Andrew's Lodge "Indissolubilis," of Berlin; and Bros. K. L. Christiansen Dist. G.J.W. Eastern Archipelago, A. R. Adams Dist. G.A.D.C. Eastern Archipelago, E. C. Harte and W. Porteous, all of Penang; Major J. B. Hendry, M.A., New York; O. H. Bate, Barkly, East Griqualand; E. Hancock, Major J. R. Robertson, C. G. Scrurier, and B. Lapin, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; O. W. Kauffman, Breslau, Silesia; A. Duncan, King William Town, Cape; G. Beveridge, E. Hart, J. Lawrence, and E. F. Lizard, all of Kimberley, South Africa; A. C. Morasso, District Grand Steward Gibraltar; F. L. Forsyth, M.D., W. H. Scott, and N. L. Wilber, all of Providence, Rhode Island, C. Hull, Christchurch, New Zealand; Lieut. Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Hull; C. H. O. Curtis, Bournemouth; H. Tipper, Hammersmith; J. Nevin, Clayton, Bradford; T. Hicks P.P.G.J.W. Cornwall St. Columb; R. H. Singleton, Halifax; and Col. Marmaduke Ramsay Dist. Grand Master Malta. This raises the number of intrants to 660. The W.M. referred to the publication, since the last meeting, of Part I. of the 1889 Transactions. It was a larger number than any previously issued, replete with interesting matter, and a credit to all concerned. The "Notes and Queries" department, he thought, would be very valuable; it afforded an opportunity for the preservation of matter which was, perhaps, scarcely fitted to form the basis of a paper or lecture, and he trusted that any brother, however inexperienced, who in the course of his reading came across a passage of possible interest, would make an

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extract for their Secretary. Such a course would naturally entail the reception of much that was already well known, but although the Committee might decide not to reprint it on that account, the services of the correspondent would be none the less appreciated. On the other hand, much of great interest might be brought to their notice, and gratefully made use of. He would mention, as a curious coincidence, that the Secretary had received, for their next number, no less than four or five notes on Chinese Masonry from different quarters. Further, since their last meeting, Vol. I. of Masonic Reprints had been issued by the Lodge. The brethren would be pleased to hear that he held the written commands of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to proceed to Marlborough House to present him with a copy of their publications to date. As soon as the volumes were decently bound for the purpose, he should take the first opportunity of complying. Referring to the "Reprints," he was of opinion that from every point of view, Masonic, Archæologic, artistic, and literary, they were a credit to the Editor, the Lodge, and, he would add, the Craft itself. There was one feature of the Book which deserved their special attention. He alluded to the Commentary on the Regius MS. by Bro. Gould. The labour and research involved in its production must have been enormous. He had read it through once, but he intended to apply himself to the study of it, and wished he could have Bro. Gould at his elbow to answer questions as they rose to his mind. He was informed that it represented nearly twelve months of research and hard work, and he wished to impress upon the brethren that all the study, thought and toil was rendered by Bro. Gould freely, cheerfully, and gratuitously, out of the abundant love he had for the Lodge and its welfare. He would now go through the needless formality of moving a vote of thanks, and had great pleasure in expressing to Bro. Gould, what must, of necessity, be the unanimous feeling of the brethren, their gratitude for his work, and their appreciation of the result. Bro. Rylands supported the vote, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Gould said that he was very greatly obliged to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and he appreciated it the more on account of the kindly remarks of the W.M. and Bro. Rylands, with which the resolution had been introduced to the Lodge. The task of writing a Commentary on the oldest document of the Craft had been a formidable one, and in setting to work upon it he had been forcibly reminded of one of those memorable utterances which Cervantes has put into the mouth of Don Quixote. The latter, enumerating the qualifications which should be possessed by a Knight Errant, went on to state, in effect, that he should be a proficient in everything. In like manner, to do full justice to the ancient legends and traditions of Masonry, any person who attempted to commentate upon them ought to be, not only a student or antiquary of the Craft, but a scholar and archæologist in the widest sense of the expressions. A close study of the Masonic Poem would have been incomplete without at least some research into matters not at a first view absolutely connected with it. Thus, the literature, the language, the architecture, the history and laws, and the geography of Britain had each claimed a share of attention. He did not venture to contend that in these collateral studies he had proceeded very far, but, nevertheless, in the time at his disposal, he had spared no exertions to qualify himself, as far as he was able, for the execution of the task which had been allotted to him. He thought the presentation of the Regius MS., in facsimile, was the best of all possible reproductions with which a new series of their publications could be inaugurated, and if the Commentary upon it should be deemed by the Lodge—he would not say altogether, but to some slight extent—worthy of its text, and no discredit to the channel of publication through which it had seen the light, he should be amply compensated for the time and labour he had devoted to it. The Secretary described the preliminary arrangements which had been made for a proposed excursion to St. Albans, in July, and handed round for inspection a photograph of a boss in Peterborough Cathedral, forwarded by Bro. Clarabut. Bro. T. B. Whytehead read a very instructive paper on "The Grand Lodge at York," graphically describing, in concise language, its history so far as known. The paper is naturally far too long for insertion in our columns; for its study we must refer our readers to the next number of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." A long and interesting discussion ensued, embracing a number of points arising out of the lecture and of the photograph already alluded to, in which the W.M., and Bros. Gould, Speth, Rylands, Goldney, Dr. Richardson, and Whytehead, took part. A written Commentary on the paper, from the pen of Bro. Hughan, was also read. Hearty good wishes having been tendered, Bro. Colonel Ramsay Dist. G.M. Malta begged to thank the brethren, as a Visitor, for the good work they were doing, and for the opportunity afforded him of being present at such an interesting meeting. He was happy to say, however, that through their kindness in electing him that evening, although he entered their Lodge a self-invited Visitor, he should leave it a member of their widely-spread Correspondence Circle. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. As usual, the speeches were few and short, the brethren apppearing to find more pleasure in Masonic conversation and discussion than in after dinner oratory. Noteworthy, however, were two speeches. Bro. Whytehead, in reply to Prosperity to the Lodge, recounted his fruitless efforts to connect himself with Masonic Archæology, a desire which he at length partly gratified by joining the Rosicrucian Society of England. Since, however, the establishment of the Quatuor Coronati, which he joined immediately after its formation, the outlook for an intelligent and intellectual Mason had considerably changed for the better. The example set by this Lodge was spreading, and already Yorkshire boasted of two Masonic literary societies, one at Bradford and one at Wakefield, of both of which he was a member. The prosperity of the Lodge was assured. The periodical issue of their Transactions, the publishing of such a volume of Reprints as had just seen the light, with the certain hope of more to follow; the industry, organising power and energy of their Secretary, the literary and scientific status of many of their members, and the extent of their Correspondence Circle—660 members, in every quarter of the globe—made failure simply impossible. Bro. Dr. Richardson replied for the Visitors with all his well known eloquence. He congratulated the Lodge on its past, present, and future. The non success of all previous attempts at an analagous society, in some of which brethren then present had participated, had failed to frighten the founders of the Quatuor Coronati, and quite rightly so, for the repeated attempts proved the demand, and the failure was probably due to causes which No. 2076 had known how to evade or surmount. He had only lately become aware of their existence, and was indebted to his friend Bro. Williams for bringing him there. It was a red-letter day for him, the most enjoyable he had ever spent in Masonry, and he trusted that the indulgence of the brethren, when they came to examine into his qualifications, would soon place it on of his power to return thanks as a Visitor.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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On Monday afternoon, Mr. F. J. Potter, the general acting manager, will give his annual matinée at the Gaiety. The programme is a very attractive one, consisting of "Delicate Ground," "Locked in," and the first act of "Faust up to date," with a miscellaneous entertainment. We wish Mr. Potter success.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal's season will come to a close on Friday next, and on Saturday the 13th instant, will be produced a new and original farce in three acts, by Mr. Ralph R. Lumley entitled "Aunt Jack," in which Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Arthur Cecil will appear.

The "Still Alarm" will be revived at the Princess's, for a fortnight commencing on Monday, 15th inst., to be followed by the celebrated drama, "Proof," for which a very powerful cast is engaged.

The following is the cast for "In Danger," to be produced at the Vaudeville, on the 29th inst.:—Messrs. Lewis Waller, F. H. Macklin, R. S. Boleyn, W. Lestocq, Julian Cross, Sydney Brough, Alfred Melton, C. Milton, J. M. Capel, E. Smedley Yates, Miss Agnes Miller, Mrs. Canninge, and Miss Florence West. Miss Cicely Richards and Miss May Whitty have been engaged to appear in Mr. F. Hamilton Knight's comedietta, "The Postcript," to be played the same afternoon.

Olympia—"R.A. Crowded out and Rejected."—The visitor to this Exhibition—knowing that some thousands of pictures sent to the Royal Academy this year could not be hung, and seeing on the Olympia Prospectus over fifty names on the General Council, including R.A.'s and A.R.A.'s, besides many well known Art patrons, the list being headed by Sir John E. Millais, Bart., R.A.—would be justified in expecting to find a large and somewhat good show of talent in every form of Art; but this is, unfortunately, not the case. Whatever *good* work may have been rejected by the Council of the Royal Academy it is not here. Pity 'tis, but true. Here, in this magnificent building, admirably adapted for showing pictures or sculpture to the best advantage, there are, in all, only 647 exhibits. No fault can be found with the hanging. The great mistake that has been made, we think, is explained in the words we quote from the Catalogue—"Every picture entered, whatever its merits, has been received and hung." There are in the show a few old faces, so to speak, that have done duty in decorating the walls of previous exhibitions, but they call for no special notice. We can only hope that the Managing Committee, another year, will work on different lines, and make it evident how it would be to the advantage of Artists to bring to the light of public favour some of the best works now buried in their studios.

On Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. A. Madell was entertained by a few personal friends on the occasion of his resignation of the managership at this popular Masonic resort. Bro. James Terry presided, and in the course of the evening Bro. Madell was presented with an illuminated testimonial, and a purse containing £77. The proceedings throughout were of the most cordial nature, and Bro. Madell retired with the assurance that he has left behind him a troup of friends who will be pleased to know he is successful in the new undertaking he has embarked on.

A new Chapter, to be attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, will be consecrated at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states, regarding the movement to establish a Masonic Lodge in connection with the National Liberal Club, the London correspondent of the *Birmingham Gazette* is told that some time since the Primrose Club—which, as its name implies, represents a very different partizan "stripe"—thought of doing the same thing, but found the Prince of Wales, inexorably opposed to the idea.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, Wounds, Ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin, are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

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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 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, 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)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
803—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1123—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, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 8th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8 (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)
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.)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1668—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. 230—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
803—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
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1906—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. 423—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
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, 9th JULY.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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)
148—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
[illegible]—Tarbarough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—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, Mona Hotel, Hyde-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1448—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.)
836—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

136—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
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
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1414—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, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 283—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. 452—Frederick of Unity, 106 High Street, Croydon
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, 10th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
8—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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. (Instruc.)
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1801—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—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, 153 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, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Brassington, Derbyshire
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Hay market Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beccles, Suffolk
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Princes Town, Dartmoor
687—United, George Hotel Colchester.
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
974—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, [illegible] (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1362—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1381—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Fortess Park, Liverpool
1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1517—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

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1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Blaithwaite
1682—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. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 635—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 11th JULY.

87—Vitruvian, 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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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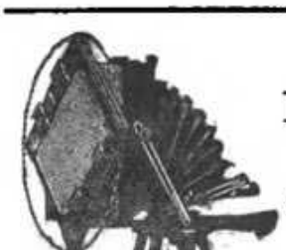
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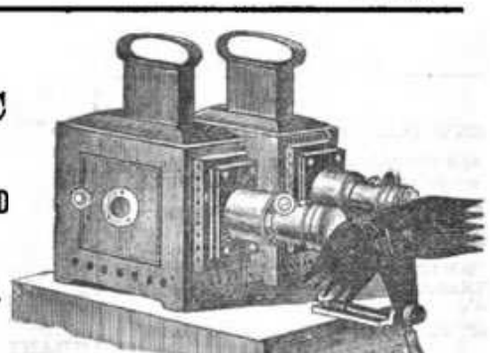
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CERTIFICATES OF OFFICE.

WHAT will be regarded as a novelty in many Masonic quarters has just been inaugurated in one of the Provinces of the East coast, the Grand Master of which recently announced his intention of giving to each of his Provincial Officers a certificate of office on their appointment. There is much to be said in favour of the general adoption of such a system, and we shall not be surprised if the example is not speedily followed in other quarters. We know such a custom already exists in parts of the country, but we consider the practice worthy of more general adoption.

We are accustomed to hear that the Master's chair is the summit of a Mason's ambition, but surely there are few who reach that exalted station but immediately wish for something more, some appointment which will carry with it the right to wear the Purple, either of Grand or of Provincial Grand Lodge. In London Lodges ordinary brethren are not, perhaps, so ambitious in this respect as are the Provincials, from the fact that they know it is next to impossible for them to secure a place among the officers of Grand Lodge. On this account few London Masons ever give a serious thought to the matter, but in the Provinces it is different. There it is not only possible, but in many cases probable, that the principal craftsmen of the year will be rewarded with Provincial Grand Lodge honours. On this account more notice is taken of the appointments, and there are few Lodges but can number among its members one or more present or past Provincial Grand Officers. For all this it must not be supposed that country brethren look upon these distinctions with anything like the contempt which is bred of familiarity, or that they regard the privilege of wearing a Purple collar as being beneath their notice. In nearly all the Provinces the great difficulty which has to be faced is the distribution of the few available appointments among the many brethren of the district who fully deserve them, and as a consequence the few fortunate ones who secure the reward of office have considerable reason to be proud of it, and are looked up to by their fellows as most fortunate. The distinction of clothing makes it very easy for brethren when assembled in Lodge to make known the rank to which they have advanced, but in private life this is not so easy, and although there are few who care to make a boast of the honours they have achieved, there are not many who would object to be occasionally reminded of it by a certificate or form, which might be framed or otherwise placed in a conspicuous position in their home or other haunt of every day life. Besides this, many Lodges have rooms of their own, wherein might well be displayed the certificates of honour won by present or departed members, as well as other mementos of the past; and all this might be done without any approach to ostentatious display or outside show. We do not approve of the Mason who introduces the emblems of the Craft into his business, in the hope of making profit thereby—in our opinion this is a crime which speedily brings its own punishment—but we think an occasional reference to Masonic brotherhood in private life, and especially of honours won in the Craft, is not only admissible, but within the limits of Masonic propriety.

The granting of certificates to the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge would also, in many cases, create a bond of union between the Provincial Grand Master and the Brother who received it, stronger even than now exists, while their possession would serve to recall pleasant memories much more frequently than is at present possible, because they would come more frequently under notice. This alone should recommend a general adoption of the system, which, however, must be protected from abuse. When we say abuse, we mean that it must be kept within reasonable bounds. What is here recommended for adoption in Provincial Grand Lodges must not be allowed in Private Lodges, or at least it must not be allowed to the same extent, even if it be tolerated at all. We already have a certificate of merit for the Master of a Lodge in the Past Master's jewel, and that is sufficient for private Lodges, for whereas in Provincial Grand Lodge a Brother seldom has a second office conferred upon him, in private Lodges it is the custom for brethren to work up, step by step, from the lowest office to the highest, without missing one of the many appointments available. Certificates of appointments to each of these would be absurd, and would only bring into disrepute a pleasing innovation, which appears to recommend itself for general adoption.

We shall watch, and no doubt some of our readers will likewise do so, for the results which will follow this principle of giving certificates of appointment, and have little doubt but that it will be found that the hope of winning such a certificate proves a yet further inducement for brethren to try and merit promotion at the hands of their Provincial chiefs. Such, we are sure, is the object with which they are being adopted, and as anything which can benefit a part of the Order must of necessity benefit the whole, we hope the desire of those who are introducing them will be gratified to the fullest extent.

SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY.

MY article in the *Freemason*, on Elias Ashmole, the Antiquary and "Freemason," does not seem to satisfy my friend Bro. Jacob Norton, for which I am most certainly sorry, but as the fault is not mine, no blame is attached.

All my statements can easily be verified, and so the objections raised can only be "a play on words."

It turns upon the use of the word *speculative*. As frequently explained before, my employment of the term is

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to describe a class of men who joined the Freemasons ages ago, who were *not operative Masons*, and never intended to be, *i.e.*, those who were *theoretical Freemasons*, or adopted as such, just as we meet with the titles "Geomatic" and "Domatic," descriptive of the two classes of *Speculatives* and *Operatives*.

We meet with this term *Speculative* in reference to Masonry, or Freemasonry, as far back as the fifteenth century, so that four centuries of such a custom is a fair reason for its use now.

When Ashmole was initiated as a Speculative Freemason in 1646, it is not likely "there was a single *operative* Mason present," as Bro. Rylands has well-nigh demonstrated; so that this particular Lodge must have long existed to account for the elimination of the operative element. At Aberdeen, in 1670, the great majority of members consisted of noblemen, gentlemen, and men of other trades than the Masonic, even though the Lodge was used for operative purposes then, and so long since that year.

Bro. Randle Holme, in his "Academie of Armory," Chester, 1688, says, "I cannot but honor the Fellowship of the Masons because of its antiquity; and the more as being a member of that Society called Free-Masons." This is another instance out of many of *Speculative* Freemasonry in the 17th Century, and I fail to see what fair objection can be raised to my using such a term.

Far too much has been made of Dr. Plot's assumed *ridicule* of the Freemasons in 1686. Personally, I feel much obliged to the departed Historian for his numerous references and suggestive descriptions of the Society, which I believe to be, precisely the same as Ashmole joined. Indeed, it is inconceivable to me how any one can think otherwise.

How Bro. Norton can declare that the "*London Lodge*," to which Ashmole was summoned in 1682, "was no other than the London Masonic Guild, which, *as already shown* [?], had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save that of a dinner," passes my comprehension, for a more unfounded declaration could not be made.

How does our brother know that in order to gain admission to St. Paul's Lodge ["Antiquity"] in or about 1717, it was necessary "to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word?" We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this old Lodge in 1717, at least no evidence has transpired on this side of the Atlantic, so Bro. Norton will oblige us by forwarding the needful particulars, which are new to us.

I am sorry that Bro. Norton, after all my trouble to give the exact words of Ashmole's Diary, relative to his initiation, &c., quotes from a printed account which is erroneous, notwithstanding he had my reproduction before him. He might surely be a little more careful under the circumstances, as the sense of the extract is seriously affected by the interpolation, to which reference has more than once been made by Bro. Gould and myself.

As to my attempting to show that the Freemasonry of Ashmole's time was "Masonic, in accordance with *our ideas*" about the Craft, it is not likely Bro. Norton will induce me to try anything so Quixotic. He does nothing very extraordinary, or worth writing about, to set me an impossible task, and then go on to assume it will not be done. And yet, why erase Ashmole's name from the list of "Old Masonic Worthies?"

Supposing, from this date to 1950, changes were gradually introduced into our Lodges, on a par with those from 1646 to 1740, would the brethren be inclined to remove the name of friend Norton from its Roll of Worthies, simply because the degrees or ceremonies worked in 1889, known to him, differed so from those of 1950? I trow not. Whatever it was in 1646-1682, *it was Freemasonry*, and it is but that now. Not exactly the same as we have it, but none of us now know exactly what is the old, or what is the new in the Three Degrees, but we do know that Lodges have continued on the Scottish Roll through all the changes from *then to now*. Of course, three separate Degrees were unknown in Ashmole's time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Earl of Jersey has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon, a position which he has held for some years. We hear also that Lord Valentia will probably succeed Lord Jersey as Grand Master of the Province.

THOUGHTS FOR THE THINKING MASON.

HOW many Brethren who spend evening after evening in the Lodge-room ever ask themselves to what end all the curious rites and ceremonies, which are the property of our mystic Brotherhood, are so frequently repeated? Who pauses in the midst of the ritual to ask himself its meaning, or stops to inquire in what way it relates to the every-day affairs of life? Too many look upon the work of the Craft as a mere meaningless repetition of words, which by infinite toil must be learned by heart by any one who wishes to become an officer in his Lodge, but to them it is a matter of no concern, demanding no thought or attention, and attracting them only as the words when uttered by a speaker of good delivery may have a sonorous roll, pleasing to the ear.

How seldom, indeed, we find that the pure radiance of the First Great Light is allowed to shine with its divine effulgence upon the Mysteries of our Craft. If our Brethren would but take the trouble to commit to memory, carefully and thoughtfully (not mere parrot learning) the entire ritual of the Fraternity, and then in the patient spirit of investigation look up, by means of reference Bible and Concordance, all those passages which seem obscure and meaningless to them, they will find themselves well rewarded for their trouble. Unfortunately for the good of the Craft, the Bible seems to be as much of a sealed book to not a few Masons, as if they were under the administration of the Romish Church, which forbids the laity to read the word of God for themselves.

If the Craft as a whole knew the work better, we would hear fewer complaints of bad grammar in the authorised work. Too many Americans get their only ideas of grammar from the dogmatic and empiric books on the subject which form the text books in most of our schools, both public and private, and which by arbitrary rules, that seem all important to the self-appointed authority, endeavour to straighten out the English language as if with a rod of iron, thereby seeking to remove from it all the force of character and wonderful strength and elasticity of expression that have kept the English of King James's version of the Bible, and of William Shakespeare, unchanged in all essentials, even down to the present day, while other languages, such as French and German, have suffered far more variation in the same length of time.. If any well-read Mason will carefully examine the work as taught by the Temple School of Instruction, he cannot help being struck by the singular force and beauty of the language used. There is not one word too much, nor is there anything left out which should be there. The language is such as Goldsmith or Addison might have used, from the elegance and purity of its diction, though, perhaps, if tested by the petty standard of Hart's English Grammar, or some other such self-constituted authority, it might be found somewhat lacking.

So much for mere questions of diction, the outward clothing in which the beautiful symbolism of our mystic ceremonies is veiled. But there are far higher beauties to be perceived by every thinking Mason. Who can fail to be struck with the quaint spirit of mediævalism which seems to pervade the whole of Ancient York Masonry. One can almost fancy himself among those ancient builders who, protected by Papal bull, gathered together in companies wherever there was a cathedral or monastery to be erected, a close corporation protecting both their trade secrets and the mystic legends in their possession from the knowledge of the profane world, by the solemn obligations imposed upon any one who desired to unite with them and aid in glorifying God, by assisting in the erection of a Temple to His honour. For, the Freemasons of mediæval Europe were really the architects, sculptors and Mason builders of the religious edifices. The ordinary buildings, dwellings, castles, and the like, were built by common mechanics, who had never learned the secret Mysteries of our Craft, and who were but local artificers following out the rude, every-day practices of their immediate neighbours. The Freemasons, however, were not local workmen, in many cases were not even residents of the countries where they worked, but bound together by a common purpose, they travelled about from place to place, spreading abroad the knowledge of every new discovery in construction or design, so that it might become the common property of the Fraternity at large,

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in the same manner that the architects of to-day spread broadcast, among the profession, every new constructive expedient or novelty in design in the pages of the professional journals. Can we not imagine our ancient Brethren gathered together in the precincts of the tyled Lodge and there, safe from the intrusion of the local builder who might otherwise discover their knowledge, working out these most complicated problems of the pressure and counter-pressure of groined vaults, mathematical computations so profound that when the monasteries were put down by Henry VIII., and the Freemasons lost their prerogatives, as well as their employment, the secret was lost, until this present age of engineering skill; and architecture from the lack of the requisite knowledge for the construction of Gothic buildings, took on the much simpler forms of the classic, and the world witnessed that mighty change in art, contemporaneous with the great religious upheaval of the times, the Renaissance.

But with all the mediæval spirit of this our ancient and honourable Fraternity, there seems, in its legends and traditions, in its symbols and emblems, a yet more ancient spirit, which would take us back to those remote ages of antiquity, earlier even than the building of that wondrous Temple at Jerusalem by Solomon, King of Israel, and would carry us in spirit within those sacred precincts of the temples on the borders of the Nile, whose priests gathered to themselves all the knowledge of the world, leaving to the common people naught but unceasing toil for their daily bread, and demanded of any one who would seek to penetrate into the mysterious realms of science or art, that he should give proof of the earnestness of his purpose by passing through ordeals where fear or hesitation would proclaim him unworthy of knowing the still greater mystery of the truth of nature's laws. We well know that in Egypt mathematics, from its absolute exactness, was regarded as of divine origin, and the triangle, from being the simplest figure into which all other plane figures can be resolved, was looked upon as a direct emblem of Deity. Can any thinking Mason fail to connect this fact with the many allusions to this figure in our work, and with the threefold character of all ancient Masonry? Or does he prefer to join the ranks of those petty scoffers, who seeing nothing beyond what they can fathom with the petty measuring rod of what they term exact science, deny to our mysteries any antiquity beyond the seventeenth or eighteenth century, and who imagine a set of men gathered together in a London coffee-house could have then and there originated mysteries which on their very face bear the stamp of antiquity? Truly such men could not be convinced though fire were to come down from heaven by a miracle, and illuminate the dim vistas of the past, so that they might see clearly what had gone before.—*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, Chairman of the Provisional Committee appointed by the Special Court held on the 6th June, presided. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and several members of the Provisional Committee were present, with a large number of Life Governors, Life Subscribers, &c. After the formal business had been transacted, and a list of 69 candidates for admission to the School settled, 16 vacancies in the School were declared for the October election. Brother the Earl of Euston then presented to the Committee the report drawn up by the Provisional Committee of its transactions since the 6th June, and his lordship read the report, as follows:—

The Report of the Provisional Management Committee appointed by the Special General Court on 6th June 1889.

Thie Committee has since its appointment held five meetings, one of which was at Wood Green. The Earl of Euston was elected Chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick Vice-Chairman, and Brother J. D. Langton Hon. Sec. of the Committee.

On the 12th June the late House, Finance, and Audit Committees passed a resolution handing over the management of the Institution to this Committee, and this Committee on the same day passed a resolution accepting the charge, and has since that day done all things necessary in carrying on the Institution.

The Matron and Steward of the Institution having resigned, this Committee has taken the matter into its consideration, and recommends that the office of Steward be not filled up for the present, but that the Matron be at once appointed. It therefore asks that it be empowered to make the appointment, subject to the approval of the next General Committee.

The Committee is of opinion that a fresh Medical Officer is required, and recommends it be empowered to take the necessary steps to attain this result forthwith.

It appears to this Committee that, in the interests of the Institution, and in order to carry out the wishes of the Special Court, it is necessary there should be a change at as early a period as possible in the office of Secretary. The committee is unanimous in recommending that a retiring allowance should be accorded to Bro. Frederick Binckes, and asks the General Committee to authorise it to confer with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, and to arrange them, if possible, and report thereon to the next General Committee.

The Committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the General Court. It has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this, with other important subjects, for further deliberation.

The Committee asks this General Committee to confirm what it has already done, and to depute to it the powers of the House, Audit, and Finance Committees, in order that it may be duly authorised to carry out the directions given by the Special Court, on the occasion of its appointment.

The various duties devolving on the Members of the Committee render it advisable in their opinion, that they should be enabled to add to their number, if found requisite.

The Committee has accepted the honorary services of Messrs. Kennedy and Hobbs, chartered accountants, and have appointed a Sub-Committee, which has received an interim report advising on the system of book-keeping, and that Sub-Committee is engaged in further considering the question of the financial condition of the Institution.

Dated the 6th day of July 1889.
(Signed) EUSTON.

Bro. Philbrick, in moving:—

"That the report of the Provisional Management Committee now read be received and entered on the minutes, and that its proceedings and recommendations do receive the sanction of this Committee, which authorises the Provisional Committee to carry the same into effect,"

said the Committee found it necessary to ask that further members be added to their number; they, although now 21, did not all attend. Some of these, such as Bro. Gerard Ford, of Brighton, were not always able to attend, and the duties of the Committee were becoming many and arduous. The Committee, however, was anxious to continue its labours with the same zeal, assiduity, and thoroughness as heretofore, and would like more brethren to be conjoined with them. Bro. J. S. Cumberland seconded the motion. A short discussion arose on the Report, the different speakers expressing their approval of the manner in which the Provincial Committee had discharged the burden thrown upon them. Bro. James Motion wanted to ask whether the Secretary had resigned, in conformity with the wish expressed at the Special Court of 6th June? Bro. Binckes said he had not resigned. Bro. Motion then took exception to one paragraph in the Report, that relating to a retiring allowance to the Secretary. He strongly objected to any retiring allowance. It was explained that no recomendation by the Committee that a retiring allowance of any amount would bind the subscribers to the Institution in any way whatever. The Committee could only recommend, and whatever recommendation they might make would be submitted to a Special or Quarterly Court of Subscribers for their confirmation or rejection. The Report was then agreed to, without a dissentient voice, and a resolution was past authorising Lord Euston to sign cheques. Grants for outfits were made to some ex-pupils of the Institution, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Since we published the lists of contributions at the recent Boys' School Festival, held on the 3rd instant, the following amounts have been received.—

LONDON

Lodge		£	s	d
49	Br J Turner	15	15	0
534	G E C Jackson, additional	15	15	0
871	J G Thomas, additional	5	5	0
902	W C Smith, additional	5	5	0
1044	A J Higerty, additional	1	1	0
1348	Brennan	10	10	0

PROVINCES.

CHESHIRE.

1357	M Longridge	2	2	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

	Lieut.-Colonel A Thrale Perkins, additional	11	11	0

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Beccles, under the banner of the Apollo Lodge. The Right Hon. the Lord Henniker P.S.G.W., Right Worshipful Grand Master, presided, and was supported by:

W. Diver P.M. 305 P.G.J.W., Rev. J. B. Beck 81 P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.M. 376 P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Secretary, W. Clarke P.M. 114 P.G.P. England P.G.D. of C., T. S. Tearne S.W. 1451 P.G. Organist, J. Hunt P.M. 376 Prov. G.P., J. Warren P.M. 332 P.A.G.P., T. W. Read P.M. 555, W. I. Mason W.M. 1422 Prov. G. Stewards, J. C. Norman P.M. 332 P.P.S.G.W., Rev. Richard Peek W.M. 936 P.P.G. Chaplain, John M. Canova P.M. and Treasurer 388 P.P.G.S.W., W. W. Walesby P.M. 929 P.P.G.S. of W., R. Barker P.M. 388 P P.G.A.D. of C., B. Seaman P.M. 929 P.P.G.S.B., James Tennant P.M. 71 P.P.G.S. of W., F. A. Mann P.M. 1452 P.P.G. Organist, J. Napier P.M. and Secretary 225 P.P.G.J.D., J. T. Eccleston P.M. 305 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, F. Wheeler P.M. 1224 P.P.G. Registrar, T. J. Eastaugh 1452 P.P.G.J.D., J. M. Harvey P.M. 936 P.P.G.J.W., E. Smith P.M. 81 P.P.G.P., G. F. Crane 305 P.P.G.J.W., Hugh W. H. Elwes W.M. 1452 P.P.G.J.D., B. W. Syer 376 P.G. Tyler; W. J. Wilton W.M., J. Russell P.M., J. Symes I.G., all of 71; G. Hall Tyler 81, R. Tidbury, M.D., W.M. 114; S. J. Morley W.M., W. J. Whitehead S.D., W. H. Cook J.D., all of 225; Chas. Buckland W.M., Jonathan Nobbs P.M., A. B. Scott S.W., F. J. Allen J.W., Charles Geer J.D., N. W. Pells I.G., H. J. Lane, H. Laurance, E. G. Watson, T. A. Woodroffe, H. A. Shervill, R. S. Norman Tyler, all of 305; Rev. E. A. Thelwall J.W. 332, F. C. Atkinson S.W. 376; P. M. Canova I.P.M., A. Caton P.M., J. O. Green P.M., W. P. Gale, all of 388; C. G. Hayward P.M. 516; W. Balls W.M., J. Marjoram P.M., Rev. C. A. Sinclair J.W., all of 555; R. H. Johnston W.M., Rev. G. W. Jones Chaplain, H. Martin S.D., J. E. Sales J.D., J. D. Botwright Treasurer, H. S. Mullinger, all of 929; A. R. Trew P.M., W. Leather Steward, A. E. Grounds, G. P. King, all of 959; G. Cornish I.P.M. 1008, H. Hills I.G. 1224, B. Bradbeer P.M., W. J. Roberts J.W., J. W. Brooke I.G., H. Rix Steward, C. W. Morris, all of 1452; W. Chapman P.M., J. C. Smith S.D., all of 1592; J. W. Bray W.M., J. Durrant, E. Harvey Tyler, all of 1631; J. Bardwell I.G. 1823, E. M. U. Adoams W.M., T. Sergeant S.W., W. J. Griffiths J.W., O. G. Rackham J.D., W. H. Elmy, all of 1983. Visitors—W. Pearl P.D.P.G.M. Madras, F. R. W. Hedges P.G. Sword Bearer (Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls), C. Thwaites P.D.G.J.W. Bombay, J. W. French P.M. 100 P.P.G.R. Norfolk, J. Blanderfield P.M. 1193 P.P.G.P. Norfolk P.G.S. Suffolk, H. Harvey George P.P.G.J.W. Norfolk, C. J. Bullen S.D. 100, J. S. Warren 979, W. W. Morgan jun., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in regular form, the minutes were confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Officers was called over; this was followed by the calling over of the roll of Lodges, when it was found that all were represented, and were reported as being in a satisfactory state. Bro. Joseph Flintham, of Aldeburgh, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the thanks of the Lodge accorded to the retiring Treasurer, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the office for some years. The following were appointed as the Provincial Officers:—

Bro. J. C. Norman	...	Senior Warden
W. Bead ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. B. Beck	...	Chaplains
Rev. C. A. Sinclair	...	Chaplains
C. G. Hayward	...	Registrar
N. Tracy ...	...	Secretary
W. Chapman	...	Senior Deacon
A. R. Trew	...	Junior Deacon
T. W. Read	...	Superintendent of Works
W. Clarke P.G.P.	...	D. of C.
Jekyll ...	...	A.D. of C.
Chas. Buckland	...	Sword Bearer
R. Tidbury, M.D.	...	Standard Bearers
Bryan ...	...	Standard Bearers
T. S. Tearne	...	Organist
H. J. Wright	...	Asst. Sec.
J. Warren	...	Pursuivant
Stokoe ...	...	Asst. Pursuivant
Jonathan Nobbs	...	Stewards
A. B. Scott	...	Stewards
G. Read ...	...	Stewards
B. W. Syer	...	Tyler

The Report of the Board of General Purposes of the Province was read and confirmed, it being of a very satisfactory character. Next followed the Report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which, has we said last week, was also a most gratifying one. These regretted the Committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Boys' School had been obliged to pass such an unfavourable verdict on that Institution, but at the same time it was hoped the brethren of the Province would not, in consequence, withdraw their support from the Charity. The customary grants of ten guineas to each of the three Institutions were proposed, as also were other votes in the cause of benevolence, together with one of five guineas on account of the expense of issuing the Provincial Calendar. Bro. W. Clarke, in proposing the adoption of the Report referred to the Boys' School Inquiry, the necessity for which was regretted on all sides. He was sure, however, the brethren of Suffolk would not be the first to stop their support of the Institution, but would rather aid in dispelling the cloud which was at present hanging over it. The annual Charity Report congratulated the Province on its hearty and continued support of the Charities, which was all the more encouraging after the special efforts which were made last year on behalf of the Girls' School Centenary. This year the Provincial Grand Master undertook the presidency of the Girls' School Festival and eighteen members of the Province gave their services as Stewards to support their chief. They all regretted the absence of Lord Henniker from the Festival, and sincerely sympathised with his lordship at the bereavement which had kept him away. The Deputy of the Province, who was ever ready to perform any good work, had stepped into the breach, and had carried out the duties most efficiently. The result of that Festival, so far as Suffolk was concerned, was that its members had taken up £577 19s 6d, the largest amount ever sent up by the Province, and considerably more than double what was contributed by any other Province to that Festival. At the Benevolent Festival Suffolk had 7 Stewards, who took up £337 1s, while at that of the Boys'—being held that day—they had two Stewards, with lists amounting to £137 18s 6d. Thus they had contributed £1052 19s to the three Institutions during the current year. The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on what had been done by Suffolk on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He considered benevolence the greatest feature of Freemasonry, and especially thanked the brethren for the assistance they had rendered him in his efforts on behalf of the Girls' School. He especially supported the views of Bro. Clarke in regard to the Boys' School. They had all heard of the Committee of Investigation and its report, but rather than take away any support from the Institution on account of that report, they ought to increase their subscriptions, for they might reasonably expect that all faults would be immediately remedied, now they had been pointed out, and funds would be needed to continue the work. He was very pleased to find the Province in so satisfactory a condition, and thanked the brethren of Beccles for the reception they had accorded the Grand Lodge that day. He had decided to give certificates in future to Provincial Grand Officers on their appointment, in order that brethren who were promoted might have something to show in years to come of the honour that had been conferred on them. As soon as the form had been decided upon he intended to give one to each of the officers it had been his pleasure to appoint since his installation as Provincial Master. Lord Henniker then proposed the vote of congratulation to be G. Master, on the approaching marriage of his daughter; this we mentioned last week. The brethren then attended Divine service at St. Michael's Church, and on their return the Provincial Grand Master proposed votes of thanks to the Mayor of Beccles, for the loan of the Town Hall; to the Rector, for allowing them to meet in his church; and to the Provincial Chaplain, for the excellent sermon they had just listened to. Lord Henniker announced that next year's meeting would be held at Bury, and that the succeeding year he hoped to do as he had wished ever since he had occupied the position of Provincial Master, entertain the Masons of the Province at his own house. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, arrived during the afternoon — he having been detained through alterations in the train service; he offered his apologies for being late, and was accorded a hearty welcome by those assembled. Provincial Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Corn Hall, where a banquet was partaken of, under the presidency of Bro. Martyn.

At the conclusion of the banquet the chairman proposed the usual toasts. The longer they lived the more they must feel the privilege of living under the rule of so Grand a Sovereign as Queen Victoria. They had that day offered congratulations on an event which he hoped would bring joy to Her Majesty and to the members of her family. The next toast was that of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The members of the Masonic Order were not only loyal to the Queen, but equally so to the Prince of Wales, their Masonic sovereign. All shared with His Royal Highness the joy he must feel at the engagement of his eldest daughter. The toast of the Grand Officers followed. This was a most important toast, one which embraced a great many good and worthy Masons. Bro. Martyn believed the visit of the Pro Grand Master to the Antipodes had been productive of great good to the cause of Masonry.

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They had among them that day two Grand Officers—Bro. Hedges, whose name at least was known throughout the length and breadth of the land, and who had worked hard on behalf of the Girls' School, and Bro. Clarke, who was too well known in Suffolk to need any eulogy from him. Bro. Martyn was very pleased to again welcome these two brethren. Bro. Hedges replied, thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, and also for the hearty way in which they had supported the Provincial Grand Master in his presidency at the recent Festival of the Girls' School. The health of the Provincial Grand Master was next given, and most heartily received. Bro. G. F. Crane then proposed the health of the chairman, their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to which Bro. Martyn replied, in an effective speech. The brethren in all parts were very kind to him—in the words of the song they had just heard, they seemed to "remember" him wherever he went. His desire was so to act that when it pleased God to take him from them, they would still remember him. He loved the Craft so well that he rejoiced when it prospered as it had done in their Province of Suffolk; they all ought to be proud that their district had been able to send up as much as £1050 to the Charities during a single year. This was not a spasmodic effort, but the regular outcome of their love for the Institutions. The toast of the visitors was next given, and having been acknowledged, that of the Provincial Officers followed. They had in Suffolk so many excellent men that it became very difficult to promote all who were worthy of it. They had tried to act as impartially as possible, and, as the Provincial Grand Master had said, had had great difficulty in awarding the few collars among the many brethren who were deserving of them. The toast was heartily received, and ably acknowledged by Bros. Harvey and Bryan. Then followed the toast of the Charities. Bro. Martyn, in proposing it, said he had just received a telegram from Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, saying that the result of the Festival then being held would be the receipt of about £13,000 on behalf of the Boys' Institution. They must all be delighted at such a result, and he hoped that it would be the commencement of fresh enthusiasm on behalf of that Charity. How on earth was it possible to prop up a sinking ship if every one deserted it? and how was it possible to keep on the work of the Boys' School if its friends refused to lend a hand? To desert the Institution just now would be most cowardly and un-English like—it was equivalent to kicking a man when he was down; he was sure there were none around him who would be guilty of such behaviour. It did them all good at times to take a little medicine, and no doubt the Boys' School would soon be all the better for the dose just administered. Each of the Charities was well deserving of their sympathy and encouragement, and he hoped the brethren of Suffolk would always be to the front in supporting them. Bro. Hedges replied. His presence there that day was to repay the debt of gratitude owing from the Institution of which he was Secretary; to say in person how much they appreciated, and how much they were indebted to the brethren of Suffolk for the help they had rendered at the last Festival of the Girls' School. All associated with the Institution were grateful to the Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk for his promise to take the chair at the Festival, and all sympathised with him that he was unable to fulfil the duties of that office. Bro. Martyn was deeply loved through out the Craft, and most kindly acted as Deputy, in the absence of his chief. The London brethren claimed him equally with the Suffolk Masons, and were equally pleased at the success which attended his efforts. The £1052 contributed by Suffolk to the three Institutions did not represent all the good the Province had done this year, for its brethren had not omitted any chance of lending a helping hand wherever it was required. The money sent to London represented the steady work of a steady hard working Province, and the three Institutions were heartily thankful for it. Bro. Martyn now proposed the health of Bro. Tracy, Provincial Grand Secretary, whom he described as a most hard working official, doing his duty most efficiently and thoroughly. He had no more pleasurable feeling than to know that one of the large meetings he took such care to organise had passed off well. He must be pleased with the result of that day's meeting, for all had turned out so satisfactorily. Bro. Tracy replied. He did not like the feeling of envy, but he could not help envying the ability of their chairman, who was able to say just the right thing at the right time, and in the kindest possible manner. Bro. Tracy made one or two suggestions as to the way the work of the several Lodges of the Province should be carried on, in all matters which concerned the Province as a whole. He did not complain, and felt all would understand him when he said the work of the district should be as equally divided as possible. If the officials of all the Lodges would do all that lay in their power in their respective centres, they would not have occasion to trouble him with so many communications. Much as he loved Freemasonry the work he was called upon to perform at times came very heavy, indeed it often occupied his entire spare time. While thanking the brethren for their kindness, he knew they would not mind his asking them to render as much help as lay in their power. The toast of the Worshipful Master and the brethren of the Apollo Lodge was next honoured. The Provincial Grand Lodge was greatly indebted to these brethren for the very kind reception they had given them that day. With the toast Bro. Martyn associated the name of Bro. Crane, who, he said, if not actually an Officer of the Provincial Lodge, was at least one of its pillars. He remembered how Bro. Crane had, years ago, come forward at a time when the Apollo Lodge was not in a very happy state, and had worked most efficiently and satisfactorily on its behalf, with the result that now the members had a Lodge they were proud of, and a reputation throughout the Province. Bro. Buckland the W.M. of the Lodge was the first to reply, thanking the brethren for their hearty approval of what had been done that day. The Lodge had made rapid progress of late, and was, he was pleased to say, in a most satisfactory condition. Bro. Crane followed. It had been his desire that the Apollo Lodge should receive the Provincial Lodge at its annual meeting, and he was gratified to know that the day's gathering had resulted satisfactorily. His association with the Apollo Lodge dated back to 1878, when he became a joining member. The night of his election he was appointed Junior Warden, and was elected Worshipful Master the next year. Then he became Secretary, a post he still had the honour to fill. He was indeed pleased, as a member of the Lodge, to know that the meeting that day had been a success, it had certainly succeeded far beyond their most sanguine expectations. Other toasts having been honoured, the meeting was shortly after brought to a conclusion.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the 19th ult., when Bro. Wm. Balls was installed as W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. B. Fraser. The W.M. invested his Officers, as under:—Bros. W. Purser S.W., Rev. C. A. Sinclair J.W., W. T. Brunger S.D., E. T. Drake J.D., T. R. Worthington I.G., W. Cocks Treasurer, Rev. J. Home Pilkington Chaplain, W. Vernon D.C., C. Goodwin Steward, J. Marjoram Tyler. The brethren voted to the retiring W.M. a life-vote in one of the Masonic Charities. In the evening the banquet was served in excellent style, in the Corn Hall, by Host Bro. W. Sewell. The usual Loyal and Fraternal toasts having been duly responded to, Bro. the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington in appropriate terms proposed the "Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. S. G. Carley. During the past year the Lodge had been represented by Stewards at two of the Charity Festivals. A vote of money has also been made during the year towards a piece of work being done by Freemasons in connection with the restoration of Framlingham Church.

DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

ON the 27th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Edward R. Latham was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, this being the thirty-eighth annual meeting. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The presentation of Bro. Edmund R. Latham for installation was made by Bros. W. Evans and W. Blumsum, the installation being performed by Bro. William R. Roberts, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was subsequently given. The following Officers were then invested:—Bros. E. A. G. Dow I.P.M., D. Dunkel S.W., B. Allonby J.W., Isaac Turner Treasurer, John Phelan Secretary, W. Hudson Organist, J. Edwards S.D., A. C. Gunn J.D., P. Roose I.G., Ernest Smart S., Haydn P. Cowell S., Joseph Howley Bellingham S., E. Jeffries S., John L. Houghton D.C., A. Pedersen P.M. C.R., and Thomas Malcolm Tyler. Before the business of the Lodge was concluded, the I.P.M., Bro. Dow, was presented with a costly jewel, in recognition of his services, and afterwards the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edmund R. Latham, presented the Lodge with a beautiful silk banner, suitably inscribed. The members afterwards adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Casey had provided an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. During the evening Bro. A. Pederson was the recipient of a handsome Treasurer's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, in token of his services during the past five years. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an excellent programme was performed by Bros. W. Sweetman, H. J. Nicholls, J. Thierry, Busfield, Humphries, Barry Stuart, Wylie, Doubleday, and Howley; Bros. H. Cowell and W. Hudson supplying the accompaniments.

ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held, on the 25th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, when Bro. R. O. Polwhele, Lieutenant R.N., was installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bros. C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Jolliffe, and J. R. Dugdale. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers appointed were Bros. H. Haynes I.P.M., H. Nicholls S.W., T. Launder J.W., J. T. Allingham Treasurer, Jas. Osborn Secretary, A. Willcocks S.D., R. Govier J.D., C. Coombes D.C., C. Newton Organist, W. J. Watson I.G., J. Ellis A.D.C., F. C. Huxham and H. Worth S. Stewards, T. Maynard, T. Ellis, J. Dewstone Junior Stewards, C. Farthing Assistant Organist, and W. Henderson Tyler. In the evening the annual banquet was held at Bro. Rontley's Farley Hotel, Plymouth, where, under the genial presidency of the W.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors included Bros. C. Spence Bates P.M. 189, E. Poor P.M. 1136, H. W. Pengelly W.M. 1099, and R. Carter W.M. 203. A capital musical evening was provided. Those who assisted were Bros. W. R. Rawling W.M. 1071 (who was in good voice and deservedly encored), W. Lavers, F. T. W. Curtis, Williams, W. Bettridge, C. Newton, and J. Bassett.

FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313.

BROTHER the Rev. Joseph Ashby was, on the 27th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of members and visiting brethren, duly installed as W.M. of this Lodge, the headquarters of which are at Bank-buildings, Southport. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. F. Roberts, Treasurer of the Lodge. After his installation, according to ancient custom, the Worshipful Master proceeded to the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. E. Chambers I.P.M., R. Sharrock S.W., A. B. Megson J.W., J. G. Ripley S.D., F. Wood J.D., G. F. Roberts Treasurer, T. Whitehead Secretary, Rev. R. J. W. Latimer Chaplain, H. B. Gough I.G., J. G. Emmison S., S. Fane S., F. Gresswell S., C. E. Bryan P.M. Organist, and G. Reckliff Tyler. The installation ceremony and the ordinary business of the Lodge being concluded, the brethren partook of supper. In this Lodge, the custom is to have a picnic instead of the annual installation banquet. This picnic will take place on Thursday, 11th inst., when the brethren and their friends will proceed by train to Marple, whence they will proceed in vehicles to view the surrounding country and visit Lyme-Park and other places of interest in the district.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Saturday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Supt., presided, and he was supported by

Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp Prov. G.H., J. F. H. Woodward acting Prov. G.J., W. H. Lee Prov. G.S.E., Bentley Haynes Prov. G. 1st A.S., W. G. Kentish Prov. G.S.B., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Frank Richardson P.A.G.S. and G.D.C., Chas. Greenwood Prov. G.S.E. Surrey, W. F. Laxton P.P.G. Reg., J. M. Stedwell P.P.G.J., J. T. Briggs P.P.G.P.S., C. H. Webb P.P.G.S.B., D. P. Cama P.P.G.S.B., R. W. Forge P.P.G.P.S., T. W. Ockenden P.P.G.D.C., G. Cordwell P.P.A.G.S., E. Hopwood P.P.G. Reg., J. G. Langton J. 1194, Geo. Gregory P.Z., R. Vincent 1777, E. Y. Jolliffe, H. W. Roberts M.E.Z. 1293, G. S. Elliott P.Z. 1423, R. H. Blackford J. 1549, F. C. Austin 1793, Jas. Willing jun. P.Z. 1507 1000, A. C. Spaull P.Z. 382, A. A. Higerty H. 946, Simeon Jacobs P.Z. 946, W. J. Porter Org. 1793, W. M. Tegg P.Z. 1237, G. L. Wingate P.P.A.G.S., G. J. Dunkley P.P.G. Org., A. Lingard Z. 1691, R. R. Collick Z. 946, H. Sapsworth S.N. 946, W. W. Lee 1524, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial G. Chapter had been formally opened, the roll of Chapters was called, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and unanimously adopted. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe was invested as G.J., while Comp. G. Gregory was unanimously elected Treasurer. The following Officers were invested :—

Comp. W. H. Lee	... ...	S.E.
A. C. Spaull	... ...	S.N.
H. W. Roberts	... ...	Reg.
A. Lingard	.. ...	P.S.
G. L. Elliott	... ...	1st A.S.
J. Willing jun.	... ...	2nd A.S.
Capt. J. R. Vincent	...	S.B.
Wm. Tegg	... ...	Std. Br.
R. Collick	... ...	D. of C.
F. C. Austin	... ...	A.D. of C.
C. Stevens	... ...	Organist
Gilbert	... ...	Janitor

After the Audit Committee had been appointed, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

Later on an excellent banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mells. After the loyal toasts, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, replying for the Grand Officers said, the G. Superintendent had honoured the Grand Officers of England, and he begged, on their behalf, to say a few words. He assured the Companions that the G. Officers were highly honoured by holding their positions, and serving under the illustrious Prince whose great exertions and services in Masonry had been alluded to by the G. Superintendent. No matter in what Degree, H.R.H. evinced the same marvellous interest, and it was a wonder, considering the amount of extraneous work he had to perform, that he found the time he did for his Masonic duties. The Grand Officers were very fortunate in serving under so illustrious a chief. It was a pleasure to those present to witness the continued prosperity of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex, and although he (Comp. Clerke) had not been in attendance for years, he felt great pleasure in being once again under the control of their dear old friend and most excellent Mason, Col. Sir Francis Burdett. So long—and let it be very long—as they had his genial sway, Masonry would be ungrateful if it did not carry on its work well, and progress, as it ought to do, under his auspices. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp P.G. 2nd Principal, said he had next to propose what they in Middlesex considered a very important toast—it was the health of their Grand Superintendent. The G.S.E. had taken the bread out of his mouth by passing eulogiums upon Sir Francis Burdett, but any one who knew that distinguished Companion was ready to pay tribute to his good qualities as a Mason. He asked the Companions to greet the Grand Superintendent with that hearty welcome he always received in the Province; he had ruled over them for a number of years with the utmost kindness and success, and had done much to promote R.A. Masonry in Middlesex. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., in reply, said he could not express his gratitude for the manner, not only in which the Companions had received the kind proposition of the Prov. G.H., but also for the manner in which that Companion had spoken of him. The promotion of Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex had been at his heart, but he could not have done what he had but for Comp. Thrupp and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. He was grateful to them for many obligations. It was pleasing to find that the Officers of Grand Chapter visited them occasionally, and were kind enough to flatter them. It had taken a considerable time to make the Province what it is, and he trusted it would not only further progress, but that they would make it as prosperous and as good in working as any under the ruling of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, Sir Francis said he would couple the name of Comp. Philbrick, who, though arriving late, had paid them a high compliment in showing he had not forgotten their Provincial Grand Chapter. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Supt. Essex, in response, said, there was an old adage that the end of a feast was better than the beginning of a fray, and there was a deal of wisdom in it. He believed it was not on record for a Mason to respond for this toast before he had had his soup. On the present occasion he ventured on the unknown ground of endeavouring to express his thanks for the kind and hospitable welcome extended to the strangers, and for what he was about to receive he felt truly thankful. He hoped his dear old friend, the Grand Superintendent, would not think he had not been desirous of paying a proper respect to him and the Province; he had arranged to accompany the Grand Scribe E., but when he told them he had been detained at Freemasons' Hall with business connected with the Boys' School, he thought he should be pardoned. He was glad to see Royal Arch Masonry flourishing in the Province of Middlesex. As the Lodges, so the Chapters, for the Chapter was the quintessence of the Lodge, and drew the working brethren and put the copestone on the work of the Craft. He was glad to see their Grand Superintendent in the full enjoyment of health, and to know the Province was prospering under his beneficent sway. He (Comp. Philbrick) had something to do with Royal Arch Masonry in an adjacent Province, and speaking in the name of that Province he assured them they had a hearty and sincere regard to see the work thoroughly carried out. He wished to offer their best wishes and to express their congratulations on the state of this Province. For the kind and hearty welcome extended to the visitors, he feelingly tendered sincere and grateful thanks. The proceedings shortly afterwards were brought to a conclusion.

GUNDULPH CHAPTER, No. 1050.

THE annual festival was held on Friday, the 21st ultimo, at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Comps. T. Watson Z., V. Brown H., and F. Horman J., were duly installed in the principal chairs by Comp. T. S. Warne. Other appointments were afterwards made, as follows :—Comps. W. Watson S.E., F. Nicholls N., J. W. Nash P.S., E. Burrell and S. Brice A.S. The usual banquet subsequently took place, at the King's Hotel.

DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, to instal Comps. Geo. Lee as Z., G. Diner as H., and S. J. Daniel as J., the principals for the ensuing year. The installing officers were Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70, W. Allaford P.Z. 202, and Pillar. The other Officers invested were Comps. W. L. Lavers P.S., W. Wallis 1st Asst. S., W. S. Warren 2nd Asst., J. Hammond S.E., S. J. Hearle Treasurer, W. H. Phillips Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the companions adjourned to the refectory in the building, where an excellent supper was laid by Comp. Harvey.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

THE ninth annual meeting of the General Committee was held at the Lodge Room, Wimborne, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. D. Dugdale P.P.G.J.W., the Chairman of the Charity, being supported by Bros. Montague J. Guest P.G.M., R. Case P.G. Secretary Treasurer, S. R. Baskett P.P.G.R. Hon. Sec., W. Mortimer Heath P.G. Chaplain of England, L. H. Ruegg P.P.G.S.W., G. J. G. Gregory P.P.G.S.W., J. W. Luff P.P.G.S.W., J. Whitehead Smith P.P.G.J.W., C. H. W. Parkinson P.P.G.J.W., W. W. Stickland P.P.G.J.D., C. G. Targett P.P.G.J.D., T. Giles P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. A. Atkins P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. C. Todd P.P.G. Supt. Works, J. S. Stroud I.P.M. 417, C. J. Woodford W.M. 137, J. Harold W.M. 622, E. Mills W.M. 1037, and Bro A. Taylor J.W. 1146. Only three Lodges in the Province were unrepresented. The half yearly meeting of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee, consisting of one member from each Lodge, was first held, and investigated the Petitions for Relief, 5 in number. At the meeting of the General Committee several letters and telegrams, apologising for unavoidable absence, were read from various brethren, including Bro. Z. Milledge P.G.D.C. the Vice Chairman, Bro. C. J. Hambro P.D.P.G.M., and other distinguished brethren. On the recommendation of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee grants, varying in amount, were made to six Petitioners, amounting together to £85. The Draft Report to Provincial Grand Lodge was then considered, and showed a most satisfactory progress had been made, and it was ordered to be printed for distribution at the next Provincial Grand Lodge, viz., at Wareham, on the 26th September. Some slight alteration in the Bye Laws having been proposed and carried, it was arranged that the Midwinter meeting should be held at Dorchester, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, on the proposition of the P.G.M. On the invitation of Bro. J. Harold, the W.M. of the Wimborne Lodge, who had thoughtfully remembered that many of the brethren had come a long distance, the Committee then adjourned to a substantial cold collation, at his expense, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

INTER-MASONIC VOLUNTEER RIFLE MATCH.

ON Thursday, 20th ult., the annual match between the Masonic Lodges attached to several of the Metropolitan Volunteer Rifle Corps was held at the ranges at Caterham, in very fine weather, and resulted in a victory for the Queen's Westminster, with 610 points, made at the usual distances of 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each range. The London Rifle Brigade team was second with 571, and the South Middlesex third with 569.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLAND.

A GATHERING of peculiar interest took place in Derby, on Monday afternoon, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the Derby Lodge, No. 302. His Worship the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., who has for a considerable number of years taken an exceedingly active part in the affairs of various branches of the ancient Fraternity, was installed as Worshipful Mark Master in the presence of a numerous and influential assemblage. Two years ago Bro. Woodiwiss occupied the chair of that large and prosperous Craft Lodge, the Aboretum, No. 731, and towards the close of last year was appointed by Lord Hartington, P.G.M. of Derbyshire, as Senior Grand Warden of the Province. On Monday the P.G. Mark Master Mason Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., took occasion to hold a Provincial G. Lodge, under the banner of the Derby Lodge, and during the day conferred upon Bro. Woodiwiss the rank of Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Thus it happens that the Mayor, during his tenure of civic office, has been made the recipient of almost the highest honours the P.G. Masters in the Craft and Mark degrees have it in their power to bestow. The business of the Derby Lodge was commenced at half-past three o'clock, and Bro. Woodiwiss was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cawthorne Webster, who discharged that important duty with excellent taste and judgment. Subsequently the new Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. C. Webster I.P.M., R. M. Homer Mole P.G. Standard Bearer S.W., J. Walker J.W., W. J. Piper M.O., W. B. Woodforde S.O., S. Taylor J.O., Rev. T. Orrell Chaplain, J. O. Manton P.P.G.S.O. Treasurer, T. Oldham Registrar of Marks, C. D. Hart Secretary, J. P. Fearfield S.D., T. E. Yeomans J.D., E. Horne Organist, E. J. H. Hoskyns D. of C., W. H. Wheeldon I.G., and W. Stone Tyler.

At half-past four o'clock, the brethren received the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, past and present, as well as a number of distinguished visitors; and the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. Bro. Kelly, who, despite his great age, appeared strong and hearty, was supported by the Deputy D.G.M. Bro. Thomas Cox, and many other brethren. The roll of Lodges was called over, and every Lodge in the united Province was found to be represented. The usual reports from the Worshipful Masters, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar, and the Treasurer were submitted, and were, on the whole, considered favourable. In each instance the future was hopefully spoken of. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bro. Thos. Cox	...	Deputy Master
Abraham Woodiwiss	...	Senior Warden
J. H. Thompson	...	Junior Warden
Brook Sampson	...	M.O.
J. C. Webb	...	S.O.
F. S. Preston	...	J.O.
Rev. S. W. Wigg	...	Chaplains
Rev. Thos. Orrell	...	
S. Cleaver	...	Treasurer
S. A. Marris	...	Registrar
Miles J. Walker	...	Secretary
J. E. Whitehead	...	Senior Deacon
John Fletcher	...	Junior Deacon
R. Michie	...	Inspector of Works
J. Harrison	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. Prince	...	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
A. Oram...	...	Sword Bearer.
R. L. H. Mole	...	Standard Bearer
Isidore de Solla	...	Organist
W. J. Curtis	...	Inner Guard
J. B. Waring	...	Stewards
W. Frost	...	
Hon. C. W. Trollope	...	
Derrick ...	...	Tylers
W. Stone	...	

The Provincial Grand Master then delivered a brief but interesting address to the brethren, favourably reviewing the work of the past year, and intimating that, as a consequence of the expiration of his patent as Provincial Grand Master (an office he had been privileged to hold for the long period of thirty-one years), it would be necessary to nominate a brother to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for appointment to the post for the ensuing year. Thereupon Brother Thomas Cox moved that their able and deeply respected friend, Brother William Kelly be once more nominated. The proposal was seconded, and carried with enthusiasm. Brother Kelly briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren of his determination to discharge the arduous duties of the office as well as his advancing years would allow him. The Provincial Grand Lodge soon afterwards retired, leaving the Derby Lodge to bring the business of the day to a conclusion. Subsequently upwards of eighty of the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast, provided and admirably served by Brother Thomas Day. The Worshipful Master, who presided, dispensed his hospitality with his accustomed geniality, and an evening of great enjoyment was spent by all. The health of the Provincial Grand Master and of Brother Woodiwiss was honoured with the utmost cordiality, and wishes for the prosperity of the Derby Lodge were earnestly expressed by many speakers. The musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Brother W. L. Dodd, were exceedingly satisfactory. Nor should we omit to make mention of the valuable services rendered by Brother Percy Wallis, both in the Lodge and in the banqueting hall, in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies. Altogether the occasion will rank as a red-letter day in the history of Mark Masonry in Derby.

According to the *Liverpool Daily Courier*:—

A new secret order, the Chevaliers of Pythias, have established a Lodge in Liverpool. The headquarters of this new society, which in its broad features appears to resemble the Masonic, Oddfellow, and similar orders, are in Massachusetts, but the organisation, though only in its infancy, has already expanded beyond the small bounds of America. The Lodge initiated in this city on Monday is the third established in the United Kingdom, the others being at London and Aberdeen, and there is also one at Paris. the new society being, before everything else, a secret order, it is not possible to penetrate to its inmost purpose. It avowedly exists, however, as an "international" organisation, and its promulgators announce that it "will soon be introduced into every country in Christendom." The order is described as "a secret, beneficial fraternal, Christian, and semi-military organisation," the objects of which are the promotion among men of the true principles of benevolence and charity, the relief of its members in sickness and distress, the payment of a stipulated sum upon the death of a member, and care and protection of the widow and orphan, and the cultivation of fraternal relations among mankind. The eccentric designation of the society is explained by the fact that the history of Damon and Pythias furnishes the main subject for the "Drama of the ritual in this Pythian and chivalric brotherhood." The story, in brief, is this. Pythias having been condemned to death by the tyrant Dionysius I., obtained leave of absence to go home and settle his affairs, and his friend Damon pledged himself to endure the punishment in his stead if he did not return at the appointed time. Pythias, however, was punctual, and the king, pleased by such a rare proof of friendship, pardoned him, and begged to be admitted into their friendship. The story, is of course, efficiently suggestive of the lines upon which the ritual of a friendly society might be based, although if the two ancient friends had not been dead for considerably over two thousand years it might be worth while to discuss which of the pair was more worthy to be adopted as the corner-stone of the brotherhood. Damon had such a love for Pythias and so strong a confidence in his pledged word that he staked his life on it; Pythias redeemed his pledge at the right moment. Truly there is not much room to prefer the heroism of one to that of the other, though as Demon took the initiative he seems to have had a slight start of Pythias in the matter. The name of the latter has probably been preferred by the Chevaliers for purely euphonic reasons. The "Chevaliers of Damon" might become distorted into a less elegant classic. There is nothing in the story which suggests amusement, nevertheless it is mentioned as one of the peculiar advantages of the Pythian order that the fraternal benefits common to other societies of the same kind are supplemented by "the genuine amusement and instruction furnished by the exemplification of our ritualistic work, which has never been equalled by any other society." Membership also confers "the advantages of a thorough military drill," and the Lodges are compelled to pay weekly benefits in case of sickness, as well as a funeral benefit. The organisation is apparently based on a very solid foundation of real fraternity, despite its superficial whimsicality.

The Home Secretary, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, has raised Superintendent Fisher, of the A Division, to the rank of Chief Superintendent, in recognition of his services in connection with the visit of the Shah to London. Brother Fisher is a P.M. of Lodges 834 and 1823; Senior Deacon 1512 and 2090. In the Royal Arch he fills the office of J. in 834, and P.S. in 1423; while in the Mark he is P.M. and Treasurer of 181, and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex and Surrey. We most heartily congratulate Bro. Fisher on his well deserved promotion.

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PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.H.,
In charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at Half-past 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. H. E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, enclosing 7s, 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 P.G.H., in Charge of the Province, requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m.

By dispensation of the P.G.H., in Charge, Brethren will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Clothing.

Down trains from Charing Cross at 12·57 and 2·5; and from Cannon Street at 1·9 and 2·17, arriving at Caterham at 1·55 and 3·7.

Up trains from Caterham at 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Cannon Street at 7·35, 8·42, 9·45, 10·58.

Up trains from Caterham at 5·40, 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Charing Cross at 6·58, 7·47, 8·52, 9·57, 11·12.

SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Wor. Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D.
Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge of the Province.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at 3·30 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 Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in Charge, been placed under the direction of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, Caterham.

The Dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Bro. Herbert E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, Surrey, enclosing 7s, 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 Wor. Deputy Prov. G. Master, in Charge, requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Edward A. Chichester, P.G. Chaplain.

By dispensation of the Wor. the Deputy Provincial G. Master, in Charge, the brethren attending Divine Service will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Masonic clothing.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with the greatest reluctance that I break the silence I have hitherto so strictly observed during the unfortunate dissensions which have latterly arisen in connection with the government of this Institution. I had even resolved on passing by with the contempt it merits the malicious charge made against me at the Special Court on 6th June—a charge which disgraces him who made it, not me against whom it was made. But, in deference to opinions expressed by many old and valued friends, in whose judgment I have implicit faith, and who tell me their defence of my interests is greatly weakened by the absence of any contradiction by me of this baseless charge, I now offer the following explanation of a proceeding which, with a desire to damage my fair fame as much as possible, my accuser at the Court referred to has magnified into a case of forgery.

Every Governor is, or ought to be, aware that the Audit Committee was appointed to meet quarterly, to examine the receipts and expenditure for the past quarter, taking particular care to ascertain that the bills and accounts had been properly certified by the House Committee before they recommended them for payment; that the vouchers and cheques for the payments ordered by the General Committee agreed with one another; that all receipts and payments are correctly entered and registered by the Secretary, and all balances regularly brought forward. The report of their proceedings at each quarterly meeting is signed by the Auditors present in the cash book and laid before—and read to—the General Committee, and when adopted and approved by the latter body is regularly entered on the minutes. From the four quarterly reports thus submitted and approved is compiled the annual statement of receipts and expenditure, the various items under each head of service—wherever a head of service occurs in more than one quarterly report—being added together, and the names of the auditors who attended the several quarterly meetings appended in verification of its correctness. A transcript of this annual statement is then made for the use of the printer, and it was to this transcript that I appended the names of the auditors who had already certified to the correctness of the quarterly reports from which it was compiled, and to the MS. annual compilation in the cash book itself. In doing this I believe I am correct in stating that I did nothing more than is ordinarily done by Secretaries of other corporate bodies; but I am quite willing to concede that in following this course I may have laid myself open to a charge from those to whom an opportunity for censure is matter for congratulation.

This is the plain, straightforward explanation of a proceeding of mine which, as I have said, has been maliciously enlarged into an accusation of forgery; and I leave it to the impartial judgment of your readers to determine whether my act as described is not as far removed from "forgery" as the disgraceful conduct of my accuser is from that enjoined on him by the principles of Masonry.

It has been suggested that I should take legal proceedings against the slanderous author of this libel, but, apart from the months of anxiety which the progress of a lawsuit entails—to a far greater extent on a righteous plaintiff than on an unrighteous defendant—and the not encouraging experiences of recent legal proceedings, I prefer leaving the reputation for honour and integrity, which I have held during the whole of my past career, and which until now has never been defamed, to vindicate itself, as it will do before many months have passed, from this and similar foul aspersions. There is, however, one circumstance which I consider it right to mention. It is generally accepted that the present turmoil had, *at least, its origin* in the case of a boy who, by repeated acts of misconduct, culminating in quitting the school premises without leave, incurred the penalty of expulsion. The extreme sentence, however, was modified, at my intercession, the full penalty not having been exacted. For the consequences of this intercession I had to submit to the adverse opinion of the House Committee, while—in a wilfully blind perversion of the course I had recommended—the boy's relatives, friends, and partizans have pursued me with unrelenting, vindictive hostility. In this particular instance, however, I must say that I much prefer the hostility of a faction which, with a vivid recollection of the violent conduct of its members, the amenities of social life forbid me from describing in plain terms, to their favour.

Perhaps, also, it would be well I should take this opportunity—for I have no intention of allowing myself to be drawn into unseemly protracted discussion—of explaining that my so-called claim to co-ordinate authority with the House Committee was not supported by the plea that I was a "permanent official." This term was never used by me. All I intended to convey was, that I was directly amenable to the general body by whom I was appointed, with duties to discharge in connection with the Sub-Committees, whose instructions I was bound to obey, and to whose resolutions it was binding upon me to give effect. Neglect in these particulars would justify a report to the General Committee, who had the power of dealing with such report as they might think fit. In fact, I did no more—intended no more—than to state that I regarded the appointment as one for retention "dum me bene gesserim." This was the very expression I used before the Committee of Inquiry, and is very different from a claim to be recognised as a "permanent official." I cannot at greater length trespass upon your space, however imperfectly I may have discharged a duty, as I have said, reluctantly undertaken.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

10th July 1889. FREDERICK BINCKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Greatbatch asserts that I am wrong in my contention on one point, "vermin," because he says he proved a case or two others, "chilblains and ringworm." This is a charming "non sequitur."

His calculations are equally peculiar.

Did Bro. Greatbatch ever hear of wear and tear, and depreciation of plant and machinery?

A great part of the machinery upon which the £4978 was laid out during the 21 years, and more, of the existence of the Institution became worn out and was replaced by other machinery, included in this same sum total. No allowance is made by him for this. It would be far more fair to take the number of the boys who have gone through the Institution during that time, and divide this capital expenditure by that. He would find that it did not average £2 a head, much less £15.

I fear that he will find that, with increased heating, the amount of expenditure will rise over the present £412 17*s*.

The West Yorkshire report was rejected at a Quarterly Court, by a majority, in the proportion of about 20 to 1.

As the whole question at issue will probably before long come before a Court of Law,—if any one can be found foolish enough to stand by the Report of the Inquiry Committee,—I do not propose to continue this discussion any further.

Yours sincerely and faithfully,

9th July 1889. A. F. GODSON.

The *York Herald* states that Mrs. Cutt, of Belfort House, Harrowgate, has, in loving memory of her husband, qualified as a patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, and contributed a donation of one hundred guineas to that Charity.

The following is a copy of a circular which Bro. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary has sent to the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges in the Province of Essex:—

WINNOCK LODGE, COLCHESTER,
9th July 1889.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to notify, for the information of yourself and the members of your Lodge, that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has fixed Tuesday, 6th August 1889, for the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, which, as you will recollect, is to take place at his Lordship's picturesque seat of Easton Lodge, near Dunmow.

The day's proceedings will include the usual business meeting, followed by a banquet, and in the evening there will be a garden party in the private grounds.

A detailed circular for distribution amongst the members of your Lodge will be sent as soon as possible.

I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec.

A writer in the *Glasgow Evening News* says:—

The keynote of alarm has been sounded in Masonic circles, but there is nothing really to scare. "He that entereth not by the door" has little to gain, and much to lose that he would have gained had he not "climbed up some other way." The cause of alarm dates from the assumption of a body at Melrose, some fifteen years ago, to grant charters for conferring degrees, which, however perfect, were for practical purposes nil. At that time those who became acquainted with the Order in this way soon found their mistake, and were glad to pay for their error and become associated with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The same kind of spurious Lodges have kept cropping up from time to time, and the result has always been the same. Thus the chief harm done is to those who are being initiated, and it is my intention, in giving publicity to the system, to warn the unwary from becoming identified with an association which does not possess a power which one ignorant of the facts might suppose.

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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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"The Engraved List of Regular Lodges for A.D. 1734." In Facsimile. With an introduction and explanatory notes by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, Past Senior G. Deacon of England; Past S.G. Warden of Iowa, &c.; P. Prov. S.G.W., and P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, &c. &c. &c. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C. 1889.

We have examined this last production of Bro. Hughan with great interest. In all he undertakes Bro. Hughan's work displays a heartiness and love for what he is engaged upon that is sure to have practical and beneficial results. In his introductory remarks our zealous brother says:—"Until quite recently scarcely any attention was paid to Registers or Lists of Lodges, whether printed or engraved, but since my sketches and reproductions of several of these curious and important souvenirs of the eventful past, a more satisfactory state of things is apparent." Personally, we fully endorse this statement; moreover, we may add, that we are in a position to "place" with collectors copies of any old works or records that can give reliable evidence as to the antecedents of any of the old Lodges on the roll of English Freemasonry. Indeed, the interest in these old records is increasing to such an extent that we may confidently anticipate many reproductions will be undertaken at an early date. Where the work is carried through in the perfect way in which the re-issue now under notice has been done, we are inclined to think the labour will not be unremunerative; still, we must bear in mind that the task is one that must not be undertaken by the novice; he who enters upon such a function, must bring to bear a vast amount of acumen and power of research. These qualities Bro. Hughan unquestionably possesses, and all who examine his latest effort, will give him credit for what he has achieved. We are proud to know the limited supply of copies issued has already been nearly disposed of, and look forward to an early date when the work will be at a premium on the price it was originally offered at.

"The Little Chatelaine." By the Earl of Desart. London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Paternoster Square.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our perusal of this work, one of the objects of which is to portray some of the evil effects of that curse of modern society—betting and gambling on the turf. Lord Desart takes us to the upper ranks of turf life—to the owners as well as the backers of race horses, and introduces us to some of the villainies peculiar to this section of the community. One of the characters, who risks his own and his two children's fortunes to support his mania, meets with a violent death while riding in a steeplechase. His demise, however, enables the author to show his readers the many good qualities of a Captain Carruthers, who, as guardian of the two orphaned children, is truly mindful of their welfare, and thoroughly devotes himself to their interests. He ultimately wins the elder as his bride, and all ends happily, after the complete discomfiture of those whose scheming and plotting have caused no small amount of trouble to the leading characters. The interest in the story is well maintained, the characters faithfully portrayed, and altogether an interesting work is presented.

Subscriptions are invited for the production of a new art work,—"The Celebrated Book of Nicholas Flamel, 1625,"—illustrated with the whole of the exquisitely beautiful plates, on Indian paper, including those in the Book of "Abraham, the Jew." Our learned Brother Dr. W. W. Westcott has undertaken to write the Preface. One hundred copies only to be printed; small 4to; price 7s 6d to immediate subscribers, who should address Robt H. Fryar, Fellow of the Society of Science, Letters, and Art, 8 Northumberland Place, Bath.

Mr. T. Beecham, the well known proprietor of Beecham's Pills, emboldened by the success attained by the Annual he published last Christmas, has just issued "The Beecham Illustrated Holiday Number," which is one of the most extraordinary penny-worths we have yet seen. Comprised in one hundred pages we find twelve complete tales, by such well known authors as James Payne, G. R. Sims, Hawley Smart, James Greenwood, Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart., Geo. Manville Fenn, Philip May, Howard Paul, &c., &c., each story having been written expressly for this work. Three months free insurance is also guaranteed to the purchaser of every copy. The book is well printed and in clear type, and is just what a holiday number should be. It is published by Messrs F. J. Lambert and Co, 18 Bouverie Street, E.C.

The members of the Masonic Club, Stockton, with their lady friends, had their annual picnic, on the 28th ult. The party numbered upwards of sixty, and selected charming Cotherstone for their outing.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently, alas! thoughtlessly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depends future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing those functions, upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful deobstruent remedies without consulting any one. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

POETS have sung the praises of new friends, and have recounted the veneration for old ones, but even without them it is no very difficult matter to soon learn to love the face of fresh companions, although next to impossible to show towards them the same feelings we entertain for the "dear, dear friends of old." This is as true of places as it is of persons, and however much we may travel, and however much we may enjoy the beauties of nature or the work of man, met with on every side, there always remains a feeling of veneration for home, or for those spots which, associated with our childhood or some special event in our lives, have become particularly dear. Great Yarmouth and the surrounding neighbourhood has such associations for us, and despite the many attractions we have met with in other parts, there seem to be special features which attract us to the old town, and fond memories which render a visit there more enjoyable than is usually the case when making a sojourn in other of the "Holiday Haunts" of the kingdom. But the Yarmouth of to-day is not the same as we knew it twenty odd years ago. Time has worked many changes, and yet nearly everything seems familiar. The town has grown, and has certainly improved, but above all this—from the holiday seeker's point of view—is to be noticed the many additional means of enjoyment that have been provided for the visitor.

Leaving the great metropolis by the Liverpool Street Terminus of the Great Eastern Railway Company an improvement soon makes itself apparent in the ease and comfort of travelling. The summer service of trains, now in full force, brings us through in 3¼ hours, a time we expect will soon be further shortened, inasmuch as the return journey is completed in 3 hours and 5 minutes, and what is possible in one direction will not long remain unattempted in the opposite. This great acceleration, as compared with years gone by, is of the greatest benefit to Yarmouth and the surrounding country, as it relieves the journey of a great drawback, which previously affected the number of visitors, so many regarding an extra hour or two in a railway carriage as an insurmountable objection, and as a consequence selected spots within easier distance of home. But not only has time been economised, other and equally pleasant improvements have been made, notably in the accommodation provided, which is now of the very best description, and renders the journey as comfortable as is possible.

Having reached the end of our journey we find the fine old town has grown, and is still growing; new houses have been erected wherever there was room, while the builder is now at work in many quarters, extending the accommodation which, though apparently ample for all requirements, is frequently put to the severest test during the height of the Yarmouth season. We do not know what the enthusiastic preserver of London open spaces would say to the inroads of brick and mortar in this East Coast Holiday Resort, but there is ample compensation for this modern evil in the grand expanse of sandy beach which is to be found within five minutes walk of the centre of the town, and which can never be utilised for the permanent abode of the "rapacious landlord" or the "struggling tenant." Yarmouth Beach is as grand an institution as ever it was, and well deserves the reputation it enjoys as the happy hunting ground of the growing generation. But its attractions are not limited to the young alone, every amusement which can be provided for their elders is to be found here, while above all are the beauties provided by nature, which in themselves render it one of the most enjoyable "Holiday Haunts" of the present day.

Being of a roving disposition and withal a lover of fishing, we were not long in Yarmouth without making inquiry as to our old haunts—the Broads and rivers of the district, where we have enjoyed many a day's fishing and boating, and where we again hope to spend many happy hours. Here it was we found one of the greatest improvements which time has wrought. In days gone by the full enjoyment of these particular sports was somewhat restricted. It was not every visitor who could charter a yacht, and start on a circular tour up the river and around the Broads of the District, accordingly many had to content themselves with a journey by road or rail, and as much enjoyment as they could secure in a small boat when they reached the spot they started for. Now we find a number of cheap, circular trips, by Rail and Saloon Steam Boats, have been arranged by the Great Eastern Company, who give the Visitor the full benefit of their district main lines and branches, added to the enjoyment of river travel. Next week we intend to say something further of these circular trips, which are very inexpensive, thoroughly enjoyable, and among the healthiest it is possible to meet with anywhere. Until then we can but advise our readers to follow our example, and take a trip to the fine old East Coast watering place of Great Yarmouth.

The gathering of Freemasons of the Province of Berks and Bucks, at Reading, on Thursday, was a very successful one. In the absence, through illness, of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, V.W. the Rev. Studholme J. Brownrigg P.G.C. We shall give a detailed report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The Ramsey brethren are doubtful about having their magnificent Hall ready for occupation in the early days of August, as they hoped, but the opening will take place at the earliest possible moment. It is expected that the Provincial Grand Officers will attend the inauguration ceremony, and no doubt the occasion will be marked by a large attendance of brethren.

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NOTES FROM AN OLD FREEMASON PUBLICATION.

I CAME across a publication in book form the other day (writes a correspondent of the *Glasgow Evening News*) of the year 1809, written in a very quaint style, and purporting to be an "authentic key to the door of Freemasonry." The writer is what is known in Masonic circles as a "Cowan," but the work itself is entirely flattering to the Order. Although an eavesdropper, his finding on what he saw and heard is:—"I am inclined to think that the chief design of the establishment is to rectify the heart, inform the mind, and promote the moral and social virtues of humanity, decency, and good order, as much as possible in the world." Among other items of interest in the book I find that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287. In 926 Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York, and though through a long vista of years there is little recorded of the Order, it seems to have been growing in power, for in 1425 Masons' assemblies were prohibited by Parliament. Twenty-five years later Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry, and in 1690 the secret of the Order was revealed to William III. privately. The Freemasons inaugurated the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1657, and completed it in 1733. The office of Grand Secretary for England was first established in 1723, and the following year a Grand Treasurer was appointed. It was in the two succeeding years that a "general fund for distressed Masons" was proposed, and a "Committee of Charity" appointed, who founded a system which has grown till now it has assumed proportions of great magnitude. Indeed, so firm a hold has it obtained, that at a meeting held recently in London, over £50,000 was subscribed by those present for Masonic charitable purposes. The plans for a Freemasons' Hall, in London, were approved by Grand Lodge of England in 1769, but it is not till four years later that any definite steps seem to have been taken. A Hall Committee was appointed in 1773, and the year following a site for this building was purchased. The first stone of this building was laid in 1775, and the same year five thousand pounds towards the building of the hall was raised by means of a tontine. The hall was dedicated in 1776, and the following year the anniversary of the dedication was ordered to be kept. It was not always merry with the Masons, however. It is recorded that in 1757 fourteen persons were expelled the Order for irregularities, and that in 1762 several others shared the same fate. In 1777 several Masons had to submit to the indignity of imprisonment at Naples, but on what pretence it does not appear. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master in 1782, and during his tenure of office (1788) the Royal Cumberland Freemason School was instituted. At his death, in 1790, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, initiated in 1787, was elected to the vacancy. It is worthy of note that at the date on which the book was published (1809) H.R.H. George Augustus Frederick the then Prince of Wales filled the office of Grand Master of England, a position which is held in this year of grace, 1889, by Albert Edward Prince of Wales.

AN AMERICAN MASONIC DISPUTE.

A telegram from Scranton, Pa., says: Considerable excitement prevails in Masonic circles here over the condemnation, by the Grand Master M'Calla, of a Lodge belonging to the Cerneau rite of Scottish Masonry. The introduction of the Cerneau rite into this region was regarded by the ancient northern jurisdiction as a sort of Masonic schism. It is alleged against the new rite that it confers degrees easily, unworthily, and cheaply, and sometimes sold its honours for solid cash. As a result, men of no merit were found displaying evidences of Masonic dignity to which they were not entitled. These and other offences moved the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to declare the Cerneau rite clandestine.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were also present Bros. Cotter, Hubbert, Bolton, Perryman, Garrod, Mercer, Purchas, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Perceval, West, C. A. Cottebrune, Kompton, Forsyth, Making, Cox, Newton, Hill, Haslip, Brooks, Lacey, Tattershall, Mead, Smith, Brett and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of three annuitants (one male and two widows). The Warden's report for the past month was read. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the House Committee of the Boys' School for their kindness in granting permission to the School Band to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit to the Institution. The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The recommendation as to the appointment of an Accountant was agreed to, and also that he be requested to examine the books of the Institution and report thereon. Bro. J. S. Cumberland gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, and the proceedings then concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—The revival of Dion Boucicault's Irish drama "The Shaughraun" is certainly a happy choice; for these Irish revivals have proved attractive on previous occasions, and, judging from appearances, are likely to do so now. "The Shaughraun" is a capital piece, full of interesting and exciting situations, while the comedy parts are admirably conceived. The scenery has been painted by Bruce Smith, and it does this gentleman credit. The company that Messrs. Gatti have selected is one that can do ample justice to the play. Mr. William Terriss and Miss Millward are in the caste, and enact the parts of Captain Molineaux and Claire Ffolliott respectively. Needless to say these popular artistes do their work splendidly, and score well with the audience. Mr. J. D. Beveridge is an ideal Corry Kinchela, and Mr. W. L. Abington a good Robert Ffolliott. Mr. J. L. Shine, as Conn, is the favourite with the audience, and what with the fun that has been provided in the book, and his own "gag," Mr. Shine is most amusing. Messrs. John Maclean, Robert Pateman, Mrs. John Carter, Miss Clifton, and Mrs. Brunton, all render good service. "The Shaughraun" is nightly received with favour, and we hope this will continue for some time to come.

Messrs. Groves and Bacon's matinée of "My Uncle" takes place at Terry's, on Tuesday, 16th inst.; and at the same theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, 24th inst., Miss Muriel Wylford will produce "The Catspaw," a new play, by John Treher.

"Sweet Lavender" will reach its 500th performance on Friday, 2nd August, when the following ladies and gentlemen will appear in it:—Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, H. Dans, H. B. Smith, Sant Matthews, P. Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, Blanche Horlock, Annie Irish, and Carlotta Addison.

The oldest Lodge in the district of Dunedin, the Otago Lodge, E.C., passed a unanimous resolution on 1st May, "That it is desirable that a Grand Lodge for New Zealand be constituted," and appointed Bros. W. M. De Renzy, Dr. Fitchett, Barth, the Rev. Ronaldson, and M'Gregor as Delegates to the Convention in Wellington, during the next session of Parliament, to arrange the basis of the Union, proclaim a Grand Lodge, and elect the first Grand Master.

The annual excursion of the Freemasons of Paisley took place on Tuesday, under the most favourable auspices as regards weather. The brethren, to a large number, left Paisley early in the forenoon, and were conveyed by Brother Wm. Young, carriage hirer, by way of Glasgow, Milngavie, and Finnick Glen to Drymen. At the glen the party halted and spent a short time in viewing that beautiful spot. In the course of the day, Buchanan Castle and grounds, the residence of the Duke of Montrose, were, by permission of his Grace, visited. In the afternoon the party sat down to dinner in the Buchanan Arms Hotel. The return home was made in the evening by way of Balloch, Bonhill, and Bowling, and Paisley was reached at a reasonable hour, after a day of thorough enjoyment.

On Wednesday, 26th ult, Mr. H. Phillips, who for a period of 34 years has been caterer and caretaker at the Masonic Hall, Portland St., Cheltenham, and Tyler for five Masonic bodies, was recipient at the hands of Bro. Baylis, W.M. of the Foundation Lodge, of a timepiece, and Mrs Philips of a purse of gold, as a mark of esteem for their past services. Mr. Phillips is retiring from the position of caterer and caretaker, but retains the office of Tyler. The presentation was made in open Lodge by the W.M. in a brief but appropriate speech. The timepiece bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. H. Phillips by the brethren, present and past, of the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, as a token of their appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the last 34 years. June 26, 1889.

PRINTING OFFICE SECRETS.—It is an unwritten law of the printing office that all its operations shall be considered confidential, and in an experience of many years we have never known of a wilful violation of this rule. Yet its observance is, of late years, becoming more lax. It is not an unusual thing to hear printers from various offices talking together about the works that pass through their hands, and even discoursing them with outsiders. This is all wrong. No operative has any right to afford any information concerning a job to any one except his immediate superiors or the customer, and a cast-iron rule should be enforced to this effect. Though it may not be expressly stipulated that the work in hand is to be considered "confidential," it should be treated as such. No outsider should be allowed to know even that any certain work is in hand, much more what is its import, the number to be printed, or anything else concerning it. It is not unlikely that an unprincipled person might take advantage of the indiscretion of printers to obtain information concerning the affairs of a rival, to the great detriment of the latter. Certain it is that no business man is anxious or willing to announce beforehand what are his plans and purposes, or to have them discussed by uninterested parties, even though it may be his intention to give them, at the proper time, the widest publicity. It might seem to the unthinking printer that it could not make any difference if the matter should be mentioned, and yet at the same time it might work irreparable injury—as it certainly would great annoyance—to the customer. In many offices the sensible rule is observed of so keeping all copies, proofs, &c., that they cannot be inspected by casual visitors, and this should be adopted in all offices. The printer holds a confidential relation toward the customer; and he has no more right to betray that confidence than has the customer's book-keeper or clerks.

—*The Printing Times and Lithographer.*

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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, 13th JULY.

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, 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
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 15th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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.)
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.)
1469—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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2090—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

27—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 Moon Hotel, Gateshead
923—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1460—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
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. 954—St. Aubyn, Eurington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
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, 16th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Caxton 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, Mona Hotel, Harrow-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Allington Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, 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.)
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 Instruction, White Hart, Drury Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
516—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
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. 208—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 389—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY.

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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich

700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardolph-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Canada Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—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.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Commercial 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. 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, Canbatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penarth
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth

581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clecknaston
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly 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
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1391—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
1445—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsey, Hall.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1658—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1958—Mawddwick, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parliament Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 328—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Rotherhithe
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1424—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1356—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1475—Architect, Salisbury Hotel, Daisbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

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THURSDAY, 18th JULY.

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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 9. (In.)
1237—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)
1331—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—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)
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 o 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)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
1966—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Public Hall, Carshalton, at 2·30
Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Public Hall, Carshalton, at 3·30
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Doarn House, Lindley
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1617—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 19th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
:07—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
807—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)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—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. 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. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 365—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7·30. (In

183—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
995—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1365—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
2184—Royal Victorian Jubilee, 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. 713—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th 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
1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Kinry Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

1338—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2238—Dene, King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, 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. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

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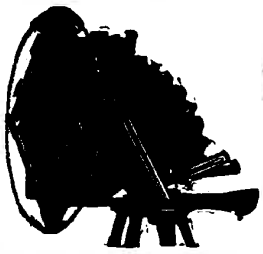
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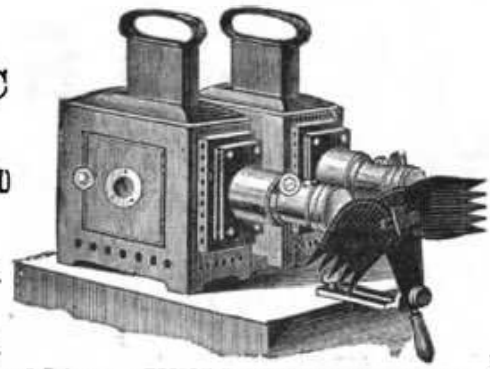
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PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS.

FEW who have not had an actual experience can form any idea of the amount of work which devolves upon the Secretary or Worshipful Master of a Lodge, outside of what we may term their public performances. An ordinary member of the Craft is accustomed to take his place at the regular meetings of his Lodge, and witness, from the time of opening until the Tyler gives the concluding toast at the supper or banquet, a succession of events following one another with clock-like regularity, and all apparently running their own natural course, without let or hindrance. But is it reasonable to suppose all this happens without previous arrangement? or that the business of a meeting can be carried through without skilful guidance and manipulation somewhere? Previous attention is essential, and the more successful the meeting, and the more regular the proceedings, the greater the credit due to those to whom is due its preparation. In many cases we need not go further than the Secretary of a Lodge to discover who has had the arrangement of affairs, and to that Officer is due, more often than otherwise, the success or failure of an assembly. This is giving the Secretary credit for a great deal, but as our readers are aware, we entertain the feeling that a good Secretary is an all-important factor in a Lodge, and we do not think that too much credit can be accorded the Brother who faithfully discharges the work attached to the appointment. We do not mean that the Secretary performs the lion's share of the actual Masonic work of a particular meeting, but he has so much to prepare, that on him, to a marked extent, depends the result of a gathering. If everything is properly arranged beforehand, success is more than half assured; but if, on the other side, all, or a part of the work, has been left to chance, then it is we feel the want of a guiding hand, and learn to appreciate the work of those whose forethought ensures comfort and success. In this respect the Secretary of a Lodge doubtless receives considerable assistance from the Worshipful Master, but as the one is often a sort of permanent official, while the Master only holds the office for a single year, the work can hardly be said to equally divide itself, the one knowing everything associated with his office, the other being removable, as soon as he begins to get used to the duties of his appointment. But it is not only in arranging for the regular meetings of a Lodge that the Secretary is called upon to show his ability. There are many other matters which really depend on him, and on his capacity immediately to decide on a course of action. Not the least important in this respect is the correspondence addressed to his Lodge. He must be able to form an opinion as to which are privileged communications, and which of a general character; which he shall announce in Lodge, and which he shall pass over without comment.

In this respect we cannot help the feeling that most Lodge Secretaries are very loth to consider a communication so far "privileged" as to deserve notice in open Lodge. The majority—a very large majority—of communications received are dismissed without public comment, or without being officially brought under the notice of the Lodge members, and, as a consequence, it has now become very difficult to address the members of the Craft, as a body, except through the columns of the public press. We do not wish that every circular or every letter sent out broadcast should be read in open Lodge, but, as we have said, we think that Lodge Secretaries have too much power in their hands when the question of communications addressed to their Lodges is considered, and one of the results of such a system is, that mistaken ideas arise as to what is going on throughout the Order. As an example of what we mean, we may refer to the work of canvassing for the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and concerning which so much has been said and written during the last few years. We were recently present at a meeting when conversation turned on this topic, when one brother, well known in Craft, Arch and Mark Masonry, gave his experience. He said he had been a member of one of the best London Lodges for upwards of fifteen years, during which time he had regularly attended, but during the whole of that period neither one of the Charity Secretaries had ever sent a circular or a letter to the Lodge. We tried to convince him of his error, but he was not to be convinced, as he felt sure every communication sent to the Lodge was regularly announced to the members. It is quite useless to argue against such ideas as these; unless we had heard them ourselves we should never have believed it possible any one could entertain them, but that we have stated is actually what occurred, and of course the only explanation of such a statement is to imagine the Lodge Secretary never looked upon Charity appeals and circulars as "privileged" communications. The question is,—what other letters and other matters were treated in the same manner? while it behoves us to ask,—how far does such a system extend?

We were aware that many communications which we should regard as essentially of a public character never went beyond the Secretary's table, but we were certainly taken aback at hearing what we have just recounted, and we think the subject is worthy of something more than passing notice at the hands of the Craft. It is not for us to dictate what shall be done, but it seems to us that some alteration is desirable, or it will soon be quite impossible to communicate with the individual members of the Order in anything like an official manner, for if the appeals of the Masonic Institutions are not to be considered as privileged, what communications are to become entitled to that distinction?

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MASONRY AND EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Address given by Past Grand Master the Rev. W. N. Ackley, at the Dedication of Memorial Statue of Thomas A. Doyle, in Providence, 3rd June 1889.

EVERY institution, like the individual man, must expect to be judged on a twofold basis—upon the ground of its inherent character and its relations with that with which it is surrounded, its power to perform for the world those offices suggested in its principles. To be entitled to recognition as a factor in our busy life it must demonstrate its ability to touch society with vital influence. Great truths may be engrossed upon enduring materials, sealed and laid away, securely guarded from the eye and touch of men. But to guard truth so is to insult its dignity, to invest it with that too common royalty which is simply impotent isolation from the throbbing life of man. That alone is truly royal which can tolerate the strong gaze of the world, can respond to the demands of society upon it. In this, as in our religion, the servant is nobler than the Law. The truth is not worth the seeking which has, as it takes shape in our thoughts, no service to render to mankind. And, inasmuch as our Masonic Institution is a monument to truths that are fundamental, so, to warrant our presence, as its representatives here to-day, must it be a living, working force, bringing its embodied truth into vital connection with the world's life. The eye of the loyal Mason glances back into the past, only that it may more keenly take account of the present, of the needs which may guide into hopeful channels the influence at our command.

As to-day we cluster about this memorial to our honoured chief, whose personality touched with such potent influence the hearts of the people of this great city, and made itself felt not seldom in the larger commonwealth, because the interests of the people were his own, are there to be seen any features of our institution, with whose stately words we consecrate this statue, that may, like him we honour, touch the weal of the every-day lives of men? If the life we revere and the body whose offices we bring are in accord, then are we fitly gathered here.

Suffer me for a brief period to centre our thoughts upon those features of our Masonic institution, which manifest its inherent character and its practical influence upon life, leaving meanwhile those numberless qualities which may indeed interest the curious, but which are accidental rather than inherent. It is the symbol on which the eye rests. The fundamental truth is that which takes possession of the discriminating mind. So, they who find in the sign and ceremony and symbol the essence of Masonry mistake the colour for the texture of the fabric. Just as in a man the wealth of power is in the character and the ability to bring that character into vital connection with the interest of men, so it is with our ancient institution. It is a life, a developed life, trained in the school of human necessity. Its soul is found in the unflagging championship of those immortal truths which underlie even religion, which are the sanction of all moral conduct, which are the stay of men's hearts in life's extremest hours. We need not linger to set forth anew here those old truths, ever new to each new life, to each life newly awakened to the highest things—the truth about God, eternity, immortality, responsibility; truths echoing through all the language of our forms, flashing out in our varied ceremonial. It has been said that persons dwelling in close intimacy with strong and noble souls grow by degrees into their likeness. The Mason dwells in the presence of embodied truth, whose voice speaks ever the same unvarying counsel, and appeals to him with the same eternal sanctions. Something of truth's glorious features should shine out ere long in the lineaments of his character. And need we wonder, in the light of these facts, that so often the silvery-haired veteran in our ranks, to whom long ago life's play-things had lost their charm, and who is growing more and more to value things according to their essential qualities, should enter our asylums with fresh, warm devotion to a brotherhood he has known so long. He has dwelt in the presence of truth personified in our stately ceremonial and been suffused with its lofty spirit. The life of the man and of every lasting institution must anchor itself in those immutable truths which lie at the root of all religion and of all morality. And so, while Masonry never intrudes itself unbidden within the sacred domain of religion, never assumes to do more than second and further that work committed especially to the Church of Christ, never haughtily frowns upon other groups of men seeking the same noble ends, it plants itself solidly upon the immutable doctrines of God, of eternity, of a resurrection to the immortal life, of responsibility to the God of heaven for the lives we live. Upon these foundations rises our Masonic structure, and they who dwell within its sacred precincts dwell where God is, where truth reigns, are guilty of profaning the sacredness of heavenly things when word or act fails to accord with the spirit of the divine law. Symbolic ceremony, traditional and historic illustrations combine within our walls to implant indelibly those divine teachings upon the hearts of our disciples.

But they are guilty of grave error who pronounce Masonry a thing of the past, because its lessons are couched in ancient symbolism and because it deals in eternal verities. Eternity reaches forward as well as backward—forward always to every soul truly awake to the grandest things. The conservative tenacity of Masonry for immutable truth is its safeguard, the ground of its power to be a sure and lasting help to the interests of men. Only the spirit of anarchy would change that which ought to be counted immutable. But, just as eternity touches time by including it within itself, so these eternal principles touch the ever-varying interests of humanity. They who are well versed in the teachings of Masonry will wonder at their breadth of range, at their vivid setting forth of the facts and experiences of life. And what does this reveal? Why, the fact that Masonry has been a growth, that it has grown out of a keen appreciation of those changeless truths we have catalogued, and, in addition to that, a clear, sympathetic knowledge of the longings and needs of humanity. Through unnumbered generations the handicraft of speculative and symbolic Masonry has been exercised in working into its structure the varied experiences, the drama of human life—setting the whole story to the keynote of principle. What men need and feel most keenly it has made the subject of its thought and study; so that, while the world outside may think of us as secluded within a shrine where everything is an ancient, our practical relations are with the living realities of to-day; just as love and sympathy and sense of mutual obligation are but empty words, except as they deal with the real life of the present with which we come in contact. Does society desire to learn a wholesome lesson in the rightful relation between the so-called highest and lowest among its ranks? We will teach them that he who, as our Grand Master, holds the highest office in the gift of Masonry, and with it, an authority extremely exceptional in this modern age; nevertheless, as far as his fraternal relations with his fellows and personal character are concerned, stands for what he is worth as a man, on a level as a brother among brethren with the humblest brother moving in the ranks. Come hither and learn among our impressive lessons—oft repeated during the Masonic life—this wholesome lesson upon the equality of human rights, upon the duty of respecting men according to their inherent worth. Sense of brotherhood must rest upon this conviction. And it is the sense of brotherhood that lifts love, sympathy, fellowship, generosity, helpfulness out of the low realm of the artificial and the conventional into the domain of the real and the true. True, courtly manners are flavoured with the spirit of a real respect for one's fellows. And all those virtues, which are but courtly manners wrought into more substantial shape, become princely in the sterling reality given them by the sympathetic spirit. It is no wonder that the founders of Masonry, schooled so well in the needs of men, should have wrought the great, inclusive duty of charity all through our ceremonial teachings. This virtue, so slowly learned by a cold humanity, becomes the natural, logical deduction from a conviction of the brotherhood of men. The man who sees in man his brother, and is keenly sensitive to the fact, cannot do less than love his own. So we teach first the lesson of brotherhood. Generosity of spirit and of deed is its angelic sequel. You are teaching an impotent law of conduct, when your charity of heart is not put before, as a cause, that charity of act, whose symbol is the open hand, the helpful deed.

We have time to do scarcely more than say how this great lesson of brotherhood deserves to be first always, to be oftenest repeated in the ears of men and how in it we touch all the duties of man to man. Let the spirit of brotherhood and consequent charity of heart find a wel-

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come amid the busy throng, where competition rages, where suffering and want intrude their hard presence, aye, within the hallowed precincts of the home, more and more; and, verily, the life, the motley throng are living would feel the genial sunrise of a new joy, and the spirit of antagonism with which men view one another so often now would be counted an intruder upon the peaceful life of the society. To intensify the spirit of human fellowship, of that charity whose fountain is in the heart, is one of the leading offices of our Masonic Institution. If, in our teaching, if, in the communion of brother with brother within our walls, if, in the nearer contact of man with man in the common interests of Masonry, we can develop in our hearts a keener sensitiveness, widen our sympathies, sweeten our spirits, train ourselves in thought and acts of charity, giving to them all that supreme sanction growing out of a sense of solemn responsibility; then are we one of the factors for good in the world; then are we touching vitally the most sacred interests of every-day life. Our Institution, even as it does so stand in tradition and organic structure, should in our convictions and lives stand for nobility of manhood, championship of the right, love and fellowship wider than the limits of our brotherhood, the heart and deed of a true fraternal love. As this noble statue, wrought into artistic form the more forcibly to remind the throngs that through generations may cluster about it, and ask its meaning, stands as symbol of the character and deeds of the man whose heart beat responsive to his fellows' needs, so may our institutions stand as something lasting and immovable, yet speaking of life, standing for something instinct with life, a symmetrical building indeed, yet, in its practical activity and influence, in touch with all that is noble and sweet in the life of the world. Our office is to speak these lessons of humanity and fellowship with all their eternal and divine sanction into the ears of unwilling men. In this we are not indeed alone. We only join the voice from many an institution, many an earnest, great-hearted spirit. As a man alone you may engage in the lofty work of bringing about the reign of great thoughts and loving deeds. The voice, however, should take on a more determined emphasis when uttered in the unison and harmony of our fraternal fellowship. The individual, under the inspiration of a loving heart, may indeed

"Join hands with God to make a man to live."

But as a compact body, linked in that strength which comes of united forces and purposes at one, fired with the electric power of that brotherly love fostered in the fellowship of kindred spirits, we may in very deed "join hands with God" and with one another, to bring strength and purpose, and power, and richness, and gladness into the world's every-day life.

"There is no greater factor in the elevation of our moral natures than the knowledge that one whose opinion we value believes in us; and nothing will so soon drive a soul downward as the conviction that this confidence is withheld. You must give what you would receive; show love, sympathy and truth yourself if you would find them in others. If you look out on the world from soiled or clouded spectacles, all objects will appear to you blurred and distorted."—*Liberal Freemason.*

THE PORCH OF THE TEMPLE.

MOST striking and beautiful was the porch of King Solomon's Temple, worthy in itself of a journey to Jerusalem to behold. King David gave to King Solomon the pattern of this porch (1 Chronicles xxviii. 11), and Solomon was chosen by the Lord to build it—together with the entire Temple. The two chief features of the porch were the two famous pillars, named by Solomon Jachin and Boaz. Whether these two pillars stood *in* the porch, or *in front* of it, has always been a vexed question—1 Kings vii. 21 stating, that "he set up the pillars in the porch of the Temple," and 2 Chronicles iii. 17, that "he reared up the pillars before the Temple." We think the pillars were *in* the porch, supporting its roof, for while so situated they were also in reality *in front of* the Temple. These two pillars, of brass, were the work of Hiram, the architect of Tyre, and cast under his direction, with chapiters of molten brass upon the tops of the pillars as capitals, with nets of checker work and wreaths of chain work, and upon their tops was lily work. This porch was twenty cubits in length, and the same in breadth, and at its entrance was a gate made entirely of Corinthian brass—the most precious metal known to the ancients. Such, in brief, was the porch of the Temple, "a thing of beauty," and through its verbal delineation "a joy for ever."

Suppose a stranger had come to Jerusalem after the completion of the Temple, on purpose to see it, and had viewed and admired its wonderful porch, but after doing so had turned his back on the *Temple* itself, after having been invited to enter it and behold all of its wondrous beauties! What would be thought of the good sense, or the fine taste, of such a one, and if he were a mystic disciple of King Solomon, what would be thought of his Freemasonry? Standing in the porch, with the privilege of familiarizing himself with all the marvels of construction and ornamentation of the Temple interior, and refusing to enter, such a one might be denominated intellectually blind, morally lame, and Masonically dumb.

Brother reader, have you not seen this blin , lame and dumb man, this blind, lame and dumb Freemason? More than the schoolmaster he is abroad in the world. "The woods is full of them." Men who have eyes and see not, ears and hear not, minds and understand not. Men who have feet and walk not from the outer porch into the inner temple. Men who are initiates but not adepts. Brethren who are familiar with the exoteric but ignorant of the esoteric. None of these things should be. The eye was constituted to be the organ of sight, the ear to hear, the feet to walk, the mind to think. He who abridges his physical, mental or Masonic ability drags around with him for life a dead member, and makes himself a spectacle for men and angels.

Now we have reached the heart of this subject. Every Freemason is entitled, completely entitled, to enter not only the porch of the mystic Temple of the Craft, but to penetrate into its holy place, and its holy of holies. The entire triad is his. Especially is it his privilege to enter the penetralia, the adytum, the most holy place. No Masonic secret is lawfully denied him. The complete secret, art and mystery is his, to master and enjoy—if he will; but *he must will* if it is to be his. "Whosoever will" is the language of Freemasonry, as well as of Holy Writ.

What a rich reward does the Fraternity bestow upon every initiate who seeks to know the entire mystery! We would that it were in our power to make this so clear that every Brother might comprehend its truth and force. We would that every initiate might understand that one may be a Master Mason without being a Master of Masonry. To be the latter is the work, the pleasure, the reward of a lifetime's study. The student of the mystery of Freemasonry is no mere book-worm, no antiquated pedagogue, but an intelligent tourist through an intellectual paradise, which is watered with silvery streams, flowing through flowery meads, shaded with stately trees, through which balmy zephyrs play, birds of rich plumage sing, and every prospect is one of enchantment and beauty. This is the interior of the Masonic Temple. Those who remain in the Porch of the Temple never behold it. The porch is the sign, *it* is the thing signified. The porch is the type, it is the anti-type. The porch is the symbol, it is the symbol's hidden meaning.

Yes, the joys of the porch are great. All the initiated resort there. There are social pleasures, and there is Masonic recognition. But why remain there. Why be satisfied with these? Why not *enter* the Temple? Why not become more than mechanical Masons? Why not discover the hidden beauties and excellences of Masonry? Why not understand and enjoy the meaning of our symbolism? If you are a Mason, why not be a thorough one?

There is a sublimity in Freemasonry which justifies the phrase "sublime degree of a Master Mason." Every Brother should be a sublime Mason, and he may be if he will. There is ravishment for the sight, enchantment for the imagination, satisfaction for the understanding. All are invited to this intellectual banquet. The gates of Corinthian brass in the Porch of the Temple are thrown wide open, and every Master Mason is invited to enter the Temple itself.—*Keystone.*

A MASON'S FREE BED.—By the will of the late Bro. James E. Gale, of Haverhill, Mass, the sum of 3000 dollars is to be paid to the Master and Wardens of the Lodge in Haverhill, for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the Haverhill Hospital, for the use of such Masons as they may deem worthy. This is a practical Charity, and an enduring monument to the memory of an intelligent and eminently worthy Freemason.—*Liberal Freemason.*

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ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE formal reception of His Excellency the Governor, the Earl of Onslow, and the Countess of Onslow, took place on Monday, the 22nd April. The arrangements by the Freemasons were admirable. The brethren of the three Constitutions assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, shortly after nine o'clock, and here they were suitably arranged in their respective Lodges, and proceeded to Government House. The entrance through the verandah to the house was lined by the District and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The English Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M., Bro. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., Bro. H. G. Wade D.G.S., Bros. Rev. C. M. Nelson and W. Tebbs (the latter also appearing as Past Grand Chaplain of Somerset), and Bros. Clark and Warren. The Irish Constitution was represented by Bros. G. P. Pierce P.G.M., Bros. Powley, Mitchell, Dr. Kidd, and A. Brock. The Scottish Constitution was represented by Bro. the Hon. Sir Frederick Whitaker P.G.M., and Bro. M. Nicool D.P.G.M., the other Officers of the Grand Lodge taking up their positions with their respective Craft Lodges. The bands and troops marched past Government House, and when His Excellency's carriage arrived a halt was made, and Lord Onslow was at once received on the verandah by the District and Provincial Grand Masters, and Bro. G. S. Graham said that to him had been entrusted the pleasing duty of presenting an address from the Freemasons of Auckland. He then read the address, as follows:—

To the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honourable the Earl of Onslow, P.G.S.W. of England.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Auckland, we beg to offer you a cordial and fraternal welcome to New Zealand. We hail with great pleasure the advent of so distinguished a brother in Freemasonry as yourself, and we cannot but feel that your residence amongst us will tend to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft throughout the colony. With hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Onslow and family, and trusting that your sojourn amongst us may be every way agreeable and enjoyable.

We have the honour to subscribe ourselves, Right Worshipful Sir,

Yours truly and fraternally,

G. S. GRAHAM, D.G.M. E.C., G. P. PIERCE, P.G.M. I.C., FREDK. WHITAKER, P.G.M. S.C.

His Lordship made the following reply:—

Worshipful Brethren,—It has afforded me sincere pleasure to receive in your name, representing as you do the important District Grand Lodge of Auckland, so cordial and fraternal a welcome on landing on the shores of New Zealand. It shows, if proof were wanting, that brotherly love, the first principle of Freemasonry, is as strong in this important Province of the Empire as in the heart of the Grand Lodge of England itself. As a Grand Warden of that Lodge it will be a pleasure to me to express to His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, the satisfaction which I feel in learning that Freemasonry in New Zealand does not yield in vigour, in prosperity, or in loyalty to any of her sister colonies in Australasia.

Auckland, 22nd April 1889. ONSLOW.

The Rev. C. M. Nelson then presented an address from the Mark Master Masons:—

To the R.W. Bro. the Hon. the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., P.G.S.W.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—It affords us great pleasure, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons of Auckland, E.C., to welcome you to New Zealand. The great interest you have always taken in Mark Masonry, and the exalted position you occupy in connection with that degree, is already well known to and highly appreciated by us. You come amongst us, Worshipful Sir, not as a stranger, but as a brother, who has made such a mark in our Order as can never be effaced, and whilst we honour you as the representative of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, we would beg you to accept our most sincere and fraternal regards as a representative of that Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of which we have the honour to be humble but loyal members.

(Sd.) F. W. E. Dawson, P.G.M., C. M. Nelson, D.P.G.M.,
W. P. Moat, P.G.D., P.G. Treasurer,
T. W. Kitt, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Secretary.

Lord Onslow replied, as follows:—

Worshipful Brethren,—I have received your friendly and fraternal address with feelings of no small gratitude. To be welcomed, not as a stranger, but as a brother, in a land where I am not personally known, adds another proof of the value to all men of being included within our degree. Cemented by this common bond, I am led to hope that my brethren of the Craft, who are so numerous, so influential, and so widely spread throughout the colony, will be favourably predisposed towards my humble efforts worthily to represent Her Gracious Majesty. That they will not readily mark whatever may be done amiss, but will rather seek to interpret all actions in the spirit suggested by the principles inculcated by our Order.

Auckland, 22nd April 1889. ONSLOW.

Lord Onslow then retired into Government House, and the brethren, reforming procession, returned to Freemasons' Hall, where, after disrobing, they separated for the day.

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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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CERTIFICATES OF OFFICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Anent your remarks on certificates of honour, you will be interested to know that it has been for many years the practice for the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex to give such certificates, and they are much appreciated by the fortunate possessors.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. RALLING, P.G. Sec.

15th July 1889.

We have been asked to insert the enclosed letter, from the *Toronto Mail*:—

FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of The Mail.

SIR,—Recently, at a Masonic demonstration at Wellington, Ontario, Rev. Mr. Stratton, G. Chaplain, &c., who was one of the speakers of the day, stated, during the course of his remarks, that Freemasonry would be made use of to sustain Christianity and to put down infidelity. Having gained so much information from the rev. gentleman, we would take it as a great kindness if he would now go a little further, and give us a little more light upon the subject. For instance, would the rev. gentleman tell us when and by whom was Masonry so designed? How does Masonry propose to accomplish this end? Do they purpose using force? What particular sect do they intend to take in hand to guard? Is Christianity founded on Masonry, or is it only recently that it has turned to Masonry for a little assistance? If the Church rests in any manner upon Masonry, how shall we render the old familiar hymn that says—

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord?"

Would not this hymn and many others, and the Bible also, all have to be re-written? Is it not a fact that Freemasonry numbers within its ranks Jews, Mohammedans, Hindoos, and others who do not believe in the Christian religion? And yet they are Masons. But they could not be Masons if Masonry is what you say it is—that is, synonymous with Christianity.

Yours, &c.

Prince Edward County, 1st July. G. A. G.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Caterham, where the arrangements made by the members of the entertaining Lodge, the Caterham, No. 2095, resulted in an eminently satisfactory day's proceedings. There was an exceptionally large attendance, and the capacious room where the meeting was held, when set out, and decorated with the banners of the several Lodges, presented a very picturesque and elegant appearance. At 3·30 o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Wor. Brother Frederick West P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in charge of the Province, who was supported by the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and Brethren :—

D. P. Cama S.G. Warden, H. M. Hobbs J.G. Warden, George Price Grand Treasurer, Charles Greenwood G. Secretary, Alfred Bishop, Fountain Meen, F. T. Ridpath, C. H. Woodward. Amongst the Past Provincial Grand Officers were: F. A. Guimaraens, Henry J. P. Dumas, H. G. Thompson, H. C. Leigh Bennett, G. T. Lister, A. T. Jeffery, Hugh D. Sandeman, H. E. Frances, J. E. Street, W. H. Hatton, T. F. Phillips, J. W. Jolly, F. Cambridge, Charles Sheppard, W. J. Mason, Thos. Clark, W. D. Fracis, E. C. Mulvey, R. C. H. Goffin, G. W. Filmer, R. T. Elsam, S. P. Catterson, W. Chapman, W. P. Catterson, C. T. Tyler, W. G. W. Baltz, T. G. A. Burns, R. E. Catterson, A. Wilson, A. Machell, S. Hewitt, J. Hill, W. F. Hawes, G. S. Horsnail, F. C. Walker, A. C. Storr, Ralph Neville, C. C. Greenwood, J. D. Langton, F. Carter, A. Lambert, T. Rhodin, J. O'Connell, F. S. Arnold, F. J. Hayward, M. Spiegel, A. Watson, J. W. Manby, T. L. Heward, A. Verdon, J. H. Jones, H. E. Vickers, Herbert E. Stenning, J. Edmonds, B. Cooke, F. P. Hill, M. W. Dodge, T. Jennings, S. Straker, T. Dayth, Anthony Trevannon, H. W. Humphreys, E. L. Caron, J. Easterbrook, T. F. Charlton, W. H. Gardener, W. H. Mayhead, Jos. Parry, J. T. Broderick, Thomas Johnson, W. M. S. Jackson, T. Mayhead, Dr. C. Gibbes, G. C. Burns, W. A. Larter, R. Williams, J. B. Tomkinson, J. Cater, G. S. Graham, J. List, G. F. Spencer, G. E. Todd, C. K. Heather, R. Killick, Hugh Dumas, A. Lunts, D. Hughes, J. Hughes, E. H. Gibson, W. E. Fenn, C. W. C. Webb, G. Balcombe, R. T. Haws, F. G. Smith, D. Hughes, F. Hughes, Thos. Pennington, J. H. Sumner, A. Laurence, H. H. S. Linley, the Rev. E. Houndle, F. W. Mansell, F. Neale Arnold, G. Mansell, the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, W. W. Morgan, G. A. Eady, W. P. Morrison, Geo. Yaxley, H. Burgess, W. D. Young, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. Lane, S. H. Parkhouse, J. S. Fraser, W. J. Murlis, G. H. Martin, D. M. Corrie, H. M. Lemon, J. Sawyer, W. H. C. Cornhill, J. Manners, Joseph Latham, C. Hogg, J. J. Slade, W. Pile, G. Moorman, R. Piper, J. Churchill, A. F. Asher, F. Honeywell, A. F. King, J. T. Dodd, J. H. Thompson, H. J. Shelley, Thos. Weaver, G. H. Chapman, Seva Ram, P. H. Ball, J. W. Thompson, Joseph Pollard, H. J. Dumas, C. A. Smith, Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., &c.

Before commencing the general business of the day, W. Bro. Frederick West told the brethren that immediately on his receipt of the mournful tidings conveying the particulars of the decease of their late Provincial Grand Master, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., he, on behalf of the Province, sent Mrs. Brownrigg and other members of her family an expression of their sympathy, and condolence in their bereavement. To this communication he had received replies,—from Mrs. Brownrigg, and from the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G. Master for Berks and Bucks. The Rev. Bro. Brownrigg had signified his intention to join them in Provincial Grand Lodge that day, but, at the last moment, in consequence of pressing business engagements, had been compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Surrey on this occasion. Brother West, continuing, said that later in the day he would propose a resolution that he thought would convey the sentiments of all those present. The first item was to call over the roll of Lodges, and it is satisfactory to state that one Lodge only was unrepresented. A fair proportion of the Provincial Grand Officers were in attendance. The minutes of last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on the 18th July 1888, were read and adopted. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was unanimously adopted; the balance standing to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge being declared at £283 18s 10d. The following sums were voted to the Masonic Institutions :—Twenty guineas to the Boys' School; Ten guineas to the Girls' School; and Ten guineas respectively to the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. In accordance with previous custom, Provincial Grand Lodge also voted £10 10s to local Charity, the amount to be disbursed by the Vicar of St. John's Church, Caterham Valley. Brother George Price was re elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, by acclamation, and then the following Brethren were invested with the collars of office :—

Bro. J. E. Street	...	Senior Warden
Dr. Gibbes	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Chichester	...	Chaplains
Rev. W. W. Martin	...	
Geo. Price (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
J. K. R. Cama	...	Registrar
Chas. Greenwood	...	Secretary
Dr. F. Nicholls	...	Senior Deacons
R. Piper ...	...	
C. Smith...	...	Junior Deacons
F. T. Ridpath	...	
J. K. Thompson	...	Superintendent of Works
A. Lamb ...	...	D. of C.
J. Hughes	...	Deputy D. of C.
Geo. Moss	...	A.D. of C.
A. Tremearne	...	Sword Bearer
T. T. Phillips	...	Standard Bearers
Jas. Hill ...	...	
J. O'Connell	...	Organist
A. C. Greenwood	...	Asst. Sec.
F. R. Croaker	...	Pursuivant
R. Killick	...	Asst. Pursuivant
G. Fox Spencer	...	Stewards
F. Carter	...	
J. T. Broderick	...	
E. C. Mulvey	...	
W. H. Gardener	...	
C. E. Omerod	...	
R. Potter...	...	Tyler

Bro. Frederick West then addressed those present, in the following terms :—

Brethren,—It has been our custom to meet together, once in every year, in different places, for the purpose of electing and appointing the Officers and transacting the business of the Province. On these occasions we have taken a retrospect of what has happened in the past year of interest to the Province, and generally considered the position of Masonry in it. The first thought is a sad one, for as you are too well aware we have lost our Provincial Grand Master. Immediately I heard the sad news I, as the head of the Province, in your name conveyed our sympathy with his family in the great loss they had sustained. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without testifying to the invaluable services of our late Provincial Grand Master in raising the Province to the position it now holds. When he was appointed, in 1871, there were 10 Lodges and 5 Chapters. Since then 24 new Lodges and 7 new Chapters have been consecrated, so that now we have no less than 34 Lodges and 12 Chapters. I am glad to say the name of our late chief has been perpetuated in the Province, there being a Lodge and a Chapter named after him. The enthusiasm thrown by him into the work, and the encouragement given to deserving Masons, did much to enhance the success of his ruling over us. The Brethren in the Province, too, appreciated the high Masonic Standard he fixed, and did their best to maintain it. Thus we find to-day that not only is the Province flourishing, but there is good Masonic feeling throughout it. Our late Provincial Grand Master was a strict disciplinarian, but notwithstanding this, his kindness and geniality created an affection for him, which did much towards the success of his Masonic career in Surrey. But his work did not end here, he advocated strongly and carried into practice the great principles of our Order. Twice did he preside at the Festivals of our Noble Institutions, and loyally did the Province support him. You will remember, when he took the Chair at the Festival of the Girls' School, in the year 1886, the liberal contributions of this Province, amounting to no less a sum than £1,300. I might also remind you of the interest he took in promoting the success of Surrey Candidates for the benefits of the Institutions. He was always to be found presiding at the Charity Committee Meetings, when candidates were selected, and he encouraged us to work for their return, which he materially assisted by the large number of votes he could always control. Our late Provincial Grand Master was equally earnest in his other duties of life. Whether it was in the Playing Fields of Eton, in Canada, or the Crimea, John Studholme Brownrigg was equally successful. The early discipline he learnt at Eton, and the Public School spirit which he acquired there, were his best friends throughout life. He was an Englishman in every respect, and a true Mason. Well may those nearer and dearer to him mourn his loss, but we share it with them; and, brethren, if we desire to perpetuate in this Province his valuable services to us, let us follow his example, and persuade others to do the same. It will be my duty, at the close of this address, to submit to you a resolution bearing on the subject of these remarks. I will now turn for a few minutes to the position of the Province. Since we last met one of the best Lodges in the Province, i.e., the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, has celebrated its Jubilee, and I was very pleased to have been present on the occasion, and take part in the installation of our W. Bro. Geo. Price Prov. G. Treasurer, who filled the office of W.M. in the same Lodge 48 years ago, an event which, I believe, is almost, if not quite, unique in the history of Masonry. I think I am safe in saying that we all wish Bro. Price a very prosperous year of office. Brethren, I think we may fairly say we are in a flourishing condition; good work is being done, and there is an excellent Masonic feeling prevailing. Not only do the Lodges carry out the Ritual well in most cases, but I am glad to add that they assist materially to swell the funds of our Institutions. I think we ought to be thankful that both our Surrey candidates, one Boy and one Girl, have been elected, and now we have undertaken to assist in procuring the admission of a son of the late Bro. Samuel Andrews (P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge) to the Boys' School. I ask for your united assistance for this object. It is determination of the Committee to have only one candidate at a time, so that the full strength of the votes of the Province may be given from all sources. It would materially strengthen the hands of the Committee,

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which is thoroughly representative of the Province, if brethren would more loyally support them than heretofore. You will agree with me, Brethren, I am sure, when I say, that without loyalty to the cause continued action becomes useless. I must appeal to Secretaries of Lodges, and more especially to Scribes of Chapters, to assist the work of the Province by conforming to the spirit of the Rules of the Province with respect to returns. Some are absolutely useless and are hardly creditable to the experienced Masons who send them in. Without proper information, the Rulers of the Province cannot succeed, and the want of it on the present occasion has been to the detriment of some brethren who would otherwise have been promoted. I am glad to find that several Lodges have Lodges of Instruction attached, which are of great assistance to the proper working of the ceremonies. I must urge upon Masters of Lodges the desirability of punctuality. There are some Lodges in which this appears to be of no object, and the consequence is that the ceremonies suffer, and comfort of visitors at the subsequent banquet is impaired. I would urge Lodges not to try and do too much on one evening, especially on installation nights, when, if the Installation ceremony is fully and properly rendered, it is a good evening's work. Our muster roll is rapidly increasing, but from what I have seen during the past year I must seriously call your attention once more to the fact, and remind you that however zealous you may be to bring candidates forward, you are not promoting the best interests of the Craft by introducing those whose position in life does not warrant the necessary expenses of Masonry. Our noble Craft is not a benefit society, but it will soon become one unless a better discrimination is displayed in admitting members. I have to thank you for the kind support you have always loyally accorded me, and I can assure you it very much assists me in carrying out my somewhat arduous duties, especially under the present circumstances. I trust that as long as I take any part in the ruling of this Province, that the same assistance will be extended to me. The resolution which I ask you to adopt and allow to be entered on the minutes, and copy sent to Mrs. Brownrigg, is:—

"That this assembly of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, desire to express to Mrs. Brownrigg and her family their sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of the late General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M., and P.G. Superintendent of this Province, and at the same time to testify to the great debt of gratitude this Province owes to him for his invaluable service to the cause of Masonry for a period of 18 years, during which time the Lodges increased from 10 to 34, and the Chapters from 5 to 12; and further this assembly wish to mark their appreciation of his advocacy and encouragement of the principles of Masonry, and the valuable assistance he rendered as ruler of the Province to the great Masonic Institutions."

Bro. West then formally proposed the resolution, which was seconded by Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, and received the cordial assent of Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Secretary drew the attention of the Masters and Secretaries of the various Lodges to the desirability of their being prompt in making their annual returns. Much difficulty was entailed where this neglect prevailed. Shortly afterwards Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then repaired to the Church of St. John, Caterham Valley, where a short service was held; the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. A. Chichester Prov. G. Chaplain. Subsequently a banquet was served, and the after proceedings were of an essentially agreeable character. A full toast list was honoured, and the brethren of the entertaining Lodge were congratulated on the success that had attended their efforts to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROV. G. LODGE BERKS AND BUCKS.

IN the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Prov. G.M. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks held their annual meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Reading, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg. The brethren were summoned for one o'clock, when Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., assisted by Bro. John Tomkins P.P.S.G.W. and a fair attendance of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers. After P.G. Lodge had been formally opened the Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed great regret, which he was sure was felt by all the brethren, that their esteemed Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch was unable to attend, owing to the state of his health. Sir Daniel had not been well for some time, and it was undesirable that he should overtax his strength by undertaking duties which involved a certain amount of toil, as well as pleasure. They all entertained the hope that Sir Daniel's ailment was merely of a temporary character, and that when they next assembled they would have the advantage of his presidency. According to custom, the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at High Wycombe, on the 25th June 1888, had been printed and circulated; these were taken as read and unanimously adopted. Bro. Bradley Past Grand Sword Bearer of England Prov. Grand Secretary, read letters he had received; these included communications from Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Bro. F. West Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Bro. F. Binckes, &c. The list of Lodges in the Province was then called; nearly all were represented; while the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was also adequately answered. The Treasurer's financial statement and the report of the Charity Committee were presented, and adopted; while sums of money were voted to several Lodges in the Province, to be applied to aid the Masonic Charities. A lengthy discussion ensued in reference to the working of the Charity Committee. It seemed to be the desire of many of the brethren that, the Lodges in the two counties having so materially increased, the time had arrived when the Province should be divided. The Provincial Grand Secretary gave his report upon the condition of the several Lodges. From this it appeared there were 899 members and 221 Past Masters. During the past year 158 regular Lodges and 12 Lodges of emergency had been held, and during the same period there had been 33 joining members and 63 initiations. The increase in the membership during the 12 months had been about 70. A new Lodge (the George Gardner) was consecrated, at Datchet, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, on the 13th May, the number of the Lodge being 2309.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the progress which Masonry had made in the Province during the past year, as shown by the gratifying report just read by the Provincial Grand Secretary. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master also alluded to the satisfactory state of the finances, and the valuable services of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens, whose re-election he proposed with much pleasure. Bro. E. L. Shepherd P.M. P.J.G.W. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The D.P.G.M. then invested the following with the Provincial Charity jewel: Bros. John W. Martin P.M., Maurice Wheeler P.M., Charles E. Belcher P.M., Charles Stephens P.M. (with bars); and M. J. Withers P.M. (with ribbon). The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. E. Margrett 1101	...	Senior Warden
E. H. Cox 1639	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Williams 574	...	Chaplain
Chas. Stephens 414	...	Treasurer
G. H. Charsley 1894	...	Registrar
R. Bradley 414	...	Secretary
T. T. Fountaine 948	...	S.D.
J. W. H. Thompson 2228	...	J.D.
J. E. Sydenham 2043	...	Supt. of Works
W. Sherwood 414	...	D.C.
M. H. Palmer 574	...	A.D.C.
Raymond Tucker 1899	...	Sword Bearer
Maurice Wheeler 945	...	Standard Bearers
Chas. A. Bennett 1787	...	Standard Bearers
G. F. Slade 1887	...	Assist. Sec.
T. Page 771	...	Purst.
Chas. Slaughter 1101	...	Asst. Purst.
J. T. Dodd 414	...	Stewards
B. W. Bennett 2043	...	Stewards
A. Turner 1894	...	Stewards
Stubbington 2043	...	Stewards
W. Hemmings	...	Tyler

After some few other matters had received attention, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The arrangements for the refreshment of the inner man had been entrusted to Bro. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel. As a caterer, Bro. Flanagan has deservedly acquired a high reputation. He furnishes his tables in no niggardly spirit, and a general feeling of regret was expressed that a larger proportion of those who attended Prov. G. Lodge did not avail themselves of the opportunity Brother Flangan offered them. After the toast, the Queen and the Craft, had been honoured, the Deputy Prov. G.M proposed the health of the Grand Master of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not merely a Grand Master in name, but in deed, and there was no detail connected with his high office of which he was not cognizant. Indeed, the Prince took a deep and active interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and this was a circumstance which must be highly gratifying and satisfactory to Freemasons. With the next toast, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom,

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and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past, was associated the name of the estimable Grand Secretary of this Province, Bro. Robert Bradley, Past G.S.B., who in reponse said, that to have his name associated with this toast was regarded by him not only as an honour to himself, but also to the province with which he had had the pleasure of being connected for so many years. They all knew how much they, as Masons, owed to the Prince of Wales. Since his Royal Highness had held office as Grand Master there had been a vast increase in the number of Masonic Lodges throughout the country. The Prince took a warm personal interest in the prosperity of Masonry, and there was no Mason who had worked harder or more assiduously to promote the welfare of the Craft than did the Grand Master himself. As Masons they must all feel anxious that the interesting event in the Prince's family which was soon about to take place would prove a source of satisfaction and happiness to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. In speaking of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Bradley said that zealous brother gave most thoughtful and careful attention to all matters affecting the welfare of Masonry. In speaking of the R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Brownrigg expressed the regret all the brethren must feel that Sir Daniel was not able to be present. They entertained the hope, however, that Sir Daniel's illness was merely of a transitory character, and that when they next met the Prov. Grand Master would be in his usual place. On Bro. Tompkins P.M. devolved the duty of proposing the next toast, the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who acknowleged the compliment, and proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry, the Sec. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. For the Prov. Grand Officers, Bros. Margrett and Cox responded. For the W.M.'s and Officers of the Reading Lodges, Bros. Shorwood and Slaughter replied. Other toasts given were the health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bros. Stephens and Bradley replied; the latter announced that the next Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. The health of the Caterer, Bro. Flanagan, and the Stewards, with the Tyler's toast completed the business. The singing throughout displayed a high order of cultivation. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. E. Richardson, H. O. Crane P.M., and W. E. Knowles, under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley P.M.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St George's Hall, Stonehouse, Bro. Frank R. Thomas W.M. presiding. Bro. Surgeon Major Allan May having been passed to the second degree, and Bro. W. Thomas (brother to the W.M.) passed to the third degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Moulder, was impressively installed. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon M.A., Charles Croyden, and Frank R. Thomas the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. R. Thomas I.P.M., Dr. J. Harrison S.W., George Stawell J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, George Hawken Treasurer, A. S. Hendry Secretary, S. Graves S.D., George Dunsterville J.D., C. Dunsterville D.C., F. E. Sach A.D.C., W. Blight I.G., J. Parker and Harcourt Foden Senior Stewards, C. Massey and T. Pearn Junior Stewards, and Gidley Tyler. The Treasurer presented a most satisfactory balance-sheet, which was unanimously adopted. The brethren then sat down to a capital supper, supplied by Bro. Dixon.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

A MEETING was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, when Bro. T. H. Railton S.W. was duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. afterwards appointed his Officers. There was a goodly attendance of Officers and brethren. The customary banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the W.M.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 305.

AT the anniversary meeting, held at the Town Hall, Beccles, on the 4th inst., Bros. A. R. Scott was installed W.M., C. Buckland I.P.M., F. J. Allen S.W., Captain Blake J.W., J. T. Ecclestone Treasurer, F. G. Crane Secretary, C. Geer S.D., N. W. Pells J.D., G. Lane I.G., W. H. Cutting Steward, R. S. Norman Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, for the installation banquet.

MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

BRO. William Hewson was, on the 4th inst., in the presence of a very large assembly of members and visiting brethren, at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. R. G. Bradley and J. Whalley, the ceremony of installation being performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Hayes. The Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. J. C. Sparr I.P.M., Duncan C. Davidson S.W., W. B. Bridge J.W., J. Hayes Treasurer, E. Shacklady Secretary, Alfred B. Ewart Organist, H. F. Neale S.D., T. Bush J.D., H. Brown I.G., Edmund Routledge S., T. I. Roberts S., F. G. Saunders S., Christopher Fowles S., and H. J. Pye D.C. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Bro. Casey. A capital programme was contributed to by Bros. Nicholls, Fargher, Latham, Busfield, Sweetman, and Shaw, Bro. Ewart furnishing the accompaniments.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday evening, the 12th inst., this Lodge celebrated its Jubilee. It first met at the Lowther Hotel, on the 12th July 1839, when Bro. Jacques was elected W.M. The brethren had read to them the record of the minutes of the first Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Cawthorn a resolution was ordered to be inscribed on the books, congratulating the W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. R. Dayson) on the attainment of the Jubilee, and expressed the hope that under his guidance, and that of succeeding masters, the principles of Freemasonry would continue to flourish in Goole. Several members spoke to the motion, comment being made on the fact that all the original members had passed away. Congratulatory telegrams were received from several Lodges in the neighbourhood.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

AT the annual festival, held at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. John Spearman was presented by the Brethren and Companions of St. Peter's Lodge and Chapter with a very handsome and valuable sterling silver tea and coffee service, in recognition of his able and valuable services as Treasurer for a period of ten years. The presentation was made by Bro. E. Turnbull W.M., and Bro. Spearman very suitably and feelingly responded.

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 666.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Princetown, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. E. M. Ellis, the unanimously elected Master, was installed. The interesting ceremony was well performed by Bro. W. Holdstock, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Major M. Tracey P.M. 2258, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, J. J. Daw P.M. 282, C. H. Cooper P.M. 105, George Roseveare P.M. 1254, William Male P.M. 110, William Orchard P.M. 164, T. Kerslake W.M. 282, Captain O. W. Every, W. H. Gray, T. Bennett, J. Adams, J. Delaney, and J. Stapleton. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. H. Johns I.P.M., J. Geake S.W., C. Whiter J.W., O. W. Every Treasurer, Holdstock Secretary, J. Weeks S.D., R. Baker J.D., R. Leak I.G., and T. Balkwill Tyler. Captain O. W. Every was appointed as the reporter on the Committee of Petitions. The Lodge was reported to be in a very good position financially. The brethren adjourned to the Duchy Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served and well appreciated, the hostess, Mrs. Rowe, being especially thanked.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 673.

BROTHER J. O. Mallabar was, on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members, and amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. A. D. Hesketh, Walter Ervin, R. Foote, W. H. Smith, H. M. Molyneux, Rev. H. G. Vernon, J. M. Tunstall, J. C. Robinson, W. J. Jarman, E. R. Latham, J. B. Galloway, H. Round, G. A. Harradon, R. Warriner, W. M. Lunt, E. Shaw, R. G. Bradley, R. Robertson, R. H. Leake, and J. G. Hassell. The presenting Officers were Bros. J. T. Callow and T. Clark, and the W.M. elect was installed by Bro. J. B. Parker I.P.M. After his installation Bro. J. O. Mallabar W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. B. Parker I.P.M., R. Rawlinson S.W., W. E. Morton J.W., D. Jackson Treasurer, James Williams Secretary, Rev. W. H. Harpur Chaplain, J. T. Callow D.C., Albert E. Workman Organist, W. H. Williams S.D., Joseph Jones J.D., J. Wylie I.G., W. R. Roberts S., T. H. Youds S., W. H. Jones S., and W. H. Ball Tyler. The musical service at the installation was performed by Bros. Kirkham, Heginbotham, Burt, Hudson, and Poulsom, Bro. A. E. Workman presiding at the organ, and these brethren also supplied the musical programme after the banquet, which was served in the large dining-hall, by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. During the evening, Bro. J. B. Parker was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 850.

THE annual festival took place on the 8th inst. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, by Bro. G. M. Bond, the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. T. Cox. The new W.M., Bro. J. R. Rigby, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. M. Bond I.P.M., H. Twigg S.W., W. Davenport J.W., J. Young Chaplain, P. R. Littleton Treasurer, J. Howell Secretary, H. Brambles Almoner, W. A. Lytle S.D., A. M. Wither J.D., R. Beardmore D.C., W. H. Tatt Organist, T. O. Farmer I.G., J. T. Marple and W. H. Smedley Stewards, R. Brown Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, where a banquet was provided, Bro. Rigby, the newly-elected W.M., presiding.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., 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 26th day of July 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive and approve a list of Sixty-nine Candidates (or Seventy in the event of a deferred case being accepted by the Court) on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Sixteen Boys shall be elected on Friday, 25th October next, to fill that number of Vacancies.

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

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

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th July 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
ST JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., 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 at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 27th July 1889, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. HERBERT DICKETTS, Vice-Pres., upon recommendation of the House and Audit Committees, and with a view to carry out the various alterations in the Laws rendered necessary by the recommendations of the Joint Committees, as under:—

In Law 35, omit words "and audit."
In the first heading, on page 32, omit the words "and audit."
In Law 47, in first line, substitute "twelve" for "nine."
In third and fourth lines, after the word "finance," omit words "and audit."
In sixth line, substitute "three" for "two."
In Law 49, after word "meet" in first line, omit words "in the months of January, April, July, and October," and substitute "monthly, or oftener, if necessary."
After word "payment" in sixth line, omit all up to the word "report" in the twelfth line.
Add, as a fresh paragraph, headed "Audit," "the accounts of the Institution shall be annually audited by a Chartered Accountant to be elected annually by the General Committee at the meeting in May."
In Law 79, add, after the word "Trustees," "and be annually examined by the Accountant."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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20th July 1889.

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Perth ...	6 40	—	—	8 45	11 50	6 35	6 50	8 15	11 10	3	35
Dundee ...	7 35	—	—	9 35	12 40	8 20	8 20	9 40	11 55	4	35
Aberdeen ...	10 0	—	—	11 20	2 5	9 45	9 55	13 0	3 15	6	40
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 20TH JULY 1889.

AMERICAN MASONIC MANIAS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WHEN I first came to Boston, I heard for the first time the phrase "Masonic Jurisprudence." When I asked whether Masonic jurisprudence is not embraced in the Masonic Constitutions? I was answered that we have *written* and *unwritten laws*, and Masonic jurisprudence means both kinds of laws. But the joke is, there is no agreement among our learned expounders of unwritten laws. I have here a book called "Digest of Masonic Law, being a complete code of Regulations, Decisions, and Opinions," &c., by Geo. Wingate Chase, which is full of contradictions. The mania of Masonic jurisprudence was magnified into a science. Symbolism also had its day. In 1846 (I believe) Mackey gave an outline of about two dozen Masonic landmarks, which he afterwards amplified and enlarged, and which were quoted as "Gospel truth." Since then the mania for expelling Masons for not believing that every word in the Bible was inspired, raged in several Masonic jurisdictions. Still more recently, laws were enacted in some jurisdictions to expel saloon keepers from Masonry, but the most absurd mania which afflicts some jurisdictions is the *anti-Cerneauite mania*.

To make the subject clear to new subscribers or readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I must inform them that there are in existence some thirty ceremonies or degrees, which are variously called "Scotch Rite," and "Ancient and Accepted Rite." In reality, however, the said degrees are neither Scotch nor ancient. These degrees, wherever they were introduced, always gave rise to splits, divisions, and discord. Now, in the United States, there are two Sovereigns of that Scotch rite, one is in the South and the other is in the North, but the sovereignty on each side of the dividing line is disputed; the descendants of Cerneau claim jurisdiction over all the "United States and its Territories." These antagonistic factions abuse each other in Billingsgate style, each swears to be the *Simon Pure*, and denounces the opponent, as bogus, illegitimate, &c. Now, the leading members of the respective Grand Lodges North and South belong either to what is called the "Northern Jurisdiction" of the A. and A. rite, or to the "Southern Jurisdiction" of the same rite. As a rule, the leading dignitaries of the Grand Lodges North and South never paid a cent for the honours of being *thirty-thirded* or *thirty-seconded*; these degrees are conferred upon them merely as a bribe to enlist their influence in behalf of the faction; getting, as they do, these degrees for nothing, they are bound to swear through thick and thin that their organization is of the *true blue blood*, while the other organizations are mere Masonic bastards. For a time their squabbles were confined among themselves, and were only made known through their own publications. But a few years ago a mania began to rage in certain jurisdictions, among the leading members of its Grand Lodges, to pass laws for expelling from Masonry all those who belong to the Scotch rite of the opposite or Cerneau faction. The excuse of the said leaders of Grand Lodge is, that it was the duty of the Grand Lodge to prevent imposition among Masonic brethren. The fact, however, is simply this: both factions are alike worthless, but one faction sells its stuff for one hundred dollars, while the other faction charges for the same stuff only twenty-five dollars. Now our worthy *conscientious* Grand Lodge members have no objection to our Masonic brethren being cheated out of one hundred dollars, but they are ready to expel a brother Mason who allowed himself to be cheated out of twenty-five dollars.

Bro. Parvin P.G.M., and now Grand Secretary, and also Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of Iowa, seemed to have been for some time the champion for *Masonic rationalism*; he bravely fought, right and left, with all believers or pretended believers in the old nonsense written in bygone times, and he does so still. But even Bro. Parvin has lost his balance on the *Saloon Keeper question*. I do not think that he pretends to be a total abstinence man; at least he does not seem to insist that Masons must be teetotallers. It seems that he does not object to moderate drinking by Masonic brethren, but he is fiercely opposed to the man who sells them the liquor. This notion seems to me inconsistent, for if a man may drink, he surely must buy the stuff, and if he may buy it, then why may not another man sell it?

They say that in ancient times Masons used to meet on high hills and in low vales. If so they could not have been either English, Scotch, Irish, or American Masons, for, as far as I know, English speaking Masons, from the remotest antiquity, always met in public houses. "The four old Lodges" we read of, who formed the first Grand Lodge, met in public houses. The Grand Lodge of England was originally constituted in a public house, and for many years it continued to hold its meetings in public houses. The engraved Lodge Lists of the last century prove conclusively that Lodges were principally known by the names and signboards of the public houses where they held their meetings, and even to-day a majority of the English Lodges meet in public houses. Henry Price constituted the first regular chartered Lodge in America in a Boston public house, and Franklin's unchartered Lodge in Philadelphia, from its very start in 1731, used to meet in a public house. Now, as a rule, the keepers of public houses where Masons meet are, and always were, Masons, and I never heard that public house keepers behaved worse in Lodges than brethren who follow other trades do. In 1739, that is one hundred and fifty years ago, Bro. Luke Vardy, the keeper of a public house wherein the Boston Lodge used to hold its meetings, walked in a public St. John's Day Masonic procession, in Boston, side by side with Henry Price, Andrew Belcher, and other founders of American legitimate Masonry; and if a public house keeper was worthy of being a Mason then, why cannot one of them be worthy of Masonry to-day? Besides, for a number of years after my arrival in America, the Grand Lodge of New York used to hold its meetings in a public house, and so did every Lodge in New York and Brooklyn. The Grand Lodge of England lets part of its premises for a tavern, or public house, and the manager of Freemasons' Tavern is a Mason, and a worthy one too. In short, public houses may be claimed to have been, in olden times, the hot-houses and nurseries of ancient Freemasonry, and I believe that if there had been no public houses in England for hundreds of years past, we should have been to-day without Masonic Lodges both in England and America.

But that is not all. I was verbally informed (I hope it is not true) that my philosophic friend Bro. Parvin was recently attacked with the now spreading anti-Cerneauism *mania*. Now, I can understand the reason of extreme teetotallers for opposing the admission or even expelling the Saloon Keepers from Masonry, but I cannot conceive what Bro. Parvin can say against Cerneauism that cannot with equal justice be said against Gourgasism, Pikeism, Templarism, and all other kinds of high degreeism. One is not better than another, and no Grand Lodge has a right to patronise or to recommend either kind of humbug.

But with all Bro. Parvin's new notions, we are still indebted to him for the good he has done, and is still doing, in his efforts to cure our deluded American Masonic writers of

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their various Masonic manias. In his report of Foreign Correspondence for 1888, Bro. Parvin says, that he had devoted considerable time in preparing an exhaustive attack on the "Ancient Landmark" mania, but he found that it was too long for the space allotted for his publication, but he happened to get hold of some orations delivered by Bro. Albert Pike, at Washington, which answered his purpose completely.

Now, Bro. Pike, though he is an out and out high degreer, and claims to be Sovereign Grand Commander of *Great Grandmother* Consistory of the World, is, nevertheless, apt now and then to astonish the Masonic noodles with some truth. Now, among these orations one treats on the absurdity of believing in Mackey's 25 ancient landmarks. This oration Bro. Parvin republished in his Proceedings. There may be a few faults in it, but upon the whole *it is very good*, and, as to the best of my belief, no American Masonic papers have noticed it, I have copied it (merely adding a few notes between brackets) for the benefit of all who are still afflicted with the ancient landmarks mania.

BOSTON, U.S., 28th June 1889.

ROYAL ARCH.

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WALTON CHAPTER, No. 1086.

THE Companions of this Chapter met in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 28th ult., for the annual installation of principals and investiture of officers. The Chapter was opened by Companion F. Ewart Z, Companion R. T. Britten H., and Companion J. Unsworth J., there being present upwards of 40 members and visitors, amongst whom were Companions W. Goodacre, J. Hounsdell 203, D. Davies 823, George Eyton 823, &c. Companion Goodacre having taken the chair, Companion F. Ewart presented Companions R. T. Britten, J. Unsworth, and John Lunt, the three principals elect, for installation. Companion Goodacre having given the opening addresses, the installing principal, John Lunt 1086, proceeded with the ceremony, and in a very able manner installed Companion R. T. Britten as first principal, and Companion J. Unsworth as second principal, after which Companion Britton placed Companion John Lunt in the third principal's chair for the ensuing year, and invested the following Companions, viz.:—Companions C. Johnson S.E., W. Young S.N., W. Bushell P.S. (second time), J. Walker A.S., Williamson being re-elected Janitor. The Companions afterwards dined together in the large hall. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received. The "Standard Quartette"—Companions Fargher, Williams, Griffiths, and Pugmire—under the conductorship of Professor G. Eyton, discoursed an excellent musical programme.

Israel Chapter of Improvement, No. 205.—A new Chapter of Improvement will be inaugurated at Tapp's Restaurant, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. (Oxford Street end), on Monday, 22nd July. The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by E. Comp. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B. as M.E.Z., assisted by E. Comp. C. F. Hogard P.A.G.D.C. as H., E. Comp. S. V. Abraham M.E.Z. 1017 as J. The proceedings will commence at 6 o'clock precisely, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a supper will be provided, tickets 3s 6d. In order that the convenience of the Companions attending may be studied, Bro. E. H. Norden, the Secretary, will esteem it a favour if Companions will let him know if it is their intention to be present. The regular meetings of the Chapter of Improvement will be held at 8 o'clock on every Monday evening throughout the year. Companions will be heartily welcomed. Preceptor, Comp. H. J. Phillips M.E.Z. 205.

The following sums, on behalf of the recent Festival of the Boys' School, have been received since our issue of last week :—

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS, continued.

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ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 498.

THE annual festival was held on the 10th inst., at the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley. Bro. Dr. J. Bellingham was installed W.M. for the year, the installation being performed by Bro. W. J. Gilliver. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. J. W. Roberts S.W., F. G. Thompson J.W., H. H. Hughes S.D., W. Richardson J.D., W. B. Palethorpe Organist, W. Shepley Secretary, A. Green Treasurer, M. Robinson and Prichard Stewards, King I.G., Timmins Tyler, the Rev. J. W. Wilshaw Chaplain, J. Fisher Assistant Chaplain D.C. There was a very large number of visiting brethren, and the ceremony was followed by a banquet.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No 766.

THIS Lodge had a summer outing on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The brethren and their ladies and visitors met at Paddington Railway Station, where a saloon carriage, attached to the 10 o'clock train, conveyed them to Windsor. On arrival there, the commodious steam launch "Fashion" was in waiting, which took them to Caversham. The weather was lovely, and the water trip most enjoyable. An excellent banquet was prepared at Bond's Hotel. The brethren returned by train from Reading, after having had one of the most enjoyable days possible. Amongst those present were:—Bro. G. F. Edwards W.M. and Mrs. Edwards, Bro. W. Worrell P.M. and Sec. and Madame Worrell, Bros. W. J. Heath P.M., W. J. Collens P.M., Bro. J. F. Haden J.D. and Mrs. Haden, Bro. J. G. Kemp and Mrs. and Miss Kemp, Bro. R. C. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Bros. M. Woolf, W. Pierson, &c. Visitors.—Bro. G. W. Marsden P.M. 1329 and Mrs. Marsden, Bro. R. J. Voisey P.M. 1329, Bro. J. Hart No. 65 and Mrs. Hart, Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, Bro. H. Von Joel P.M. 857 and Mrs. and Miss Von Joel, Bro. C. T. Artaud S.D. 1305 and Mrs. Artaud, &c.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult (by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master), at the Church Room, Mordaunt Road, Hounslow. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. F. A. Barth and T. W. Barth, and Bros. Thomas and Papworth, of 1585, were passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Emery, Boyce, Robinson, and Haynes, were raised to the third degree. Bro. Keene then vacated the chair, for Bro. W. C. Williams to act as Installing Master. Bro. R. H. Williams having presented Bro. W. H. Causton W.M. elect, he was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. W. Keene I.P.M., G. Swann S.W., P. J. Davies J.W., C. A. Walter Treasurer, W. C. Williams Secretary, C. Woods S.D., John Davies J.D., J. Doble I.G., R. H. Williams D. of C., E. Clare Organist, J. M. Long Steward, and T. Bowler Tyler. The charges were then given in Bro. W. C. Williams' best manner. The account of the audit was given, and it was resolved to adopt and print same for circulation amongst the members. The Secretary having given a notice of motion for the next meeting, it was resolved that a committee be formed for the purpose of carrying out the details for an excursion from Hounslow, on the 17th inst. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel. The banquet was served in Host Bull's usual sumptuous manner, everything being of the best in quality and quantity, while the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., with a very appropriate speech to each. During the evening Bro. T. W. Heath played a solo on the cornet, which was most vociferously encored, and Bro. Heath kindly played "The last rose of summer." The members of the Lodge may well congratulate themselves on the acquisition of Bro. Theodore Barth, who contributed some beautiful music, vocal and instrumental. Bro. A. J. Turner gave a very laughable recitation, entitled "The quack doctor," and last, though not least, came Bro. Spraggs, who for comic songs is a host in himself. The Lodge will soon be one of the most prosperous Lodges in the Province—within the last four years there have been 30 initiated and 10 joining members admitted.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 893.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Millbrook, on the 8th inst., when the following were installed for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. E. Marchant W.M., J. Duckett I.P.M., E. Price S.W., G. B. Nuell J.W., R. H. Frizell Chaplain, Bersey Treasurer, W. H. Bickford Secretary, S. B. Stanton S.D., Wilton J.D., Cowling Inner Guard, Veale Organist, John Price D.C., Ewens S.S., Morey J.S., Fisher Tyler. The installing officer was the I.P.M. (Bro. James Duckett), assisted by the other P.M.'s present, who were:—Bros. W. Harris 893, J. Pearn 893, J. Hocking 893, E. J. Worth 893, Cause 893, Bickford 893, H. J. Barter 1247, N. Radmore 159, A. H. Whidden 122, J. Leonard 202, and several visitors. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. Duckett, the retiring W.M., in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability, and he in turn presented the Lodge with a pair of silver wands. The Brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a splendid repast was laid. During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Barter, Leonard, Sawdy, Pemberthy, and Whidden, Bro. Veale accompanying on the piano.

ROYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1013.

ON the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Frederick Evans was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros.

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T. W. Edwards and W. F. M'Donnell, the Installing Officer being Bro. T. K. Hughes. After his installation, the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. F. M'Donnell I.P.M., H. W. Thornton S.W., W. M'William J.W., W. Warburton S.D., J. W. Glendinning J.D., G. Broadbent I.G., Squire Chapman Treasurer, T. K. Hughes Dir. of Cers., J. W. Napton Secretary, E. Barnett, P. B. Warburton, T. P. Bethell and G. Proudman Stewards, J. Jones Org., Peter Ball Tyler. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Casey, the House Steward, and the proceedings were enlivened by the musical contributions of Bros. T. W. Edwards, S. Howard, G. Broadbent, W. H. Outram, Geo. Proudman, J. D. Cockerton and R. Woods, Bro. J. Jones presiding at the piano. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. F. M'Donnell, the retiring Worshipful Master.

KENNARD LODGE, No. 1258.

ON Thursday, 27th ult., the annual installation festival took place at Pontypool, when Bro. Capt. D. R. Jones, the W.M. elect, was installed as W. Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. J. Holloway, assisted by Bro. Dr. Mulligan. After the ceremony, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dr. Edmunds I.P.M., D. E. Williams S.W., H. Griffiths J.W., H. Feather Secretary, W. H. Haskins Organist and Treasurer, H. J. Parkhurst S.D., A. H. Watkins J.D., D. M. Llewellin I.G., R. Herbert and W. S. Mends Stewards, Winkworth and Johnson Tylers. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. D. R. Jones, the newly-installed Master. The tables having been cleared, the toast list was proceeded with, the loyal toasts being, as usual, heartily honoured. Bro. J. W. Mulligan, in proposing the health of the newly-installed W.M., said he had known him for many years in many walks of life—as a Mason, as a Brother-Officer in the Volunteers, as a civilian, and as a neighbour—and everything he had known of him redounded to his credit. He was sure that Bro. D. R. Jones would make an excellent Master for the Kennard Lodge, and had great pleasure in proposing the toast of his health. The toast was heartily received, and was accorded musical honours. The W.M., in responding, said he deeply felt the great honour that had been done him that day. It was his intention to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him in the office, and to do all he could for the prosperity and advancement of the Lodge. The W.M. afterwards proposed the toast of the Right Worshipful Col. Lyne P.G.M., the Very Worshipful Capt. Geo. Homfray D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, a toast which was received with acclamation. Bro. G. Homfray D.P.G.M., in responding, expressed the great pleasure he had in being present that day, and stated that he had never missed attending the annual festival at Pontypool since the Lodge had been opened. He was glad to say that at the last Festival of the R. M. Institution for Boys the Province of Monmouth stood well, and he had been enabled to take up a large sum of money. Bro. D. E. Williams J.W. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Dr. R. Edmunds, remarking that he was sure that during the Past Master's year of office he had done all that he could to advance the interests of the Lodge, and that during his term of office he had only been absent on two occasions. He felt sure that his non-attendance on those occasions was due to no fault of his own. The toast having been received with musical honours, Bro. R. Edmunds responded in appropriate terms for the compliment paid him, after which Bro. D. Williams proposed the health of the Installing Masters, Bros. Holloway and Mulligan, stating in the course of his remarks that he had been, and he was sure every Brother in the Lodge had been very much impressed with the manner in which the installation ceremony had been gone through that day. He felt sure they could not find in the Province of Monmouth two brethren who could have gone through the ceremony in a more able and impressive manner than the brethren named had done that day. Bro. J. Holloway responded on behalf of himself and Bro. Mulligan (who had just left), and said he thanked Bro. D. Williams for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally for the heartiness with which they had received it. It had been a great pleasure to him to have had the honour of installing their Worshipful Master, as he felt sure that they had that day placed a worthy Mason in a very honourable position. In wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, he begged to assure him that if there was anything he could do, as far as his limited ability would allow, he should be only too pleased to place his services at his disposal. The time-honoured toast of to all Poor and Distressed Masons, proposed in fitting terms by Bro. Winkworth, brought the toast list to a close. The proceedings, which were of an enjoyable character throughout, were enlivened at intervals by some capital songs by Bros. W. H. Haskins, H. Fox, D. Williams, &c., and recitations by Bros. D. R. Jones, J. Holloway, D. E. Williams, &c.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

ON the 10th inst., the brethren celebrated their annual festival at their commodious hall in North-hill Street, Liverpool. The only Lodge situated at the south end, it is a great favourite with the Craft. It has had several years of prosperity, and it was formerly known as the "De Grey and Ripon," but after the retirement of the Grand Master whose name the Lodge bore, it was felt desirable to give it a local character by changing its name. After the installation, which was very effectively performed by Bro. B. Holgate, the candidate, Bro. Lawrance Phillips, being presented by Bros. T. Nickson and John Ashton, the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. A. H. Hughes I.P.M., D. M'Farlane S.W., R. W. Chatham J.W., J. J. Williams P.M. Treasurer, James Rankin Secretary, H. Bridger S.D., Theo. Williams J.D., W. Hudson Organist, A. Jones I.G., J. Lloyd S.S., Phipps Williams J.S., J. A. Glover A.S., R. Watt A.S. Bro. F. De Chemin was re-elected Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening the I.P.M. Bro. H. H. Hughes was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, accompanied by a valuable silver tea and coffee service (on the part of the Officers) for Mrs. Hughes. The picnic this year is to be held at Bolton Abbey.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

THE annual installation festival took place at the Masonic rooms East Grinstead, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. George Mitchell was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Hoskin W.M. performed the ceremony, in a very able manner. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. W. H. Brown S.W., G. Wilson J.W., F. J. Baker S.D., G. D. Woolgar J.D., R. White I.G., Evelyn A. Head Treasurer, and A. M. Betchley Secretary. Following this ceremony a banquet was held in the large room at the Crown Hotel, Bro. George Mitchell, the W.M., presiding. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were given. The toast of health to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was acknowledged by Bros. Metcalf, Denman, and Betchley. Bro. Hopkins, in felicitous language, submitted the toast of the W.M., who replied. The toast of the visitors elicited very warm approval from the visiting brethren of the manner in which the business of the Lodge was conducted, and in which Bro. Hopkins had conducted the installation ceremony that day.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE brethren of this lodge assembled at the Tilbury Hotel, at the early hour of "high twelve," in order to dispose of the business of the Lodge previous to embarking for an excursion down the river Thames, on the 13th inst. The W.M., Dr. S. J. J. Kirby, presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. W. Barber S.W., W. J. Crump J.W., J. Burton S.D., Dr. Fred. H. Davies J.D., A. G. Dudgeon Treasurer, and W. L. Dudgeon Secretary. Bro. A. N. Hughes acted as I.G. There were also present Bros. F. C. Ahlfeldt, John Lowe, W. H. Barber, Bradshawe Brown, Orlton Cooper, and several others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer presented his report, which showed a satisfactory balance. Mr. Watter Christie and Mr. Wm. Ed. Newcombe were then nominated, balloted for, and accepted, after which the W.M. proceeded to initiate them, and performed the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. The newly-made brothers having received the congratulations of those present, the Lodge was adjourned till October. The brethren then embarked at the Tilbury Dock Basin, and the weather proving propitious, they enjoyed a very pleasant trip. A cold collation was provided on board by Bro. J. W. Smith, of the Tilbury Hotel.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the half yearly meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Bro. C. S. Lane presided. The officers of the Committee were re-elected, as follows:—Bros. C. S. Lane Chairman, T. Bradley Secretary, M. Corbitt Treasurer, C. S. Lane, M. Corbitt, S. Fenny, T. Coulson, D. P. Huntley, T. Bradley, and R. Singleton, Sub-Committee. Some applications in regard to the London Schools and two county applications were considered. The latter the committee were unable to deal with in a satisfactory manner. The former were deferred, owing to prior claims. The Durham Masonic Education Fund was reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

The twenty-first Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be celebrated on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Field. R.W. Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., G.J.W., will preside. Dinner will be served at 5·30 for 6.

The *Family Churchman* has the following in regard to the forthcoming visit of the Queen to North Wales:—

"It has been arranged that the Princess Beatrice will lay the foundation stone of Barmouth Church. The Masonic ceremonial, we are sorry to see, is again to be dragged into the function. No doubt it is picturesque enough, but it is a pity that the Church's own ceremonial should be put aside in favour of that of a purely voluntary secular society.

By the kind permission of Mr. George Edwardes, Mr. George Stone will take his first benefit at the Gaiety Theatre, on Saturday morning, 27th July, when, in addition to an act from "Faust up to Date," and one from "Esmeralda," most of the prominent artistes on the London stage will assist.

The Vaudeville will re-open on Monday, 29th inst., with a new play, entitled "In Danger," by Messrs. W. Lestocq and H. Grosewell. The piece will be produced by arrangement with Mr. John Hare.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or defeated by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid specific, without annoying the nerves of the susceptible or irritating the most delicate organisation. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every hepatic, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer whose torturing make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.

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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 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

1336—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228—Dene, King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, Berks
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, 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. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 22nd JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1428—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 303 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)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1663—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)
1734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
2099—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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

TUESDAY, 23rd JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (Instruction)
213—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Horneey 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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grand-parade, Newcastle 7.30 (In)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1916—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1699—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1076—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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 282—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 (Inst
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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—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)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1923—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)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1033—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockneyfields
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 373—Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th JULY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1560—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1626—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1654—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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)
1635—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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K.T. 8—Pimlus of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

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Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
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1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—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)
1462—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).

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R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 630—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7·30. (In)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2089—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
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M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
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1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
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2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 909—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

THE delegates to the 108th Annual Communication of the State of New York met in the Masonic Temple, at Twenty-third-street, and Sixth-avenue, on the 4th ult. At 2 o'clock the order was given to fall in line, and the 700 representatives of the various Lodges throughout the State, wearing their glittering jewels and beautiful regalia, proceeded to the council chamber, were they were received by the resident members. During the interval taken up in seating the delegates, the organist, George W. Morgan, assisted by the St. Cecile Lodge, furnished appropriate music. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, after which the "New Jubilee March" was played.

After receiving a number of distingnished visitors from England, Scotland and Ireland, and several States in the Union, Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence delivered his address, which was interrupted frequently by applause from the hearers. "For the first time in its history, the Grand Lodge assembles to-day in a home which is absolutely its own," said the Grand Master, "a home over which no debt casts its shadow, against which no man holds the smallest claim. The sounds of our recent rejoicing have scarcely died away when we come together, to take sober account of the doings of the past and to develop further plans for the future." The Grand Master then devoted considerable time to the commemoration of deceased members, to the dispensations and appointments. Referring to the Washington Centennial, he said:

At about the beginning of the year I was invited to designate, and did designate, three members of the Grand Lodge as members of the General Committee, having the celebration in charge, understanding the invitation as signifying a desire that the Masonic Fraternity should take part in the proceedings. Although the brethren designated by me were appointed as members of the General Committee several months before the celebration their views were not requested upon any subject connected with the purpose for which the Committee was organised. They were never notified of the holding of a meeting of the committee, nor, so far as they are aware, was such a meeting held subsequently to their appointment. The ceremonies, I am happy to say, were altogether successful. The subject is here mentioned only in order that the omission of our Fraternity to take an appropriate part in them may not remain without explanation.

He added further, as to the policy of the Grand Lodge in granting dispensations for new Lodges, that it had been to discourage such applications, and he believed rightfully. Touching upon the relations with sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Master gave a protracted history of the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, regarding the Lemm brothers. "As the matter stands," continued the Grand Master, "the regular initiation of a candidate in a Lodge under our jurisdiction has been branded as 'unlawful, without Masonic virtue, null, void and of no effect,' and one whom we recognise as one of our brethren is denied that fraternal intercourse which must be enjoyed by all Masons of this State. Our request for the arbitration of the question has been assented to, after a delay of many months." It would, he added, soon be amicably settled.

The Grand Master then spoke of the Hall and Asylum Fund, which amounted, all told, to 140,000 dollars. The bonds, he said, had been completely paid off, and the improvement which had taken place in the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge amounted to more than 600,000 dollars in the last four years.

The report of the Grand Secretary, E. M. L. Ehlers, showed a balance on hand, after all expenditures, of 30,921·81 dollars. There will be meetings this morning at 9 o'clock, and this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, met in the Grand Commandery room, Masonic Temple, on the same morning. Sister Martha W. Travers, Most Worthy Grand Matron, presided. Members were present from all parts of the State. A Chapter meeting was held at the Crescent Chapter Rooms, Masonic Hall, East Brooklyn, last evening. The order will meet to-day at 9 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

Kane Lodge No. 454 gave a reception to the visiting delegates of the Assembly, at its rooms in Masonic Hall, last evening. The programme was interesting and varied. The prominent features were: Reception of Grand Officers and visitors by Rollin M. Morgan, Master; presentation of testimonial to Thomas E. Stewart, Past Master; introduction of Arctic explorers by Charles J. Bliven; address of welcome by J. Edward Simmons, Past Grand Master; an address "The Abandonment of the Brig 'Advance,'" by J. Wall Wilson, and the presentation of a historical painting entitled "Farewell" to Kane Lodge, by Albert Operti, the artist.—*New York Tribune.*

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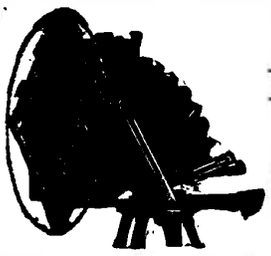
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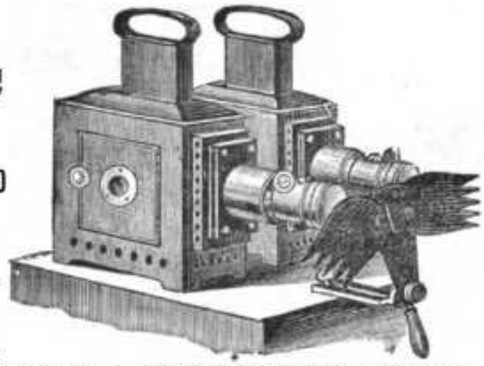
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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THIS year's Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was held on Wednesday, affords a further exemplification of the desire of English Freemasons to uphold the splendid reputation the Order has already gained as a medium for dispensing Charity, and affording relief to those members or their families who unfortunately fall into distressed circumstances. For the last twenty-one years it has been the custom for brethren associated with Mark Masonry to hold an Annual Festival on behalf of a special Benevolent Fund for the Degree, and almost every year the total of the subscriptions announced in connection with these Festivals has exceeded the result of the preceding one; indeed, the whole career of the Fund may be described as a continuation of successes, and to-day we find the organisation, which was started but a comparatively short time back, with modest pretensions, has risen to the dimensions of a national Institution, drawing support from all parts of the world, where English Mark Masonry is known, and affording a means of alleviating some of the distress which prevails over an equally wide area.

This year's contributions to the Mark Fund of Benevolence show an increase, as compared with the total of last year, although they hardly reach to what was realised in the Jubilee year, 1887, when, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, a sum of £2260 was realised. With this one exception the support given this year is the largest ever known in the history of the Fund, and it hardly seems possible, when we look at the £2084 2s 6d total of Wednesday last, that as recently as 1869 the first Festival was held, under the presidency of the lately deceased Canon Portal, when the modest sum of £97 2s 8d was contributed, at the hands of six Stewards. The following year (1870) the total was but £53 odd, while in 1871 it rose to £85 8s. For the next few years it varied from £176 11s 6d in 1875, to £96 15s in 1876, after which we have a jump to £221 9s in 1877, since which period the success of the Fund may be said to have been assured, the contributions gradually rising, until, in 1884, they totalled up to £832 19s. Then came a period of great prosperity for the Fund, the succeeding year's total being more than double that of its predecessor, the actual figures of 1885 being £1721 16s 6d. The year 1886 showed a slight falling off, £1534 10s 6d being collected, but this was amply compensated for by the grand success of the following year—to which we have already alluded—the £2260 of 1887. This was succeeded by an announce- of £1818 12s, and now we have the £2084 2s 6d of the current year. Altogether then we may look upon the present income of this special Masonic Charity as something like two thousand pounds per annum, with the same prospects of its increasing in the future, year by year, as it has done in the past, providing the need exists for more liberal support, and that, unfortunately, is always sure to be the case.

The fund thus raised by the Mark Degree is devoted to the relief of special cases of distress brought under the notice of the General Board, while provision is also made for permanent annuities for the aged of both sexes, and the education of both boys and girls, children of Mark Master Masons. All moneys are equally divided for these three objects, and so carefully have they been distributed in years gone by that no applicant for either branch, whose case has been found worthy, has ever been sent away unrelieved. This is saying a great deal, when we remember the many thousands who have been associated with the English Mark Grand Lodge, and we hope that the same most satisfactory state of affairs may always continue, both for the sake of those who may need help, as well as for the reputation of the Mark Degree.

MARK MASONRY.

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A SPECIAL Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday, at No. 8a Red Lion-square. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, and among the brethren present were:—W. J. Hughan P.G.W. acting as S.G. Warden, Sir Lionel Darell J.G.W., W. G. Lemon S.G.O., H. Kynaston G. Chap., Frank Richardson G. Registrar, Frank Sumner Knyvett S.G.D., H. E. Cousans J.G.D., Robert Berridge G.D.C., J. B. Bridgeman A.G.D.C., J. H. Matthews A.G.D.C., T. B. Purchas G.S.B., J. Mainwaring G.I.G., J. W. H. Thompson, S. Knight, and J. M. Collins G. Stewards, Baron de Ferrières P.G.M. Gloucester and Herefordshire, J. H. Wynne P.G.I.G., C. F. Woodall P.S.G.D., J. L. Murray P.G. Standard Bearer, N. T. West P.G.O., Alfred Williams P.G.M.O., Walter Adlard P.G.M.O., Geo. Allen P.G.O., Geo. Graveley P.G.S.B., John A. Lloyd P.G.C., John Ramsey P.A.G.D.C., Driver P G. Standard Bearer, R. I. Emmens P.G.M.O., B. R. Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer, T. Cubitt P.S.G.O., E. T. Hoare P.G. Organist, J. S. Cumberland P.J.G.O., G. Powell P.G.S., James Stevens P.G.J.O., George Mickley P.G.D., Jabez Church P.G.S., A. B. Cook P.G.M.O., Chas. H. Driver P.G.M.O., Lord Euston P.S.G.W. P.G.B., Thos. J. Ralling P.G.D., Edwin M. Lott P.G. Organist, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Steward, R. Loveland Loveland D.P.G.M.M. Hants, and others. After preliminaries Lord Egerton of Tatton said: Brethren, you have heard the notice just read convening this meeting, the object of which is to receive a special communication from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. I have received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, in which it is stated that his Royal Highness entirely approves of the recommendations of the General Board, which are—first, that a Special Grand Mark Lodge be held to invest a new Grand Secretary in the place of Bro. Binckes, who has resigned; his Royal Highness has also signified his approval of the recommendation that a sum of £125 be given to Bro. Binckes as a retiring allowance. I have now, therefore, to signify his Royal Highness's approval of the appointment of Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Grand Secretary—and I have his Royal Highness's command to invest him, in lieu of Bro. Binckes, as Grand Secretary. In answer to a question from Bro. Percy Wallis (Derby), Lord Egerton of Tatton said, that the retiring allowance was to be an annual allowance. The Earl of Euston formerly moved that a retiring allowance of £125 a year be granted to Bro. Binckes. Lord Egerton said we like to do that which is right and just to a man who has served Mark Masonry so well and so long. At the General Board, when Bro. Binckes signified his intention to retire,

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we thoroughly investigated the matter, and we unanimously recommended to his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., that this allowance should be awarded to Bro. Binckes, in consideration of his past services to the Order of Mark Masons. I have the greatest pleasure in moving, now, that a retiring allowance of £125 be voted by Grand Mark Lodge; that the sum of £125 a year be given to him, from the Funds of Grand Mark Lodge. Lord Euston stated that Brother Binckes sent the resignation through him to His Royal Highness. His Royal Highness accepted it, and confirmed the recommendation of the General Board, that Bro. Matier should be appointed Grand Secretary. Brother Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, as President of the General Board, had much pleasure in seconding this resolution. Bro. Binckes had served Mark Masonry well and truly, and should receive some recognition of appreciation for his services. He had, therefore, much pleasure in seconding the motion, which was put and carried. Brother C. F. Matier was then formally invested with the collar and jewel of Grand Secretary. Bro. W. J. Hughan said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will you allow me, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in Grand Mark Lodge of England, to present "Hearty good wishes" of that Grand Chapter to this Grand Lodge. It was the first Grand Chapter that recognised this Grand Lodge. I am sorry that one of the brethren from the United States is not here. He left this country this morning, and he very much regrets not being able to be present. He represents 150,000 Mark Masons, of the United States and Canada, and he thought such good wishes were worth having. He was happy also to say that he heartily congratulated this Grand Lodge on the appointment of Bro. Matier, as Grand Secretary. Bro. Matier was then formally saluted, and Lord Egerton said there was no other business on the paper, but there was one event which was about to happen that he felt justified in asking the brethren to give a favourable reception to. He alluded to the approaching marriage of the eldest daughter of our Grand Master, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. He was sure that an event like that, which affects so closely the welfare and happiness of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, must be recognised by all Mark Masons, and would give every satisfaction to Mark Masons, who would also like to testify their loyalty and affection to their Grand Master on such an occasion; therefore it would not be inappropriate that he should move that a humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, congratulating him on the auspicious event of the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. All would agree that we should not allow this opportunity to pass by without expressing our great joy and sympathy with his Royal Highness on such an interesting occasion. We know also that her Royal Highness, like all the members of the Royal Family, has been well known to Masons on various public occasions, and has shown her interest in all Masonic events. We also know that Lord Fife has taken a prominent part in Scotland in Masonry, as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, and he is also known as a Royal Arch Mason in the Scottish Order. We have therefore every reason to greatly congratulate ourselves, as Masons, that the eldest daughter of our Grand Master is about to ally herself to a distinguished Mason. He had much pleasure in moving the resolution, and he trusted it would be received as cordially by Grand Lodge as he moved it. "That a congratulatory address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, on the auspicious marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. of Banffshire." The Earl of Euston seconded the motion. No words were needed from him, after what the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master had said. Mark Masons are loyal, and wish every happiness to their Grand Master and his family. After some other matters had been considered, Grand Mark Lodge was closed.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE annual festival was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, where a large company of ladies and brethren, presided over by Sir Lionel Darell, Junior Grand Warden, attended. Among those present were Lady Darell, and Miss Darell; Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, President General Board; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.S.G.W.; Major A. B. Cook P.G.M.O., and Mrs. Cook; Seva Ram and Mrs. Ram, of Lahore; E. X. Lebon P.G.D. P.G. Secretary Jamaica; Frank Richardson G. Registrar, Vice-President General Board; C. F. Matier P.G.W. G. Secretary, Secretary M.B.F.; James Moon P.G. Treasurer, Thos. Fenn P.G.W., Geo. Mickley P.G.D., J. D. Murray P.G.D., G. W. Marsden, Dr. Zacharie G.S.R. Secret Monitor, Alfred Williams P.G. Overseer, Col. Marmaduke Ramsey D.G.M. Mediterranean, A. F. Godson P.G.M. Worcestershire, Baron de Ferrières P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, Robert Berridge G.D. of C., Dr. Purchase G. Standard Bearer, R. J. Emmerson P.G.O., Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith P.G.O., Horatio Ward P.G.D., Percy Wallis P.G.D., A. Woodiwiss, Mayor of Derby, C. H. Driver P.G.M.O., Geo. Cooper P.G.O., and James Terry P.A.G.D.C. After the banquet the toast the Queen and Mark Masonry was cordially received. The Chairman in proposing the health of the M.W.G.M.M.M. said, wherever the Prince of Wales could, he did everything to promote the highest interests of Freemasonry. The G.M. had many onerous and arduous duties, and the brethren knew how faithfully and strictly he performed them. He might say, without fear of contradiction that no man in the world performed the duties of his high station with a greater sense of responsibility than did the Grand Mark Master. This might also be said with regard to the rest of the Royal Family. On the present occasion, especially as the festive board was graced with the presence of ladies, he must allude to the happy event which was about to take place in the family of the Grand Master, viz., the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. They were assured by their Grand Master that this marriage was one of love and affection. Lord Fife was a Mason, he was Prov. G. Master of Banffshire, also a Mark Mason. On the present occasion, in drinking to the health of the Grand Master, he must couple the Princess of Wales, the Princess Louise and Lord Fife, the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life, health, happiness, prosperity, and God speed. The Chairman next proposed the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore. Lord Egerton of Tatton was very sorry he was not able to be present. All knew full well the good work that these Past Grand Masters have done, and we are quite sure they will always do what they can to promote the best interests of Mark Masonry. The Chairman, in giving the toast of the R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, and that of the Grand Officers Present and Past, said it was fresh in the memories of most of them how well and ably the Marquis of Hertford had filled the Chair at this Festival last year, They were always glad on these occasions to welcome Grand Officers, and they were glad to see them present that evening. With the toast would be associated the name of Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Bro. Rev. T. Robinson thanked the brethren on behalf of his brother Officers,—whether noblemen or commoners, whether present or past, whether belonging to the Metropolis or to the Provinces; he returned sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. Every Master of a Lodge, every Grand Office must have its Officers; and we are all sensible of the honour which the Grand Master has done us in promoting us to high office. If, in case of death or sickness, or the pressure of secular avocations, a Present Officer is prevented from doing his work, there are others always ready to step forward, out of loyalty to their chief, to take his place. The Earl of Euston rose; the toast he was about to submit to the notice of the brethren was one they would all drink with enthusiasm; it gave him the most hearty pleasure to propose it, because the Chairman of the evening was a personal friend. Those who did not know the Chairman so well as he did, might be assured Sir Lionel Darrell was a thorough good Mason, from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot. He would ask them to drink most heartily to the toast, wishing Sir Lionel good luck in the future, and that he might live amongst them to help them by the earnest way in which he always took up whatever work he put his hand to. In reply the Chairman said he was much obliged to their good brother for the far too flattering manner in which he had mentioned his name, and to the ladies and brethren for the way in which they had received the toast. He could assure them that he really had the greatest appreciation of Masonry. The word "Mason" always to him had a good metallic ring about it. It was now his pleasure to propose the toast of the evening—viz., "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." When he was asked to take the chair on this occasion he did so with some diffidence, not for fear of the present, for their good Bro. Matier would shortly announce the Stewards' lists, which he hoped would be a fair record with those of former years, but it was for the future of the Mark Benevolent Fund that he appealed that evening. This Fund was founded some 21 years ago. It differed from other Masonic Institutions, in that it had no houses to keep up, and was at very little expense; in fact, with the exception of printing and postage, and an annual grant to the Secretary, all the money that was subscribed went for actual benevolence. It was divided into three branches, the benevolent, the educational, and the annuity. Sums for the benevolent were given in relief every month by the General Board, and since the year 1869 these sums had amounted to considerably over £2000. The educational branch was established only in 1879, and since that time 40 children had been educated at their own homes under the care of their parents and guardians, and in the year 1886 it was resolved that £5 be annually given to each pupil for clothes. This required a yearly expenditure of something like £450. The annuity branch was founded in the year 1885, by the liberality of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who as a nucleus to the Fund gave a sum of £105. The Fund now gave to five old brethren £26 a year each, and £5 extra was given at Christmas. There were three candidates now seeking relief, but it would depend on the liberality of the Stewards to attend

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those benefits. He might say that at the first Festival the Benevolent Fund realised a sum of only £50, and in the year 1887 it reached the substantial sum of £2220. The brethren would see from this the excellent work this Mark Benevolent Fund was doing, and he called upon the company one and all to do everything in their power to increase and augment that Fund. It was that night celebrating its majority,—its 21st year. They looked upon a man as not having come to full age till he had become 21 years old; then, as a general rule, he grew in strength, and generally in size. So he trusted it would be with this Fund. He hoped that Mark Masonry would grow in strength, by the increase of its members, and that it would increase in size, by reason of the increase in its funds. He really did not think he need say anything further about this most excellent Fund, which commended itself most heartily and cordially to each and every one of them. He now had the pleasure of making the announcement, which he was sure would be a most popular one. Most of them were aware that Bro. Binckes had resigned the office of Grand Secretary, and it had been the pleasure of the Grand Master to confer that office on Bro. Matier. Some of the brethren had that afternoon had the opportunity of seeing that brother invested with the collar of the office, by Lord Egerton of Tatton. It would be invidious on his part, in his presence, to speak of what Bro. Matier had done for the Mark Benevolent Fund, because they all knew his good work. He should therefore content himself with asking the company to drink to the future prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund. With the toast he should couple the name of their Grand Secretary Bro. Matier. He should ask them to drink his very good health; long life and happiness to him, and to congratulate him on the honour which had been conferred upon him, an honour which he so richly deserved. Bro. Matier, who was received with, loud cheers, said before he read the result of the list of Stewards, who had so heartily worked for the success of to-night's proceedings, would they permit him to express how much he felt, and how deeply he appreciated, the sentiments expressed. It should be his aim to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the Order, and the extension of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Though not on this occasion breaking the record, he could congratulate the Chairman on being the President of the second most successful gathering that has taken place in the annals of the Mark Benevolent Fund. We have one Steward to-night who has brought up—from the Rose and Thistle Lodge of Wigan, in Lancashire—the large sum—the totally unprecedented amount—of 200 guineas. Bro. Matier then announced the lists, of which we append details. Baron de Ferrières said Masonry was established for the promotion of brotherly love and Charity. It could not be gainsaid that Masons contributed £40,000 and upwards to their Charities every year. They were scattered over the world; but they had no means of shaking hands and meeting each other except on these occasions. These meetings were a great means of promoting Charity, and they were proud to be favoured with the presence of ladies. They had heard the record that evening. For a small body, the sum of £2000, their average subscription, was a very large sum, one of which they might well be proud. But, while congratulating themselves, they must not forget the machinery by which they got it—the Board of Stewards; it was owing to their efforts. To the head of this Board their thanks were due, for raising the necessary funds. The Chairman, Lord Euston, was a brother well known to them. There was also Bro. Murray, whose name he should couple with the toast. Bro. Murray had brought up the largest sum ever collected by one Steward. Lancashire and Yorkshire were somewhat of dampers; the other Provinces felt they could not come up to them. Great credit must be given to Lancashire and Yorkshire, especially to Bro. Murray. Lord Euston, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, thanked Baron de Ferrières, and the ladies and brethren present, for the compliment paid them. They had only done their best to make this an agreeable evening. If they had succeeded in providing a pleasant entertainment, it was encouraging to think that they had also been the means of providing funds for those who really wanted help, and who belonged to their Order. The Stewards of that night would only be too glad to serve in the same capacity again. Bro. Murray expressed regret that so few brethren were present from Lancashire, but hoped that the contribution the county had sent would be taken as a proof of their desire to add to the usefulness of the Order. Major A. Hott Cook proposed the Ladies, which toast was responded to by Bro. F. S. Knyvett. Bro. the Earl of Euston proposed the Visitors; this toast was always proposed and drunk with hearty good feeling, because they knew that, as Masons, wherever they went, throughout the world—whether in America, where they spoke the same language, or in India, where there was a mixture of languages, or in China, or Japan, or Australia—which had taken such a prominent part in Freemasonry—any brother who presented himself with his credentials to Lodges was made most heartily welcome. Bro. Leon on behalf of the province he had the honour to represent, thanked the brethren for the distinguished honour conferred upon him, by his name being associated with the toast of the visitors. He represented a very humble province under Mark Masonry, but he could assure the brethren that they bowed to none in loyalty to the Grand Master and Grand Mark Lodge. They had striven to do their duty in Mark Masonry, and he hoped at the next Grand Festival of Jamaica would flourish, and be as conspicuous in their position there then as they were here that evening. A selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Edwin Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, assisted by Madame Agnes Larkcom, Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith; solo violin—Miss Kate Chaplin; at the pianoforte—Miss Nellie Chaplin and Dr. Lott.

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PROV. G. LODGE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the united Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., at Hereford, under the banner of the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243. There was a large attendance, which included:—

The Right Worshipful Brother the Baron de Ferrières P.G.M.O. Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bros. O. Shellard Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Forth, R. C. Ferriss, E. Gregory, R. V. Vassar-Smith, J. Balcomb, W. R. Porcher, George Norman, W. R. Felton, Joseph Ownor, Charles Caldicott, James S. Norton, B. Cullwick, Edward George, T. G. Chance, Edwin Stephens, John Marchant, G. J. Caldwell, John Davies, John Barnes, William Margrett, Thomas Blinkborn, J. Nasmyth, H. Clarke, J. E. Balcomb, George West, and others.

The St. Ethelbert Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and transacted preliminary business. Then the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers were received with due ceremony, at 4 o'clock, and the chairs were vacated by the Lodge Officers for them. Provincial Grand Lodge was next opened, and the business of the Province was proceeded with. Reports were received from the various Lodges, giving an account of their charitable and other brotherly work during the past year. In the course of other business, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers, as follow, for 1889:—

Bro. O. Shellard	... ...	Deputy
M. F. Curter	... ...	Senior Warden
J. Nasmyth	... ...	Junior Warden
W. R. Porcher	... ...	M.O.
H. Clark ...	.. ...	S.O.
R. T. Hughes	... ...	J.O.
Rev. Dr. Lynes	... ...	Chaplain
J. Balcomb	... ...	Treasurer
G. Norman	... ...	Registrar and Secretary
J. S. Ownor	... ...	S.D.
J. Barnes	... ...	J.D.
W. R. Felton	... ...	D.C.
J. Davies...	... ...	Sword Bearer
C. Roberts	... ...	Standard Bearer
C. Caldicott	... ...	Organist
Edward George	... ...	Steward
T. G. Chance	... ...	Pursuivant
H. Phillips	... ...	Tyler

A banquet was subsequently held under the presidency of Baron de Ferrières, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. In replying to one of the local toasts, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. O. Shellard expressed the pleasure which it afforded him and the other Provincial Grand Officers to support the Provincial Grand Master in his arduous duties, and he also said he hoped to see an increase in the number of Mark Masons in the Province. The P. G. Master gave, in terms of praise, the health of Bros. George and Chance, who had acted as Provincial Grand Stewards on this occasion, and to whose excellent arrangements the success of the gathering was in a great measure due. Bro. George having been obliged to leave early, on account of another engagement, the toast was responded to by Bro. T. G. Chance. The Baron also very highly complimented Bro. John Barnes, the Lodge Secretary, upon the willing and admirable assistance which was received from him on this and all other occasions. The toast was replied to by Bro. Barnes, and the toast of the Tyler brought a pleasant afternoon's gathering to a close.

PROV. G. LODGE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Lodge of this Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., under the banner of the Henry Lodge, No. 216. Previous to opening Provincial Grand Lodge, the Henry Lodge was opened by Brother B. Craig W.M., assisted by his officers and members, when the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, and Bro. William Heathcote was balloted for and unanimously accepted as a candidate for Mark Masonry, and in the presence of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Province, was advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M. and his Officers, in a faultless manner. The brethren then retired for a short time, and at 1·30 p.m. the Deputy Provincial

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Grand Master and the Grand Officers were reported, and admitted in due and ancient form. Brother Col. F. R. Sewell D.P.G.M. in the chair; Brothers P. de E. Collin as D.P.G.M, Jas. Gardiner P.G.S.W., James Harper P.G.J.W., and other Officers present and past Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of Lodges called, when all but one responded. The Provincial Officers also were well represented. The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Maryport, were read and confirmed. Brother Gardiner, Provincial Grand Treasurer, read his statement of accounts, which, after having voted to two of the Masonic Charities twenty guineas, showed a balance to the credit of the Province of £22 9s 6d. Brother Col. Sewell moved, and Brother William Carlyle seconded the motion, that Brother Gardiner be again elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Carried by a unanimous vote, for the eighth time. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then nominated and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. John Paterson	...	Senior Warden
Rev. Jas. Anderson	...	Junior Warden
Dr. Jas. I. Lace	...	M.O.
Thos. Brackenridge	...	S.O.
Wm. Walker	...	J.O.
Rev. G. B. Armes	...	Chaplain
Jas. Gardiner	...	Treasurer
Thos. A. Argles	...	Registrar of Marks
Geo. Dalrymple	...	Secretary
E. G. Mitchell	...	S.D.
W. D. P. Field	...	J.D.
Henry Hartley	...	Inspector of Works
Jas. Copland	...	D.C.
Robert Leach	...	A.D.C.
I. Dickinson	...	Sword Bearer
Thos. Atkinson	...	Standard Bearer
D. H. Cook	...	Organist
Jas. Black	...	Assist. Sec.
Alexander Cross	...	I.G.
W. H. Bewley	...	Stewards
John Wakefield	...	Stewards
H. Ashmore	...	Stewards
G. B. M'Kay	...	Stewards
Joseph Dickson	...	Tyler

The following brethren were unanimously appointed to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz. :—Brothers Joseph Nicholson, P. de E. Collin, James Harper, and B. Craig. The past and present Provincial Grand Officers for 1887-8 were presented by the Provincial Grand Master in the chair with their Provincial certificates. Brother Rev. Jas. Anderson moved, as a recommendation to the Provincial Grand Master, that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge be held at Whitehaven, under the banner of Fletcher Lodge, which was supported by the Provincial Grand Master in the chair, and agreed to. Bro. Collin subsequently called the brethren's attention to a circular that had been sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary, anent the Peterborough Cathedral, and the erection of stalls therein. And as the corner stone was laid by the Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic honours, that the Mark Masters of this Province be invited to vote a small donation on behalf of the same. On the motion of Brother Rev. J. Anderson, supported by Brother Collin, two guineas was voted from this Provincial Grand Lodge. Letters from various brethren of the Province were read, tendering their apology for absence, and other general business of a routine character; and with hearty good wishes, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a cold collation, prepared by Mrs. Bentley, which pleased exceedingly. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THERE was an unusually large gathering of Mark Masons of this Province at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 19th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation of Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., as the Provincial Grand Mark Master, in succession to the late Canon Portal. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, opened the Lodge, and the Marquis of Hertford Deputy Grand Master was received with due honours. The R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master (Bro. Beach) was then introduced in proper form, and with the accustomed ceremonial was duly installed by the Marquis of Hertford. The newly installed Provincial Grand Mark Master was then saluted with the grand honours, and appointed as his Deputy Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, who was similarly honoured, the brethren being marshalled by Bro. Berridge G.D.C. of England. Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.G.S.B. England was elected as Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Rastrick, resigned. The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the year :—

Bro. R. J. Turney	...	Senior Warden
F. Rutland	...	Junior Warden
J. A. Nethercote	...	M.O.
J. T. Thackara	...	S.O.
Dr. J. G. Horwood	...	J.O.
Rev. A. M. Walker	...	Chaplains
Rev. J. H. Chadwick	...	Chaplains
N. Solomon	...	R. of M.
C. W. A. Jellicoe	...	Secretary
J. Jenkins	...	Senior Deacon
W. H. Jacob	...	Junior Deacon
F. D. Miller	...	Inspector of Works
A. J. Blackman	...	D. of C.
W. Farrance	...	A.D. of C.
W. H. Humphrey	...	Sword Bearer
W. Bentall	...	Standard Bearer
W. Townsend	...	Organist
J. Richardson	...	I.G.
J. Ezell ...	...	Tyler
H. T. Holmes	...	Stewards
Ansle	...	Stewards
C. Curtis ...	...	Stewards

Votes of thanks were passed to the Marquis of Hertford, to the Assistant Grand Mark Secretary (Bro. C. F. Matier), and Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Berridge) for their services. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, on the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Letters were received from Lord Valentia, Lord Cremorne, Lord Euston, and other Grand Officers, regretting their inability to attend. Amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain, J. E. Le Feuvre G.O., F. Newman G.O., G. J. Tilling Grand Steward, G. F. Lancaster, W. J. Borrow, the Rev. H. J. Mason, J. T. Burchett, J. C. Airs, R. Boughton-Smith, W. C. Webb, H. Pigeon, D. O. Hobbs, G. Cross, S. M. Emanuel, H. Durrant, J. D. Antill, J. Scott-Ramsay, S. Salter, F. Sanders, T. W. Price, Colonel Meade, Commodore Markham, R.N., C. J. Robinson, J. Leftwich, H. Cawte, G. A. Mursell, Everett, R. W. Mitchell, J. W. Willmott, H. Barton, &c.

THE "OLD MASONIANS."

THE Committee of this flourishing Association have just issued their Report for the year ending 30th April 1889. This document shows a very prosperous state of affairs. The number of new members for the year is nineteen, a larger increase than that obtained in the previous year. The Committee would express their thanks to those members who, during the past season, have undertaken the duties and responsibilities of Chairman on the Social Evenings. The efficient programmes provided, not without the expenditure of time and money on their part, have greatly enhanced the pleasure of the Social Meetings, and secured a higher average of attendance. Relying on a former success, three Cinderella Evenings have been held this year, which were both socially and financially successful, benefitting the General Fund to the amount of £5 5s 9d. The attendances at the "Social Evenings" has shown a marked increase; while the Council Meetings instituted at the beginning of the season have fully realised the usefulness expected of them. The annual dinner was held on Saturday, 13th April. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire) was the President; he was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes (B.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Secretary of the Institution), Past President, Bros. Augustus Harris (P.M. 2127), Asher Barfield (G. Treas.), Major George Lambert (F.S.A., P.G. Stand. Bearer), Vice-Presidents, and other influential Masons. The Association must be congratulated on the fact that the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn (Prov. Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, Patron of the Institution) has kindly undertaken the office of President for the ensuing year. To the Report is appended a Financial Statement, which shows a balance to the credit side of the account of between £30 and £40.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 178.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual pic-nic on Wednesday, 17th inst., when they visited Beeston Castle, Cheshire. About thirty-five brethren, with their ladies, journeyed in saloons, per London and North Western Railway to Hartford, where conveyances were in waiting to carry them to Beeston. On their way to the latter place the party, by special permission, were allowed to go through Lord Delomere's grounds, Vale Royal. On arriving at Beeston, the party made their way to the Castle Hotel, where a splendid repast was in readiness. The meal, which was excellently served by the host (Mr. S. Williamson), was greatly appreciated, and this part of the proceedings concluded, the party visited the ancient Castle. The ruins were minutely inspected, and the party subsequently took tea in the grounds. Beeston was left shortly after six o'clock, and the company left Hartford at 8·20, arriving in Wigan a few minutes after nine.

UNITY LODGE, No. 267.

ON Thursday, the 18th inst., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist, at their Lodge-room at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel. The Lodge met at 2·30, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. T. Brough, and there was a good muster of brethren. Bro. Thos. Richards was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bros. Brough and W. I. Bates. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. Brough I.P.M., C. A. Bradley S.W., W. Carswell J.W., W. Astle Treasurer, B. Morton Secretary, R. Edwards S.D., J. L. Fawcett J.D., W. Kettlewell I.G., A. Cockayne D. of C., W. I. Bates P.M. Almoner, J. A. Fox Organist, G. Fountain S.S., S. Schofield, C. Stoneley Stewards, D. Mason Tyler, F. Hulme Assistant Tyler. In the evening the annual banquet took place, the W.M. presiding, and the S.W. occupying the vice-chair. Bro. Crowther catered in his usual satisfactory manner. Amongst those present were Bro. R. Newhouse, the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, in the course of the evening, expressed himself highly pleased with the working of the Lodge, and the general condition of the Craft in Macclesfield; Bro. George Swindells, 295 (Mayor of the Borough), Captain H. Cardwell 1387, T. S. Sheldon W.M. 533, J. Staniforth W.M. 295, the newly-elected Officers and other members of 267, several of the Officers and members of the sister Lodge in Macclesfield, and of the Congleton Lodge, and several visitors from Lancashire and Cheshire Lodges, numbering in all about 60. The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, the proceedings terminating before the statutory hour.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

THIS Lodge was honoured, at the regular meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., by a visit from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), accompanied by several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. A. J. Blackman) presided, and amongst those assembled to greet the visitors were Bros. T. P. Payne, J. R. Weston, M. Emanuel, C. W. A. Jellicoe, John Adams, H. Dusautoy, T. Lashmore, H. P. Arthur, G. Cross, D. O. Hobbs, E. O. Longland, J. E. Aldis, J. Fewings, C. J. Appleford, W. Foster, J. H. Martin, Rev. F. J. Ashmall, F. Dacombe, A. Hewett, and W. Hussey. The W.M.'s and Wardens of the Clausentum and Shirley Lodges were unavoidably absent, and sent apologies. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to I.P.M. Dusautoy, who in turn presented the Lodge with a seal impress. After the business had been transacted they sat down to an admirably-served banquet, and a very pleasant evening, and one long to be remembered in the history of the Lodge, was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master his Deputy and Officers was drunk. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in responding, referred in commendatory terms to the manner in which the business of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony was conducted, and congratulated the brethren upon the very influential and prosperous condition of the Lodge.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Hanley, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the W.M. Bro. H. Windle in the chair, and for a summer meeting there was a good attendance of the members, between 30 and 40 being present. The Lodge was honoured with a visit from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Province Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.S.B. On entering the Lodge, attended by Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, the R.W. P.G.M. took the chair whilst the circular and minutes were read and confirmed, after which he requested the W.M. to resume the gavel, and proceed with the further business. Bros. Forester and Rushforth were then questioned as necessary, and passed to the second degree by the W.M., the charge being delivered by the S.W. Bro. T. Robinson. After fraternal greetings from the visiting brethren, a resolution was proposed by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works, and seconded by Bro. Tunnicliff I.P.M., that the sum of Fifty Guineas be subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, out of the proceeds of the Conversazione held in February last. The proposer and seconder referred to the fact that they had taken an active part in assisting to bring about, and producing evidence before, the recent Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Boy's School, and they hoped and believed that nothing but good to the Institution would result from that Inquiry. They had now the greatest possible pleasure in asking the Lodge to strengthen the hands of the Provisional Committee by a handsome subscription to the funds. Some discussion took place as to the desirability of increasing the amount to such a sum as would constitute the Lodge a Vice Patron, but ultimately the resolution was carried, the hope being held out that at an early date funds would be forthcoming to enrol the Lodge amongst the list of Vice Patrons. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then complimented the W.M. and Officers upon the excellent manner in which, not only the two passings, but the entire business of the Lodge had been conducted. It left little, very little indeed, further to be desired. He had found every Officer at his post, and well up in his duties, which gave him very great pleasure. He also expressed his gratification at seeing the resolution carried with respect to the grant to the Boys' School, showing as it did the truly Masonic spirit of the brethren. Some, possibly most of the members of the Lodge, thought that some improvement might be made in the management of the Institution, but at the same time they were not withholding their pecuniary aid. They recognised the fact that the boys were there, and must be provided for. He was truly glad that a Staffordshire Lodge was acting so nobly in the matter, and he doubted not that the action of the "Menturia" would carry influence even beyond the borders of his own Province. Colonel Gough then referred, in eulogistic terms, to a paper on voting in Lodges (as to candidates), which was read by Bro. Greatbatch before the members of the Lodge recently, a printed copy of which he had received. He thoroughly endorsed the principles suggested in the paper, and he thought it a most useful and commendable contribution. He apologised for having to leave the Lodge before it was closed, but was compelled to do so in order to catch a train. After the departure of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshment in the anteroom.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 758.

ON Thursday, the 18th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic-rooms, Runcorn. Bro. Newhouse congratulated Bro. Summerfield on the efficient way in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted. Bro. Summerfield then installed Bro. Arthur Linaker as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. Summerfield I.P.M., J. Cooper S.W., J. Littler J.W., C. W. Phillips S.D., T. S. Burgess J.D., W. Hankinson I.G., W. R. Wass Treasurer, T. Sharrocks Secretary, W. E. Lancaster Organist, J. Le Conteur Almoner, and G. Hayes Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Summerfield, for his services during his term of office, and also a Life Governorship on the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THIS well known and influential Lodge, which at one time held its meetings in Everton itself, assembled on 17th inst., in very strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-Street, Liverpool, to instal the W.M. elect Bro. R. S. Milne. The Lodge has become a very strong one during the past twelve or fourteen years, and many well known local men of standing still keep up their connection with it, the annual assembly being always looked forward to with interest by Masons in the city. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Maddox W.M. There were numerous Visitors who accepted the hospitality of the Lodge. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Councillors John Houlding and W. J. Lunt, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Maddox. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. William Maddox I.P.M, R. T. Britten S.W., John Mantle J.W., Councillor W. J. Lunt Treasurer (re-elected), Edwin Kite Secretary, W. J. Guilbert S.D., T. W. King J.D., W. Spencer I.G., F. Turner S.S., T. C. Millington J.S., Jabez Oates A.S., Joseph Bennett A.S. Bros. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler, and R. W. Gow D.C. Before the Lodge closed, a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his twenty-one years' service, was presented to Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Casey catered admirably for the brethren, and during the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and it was accompanied by a full suit of regalia. A well-executed musical programme conduced to the enjoyment of the brethren.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 907.

THE members had a most enjoyable outing on Tuesday, 16th inst. Nearly all the committee of the Lodge hail from the neighbourhood of Clapham Junction, so Battersea was well represented in the pleasant little party which went down to Windsor, by saloon carriage, had a drive to Virginia Water, and afterwards dined at The Castle Inn. Bro. John Cross W.M. presided. A number of ladies were present, and the toast of the Ladies, given by the W.M., was well received. Bros. Mark Gill, Rashleigh, Norrington, Harvey, Price, Sadler, White, Prince, Gabb, and other well-known Craftsmen took part in the proceedings. The genial Bro. George acted as Steward, and contributed a good deal to the success of the day.

MARWOOD LODGE, No. 1244.

ON the 2nd inst. the celebration of the Annual Festival of the Marwood Lodge and the installation of Bro. George Hood as the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at Redcar. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Right Worshipful the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. and D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire. Several visitors were present, including brethren from Middlesborough, Stockton, Darlington, Huddersfield, &c. The W.M. afterwards invested the officers for the year, and the proceedings concluded with a banquet, held at the Cotham Hotel.

ST MARGARET'S LODGE, No. 1452.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., the members of this Lodge presented to Bro. F. A. Mann P.G.O. a Past Master's jewel and an illuminated address, on the occasion of his leaving Lowestoft. After the Lodge business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, and partook of a cold supper, which was supplied in excellent style by the host, Bro. Bales.

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ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst, the very interesting ceremony of installing Bro. W. Burtonshaw as W.M. was ably performed by Bro. Staniforth. The rendering of the anthem, "Be thou faithful," by Bro. Blagbro' was delightfully sung. The W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Chamberlain I.P.M., Constable S.W., Behrendt J.W., Le Gassick as Chaplain, Watson Treasurer, R. Wood Secretary, R. N. Brunyee S.D., C. Fox J.D., Hemingbrough D.C., Horobin Steward, Staniforth Almoner, Burtonshaw Organist, Druary Standard Bearer, Faulkner I.G., Pickering, Petch, Coulman, and Scholey Stewards, G. Naylor Tyler. There was a goodly number of brethren present. Telegrams and congratulations were received from the Prov. Grand Sec., the W.M. of Aire and Calder, Goole; the W.M. elect of St. Nicholas, Thorne; and other Masonic officials and Lodges. After Lodge duties the brethren adjourned to Bro. Burtonshaw's residence, where a group picture was photographed by Bro. Brookes, from Messrs. Wellsted's, of Hull, as a memento of the occasion. The banquet was set out in the Town Hall, and was of a first-class character, provided by Mrs. Chafer, and the Misses Chafer, of the Darby and Joan Hotel. The W.M. Bro. Burtonshaw presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Constable S.W. Bro. Hemingbrough D.C. very ably managed the duties of his office. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the manner usual with Masons. These toasts were interspersed with songs, exceptionally well rendered. The instrumentalists were Bros. Burtonshaw Organist, Le Gassick, and Goodhind. The instrumental duet by Bros. Burtonshaw (piano), and Goodhind (violin), was a delightful piece of work. Bros. Blagbro', Fox, Hemingbrough, and Bellerby, did pleasant service vocally. The happy meeting was only broken up by the arrival of "Mr. Bruce's hour."

LIVERPOOL LODGE, No. 1547.

A NUMEROUS company of members and visitors assembled at the Masonic-hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 10th inst., to instal Bro. Henry Isaac. The chair was taken by Bro. Jessop W.M. After the installation the following Officers were invested:—Bros. J. Jessop I.P.M., R. E. W. Stephenson S.W., W. Montgomery J.W., John H. Parker Treasurer (re-elected), R. H. Leake Secretary, T. M. Stephenson S.D., John Haynes J.D., J. C. M'Guire D.C., C. H. Eaton Organist, J. Killip I.G., John H. Newton S.S., John W. Hughes J.S., E. Cornish A.S. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE members held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday, 6th inst., when, after the initiation of a candidate, the raising of two brethren, and the election as a joining member of Bro. A. Roberts, of Lodge 230, the installation of Bro. N. Reed was proceeded with. The installing Officers were Bros. A. Goodman, J. G. Kevern, C. Philip, J. B. Gover, and J. R. Lord, assisted by a board of installed officers. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. Goodman I.P.M., A. C. Titherley S.W., J. J. Beer J.W., C. Philp Treasurer, T. Goodall Secretary, C. Mutten S.D., Godfrey Evans J.D., E. Budge I.G., H. Robins D.C., J. Penwarne A.D.C., W. Smith-Rean Organist, T. Griffiths and T. B. Leonard Stewards. W. H. Phillips Tyler.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE members held their annual installation on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Joseph Clarke J.W., who was elected unanimously at the previous Lodge, was installed in the chair of W.M. There were a number of visiting brethren from both the provinces of West Lancashire and Cheshire. By dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, the ceremony of installation was performed in the school-room adjacent to the Union Hotel. The attendance of brethren was large. Bro. G. B. Richmond officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Clarke was presented for installation by Bros. the Hon. Henry Holbrook and John Morris. The W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. George B. Richmond I.P.M., R. G. Hawkins S.W., James W. Shaw J.W., John Morris P.M. Treasurer, W. Taylor P.M. Secretary, George Forrester Assistant Secretary, J. W. Evans S.D., J. M. Gibbs J.D., John Mayers I.G., William Jones D.C., John J. White S.S., F. V. Fearn J.S., J. Gerrish Assistant Steward, and A. J. Phipps O. Bro. Craft was unanimously re-elected Tyler. For the post of Charity Steward, Bro. J. Morris was unanimously chosen. After some ordinary business had been transacted the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the regular Lodge room at the Union Hotel, where a banquet was served which quite sustained the wide reputation of the house. Bro. Joseph Clarke W.M. presided, the vice-chairs being respectively occupied by Bros. Hawkins S.W., and Shaw J.W. The toast of the Queen was given from the chair, and was loyally received with musical honours. The Prince of Wales and the Officers of the Grand Lodge were next toasted, and this too was drunk with musical honours. Bro. J. Morris proposed the health of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton and Prov. Grand Officers present and past, paying a well-deserved compliment to Lord Egerton and his Officers for their management of the affairs of the Province. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The response was entrusted to Bros. Barnes and the Hon. H. Holbrook, the latter of whom took Provincial honours so far back as 40 years ago, under Lord Combermere. Bro. G. B. Richmond I.P.M., in giving the toast of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, and all other Masonic Charities, made a passing reference to the report of the Commissioners who had inquired into the management of the Boys' School. He said the feeling which that report had evoked must lead to thorough reform, and the report itself could do no harm, inasmuch as no really good institution could be harmed by a knowledge of the truth. Coming to our own Province he said that, thanks to the agency of the Cheshire Institution, they were enabled to spend their own money in their own Province, among their own people, in their own way. They themselves had the control of the financial and other arrangements; they had no extravagant management expenses to pay; and they were enabled by its organisation at a minimum of cost to produce the maximum of efficiency and do the greatest possible amount of good to the distressed ones whom it was their duty and privilege to help. Bro. J. Morris responding, made allusion to the memorable Girls' School Centenary in London, at which he was present, and where the magnificent sum of £51,000 was collected. Compared with other Provinces, Cheshire might seem to be in an unfavourable position in regard to her support of Charities, but then Cheshire had educational and charitable institutions of her own, which were doing a great and good work. Bro. Richmond next proposed the Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, and Bro. Clarke feelingly responded. The W.M. proposed the Visiting Brethren, Bros. Brittain, White, Maddock 823, Dean, Clarke, and J. Humphreys W.M. 721, responding. The remaining toasts were the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The harmony of the evening was materially contributed to by the excellent songs of Bros C. S. Dean, T. Brittain, E. Robinson, R. Parry, and J. Humphreys; whilst the Junior Warden (Bro. Shaw) convulsed the audience with laughter by an amusing reading, which took the form of a sermon on the text "Old Mother Hubbard." Bro. A. Phipps played all the accompaniments in his usual delightful manner.

OGMORE LODGE, No. 1752.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 22nd inst., at the Wyndham Arms, Bridgend, when Bro. T. B. Boucher was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following represents his official staff:—Bros. J. C. Couth I.P.M., J. F. C. Boles S.W., G. T. D. David J.W., John Herdman Treasurer, D. M. Lellan Secretary, Geo. Vaughan S.D., Robert Soale J.D., William Francis I.G., R. Richard D.C., William Jones Organist, E. Jenkins and T. C. Forester Stewards, L. Bona Charity Steward, and A. D. Weber Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Behs, the duties of Director of Ceremonies being undertaken by Bro. Hemming. The brethren at the close of the Lodge drove to Southerndown and the camp at Ewenny. On their return they sat down to a well-served and liberal banquet, supplied by Bro. Hislop and Mrs. Hislop, of the Wyndham Arms Hotel.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of the above took place on Saturday, 20th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Chertsey. Owing to various causes, the muster of the members was not so numerous as heretofore. Among the P.M.'s was Bro. T. Vincent, P.G.S.B., father of the Lodge; we regret to say, however, that Bro. Vincent did not appear in his usual health; still he was as genial as ever. Bros. Woodin P.M., Frances P.M. Secretary, W. Morfit I.P.M., and W. Williams P.M., who, in a very able manner, installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Claude Thomaseti the W.M. elect. Several visitors and members of the Lodge were present. The I.P.M. was presented with the handsome P.M.'s jewel usually given by this Lodge. Bro. Frances P.M. officiated as D.C. An excellent dinner followed, provided by the hostess, Mrs. Heckroe, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour.

MARTYN LODGE, No. 1933.

THE installation of Bro. T. Sergeant as W.M. took place at the Lodge Room, at the Town Hall, Southwold, on Friday, the 12th inst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain England, assisted by Bro. P. M. Canova 388, ably performed the installation ceremony. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Griffiths S.W., W. H. Elmy J.W., J. M. Canova Treasurer, T. H. Jellicoe Secretary, O. G. Rackham S.D., R. J. Allen J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. G. Jackson I.G., W. Porter Tyler. After the installation the brethren proceeded to the Centre Cliff Hotel, where they were photographed in a group by Bro. D. R. Gooding. A banquet took place at 6.30 o'clock, Mrs. Downes, the manageress of the hotel, catering in a style which reflected upon her the utmost credit. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, on the 17th instant, to instal Bro. Col. J. Philips, C.B., Senior Warden as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was well rendered by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. M. Tracy, R.A., P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Powell P.M. 1295 2258 and a large Board of Installed Masters. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Worshipful Master invested his Officers—Bros. Major M. Tracy I.P.M., Sergeant-Major A. Revill S.W., Major N. Page J.W., Rev. J. Black, M.A., Chaplain, D. Cross P.M. Treasurer, W. Powell P.M. Secretary, Major C. B. G. Dick S.D., Lieut. and Quartermaster W. E. Donohue J.D., Lieut. Bowman I.G., Quartermaster Sergeant A. Jones Dir. of Cers., Capt. and Adjutant J. H. Swanton Assist. Dir. of Cers., Bandmaster C. F. H. Frechaert Organist, Lieut. and Quartermaster T. Reynolds, Lieut. H. M. C. W. Graham, Lieut. J. H. E. Allen Stewards, James Gidley acting Tyler, S. Jew Representative on Committee of Petitions. Prior to the closing of the Lodge, three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. The brethren adjourned for the installation banquet to the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. J. Philips, C.B., assisted by the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and supported by the Past Masters of the Lodge, a very enjoyable evening was passed.

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The following is a list of the Stewards of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, with the amount collected by each :—

GENERAL BOARD

	£	s	d
Bro. the Earl of Euston	31	10	0
Frank Richardson	31	10	0
R Berridge	10	10	0
G Cooper	5	5	0
Rev H Cummings	5	5	0
C H Driver	15	15	0
A F Godson, M.P. (see Worcestershire)			
R Loveland Loveland (see Hants and Isle of Wight)			
G Mickley, M.A., M.B.	5	5	0
James Moon	5	5	0
A Williams	5	5	0

LONDON.

Lodge				
Grand Masters', Bro the Marquis of Hertford		35	14	0
Grand Stewards', Bro F W Driver		10	10	0
Bon Accord, Bro Magnus Ohren		16	16	0
Old Kent, Bro E M Money		21	0	0
1	Bro George Kenning	5	5	0
1	J J Thomas }	26	5	0
1	Castello }			
22	G W Marsden jun	52	10	0
363	J H Matthews	10	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro Lord Cremorne	10	10	0
Lord Saltoun			
J Lewis Thomas	5	5	0
Jabez Church	5	5	0
Charles Belton	5	5	0
Augustus Harris	5	5	0
C F Matier	73	10	0
W Tomson	10	10	0
J Manwaring	5	5	0
H Massey	5	5	0
W T Christian	5	5	0
Dr T B Parchas	5	5	0
Laurence Steele	18	18	0
Wyndham Hart	15	15	0
H Carman	5	5	0
F Mead	10	10	0
Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S.	10	10	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND OXON.

The Province—John Tomkins		16	15	0
Lodge				
55	P Colvillo Smith	16	16	0
235	W Ravenscroft	20	0	0
247	H G W Drinkwater	12	8	6

BRISTOL.

Province & 183, C W Cope-Proctor	57	4	6

CHESHIRE.

Rev C W Spencer-Stanhope	5	5	0

CORNWALL.

The Province—C Truscott		21	0	0
Lodge				
87	N J West	5	5	0

EAST ANGLIA.

	F A Philbrick, Q.C.	10	10	0
	H P Hay	5	5	0
The Province—Rev C J Martyn		17	6	6
Lodge				
112	R L Thornton	19	0	0
145	R D Poppleton	15	15	0
334	C A Vinter	15	15	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Province—Baron de Ferrières		5	5	0
Lodge				
10	R V Vassar-Smith	5	5	0
10	Rev. Dr. Kynaston	10	10	0
218	John Nasmyth }	9	17	0
218	Edwin Lea }			
218	C Newman }			

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	Major E Ball	11	0	0
	A Savill	5	5	0
	Capt. S G Kirchhoffer	5	5	0
	H Stone	5	5	0
The Province—R Loveland Loveland		14	14	0
Lodge				
3	Gordon Miller	5	5	0
129	J G Harwood	7	17	0
355 } 381 }	O C H Curtis	{ 3	0	6
		{13	3	6

HERTFORDSHIRE.

The Province—F Levick		5	5	0
	C E Keyser	5	5	0
Lodge				
241	F S Knyvet	26	5	0
354	A Stewart-Brown	5	5	0
354	Rev. A W Oxford	5	5	0
354	A R Carter	5	5	0
354	Capt. C Probyn	5	5	0
366	J Chalmers Hunt	5	5	0
367	J Brittain	5	5	0

KENT.

The Province—Rev T Robinson		10	10	0
	Horatio Ward (see R and S M)			
Lodge				
129	Bro Rev F C D'Angier	16	16	0
226	T Ovenden	31	19	0
255	F M Wright	21	0	0
380	F Francis	10	10	0
390	W Denne	8	8	0
390	R J Emmerson	16	5	0

LANCASHIRE.

	R W Bourne	5	5	0
	R Foote	10	10	0
	W Platt			
	W H Robinson			
The Province—E Y Harwood		15	15	0
Lodge				
St. John's	Bro J Kenyon	15	15	0
	J F Skelton	5	5	0
Lebanon—Bro W J Thomson		15	15	0
32	W Jaffroy	10	10	0
34	A H Jefferis	5	5	0
146	Capt C H Garnett	10	0	0
158	J D Murray	210	0	0
359	W Goodacre	21	0	0
393	J de B Adams	10	10	0
393	W C Erwin	21	0	0
393	Eli Brooks	—		

LEICESTESHIRE, NORTHANTS, DERBYSHIRE, RUTLAND.

	George Fletcher	5	5	0
	J H Thompson	5	5	0
The Province—A Woodiwiss		33	12	0
Lodge				
303	C Webster	19	7	6
353	Percy Wallis	5	5	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Province	Jack Sutcliffe	28	3	0
	H E Cousans			

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The Province—G J Dunkley		22	1	0
Lodge				
3	J Clark	26	5	0
5	C Y Holdgate	6	11	0
5	E M Lott, Mus. Doc.	—		
7	Rev H R Cooper-Smith	18	1	6
13	Dr H Macintosh	10	10	0
104	W H Bale	22	11	6
114	Seva Ram	5	5	0
114	Mrs Seva Ram	5	5	0
144	Bro H R Wells	13	13	0
181	C H Köhler	12	12	0
211	J N Frye	5	5	0
236	J W Hobbs	21	15	0
238	N Prower	5	5	0
239	A J H Goldney	25	4	0
251	S J Attenborough	16	16	0
284	Rev C H Roberts, M.A.			
315	J Larkin			
315	J H Lane	5	5	0
315	J Barnett jun.	5	5	0
331	W Lloyd Wise	42	10	6
331	H Faija	5	5	0
331	Dr W H Kempster	10	10	0
333	J T Norman Calloway	21	14	0
350	G Graveley	5	5	0
355	G Gregory	5	5	0
355	C J Knightley	5	5	0
357	George Gardner	—		
361	L G Gordon Robbins	22	1	0
385	Robert Roy	10	10	0
385	R A Gowan	10	10	0
399	the Earl of Euston (see General Board)			
399	Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.	26	15	6
399	Major A B Cook	10	10	0
400	Belgrave Ninnis	7	12	0

MEDITERRANEAN.

The Province—Col. Marmaduke Ramsay		17	17	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province—S Davies		30	0	0

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The Province—C S Lane		5	5	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge				
Newstead—Bro E M Kidd		19	19	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province and 177—				
	Surgeon-Gen. T Ringer	11	11	0

SUSSEX.

The Province—J C Buckwell				

WARWICKSHIRE.

The Province—Marquis of Hertford (see London)				
Lodge				
115	Bro T R Arter			

WEST YORKSHIRE.

The Province—C L Mason		5	5	0
53	Bro F Cleeves	20	9	6
58	H S Holdsworth }	26	5	0
58	R Hodgson }			
127	C W Fincken			
353	Capt A Tupman	7	7	0
398	H T Bellerby	10	10	0

WILTSHIRE.

Lodge				
401	Lieut-Col Tombs	5	5	0
401	Harry River	5	5	0
401	Maclean	5	5	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Province—A F Godson, M.P.		5	5	0
	W B Williamson	5	5	0

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Council				
2	Bro Lieut. C Heard	10	10	0
11	Horatio Ward	5	5	0

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

Bro C H Driver (see Gen. Board)		5	5	0

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

Bro Dr I Zacharie		5	5	0

The Freemasons of Barnard Castle have erected a handsome headstone to the memory of the late Bro. John Kirtley.

The members of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, Weston, have subscribed for and presented to the Lodge the portrait of Bro. George Henry Bartlett I.P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Somerset, in recognition of his Masonic services.

A Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Andover, on the 13th August.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept the dedication of a March Nuptial, composed and to be performed by Mr. Jekyll at the forthcoming royal wedding. The march is published by Metzler and Co., Great Marlborough-street, and in all probability it will be heard next Sunday in most of the churches throughout the United Kingdom.

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11·30 a.m. for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Manchester, Shrewsbury, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c. to return August 5 or 8; and for Witney, Evesham, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c. to return August 8.

12·20 p.m. for Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Tiverton, &c. for 3, 10, or 17 days.

1·25 p.m. for Trowbridge, Frome, Dorchester, Portland, Weymouth, &c. for 10 or 17 days.

3·5 p.m. for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, &c, for 10 or 17 days, and for Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, &c. for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

3·20 p.m. for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath, and Bristol for 8 or 15 days.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4.—8·10 a.m. for Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. to return same day, or on August 5 or 8.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5.—6·15 a.m. for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. to return same day, or on August 8.

6·40 a.m. for Bath, Bristol, &c. to return same day or on August 8 or 10; also for Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. to return same day or on August 9.

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BRO. ALBERT PIKE'S REMARKS ON MACKAY'S 25 LANDMARKS.

"ONE of [Mackey's] lists, which is published as if compiled by authority, sets down twenty-five landmarks. I will give them one by one [says Bro. Pike], with such remarks with regard to each as may occur to me.

"1. The modes of recognition.

"How are 'the modes of recognition' a landmark? Is it meant that our present modes of recognition were used in Ancient Craft Masonry? That would not be true, because all the secrets of Masonry, anciently, were those which were made known to the apprentices.

"Is it meant that the modes of recognition are the same everywhere? That is not true, because the substitute word used in England is wholly another word than that used here, and the same that has long been used in France, because the order of two others has been transposed since 1723, because there are words used elsewhere that we do not use, and because some of the signs are different in different countries.

"Is it meant that the mode of recognition cannot be changed? They have been changed, and they may, if it be found necessary, be changed again. And modes of recognition are not *principles*, much less essential and fundamental principles.

"2. The division of symbolic Masonry into degrees.

"But Ancient Craft Masonry had no 'degrees.' These were made about 1723, and forty years afterwards there were Lodges, under the Grand Lodge of England, that had never accepted them. [*The above is new to me*].

"3. The legend of the Third Degree.

"This was not introduced into Masonry until about 1723, and those who believe that the legend is true, must believe the two Kings and Hiram the artificer were Freemasons, and, therefore, that there was Freemasonry before the facts in the legend had occurred.

"4. The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft.

"There is absolutely no evidence that there ever was a Grand Master in England, or a general assembly of Masons held there, before Sayer was elected, in 1717.

"The 'body of the Craft' then meant the Apprentices and Fellows, for they constituted the Lodge and General Assembly, and a Fellow Craft could be elected Grand Master. The body of the Craft was the body of Fellows of the Craft, but now a Fellow Craft has, in this country, no voice in the election of a Grand Master.

"And Masonry existed, and there were Lodges in England and Scotland, long before there were either Grand Lodges or Grand Masters.

"5. The prerogatives of Grand Masters to preside over

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every assembly of the Craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.

"There could have been no such right before there were Grand Masters, nor is this prerogative known to have been claimed or exercised anywhere by any Grand Master in the early days of Masonry.

"6. The prerogative of a Grand Master to grant dispensation for conferring degrees at irregular times.

"This prerogative was not anciently possessed by the Grand Master, because no such dispensations were needed, inasmuch as each Lodge was entirely uncontrolled in regard to the times of conferring the degrees, and conferred them when it pleased.

"7. The prerogative of a Grand Master to grant dispensations for opening and holding Lodges.

"The old Lodges were opened and held by the spontaneous and free action of the members, without authority from any one. The practice of granting Warrants and Charters grew up in modern days, and the Grand Lodges may, if they see fit, take away from the Grand Masters the power of granting what are now incorrectly styled dispensations.

"8. The prerogatives of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight.

"The Grand Master could make Masons with the aid of a proper number of brethren, called together by him, but the power of a Grand Master to take a person into a room and, by himself alone, to make him a Mason, will be looked in vain for in the Ancient Charges and Regulations, and this supposed prerogative was not a landmark, because it no longer belongs to Grand Masters.

"It is supposed to have always been a landmark that a man could only be made a Mason in a just and lawfully constituted Lodge. But this became a law of Masonry by being enacted by the Grand Lodge; and independent Lodges, at Newcastle and elsewhere, holding no charters, but self constituted, continued to make Masons at will.

"In Scotland, private Lodges had the right to issue commissions or dispensations to one or more individuals, to admit and enter such duly qualified persons as might apply to them, into the Society or Lodge, either as Apprentices or Fellow Crafts. This was done by the Lodge of Kilwinning, in 1677; by the Lodge of Haughfoot, in the early part of the eighteenth century; in 1804, by the Lodge Royal Arch, at Maybole, which commissioned one of its members to confer degrees, and in other cases.

"9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.

"10. The government of every Lodge by a Master and Wardens.

"These were undoubtedly landmarks. [Not so, Bro. Pike, for the old Lodges in Scotland were governed by Deacons, and sometimes by Wardens, and I doubt whether English Lodges always had to have two Wardens.]

"11. The necessity that every Lodge when congregated shou'd be duly tyled.

"Undoubtedly it was a landmark (for a Lodge to be tyled.)

"12. The right of every Master to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives.

"Every Apprentice and Fellow Craft in London and Westminster had a right to be present and vote, but no right to be represented, in the general assembly. In the Grand Lodge, individual Masons were not represented. The Masters and Wardens represented the Lodge, and not the Masons who were unaffiliated, and the right of instruction never belonged to 'every' Mason, or to any individual Mason, neither was any such a right recognised when the general assemblies were deprived of their power by usurpation on the part of the Grand Lodge.

"Nor was it ever a landmark that a Lodge represented in Grand Lodge could instruct its representatives there in regard to questions and matters as they arose.

"13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge, or to a general assembly of Masons.

"There was never any right of appeal from the decision of a Lodge to the general assembly, and the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge was not possessed by individual members, except so far as it was given by the Grand Lodge, and in regard to very many decisions, never has existed in England at all.

"14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge.

"There is no such right now, and never was any such a right. [Query]. No Mason from this country can visit a Lodge in London without being vouched for [is it so?], not only as a Mason, but as a person fit to be received as a visitor. Any member of a Lodge can object to a Mason seeking to visit his Lodge.

"15. That no visitor not known to some brother present as a Mason can enter a Lodge without undergoing examination.

"It is a law enacted by the Grand Lodge of England that no brother can visit without being vouched for, but in most countries of the world there are no examinations, a visitor being admitted upon production of his diploma or patent.

"If it is a landmark that no person not vouched for can visit without being examined, brethren from other countries in which the English language is not spoken, and in which the work differs from ours, will always find their diplomas and patents valueless, and if the rule prevailed in other countries, no American Mason could visit any Lodge in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, or in any Latin country on the face of the globe.

"16. That no Lodge can interfere in the business or labour of another Lodge.

This is entirely too vague and general to be a landmark. It might be stretched wide enough to cover the doctrine of perpetual proprietorship over a rejected candidate (that is, that no Lodge could initiate a man who was rejected by another Lodge until the Lodge that rejected him permits another to initiate him).

"17. That every Freemason is amenable to the criminal (1) laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.

"(1). (The word "criminal" was inserted by Parvin, who holds that a brother may be tried for Masonic offences where committed).

"This is not true, except to a limited extent. Suppose the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia should require every Mason residing here to become affiliated here. Nor is it by any means settled that Masons affiliated in one State can be tried by a Lodge in another State. If one of us visit Italy, do we become amenable to the laws of the Grand Orient of Italy in every respect, by residing there unaffiliated? The language is too general and indefinite.

"18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free-born, and of lawful age.

"It was not anciently necessary that to become an Apprentice one should be a man of lawful age. He was described as a youth, and was in general not of age. Nor is it now necessary in England that he should be free-born.

[The landmark of "Sound limb" was as important, in the estimation of Dr. Mackey, as any other landmark. Strange! very strange! that Bro. Albert Pike omitted to refer in the above remarks to the landmark of sound limb].

"19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.

"The phrase, 'Grand Architect of the Universe,' is not an ancient one, and does not express the adequate idea of the Deity, and the truth is, that it was originally, and for a very long while, in England and Scotland, a landmark, that no one, not a Christian and a believer in the Trinity, could be made a Mason.

"20. That every Mason must believe in the resurrection to a future life.

"Every Mason must believe in another life for the soul of man; belief in a life that is a continuance of this, but not in any sense a resurrection, being certainly sufficient.

"21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge.

"It does not appear that this was required in olden days of Masonry.

"22. That all men in the sight of God are equal, and meet in the Lodge on one common level.

"It is not a landmark of Masonry, that all men are equal in the sight of God. That is a statement that God regards men in a certain way. The Australian savage, as equal in every way, in the greatest and best of the race. Whether this be true or not, it is no landmark of Masonry. But it is a landmark that on the floor of the Lodge all Masons

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stand on one common level. It is not true that we are bound to admit to that common level all men, of all kinds of races, who may apply.

"23. That Freemasonry is a secret society, in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.

"It is not true that Freemasonry is a secret society. A secret society is one whose existence is a secret, and its members unknown. But it is a landmark that the secrets of Masonry cannot be divulged.

"24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science, founded on speculative art.

"There is neither science nor art in Freemasonry. Its true definition is, that it is a system of *morality*, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. It does not pursue scientific studies nor practice of the arts.

"25. That the landmarks of Masonry can never be changed.

"But they can be, and they have been. It is true that its *real* landmarks ought not to be changed. *But who is to say what these landmarks are?*

"One would be warranted in believing that it was an ancient landmark that no one could be admitted into the society except by unanimous consent, but one of the earliest acts of the Grand Lodge of England was to authorize certain Lodges to receive candidates when unanimous consent was refused by even more than one vote.

"It was never a landmark that the vote should be taken by a secret ballot, although that now seems to possess greater sanctity than many things that time has taken away. It was only required that the unanimous consent should be had, the brethren expressing their pleasure in their own way.

"Thus most of the *so-called* landmarks were *not known* either to Ancient Craft Masonry in England or Scotland before the Revolution of 1723; or to the new Masonry, as landmarks, for years afterwards. It is a pity that Masonry has not a Pope, or cannot make one of some Grand Master, Editor, Chairman of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, endowed with infallibility, to determine the age which a landmark must have to entitle it to call itself a landmark. What is the essential nature of a landmark? how many of the supposed twenty-five *are* landmarks? and what others the oracular wisdom of the author [meaning Mackey] of this catalogue has overlooked?

"A mushroom may grow ever so tall on a boundary line or in a corner, but it will never be mistaken for a landmark.

"If there was such an infallible authority and arbiter, I should like to submit for his consideration a score or so of additional landmarks of the same nature as some of those on the semi-official catalogue, and it seems to me equally entitled to figure in it."

AT REFRESHMENT.

IN the annual revolution of the seasons we have reached the time of Midsummer, and the Craft is generally at Refreshment. The abundant Labour of the preceding Autumn, Winter, and Spring have been properly succeeded by the Refeshment of Summer. "All work, and no play, makes Jack a dull boy." True, we miss the monthly meetings with, and greetings of our Brethren, but we shall value and enjoy them the more when we renew them in September. It is not well to have a monotony, even of our enjoyments. Novelty and change are at least valuable in this, that they add zest to our appreciation of either duties or pleasures, and as a consequence, when our Masonic meetings are resumed in the Autumn, they will appear almost as fresh and new to us as if they were entirely novel experiences.

The demand for periodic rest and refreshment is one which is natural to man, implanted in his physical constitution. One cannot labour continually, either through day and night, or continuously every day in the year, without suffering from impaired health or physical or mental debility. We must have rest if we would appear always at our best. Periodicity is a law of our being. The First Great Light in Masonry informs us that even the Grand Master of the Universe rested from His labour, and enjoined mankind to rest, in like manner, one day out of seven through all time. It is in recognition of a natural law that the Fraternity of Freemasons regularly supplements Labour with Refreshment at Masonic meetings. The Refreshment is wages for Labour. The Brother who has performed his duties to the Craft, who has been present at his Lodge or other meeting, has encouraged and supported the officers in their several stations and places, and has aided in the work when required, at the close of the Labour is richly entitled to meet with his Brethren, who like him have conscientiously performed their respective duties, and share with them in the physical, social, intellectual and convivial pleasures of the banquet board. It is not the material food, which all so much enjoy, as the good fellowship, the freedom from conventionality, the abandon, the sociability and the spirit of fraternity which so unmistakably prevails. This is true Masonic Refreshment. It exhilarates the mind. It enlivens the heart. It enables us to understand, appreciate, and value our fellows at their true worth. Man—the machine of machines—is then repairing and winding up. When we rise from the social board we feel, in the language attributed to Zachary Taylor, "at peace with the world and the rest of mankind." This is the reward which accompanies the Refreshment which closes and completes a Lodge, or other Masonic meeting.

The Refreshment which results from the omission of Masonic meetings in either or both of the months of July and August, is of kindred value. In mid-summer the Lodge Room is anything but comfortable. It appears to be impossible to thoroughly ventilate a Lodge Room, crowded with Brethren, even in the Winter season; and in the summer the conditions are still more unmanageable. Hot air, largely unchanged, is almost unbearable. Who of us has not been present on occasions when fans and handkerchiefs were powerless to bring comfort. Nature ordains rest in Midsummer, and all Masonic bodies except those most pressed with work willingly obey it. Among the latter, this Summer, are the Commanderies. The cry in them is, "On to Washington," in the Autumn; to attend the Grand Encampment of the United States, and in consequence of, this during the Summer months, Knights are dubbed at an extraordinary rate. Indeed, we have learned of cases where candidates entered the Lodge, in the months recently gone by, with the cry, "On to Washington" sounding in their ears there, and stimulating their zeal. Such a spirit is to be reprobated. Freemasonry is not a rendezvous for crusaders, and the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are not mere stepping stones to something beyond. They exist for themselves, and those who use them for ulterior purposes have no proper conception of their dignity, their meaning or value.

One thing is always to be borne in mind with regard to either hours or days of Refreshment, that they are never to be converted into occasions for intemperance or excess. Overplay is worse than overwork. Over indulgence in any form of amusement during Masonic periods is equally forbidden by the laws of nature and of Masonry. We must temper our zeal for Refreshment with discretion. Men must be men and not boys, Masons must be Masons and not profane. We have been initiated into the Craft; we have made solemn promises which bind us for all time; we are not our own, but built into a Temple which is now visible and temporal, but which we trust will one day be eternal. We are bound to practise out of the Lodge those duties which we are taught within it. Freemasonry is not like clothing, to be put off or on at pleasure, but is a part of the body and the life of every initiate. So completely is this true, that the common phrase, "once a Mason always a Mason," expresses the indefectibility of Masonic obligations. They abide with us for ever, so that we can never abrogate or renounce them. This is true of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, but of those of no other so-called Masonry, if it comes in conflict with our *primary* obligations, those taken in the Blue Lodge. Whatever is superadded, is subject to the action of the Lodge and Grand Lodge, in case there be a conflict. This fact should be remembered as well during seasons of Refreshment as of Labour. Our Masonic bodies may not be in session now, but we are always Masons, always bound by the Mystic Tie, always under obligation to be true men and worthy fellows, a credit to Freemasonry, and worthy of the high vocation of a Master Mason to which we have been called.

—*Keystone.*

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE usual summer entertainment to the residents was given on Thursday. There was a very fair attendance of ladies and brethren, friends and supporters of the Institution, among whom we may mention :—Bros. C. J. Perceval, W. Eckersall, C. H. Stone, T. Cubitt, J. G. Tongue, G. F. Cook, E. S. Boulter, J. Newton, C. F. Hogard, W. W. Morgan, G. Plucknett, A. H. Tattershall, W. Massey, H. M. Hobbs, James Stevens, J. S. Fraser, C. G. Hill, H. G. Thompson, Hugh Cotter, A. T. Faull, J. E. Terry, J. A. Farnfield, E. Terry, H. A. Lovett; Mesdames Jas. Terry, E. Eckersall, Stone, Newton, Tongue, Morgan, A. R. and C. Massey, Stevens, Hill, Clara Cooke, Cissie Crutch, K. S. Terry, M. Rucker, Aida Crutch, Jessie Terry, Lillian Rucker, Cotter, Angelina Hill, Lovett, &c., &c. The majority of the party left Charing Cross and Cannon Street Railway Stations respectively at 3·22 and 3·32 p.m. On reaching the Institution the usual house to house visitations took place, and the ladies in particular gave expression to the sustained interest they individually take in the comfort and welfare of the residents. The Supreme Council 33° considerately renewed their thoughtful gifts of tea and sugar to the females, and tobacco to the male residents. The Misses Cotter (daughters of our genial Brother Hugh Cotter P.M. 554) again evinced their interest and forethought,—on this occasion they presented their aged sisters each with a pot of jam. Later the party partook of high tea, and still later a very enjoyable musical entertainment, under the direction of Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Miss Emily Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Frances Grahame, Mr. John Cross and Bro. George Cronin. The entertainment was divided into two parts, and was of a very successful character throughout. Bro. Pritchard has secured a high reputation as a versatile mimic, and his "Swiss Experiences" on this occasion were most heartily relished. Miss Holmes was enthusiastically applauded after her song, "The Old Sun Dial," and responded to a demand for an encore with "The Miller and the Maid." For the second part Dibdin's Ballad Opera, "The Waterman," had been selected. As Tom Tug Mr. John Cross gave a manly representation, and sang the several songs allotted him in a hearty and spirited fashion. Bro. Cronin was entrusted with the part of Robin, and he displayed a true sense of comedy, without vulgarity, in the way he gave expression to that worthy market gardener's peculiarities. Miss Emily Pritchard was the Wilhelmina, and this lady charmed her audience by the manner in which she sang the songs "Cherry Ripe," and "Tell me, my heart," while as an actress she gave signs of careful training. Bro. Pritchard was a capital Bundle, and made the most of his opportunities. As Mrs. Bundle Miss Lizzie Holmes was everything that could be desired; we venture to predict that at an early date this young lady will secure a position at one or other of our London theatres. At the close of the evening a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Pritchard and his party, for their services. This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged, the visitors shortly afterwards took leave of the residents, and returned to town. We have omitted to refer to Miss Frances Grahame; this would indeed have been a fault. This lady proved herself a brilliant player, and her associates can be complimented on having had the services of so competent an accompanist.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

WE have already spoken of the circular trips arranged by the Great Eastern Railway Company in the neighbourhood of Yarmouth, Lowestoft, and the rivers of Norfolk. Too much cannot be said in their praise, for they have really opened up to the ordinary tourist a very pleasant district, which was hitherto all but inaccessible—only to be enjoyed by those who could personally charter a small yacht, and not always an unmixed enjoyment then, as those who have found themselves some dozen miles or so away from home, without a breath of wind, can well testify. During the summer season well appointed Saloon Steam Boats leave Yarmouth, every week day, on the arrival of the 8·30 a.m. train from Lowestoft. The first of these, which starts from Yarmouth Bridge about 9·10, travels via the River Bure, as far as Wroxham, a distance of twenty-seven miles, from whence train is taken to Norwich, which is reached at 1·15 p.m. The tourist may at once return to either Yarmouth or Lowestoft, or may spend a few hours in the county town, returning by any train the same day to the coast town from which he started. The fares for this circular trip are 4s 6d and 3s 6d, for 2nd and 3rd class respectively, from Lowestoft; and 3s 6d and 2s 6d respectively from Yarmouth.

The second boat leaves Yarmouth Bridge about 9·30 a.m. and proceeds via the River Yare direct to Norwich (also a journey by boat of twenty-seven miles), arriving there about 12·40. As is the case with the other trip, the traveller may avail himself of any train the same day for the return journey, the first available being timed to reach Yarmouth at 2·25 p.m. and Lowestoft at 2·30 p.m. The fares by this route are 4s and 3s respectively from Lowestoft, and 3s and 2s respectively from Yarmouth.

The return journies of the boats is taken advantage of to provide circular trips from Norwich and Cromer, the boat travelling via the River Yare, arriving at Yarmouth Bridge about 5·20, and that via the River Bure at about 5·50. This affords ample time for a brief stay at Yarmouth, the last train leaving that town for Norwich at 10·22 p.m., and for Cromer at 7·20 p.m. The fares for the Norwich to Norwich trips are the same as those charged for the Yarmouth to Yarmouth ones, while from Cromer to Yarmouth and back the charge is 4s second class, and 3s third class.

By availing himself of these trips, the tourist is enabled to spend a very pleasant holiday on the Norfolk rivers; has an opportunity of viewing the sights of the district, and at the same time can enjoy a half-day at Norwich, a city which possesses many items of interest, and will well repay a visit.

To visit the famous Broads of Norfolk we must again avail ourselves of the Great Eastern system. Oulton Broad is but a short journey from Lowestoft, and is close to the Oulton Broad Station, on the Yarmouth and Lowestoft direct line. Fritton Broad is in the same district, close to the St. Olave's, station on the main line, and at either of these resorts there is ample accommodation for fishing, boating, picnics, and other rural enjoyments. To reach Ormesby, Filby, and most of the other popular Broads, we had best first reach Yarmouth, and then travel either by road, or the new Eastern and Midlands Railway, to our destination. Ormesby Broad is perhaps the most favoured of the many which abound hereabout, and a most enjoyable place it is wherein to spend a holiday. At the noted "Eel's Foot," of which Mr. Ed. Mouncy is the proprietor, every accommodation is available. Comfortable apartments can be secured, dinners and teas are provided, there is no lack of good boats, while fishing tackle, bait, &c., may be procured. Above all this the lover of angling may rest assured that it is next to impossible for him to cast his line anywhere without speedily securing the attention of one of the many members of the finny tribe which are here so plentiful.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE difficulty of the present age is not so much to find a place where a pleasant holiday may be expected, as it is to make a selection from the many centres of attraction, and means of getting about that are now provided. The Midland Railway Company has always been proverbial for its go ahead proclivities, and it is but reasonable to expect that in the matter of Tourist and Holiday arrangements it is well to the front. The Tourist Programme of this Company provides us with particulars of the principal Holiday Resorts of the United Kingdom. Ireland being reached via the Barrow and Belfast route, or via Liverpool and Dublin. Circular tours are arranged, embracing the principal attractions of the Lake District and the North of Ireland, and, indeed, everything that is possible is done to attract the visitors to the sister Isle. The route between London and Scotland via Settle and Carlisle offers many attractions to the traveller, not the least of which is the magnificent scenery of the Peak District, and if a few minutes anger is spent over the journey to Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands, than is the case if either the West Coast or East Coast route is selected, it is in a measure compensated for by the variety which a change of route affords.

Derby, Matlock, Buxton and the Peak District are among the especial attractions of the Midland Railway system, and many timed have we enjoyed the journey which business or pleasure has rendered necessary in this neighbourhood. But it is not here alone that the Midland Railway Company is able to offer tempting allurements to the holiday seeker, the line is such an extended one that there is hardly a place of any importance which is not in communication with some one or more of the special attractions of our country, and in every case the Midland Company may be said to second, as far as they are able, the advantages which nature has provided.

In the matter of accommodation the Midland is also prominently to the front. Pulman and Saloon carriages are available on the principal day trains, while for the night service luxurious sleeping carriages are provided. In the former case the saloon carriages are available for first class passages without extra charge, while for a berth in the sleeping cars a small extra charge is made. Special facilities are provided by this line for the conveyance of passengers' luggage in advance, so as to avoid the trouble inseparable from having a number of packages to look after; the journey may be broken at various points of interest on the route, and in fact, every concession, that can reasonably be expected is provided.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

IN accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End Offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, 269 Strand, 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, 3rd August, the Company will run, in duplicate, the 11·45 a.m., 3·0, 5·0, and 9·0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12·0 noon and 5·45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5·0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 4·55 p.m., but the first part of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, 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, 1st 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. Fast Excursion trains for West of England will leave Paddington at 8·5 a.m. and 3·5 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd August, reaching Exeter in 5¼ hours and Plymouth in 7¼ hours; and Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), 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.

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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 JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
188—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)
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
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Paniatoon
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. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 29th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8 (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)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1808—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1683—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)
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, 30th JULY.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (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)
859—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, Mona Hotel, Herbrand-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—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.)
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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1551—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1558—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1596—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

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizgard, Parkhurst, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instructing)
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland House, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bridgetown, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Wellington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1681—Lewisham, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1684—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Checquers, 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
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
936—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1085—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, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 1st AUGUST.

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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1478—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct
1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 8. (In)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1454—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)
1812—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—Fredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Tabernacle Hatch
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—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.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
286—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
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
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
440—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
608—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stockport-Town.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballrup-lane, Great Grimsby
926—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1482—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1501—Sandon, Royal Hotel, Ecclesall
1582—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1584—Isca, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1594—Leigh, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1600—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1601—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1630—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shotteram
2060—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 651—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ashton, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 703—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 95—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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)
769—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
811—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)
1275—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1281—Royal Standard, Bunhers Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Surburban Tavern, Mills Pond Road
1542—St. Canervon, Eastcote Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1719—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2000—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagoras, Portland Road, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Foresters' Hall, Lonsdale Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 45—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30. (

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
84—Doric, Private Room, Woolwich, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Inn, Tolmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds

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453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
871—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
937—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
908—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1395—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1428—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Swan Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1654—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-L

SATURDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1366—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
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2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith 7.30. at
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)

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

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM

THE Annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Durham was held on Tuesday night the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided, and there was a full attendance. The Grand Chapter having been duly opened, Sir Hedworth Williamson regretted that he had to announce receipt of a telegram stating that Lord Lathom's son had died suddenly. The announcement cast a gloom over the meeting. The following Officers were appointed :—

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J. Monks	..	J.
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And deemed the labour magic, in their wonder and surprise,
Nor knew that science in our hand a giant's strength supplies.

Nor were their useful labours to brick and stone confined;
'Twas theirs to mould in beauty's forms the rude, unpolished mind,
Which by their moral regime, exalted and refined,
Fulfilled the noble destiny for which it was designed.

Our ancient Brethren, emulous, in virtue took delight,
And zealously and fervently contended for "the right."
Not with the arm of earthly power, or sword of carnal might,
But with the spear of *reason* and the *force* of moral light.

Then let us strive to emulate those virtues which have made
The name of Mason glorious as Sol in light arrayed;
And demonstrate to all the earth, that ages have conveyed,
Undimmed to us, the holy Light whose guiding lustre swayed
The actions of our Brethren, the Craft of olden time.

—*Keystone.*

The present has been happily described as "The Golden Age of Masonry in Australia." Several brothers of high distinction in the Lodges of the United Kingdom are now temporarily resident in the colonies, and the deep interest they evince in the advancement of the Order is cordially appreciated by the colonists. The Earl of Kintore, the new Governor of South Australia, is welcomed as "the greatest Mason who has taken up residence in Australia," and Lord Carrington, the Governor of New South Wales, has long ago "made it solid"—to use an Americanism—with the enthusiastic Fraternity on the eastern side of the continent.

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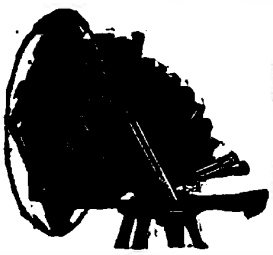
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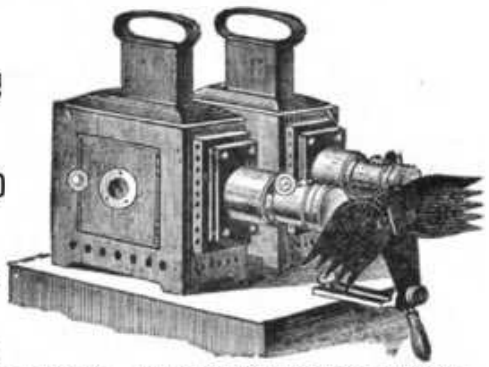
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REJECTING A CANDIDATE.

THE Masonic Order is essentially a cosmopolitan brotherhood, and yet, at the same time, it is one of the most exclusive combinations to be found anywhere among the human race. Its benefits are open to the whole world, the only qualifications being that a candidate shall be of good character, of full age, and a free man. On the other hand, two or three members of a Lodge can exclude any person they may consider unsuitable to become one of their number, or against whom they may entertain feelings of animosity. We are aware it is most un-Masonic to keep a man out of the Order simply on account of personal disagreement, but at the same time we know such a course is adopted, and no doubt we shall continue to hear of instances for all time.

In spite of what may be urged to the contrary, there is something to be said in support of those who consider that in some cases the use of the ballot for the purpose of rejecting a candidate on merely personal grounds may be excused, or certainly tolerated; it is really the only method available, in some quarters, to ensure a continuance of peace and harmony in a Lodge, or at least among a section of its members. But it must not be imagined we are in favour of its general adoption—on the contrary, we consider great harm is likely to follow whenever it is practised, but, as we have said, it is sometimes the only course open, and as such it fully deserves careful consideration. We have recently received "A Paper on Voting," read by Brother E. V. Greatbach, at the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, of which Bro. Greatbach is a Past Master, and from this we gather one of the strongest, if not the only argument, that can be used in favour of rejecting a candidate on the ballot. In using it, however, we do not by any means wish to support it, except as showing what is sometimes necessary, and as offering a word of excuse for those brethren who at times find themselves compelled to depart from ordinary procedure. Bro. Greatbach asks, "What have we to submit as a step whereby an objectionable candidate may be prevented gaining admission without the use of the blackball?" and he replies, "Simply this—there has for years past existed an honourable understanding amongst us that any brethren having objections to a candidate, who has been, or is about to be proposed, shall tell the Worshipful Master that such an objection exists; it is optional whether or not the grounds of the objection are stated, though personally I should specify them. The Worshipful Master then informs the proposer that an objection or objections exist, and that, consequently, his nominee may not be accepted; after that it is for the friends of the candidate to decide whether or not they will force him to the ballot. If they do so, it is done with their eyes wide open—they know the indisputable right of every brother to emphasise his objection, in a way not to be resisted, so that if the candidate is then taken to the ballot by his friends, they must accept the result, and the blame, if any, afterwards rests upon their shoulders." The course here set out by Bro. Greatbach is certainly the best, and we think it is the one most generally adopted, but it has certain drawbacks; at times it is absolutely impossible to adopt such a line of action, however much a brother may desire it. Bro. Greatbach knows of one of the drawbacks to which we refer, as later on he says:—"I know it is alleged that these objections (the existence of which has been communicated to the W.M.) have not been held sacred by Worshipful Masters, but I think that must be due to a misapprehension of facts." To support the argument we allude to, let us take a typical case: a gentleman is proposed, against whom certain objections exist in the minds of one or two of the Lodge members. To make these known to even the Worshipful Master might do the candidate far more harm than his ultimate rejection on the ballot, even if worse results were not likely to follow, and in such cases blackballing is resorted to—and we consider fairly so. Let us suppose the member or members who object to the candidate communicate with the Worshipful Master, simply saying that an objection did exist, they might expect to be called upon to give full particulars, and, on their considering it unwise to do so, might lose the respect and esteem of their fellow members, although they might be actuated by the best of motives. It is very well to argue that the communication addressed to the Master should be held sacred by him, but how often is such really the case? We do not say that Masters intentionally betray the trust reposed in them, but somehow or other the facts get known all round, and, occasionally with far more disastrous results among the members themselves than would have been the case if the objection had been kept back until the time of ballot. This, then, is one of the arguments that may be used in support of the principle of blackballing a candidate, when that course unfortunately becomes absolutely necessary, but we do not give it here merely to encourage Masons to adopt that most unmasonic proceeding; in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred it can, and should be avoided, but in the one remaining case it is perhaps absolutely imperative, and this being the fact, we should not too harshly condemn the brother who has to resort to it.

In his "Paper" Bro. Greatbach considers this question of blackballing, and voting generally, from other standpoints; indeed he seems to thoroughly exhaust the subject, and in such a way that his lecture might well be repeated in other Lodges. For this we have no doubt he will willingly grant permission. Later on we may have occasion to refer at greater length to his remarks.

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ABOUT OUR AMERICAN SCOTCH RITE CRANKS, ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE late Bro. W. S. Gardner P.G.M. of Massachusetts, though he was formerly an admirer of Masonic high degreedom, finally came to the conclusion that all the so-called high degrees were "mere Masonic excrescences," and that no Grand Lodge should encourage or interfere with high degreedom whatever. I have more than once described the American Scotch Rite factions, and more especially the battles between the Gourgasites and Cerneauites, since 1813. Common sense proves conclusively that if one of these factions is a humbug, so is the other. But, nevertheless, the Gourgasites have somehow managed to capture some of our Grand Lodges. Of these the most conspicuous are, 1st, the Grand Lodge of Ohio; 2nd, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; 3rd, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. How many other of our Grand Lodges are tainted with more or less of high degree *crankyism*, I know not. In Massachusetts a Cerneauite *may be expelled* from Masonry. In Ohio, Cerneauites must be expelled from Lodges, Commanderies, &c., &c.; and I recently noticed that my friend Bro. MacCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, was compelled (I believe against his will) warn all the Cerneautite sinners in his jurisdiction that, if they do not discard Cerneauism on a certain day, they must be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. I am, however, glad to perceive that though the high degree *mania* is spreading in American jurisdictions, there is at least one jurisdiction where common sense still prevails, as the following address of Bro. Ingersoll, Grand Master of Tennessee, and the approbation it received from the Committee of Jurisprudence, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge, on 1st February 1889, will show. Grand Master H. H. Ingersoll said:—

"Last month the Grand Master of Ohio notified me that he had withdrawn the Commission of Bro. Wilbur F. Foster as representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near this Grand Lodge; and our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio having departed this life, and the Grand Master of Ohio having refused to receive a Representative, hence, diplomatic relations between the two Grand Lodges may be said to be in abeyance.

"The cause of this I presume to be the Scottish Rite war in Ohio, and my request to the Grand Master of that State to nominate for our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio some worthy brother who had not been conspicuous in bitterness and intolerance in thatwar,—as none such could properly represent the liberal, generous spirit of Tennessee Masonry. To this the Grand Master [of Ohio] responded: 'The majority of Masons in Ohio do not tolerate treason and rebellion,' and recommended a brother much esteemed in Ohio; but, as I was left to infer, fully in harmony with the proscriptive spirit of the majority. Having no connection or relation with either of the Scottish Rite factions, whose contention has disturbed the peace and harmony of our Order in Ohio, and knowing that Tennessee Masons should be represented by a brother conspicuous for his loyalty to Ancient Craft Masonry, rather than to any Scottish Rite, I requested him to name some other brother, of high character and good standing, not tainted with 'treason or rebellion,' but opposed to the policy of the dominant majority of that State. I also suggested the name of a worthy brother, a Past Grand Officer, and a member of the Scottish Rite body orthodox in that State, but liberal and tolerant in his views, and asked if he would be accepted as our Representative. The suggestion was not favourably received, because, as the Grand Master wrote, the brother named was then the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York. This mistake of the Grand Master he afterwards corrected, by saying the brother's term had expired, and another brother had been appointed in lieu, as Representative from New York. But no change of view appeared from the discovery of the mistake; and I inferred that the reason for declining to accept my suggestion was, the very liberality of views and opposition to Masonic intolerance which had caused me to suggest his name. With a courteous and considerate reference to Ohio loyalty and Tennessee rebellion, the Grand Master assured me, in plain terms, that no Representative would be received from us unless he was not only an orthodox Scotch Rite Mason, but also an active and prominent supporter of the locally dominant faction in its policy of using the great power of the Grand Lodge to support an order of the Scottish Rite.

"Such a Mason, however high and respected at home, I could not knowingly appoint as our representative. Such an one could not correctly represent the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Whatever may be the views and opinions of the Tennessee Masons upon the merits of the Scottish imbroglio, or whether we sympathize with either of the three or four factions claiming legitimacy and contending for supremacy in that Order. One thing we can and do agree about.

"Ancient Craft Masonry—comprising the three symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, universal and uniform throughout the world—is absolutely free and independent of all orders, and should not be, and cannot lawfully be allied with, or dominated by, any order of Scottish Rite Masons. Nor can we, as Freemasons, be called upon, through our Grand Lodges, to hear and decide any controversy between the various claimants to legitimacy in that Rite. If they pretend—any of them—to confer our degrees, then they are clandestine Lodges, and their votaries are to us as heathens and publicans. We know them not, and can hold no sort of Masonic communication with them. If they do not lay claim to symbolic degrees, then they are not of us. We have no knowledge or standard by which we can test their claim, try their cause, or decide their rights. As well might we interfere with Odd Fellows, United Workmen, Knights of Honour, Knights of Pythias, or Knights of Labour. If they claim the right to base their Order upon our Triune Temple, we cannot forbid them; and one, two, ten or twenty different and even belligerent bodies may indulge in this pastime; we can endure them all without harm or fear—*on the outside* . . . But *outside* is their place and their sphere; *outside*, they are impotent to injure Freemasonry; *outside*, they cannot destroy our peace and harmony; and *outside* they must remain, and not profane our sacred precincts.

"Standing to and abiding by the Ancient Charge, 'that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry,' I earnestly protest against the introduction of this foreign element into our perfect and symmetrical body . . . . believing that Lodge membership makes a brother a member of the whole Masonic family . . . I protest against the external conditions imposed by the Grand Master of Ohio, upon worthy brethren of his own Jurisdiction, to receive an honourable commission from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Nay, more, believing that a Freemason is a free man, I deny the right of any Lodge, subordinate or Grand, to dictate to him whether he shall, or shall not, become a member of any other Society . . . whose purposes and practices are not immoral, and saving only clandestine symbolic Lodges, it is not the function—nay, it is not within the scope of the powers of any Lodge, Subordinate or Grand, to hold an inquisition over, and pronounce upon legitimacy, regularity, orthodoxy or loyalty of any such order, society, or fraternity.

"These I believe to be the cardinal doctrines, and vital principles of Ancient Craft Masonry . . . In this spirit I addressed the Grand Master of Ohio a brief reply to his note, requesting me to appoint a representative near that Grand Lodge, and asked him to nominate some worthy brother, in good standing, who agreed with these views, who was an orthodox Craft Mason, and esteemed our Order above any Scoth Rite. He declined an exchange of Grand Representatives, until he could have the assurance that the spirit of Tennessee Masonry, as expressed by its Grand Master, was not in favour of rebellion.

"This means, my brethren, that Ohio not only intends to accept and establish a foreign dynasty in her own limits, but to compel her sister States to recognise it, and to approve of its dominion, at the peril of a loss of fraternal relations."

After expressing regret for the necessity of giving the above explanations, Bro. Ingersoll goes on to say:—

"The Ohio Grand Lodge prescribes by edict what Order of the Scottish Rite [or, rather, which of the Scotch factions] Freemasons may unite with, and not only expels them, but forfeits Lodge Charters, if they join any other Order of Scotch Rite. This, of course, we cannot prevent, but we are not bound to approve of such pernicious policy, directly or indirectly. Such resolutions and conduct are unwise, as our Committee of Correspondence has more

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than once said." (See Proceedings of the G.L. of Tenn. of 1883, p 407, and of 1885, p 113).

After administering a few more lashes to the benighted Grand Lodge and Grand Master of Ohio, and after expressing an earnest hope that the Ohio Masons will become wiser, freeer, and better than they are now, the Committee of Correspondence presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

"While earnestly deploring that such a condition of affairs should exist, we cannot but feel, after carefully studying the Correspondence, that the Grand Master of Tennessee has truly reflected the sentiments and wishes of the Masons of this jurisdiction, in insisting that he who shall be commissioned as *our* Representative shall be one who is willing to ignore outside organizations, and to preserve unbroken the integrity of peace and goodwill, which should, and we trust will ever, prevail in the great brotherhood of ancient Craft Masonry.

"The three degrees of our beloved Fraternity . . . comprising all over which the Grand Lodge claims jurisdiction, . . . embrace within their triple lines all which concerns our welfare. Let us not be drawn into disputes which may arise between organizations of which we have no legal knowledge, and in which, except as reluctant spectators of their trouble, we have no interest.

"In Tennessee, God willing, we are determined that no such strife shall disturb our Councils . . . We are of opinion that those who may be selected and commissioned as the Representatives of the Masons of Tennessee, even in those Grand Jurisdictions where that unfortunate controversy may exist, shall be of like conviction with ourselves. This being so, and the Grand Master of Ohio being unwilling that any but partizan in the struggle, in which his jurisdiction is unfortunately involved, shall hold our commission, and receive courteous fraternal reception from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, it would be undignified that we should insist, and still less true to our convictions and self respect, that we should consent to the appointment of one, however otherwise worthy, who would on so important an issue hold opinions at variance with our own."

I have given sufficient extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to prove that Tennessee at least is not infected with the high degrees mania, and I have reason to believe that the unvarnished rebuke given to the pervertors of Masony in Ohio by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, will eventually tend to bring the whole system of the so-called "High Degrees" into well merited contempt. Indeed, if I am not mistaken, the leading men in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are now sorry for having suffered themselves to become the tools of a high degree faction, and even Bro. MacCalla, though he is in duty bound to the high degree Pennsylvania pervertors of Masonry, to expel some unfortunate Cerneauites for sticking to the Cerneau faction, yet, in an article, reprinted in this paper of 13th April, from the *Keystone*, he says:

"Three and only three degrees are ancient; and whatever more than these is an excrescency, a superaddition, and ultimately and surely a seed of conflict and evil."

Putting aside Bro. MacCalla's notion, that "Three degrees are *ancient*," I heartily endorse the remaining part of the above paragraph, thus showing, what I intimated above, that the warning he issued to the Cerneauites in his jurisdiction, was not in harmony with his own common sense.

Boston, U.S., 26th April 1889.

EVER SACRED.

An Oration by Bro. Thomas Henry Laine, before the Grand Lodge of California, F. and A. M., 10th October 1888.

CONVENED in this sacred place, surrounded by the mystic symbols and emblems of our Order, and having constantly before our eyes the whole insignia of the Craft, all vocal with lessons of wisdom and beauty, the mind, intoxicated with their perfume, is loth to wander from Masonry to any other subject. For Masonry, as a theme, like unto the Holy Writings as a book, is always new, inspiring and exhaustless; a fountain, for ever pouring forth the pure waters of wisdom, love and truth—the true waters of the river of life that flows from the throne of God. Our loved Fraternity is hoary with age, yet full of the vigour and beauty of youth, knowing no decay.

> "Revolutions sweep o'er the earth,
> Like troubled visions o'er the breast of dreaming sorrow."

Nation rises against nation, and system rises against system, in the great work of change and destruction. The world's arena is strewn with ruins, bones and blood. But, amidst these mighty scenes of passion, war and ruin, the Lodges of our Craft have stood as beacons upon the highest hills and lights in the deepest vales, offering places of shelter and repose. In those sacred precincts there has been for ever taught the lesson of all lessons, that there is one Almighty Father, the Architect of all things seen and unseen—most holy and loving—in whose sight all men are brethren, equally under His protection—a Living God, who, "discerneth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth to light the shadow of death," and of whom it is said, "Hell is naked before Him, destruction hath no coming."

Whence came this puissant and venerable Order? What corner of the globe can claim to be its birth-place? At what point in the tide of time came it into being? Geographically considered, it came not into being in the frozen and sterile North Land, nor from the parched and burning equatorial regions, but in some temperate clime where the physical needs and strength of man gave him the desire and power to use the twenty-four inch gauge, the common gavel, the setting maul, the square, the plumb-line, the compass and the trowel. Not only did it originate in the temperate regions of the earth, but at some point north of the equator. This is apparent to the Masonic mind without learned arguments to support it; the situation of the Lodge and the location of its lights is enough—the North being the place of Masonic darkness. To narrrow further the limits, we claim that it could not have been born of atheism, barbarism or ignorance. No! She bears upon her brow and in her body and spirit the unmistakable evidences of her high birth. That only hearts and minds, pure and God-fearing, laid her foundations and wrought upon her in the beginning, is evident from her landmarks and foundation principles.

Some have inconsiderately contended for an Egyptian origin of our Craft, as that ancient people had much of learning and art. But such a contention is without foundation. Its grand moral and theocratic system could not have been the outgrowth of the brute-worshipping Egyptian people. No! Search her monuments from Monæ to disemboguing Nile; examine every inscription, statue and structure, whether it be sphinx, temple, tomb, or mighty pyramid; and nowhere is there to be found the slightest trace of Israel's God, Who in the beginning created the heavens and the earth. Search other lands, their records and monuments, and nowhere will you find a civilisation from which such an Order could spring or find nourishment in infancy, except in that land in which was erected that wondrous temple on Mount Moriah, within whose walls no graven image, no statue of man, bird or beast is found, but only the altar from whose brazen top there ascended the sweet-smelling odours of sacrifice to the invisible God, and where, day and night, blazed the mystic Shekinah—that fire fed by no human hand or earthly fuel. That holy temple has fallen; over its ruins long since were heard the screams of the godless Roman's eagles. Yet neither the tread of armies, the shock of battle, the breath of pestilence, or the tooth of all-devouring time, have been able to remove from those ruins the evidences that it was the work of Masons—of a civilised, God-fearing people. The foe and the elements have dug down on its foundation, lasting as the eternal hill of which it forms no inconsiderable part, and found the sure evidences of Masonic work that every well-instructed Mason knows how to read. We have thus fixed the place and time of Masonry's birth. It is a Royal Order, brethren. Hiram of Tyre and Solomon of Israel exalted the widow's son, whose royalty was labour, wisdom and fidelity.

The Craft itself has been as well built and enduring as this mighty foundation was. The ruthless hand of man, with blast, pick, crow and shovel, May remove Mount Moriah, or cast Mount Zion into the sea; it may pull up by the roots the cedars of Lebanon; but the God-planted institution of Masonry is beyond his powers. Its roots are too deep and strong to be dug out or pulled up; they are beneath every land and clime, and the nations rest in the shade of their great tree.

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But Masonry, like all sublunary things, has had and still has its enemies. Those enemies, in the times now past, were powerful and often cruel. But I care not to open these barbarous records of the past, either to arrange our enemies or to vindicate our sublime Craft. Suffice it to say that Masonry, in the ages that are past, with charity for all and persecution for none, has borne with becoming fortitude its trials and perils, biding its time with patience; and that, when her secrets were demanded by the base or the powerful, she has answered with the firmness and devotion of the widow's son, and the secrets remained sacred—the would-be destroyer getting nothing but dust and ashes. When her principles were assailed or challenged, she answered her accusers with the royal dignity and wisdom of Hiram of Tyre and Solomon of Israel, and the world listened. When her devoted leaders were placed on the burning pile, they fearlessly summoned their persecutors to meet them before the throne of the Eternal Father. When her sons, as a last insult, were denied burial in consecrated ground, she proudly answered that any ground is holy and consecrated in which is planted by Masonic hands the sprig of acacia, and on which rests the eye of God.

But, despite the war upon her, she now stands forth sovereign of the ascendant, clothed in royal purple. For she has this day in her ranks more presidents, kings, princes, governors, rulers, bishops, statesmen, generals, judges, law-givers, and great ones, than any other body of men upon the earth; and none dare lay in anger their finger "upon the hem of her garment." She has enemies yet—but who are they? They may be set forth in two classes. First, that class of men, confined to no clime, and called and best described by the word "crank." This class proudly numbers in its fold the criminal, the fool and the idler—an unsavoury trinity of political cranks, social cranks, and religious cranks—a body of men who never begin or advance any good work, but are always trying to pull down something erected by others. As their cranky disposition renders them incapable of organising for any good work, it makes them doubt the capacity of others; so also it renders them almost powerless as enemies. True, they are for ever jabbering about the perniciousness and uselessness of secret societies, ever contending that all good things should be made public to everybody. But we, remembering the wise and ancient injunction, "Give ye not thou that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine," regard them as the idle wind and pass on with our work. The second class is composed of pseudo-religionists from all creeds—Catholic, Greek, Protestant, Hebrew, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Mormon and Spiritualist—those who are more righteous than their brothers in the several denominations of the earth, a zealous, fuming, frothing lot, that would light again the torch and fagot, bring forth again the rack, the wheel, and the instruments of torture; but the wise and good of every creed stand with us against the whole motley herd of self-righteous fanatics, and we laugh at their fury.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE UNAFFILATED MASON.

THE gentleman whose designation heads this article is a sore thorn in the side of some Grand jurisdictions, who are constantly legislating, with more or less success, with a view to improving him off the face of the earth. The Grand Lodge of England, true to its traditional ostrich-head-in-sand policy, lets things slide, closes both eyes, and passes by on the other side, whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland treats the unaffiliated on very much the same footing as the subscribing member. And yet the "Mason" who is not sufficient of a Mason to keep up a connection with any one Lodge, is an anomaly of the most flagrant character, and Grand Lodges ought to get rid of him or perish in the attempt. It is perfectly true, no doubt, that in a certain sense a man once a Mason is always a Mason, in so far as the modicum of esoteric knowledge he has obtained cannot be taken away from him, but it does not follow as a necessary corollary that every man who has managed to slip through the very loose portals of the ballot box, and has paid his moderate initiation fees, should *ergo* acquire the right for the remainder of his natural existence of enjoying the privileges and pleasures of an institution built up and kept together by the self-denying labours of more energetic men. In this colony of ours, and if we may judge by our exchanges in every part of the Masonic world, there are numbers of Masons, save the mark, who for years have never paid one single cent of money, or contributed one single hour of labour to the Craft, but who nevertheless roll up regularly at a banquet or a ball, flaunt themselves in Masonic regalia at any big ceremonial, or make their Masonic existence known should unfortunate circumstances render them dependent upon charity. For some there is every excuse. It may happen that after doing their Masonic duty for a certain period, untoward circumstances have prevented their fulfilling their financial obligations to the Craft. To them we can only extend our fraternal sympathy. But they only constitute a small minority of the unaffiliated. The bulk of those who are Masons minus Lodge membership, have dropped working connection with the Craft from other and less excusable causes. Either their enthusiasm does not rise to the financial high water mark of ten or twelve shillings per quarter, or they are of the wrong stuff, and never should have been admitted, or the Lodges have failed to interest and retain hold of them. For the first class we have nothing but contempt. For the second the loose notions now so prevalent about the use of the blackball are responsible. For the third, Lodges have to blame themselves. As we have before pointed out, Lodges fail grievously in their duty if they do not give their initiates some more solid metal pabulum than stale repetitions of ceremonies which lead to nothing. But at the same time the neglect of Lodges in this respect does not justify members in ceasing to subscribe to them. The great army of unaffiliates is so numerous that if disgust at the methods of Lodges were the real moving spring of their abstention they could have worked a beneficial revolution ages ago. And, broadly speaking, for a brother who is not a member of a Lodge to show himself as a Mason at all is a disgrace and a piece of meanness of which no honourable man should be guilty. The English Constitutions lay down a rule that non-affiliates should visit no one Lodge more than once, but this rule is flagrantly and constantly disregarded, and the non-affiliates rise to the surface (on grand occasions) as constantly as ever. Our American friends, with their customary "level headedness," keep a much sharper watch on the non-affiliates, and some of them have made these gentry pay dues to Grand Lodges or lose their Masonic status altogether. Some such provision, drastic though it may seem, we should cordially welcome, but failing it, we should say that the first W.M. who has the moral courage to refuse admittance to a non-affiliate who visits his Lodge a second time would prove himself a true exemplar of the Constitutions which he has solemnly pledged himself to observe.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. G.J.W. of the Province of Devon, P.S.G. Warden of Prov. Mark Grand Lodge of Devon, and Prov. Prior of the Knights Templar of Devon, presented a donation, on the 19th ult., of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and completed his gift of one hundred guineas to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He had previously constituted himself a Vice Patron of the Masonic Institution for Girls, and by his present donations is now Vice Patron of all three of the great London Masonic charities.

The half-yearly meeting of the Annuity Fund Board of Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 18th ult., Bro. Elliot, of Wolflee, presiding. Petitions were read from 41 applicants for election as annuitants. After carefully going over the list a short leet of fifteen were elected—twelve of £10 each, two of £15 each, and one of £20.

Bro. Brackstone Baker has been nominated representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the United Grand Lodge of England. He has received a similar appointment from the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Michigan. Bro. Baker is now the accredited delegate of twenty United States Grand Lodges, besides two of the Dominion of Canada, viz., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

BY invitation of The Humber (57), the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East York held its annual assembly at the Public Room, at Hull, on the 24th ult. The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, was supported by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and his Deputy Bro. Henry Smith. The Lodge was opened about two o'clock in the afternoon. There must have been nearly 200 brethren present, and the magnificent hall of the Public-rooms presented a striking and most picturesque spectacle whilst the Lodge was in session. After the formal opening, an address of congratulation was presented to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment to the post of Viceroy of Ireland, and this compliment was acknowledged by Lord Zetland in a most appropriate speech. The usual business was then transacted, and after the transaction of other formal matters, the Provincial Grand Master invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Dr. J. A. Malcolmsen	...	Senior Warden
Wm. Ascough Dennison	...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, M.A.	...	Chaplains
Rev. R. Blakeney ...	...	
Walter Reynolds ...	...	Treas.
F. Fullerton ...	...	Registrar
M. C. Peck ...	...	Secretary
J. Clark	...	Senior Deacon
W. Coltman ...	...	Junior Deacon
F. Blackburn ...	...	Supt. of Works
A. W. Walker ...	...	D. of C.
Jas. Bordas ...	...	A.D. of C.
Mackail	...	Sword Bearer
R. H. Sootheran ...	...	Standard Bearers
John Chappell ...	...	
Jas. R. Stringer ...	...	Organist
T. Oates	...	A.S.
Geo. Chambers ...	...	Pursuivant
John Macfadden ...	...	Assist. Pursuivant
Fred J. Lambert ...	...	Tyler

Subsequently a large number of the officers and brethren sat down to a banquet, in the lecture-hall of the public-rooms. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. (Lord Zetland) presided, and after the repast the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew) submitted the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire." For fifteen years Lord Zetland had presided over the Masonic destinies of that most historic province, which had been ever loyal to the Throne, to the family of Zetland, and which would ever be loyal to the present R.W. Grand Master of the Province. Nothing had given those from West Yorkshire greater pleasure than to be present at the Grand Lodge, and to echo in every respect the noble sentiments expressed in the address which Lord Zetland had been graciously pleased to receive. He was present to show how beloved Lord Zetland was to those in West Yorkshire, and to add his feeling testimony to the joy they all felt at his lordship's patriotism in accepting the important office of Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and that the choice of her Most Gracious Majesty had fallen upon so popular an English nobleman and noble English gentleman. He hoped that when his term of office had expired Lord Zetland would return to his beloved Province, with health and strength to preside over it with that ability which had distinguished him in the past. He wished his lordship God-speed in the arduous duties he was about to undertake, and he doubted not that so popular a Yorkshireman would make their friends in Ireland more peaceable subjects to law and order that they had ever been before. Lord Zetland, in replying, thanked those present for the exceedingly kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The proposer had referred to that high office he had accepted in her Majesty's present Government. He could assure them that he should thoroughly appreciate the honourable position of being her Majesty's representative in Ireland, and he could only repeat what he had said when he was presented that afternoon with that magnificent address, that when it became his duty to go across the Channel, he would endeavour to do his duty in Ireland as became a Briton and a Yorkshireman. He would feel one great regret in going to Ireland, and that was that for a time possibly he should have to sever the connection, which had now existed for fifteen years, between the Province of North and East Yorkshire and himself, so far as to render it impossible for him to reside so continuously within the Province as he had hitherto done. That regret, however, was alleviated very much by his feeling that he should not only enjoy the sympathy of the Freemasons of the Province, but that, under the guidance of the Deputy Grand Master, the interests of Freemasonry would be as safely guarded as if he himself were among them. In conclusion, his Lordship proposed the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Tew). Bro. Tew, in responding, assured those present that his brethren in West Yorkshire were only too anxious to co-operate with North and East Yorkshire in everything that was for the benefit of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Todd P.P.G.S.W. submitted the health of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, R.W. Past Grand Warden, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Orde-Powlett replied, and said he would try, with the help of the Officers, to undertake his duty to the best of his skill and ability. It had given him very great pleasure to come to Hull; it always did, for Freemasonry was increasing in popularity in Hull, and in the right way. They should not ask men to become Masons for the sake of filling Lodges, but they should ask good and true men to join the Craft. It was only by electing proper people that they could expect Freemasonry to flourish. It was now more than 20 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the banner of the Humber Lodge, which was, he believed, the senior Lodge in the Province, and which set a good example in everything it undertook. In Hull a number of Lodges had sprung up round about the Humber; they were all most anxious to do their duty, and he thought they had succeeded uncommonly well. He returned thanks for the way in which the toast had been received, and proposed the newly-appointed Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The toast was replied to by Bro. J. A. Malcolmsen P.S.G.W., who said he and and his fellow Officers would do their duty to the best of their ability. They had no doubt but that Masonry would go on well during his Lordship's temporary absence. Lord Zetland proposed the health of the W.M. of the Humber Lodge. Bro. J. Rutter W.M. of the Humber Lodge responded. The other toasts were the Visiting Brethren, and the Masonic Charities. The proceedings were interspersed with harmony. Next year's Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Malton.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE BERKS AND OXON.

THE Annual Meeting of the Officers and Brethren of the Berks and Oxon Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Oxford, on Wednesday afternoon, under the banner of the Alfred Lodge, and the proceedings were more than usually interesting on account of the installation of Viscount Valentia as Provincial Grand Master, in the room of the Earl of Jersey, who recently retired from that office, which he had held, with great advantage to the Province, from the date of its foundation, ten years ago. Another interesting feature in the day's programme was the presentation of an address to the retiring Provincial Grand Master. Lord Jersey opened the Provincial Grand Lodge shortly after mid-day, assisted by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Stephens, and the P.G. Officers. Several distinguished Grand Lodge Officers honoured the gathering with their presence, including:—

The Earl of Euston President of the Board of General Purposes P.S.G. Warden, Sir Lionel Darell G.J. Warden, Bro. Matier Grand Secretary, Bro. Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Leon P.G. Deacon, Captain Airey and Bro. S. Knight Grand Steward, Major Cook, Bro. Cousans G.J. Deacon, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jukes Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Baynes P.G.M.O., Bro. Tomkins P.G. Steward, Bro. Ravenscroft P.G. Secretary, Bros. Margrett and Pulley Past Grand Deacons, and a number of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

The reports presented by the P.G. Secretary as to the Lodges in the Province and the progress of Mark Masonry, were of a satisfactory character. Bro. Tomkins was

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unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Patent, signed by the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having been read by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, appointing Viscount Valentia to the office of Provincial Grand Master, his Lordship was introduced, and suitably addressed by Lord Jersey, who proceeded to instal the noble Viscount, whom he invested with the regalia of Provincial Grand Master, amidst the hearty applause of the brethren. The newly installed P.G. Master then appointed and invested the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Bro. C. Stephens	Deputy
H. G. W. Drinkwater ...	Senior Warden
H. Creed...	Junior Warden
W. Dunning	M.O.
A. C. Hewitt	S.O.
J. B. King	J.O.
Rev. R. W. Pope ... ... }	Chaplains
Rev. J. M. Guilding ... ... }	
John Tomkins	Treasurer
E. A. Bivess	Registrar of Marks
W. Ravenscroft	Secretary
C. L. Lovett	J.D.
C. E. Hewitt	Inspector of Works
R. Canning	D.C.
R. Maples	Sword Bearer
W. Fenton	Standard Bearer
H. G. Sherwin	Organist
W. C. Long	Assist. Sec.
J. W. Messenger	I.G.
W. W. Wyatt ... ... }	Stewards
S. C. Wakefield ... ... }	
A. E. Preston ... ... }	
A. J. Kersley ... ... }	
W. Hemmings ... ... }	Tylers
G. Norwood ... ... }	

The P.G. Secretary then read the following address, which was presented to Lord Jersey :—

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Berks and Oxon.

To the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—With most sincere regret this Provincial Grand Lodge has to record your resignation of its Chief Office. In so doing, the hearty wish of the brethren is that expression shall be given to the deep sense felt by all as to the able, efficient, and genial manner in which your Lordship has carried out the duties devolving upon you during the past ten years in the capacity of Grand Master, contributing thereby so largely to the prosperity enjoyed by the Province from its formation in 1879 until the present time.

We beg therefore respectfully that you will accept this address as testifying our grateful appreciation of your rule over us, and our hope and trust that it may please the G.O.O.T.U. long to spare your life, and if so it may be, that we may long retain your interest and influence amongst us.

On behalf of the Province, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

VALENTIA, Prov. Grand Master.
C. STEPHENS, Dep. Prov. Grand Master.
W. RAVENSCROFT, Prov. G. Secretary.

31st July 1889.

Lord Jersey, in a feeling speech, expressed his thanks to the brethren, and congratulated them upon the appointment of Viscount Valentia as his successor. The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and a number of the brethren subsequently drove to Blenheim Palace, and inspected the principal apartments, by the kind permission of the Duke of Malborough, and also visited the famous orchid houses, after which they returned to Oxford, and partook of a banquet, when the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 76.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, on the 26th ult., to instal Bro. W. Stenlake as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Officers invested were Bros. W. J. E. Hannaford I.P.M., J. A. Lavers S.W., A. Revill J.W., D. S. Stanbury M.O., P. Hannaford S.O., L. A. Court J.O., T. W. Lemon P.M. Chaplain, W. Browning P.M. Treasurer, S. Yeomans Reg. of Marks, J. M. Hiffey P.M. Secretary, J. G. Tozer S.D., G. B. Gale J.D., J. W. Cornish I.G., T. Lillicrap Dir. of Cers., T. A Stephens Asst. Dir. of Cers., W. Biscombe Sti. Br., C. H. Soper Organist, T. Taylor Steward, and W. H. Phillips Tyler.

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CONSECRATION OF THE SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

ON Saturday, 27th ult., a most important function in connection with the Craft was held at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street. This was the consecration of the newly-founded Scots Lodge, 2319, by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W. as S.W., V.W. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G Chaplain as Chaplain, and W. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C. A most brilliant gathering of eminent Masons had assembled to bid Godspeed to the new Lodge, amongst those present being Captain Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of All India (Scottish Constitution), W. Bro. Mullet P.G.D., W. Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., G.J.W. of the Mark Degree, W. B. Fenwick Grand Registrar of Queensland, Bro. Tilden, from America, and many other Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, including W. Bros. R. Berridge P.M., C. O. Driver P.M., Shoppee P.M., Levick P.M., E. C. Mulvey P.M., and R. H. Dillon P.M. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex. There were also present Bros. Colonel T. Tully W.M. of the Centurion Lodge 1,718, Capt. C. Probyn P.M. Old Dundee Lodge 18, J. R. Stacey P.M. and Secretary Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, W. W. Snelling P.M. Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, J. Edmeston P.M., P. H. Jones P.M., D. Forbes P.M., A. A. Pendlebury A.G.S., besides Bros. Pezatti Prince Fred. William Lodge 756, Gilbert Marsh Lewis Lodge 1185, Massey of the *Freemason*, and many other brethren. Amongst the founders were the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master Northampton and Hants, W.M. designate of the Scots Lodge, W. Bro. Charles F. Maties P.G. Standard Bearer England and Scotland, P.G.S.W. Aberdeenshire, and G.S. of the Mark Degree, who was appointed D.C. of the new Lodge, Bros. Vero Shaw S.W. designate, John Whitehead P.M. 1425 J.W. designate, George Shaw P.M. 59 Treasurer, George Henderson Secretary Designate, John Page W.M. 753 S.D. designate, Thomas Grant J.D. designate, and James Thomson Steward. Amongst the others founders of the Scots Lodge who were at the ceremony were Bro. D. F. Gellion P.M. 1425, D. Charteris, J. Plenderleith, and Roderick Mitchell, but unfortunately Sir Michel R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. George Edward and Bro. H. Campbell-Beaver I.G. designate, were prevented from taking part in the proceedings. The Scots Lodge having been duly consecrated by Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in his usual admirable manner, and the Earl of Euston having been installed as W.M., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, Sir John Monckton, Thos. Fenn, the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Frank Richardson, R. Berridge, Captain Sir Henry Morland, and D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Scots Lodge. The W.M. next, on behalf of the Founders, presented a Founders' jewel in 18-carat gold to the Grand Secretary, as a memento of the ceremony, and the Secretary, Bro. George Henderson, having read a letter of apology from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, who was prevented at the very last moment by his Masonic duties from attending, the Lodge was closed in due form.

A most *recherché* banquet, accompanied by the music of the pipes, was served in the lower hall, the menu including a variety of Scottish courses, such as the traditional cock-a-leekie, hotch potch, sheepsheads, and haggis, the wines provided being sherry, hock, champagne (Koch Fils 1884, in magnums, and Damant and Co., 1884, in reboboams), and, of course, whisky. The usual patriotic toasts having been drunk with enthusiasm, the Grand Secretary of England, in proposing the health of the Earl of Euston, took the opportunity of congratulating him upon the brilliant prospect that lay before the Scots Lodge, and most heartily drank his health as its Worshipful Master. Sir Henry Morland, in replying for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, expressed his profound conviction that a great future lay before the Lodge, which has for its main object the drawing closer of the bonds that bind English and Scottish Masons together, and Colonel Clerke having responded for the Consecrating Officers, and the S.W. Bro. V. Shaw, for the Officers, a most enjoyable and instructive evening, which had not been marred by the vestige of a hitch or *contretemps*, was brought to a termination. In fact it may safely be prophesied that a great future lies before the Scots Lodge, which, it may be observed, is the only central Lodge in London that can boast of having its own premises, kitchen, and cellar of wine. It may, however, be added that the cuisine on Saturday was in the hands of Messrs. Hill and Son, of Bishopsgate-street, as the large number of guests necessitated special arrangements being made for the occasion, whilst the music was being superintended by Brother E. Bryant, of Messrs. Novellos, with the happiest results. It should likewise be stated that Bro. Charles Thomas, Provincial Grand Tyler of Herts, was elected Tyler of the Scots Lodge.—*Morning Advertiser.*

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

AT a meeting of the Bombay Lodges, held on St. John's Eve, was exhibited the casket which is to contain the address presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught by the Freemasons. It was universally admired, which is no matter of surprise, as it is a perfect little gem of the jeweller's art, and redounds the greatest credit on the workers, Messrs. Weber and Schenck, jewellers and watchmakers. The casket itself is of finely polished bamboo, capped at either end with silver, wrought into elegant designs. Its supports are two combinations of the square and compasses, the point of the square being embedded in the rich dark blue plush with which the pedestal is lined. The pedestal is of walnut, with rosewood inlaid. The inscription is on a silver scroll, placed in the centre of the casket. Taking it as a whole, the ornament is unique and artistic, and we are sure that the Royal Mason will cherish is as one of the dearest souvenirs of his visit to the capital of the chief Native State in India.—*Indian Mail.*

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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
31st July 1889.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Dr. Hall having resigned the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I crave your suffrages for appointment to the vacancy caused thereby.

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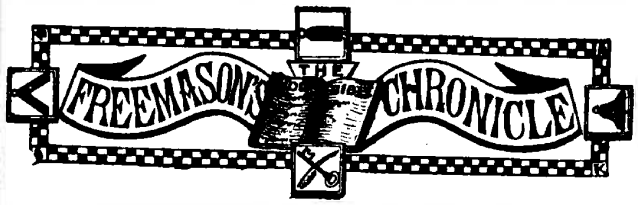
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, 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 17th April 1889, to the 16th of July 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	123	13	7	Disbursements during the quarter	304	14	0
Unappropriated Account	192	19	7	Balance	175	3	7
Subsequent Receipts	358	11	6	„ Unappropriated Account	195	7	1
	£675	4	8		£675	4	8

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

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

1st. From Companions Colonel Henry Platt as Z., Donald Cameron as H., William Hugh Thomas as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, to be called "The Star of Gwynedd Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, in the Province of North Wales.

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2nd. From Companions George Joseph Westbury as Z., Thomas Edward Lucy as H., Edward Arthur Hicks as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, to be called "The Semper Fidelis Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, High-street, in the City of Worcester.

3rd. From Companions Alfred Rixon as Z., Walter Galt Gribbon as H., Thomas Blanco White as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London, to be called "The Moriah Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions Jehanghir Kursetji Rustomji Cama as Z., Nathaniel John Goodchild as H., Ebenezer Charles Mulvey as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London, to be called "The Regent's Park Chapter," and to meet at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, London.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following Chapters, and being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned, viz.:—

The Joppa Chapter, No. 188, from the Albion Tavern, to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, London.

The Westbourne Chapter, No. 739, from St. John's Wood, to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

The Phœnix Chapter of St. Ann, No. 1335, from the Court House, to the Town Hall, Buxton.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, there are with the exception of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, and the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, which have not yet signified their intention of joining the Grand Lodge of Victoria, no longer English Craft Lodges in that colony to which the Chapters meeting in the District of Victoria can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the undermentioned Chapters be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

No. 474, Australasian, Melbourne.
580, Victorian, Melbourne.
641, Royal Golden of Bendigo, Sandhurst.
692, Eureka, Castlemain.
713, Yarrowee, Ballarat.
727, Collingwood, Melbourne.
738, St. John, Beechworth.
747, Melbourne, Melbourne.
930, South Yarrow, Melbourne.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th July 1889.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

ALMOST enjoyable trip, which even the showery weather of the forenoon was unable to seriously mar, was undertaken by this Lodge on Saturday, 20th July. We have it on good authority that "absence makes the heart grow cold," and the chief object of the brethren in undertaking the excursion was, possibly, to break the long interval between the stated Lodge meetings in June and October, thus, by a timely outing, renewing the pleasures of social intercourse. True, however, to the antiquarian tastes and studies encouraged by the Lodge, a spot of abiding interest to Freemasons was chosen, the city of St. Alban, England's proto-martyr, and the traditional founder of the Craft in these isles. Does not the Grand Lodge MS. of the Old Charges (which is dated 1583) state distinctly "Inglande in all this season stoyde voyd of any chardge of Massonrie untill St. Albon's tyme, and in his dayes the Kyng of Ingland that was a paynym he did wall thee towne aboute that is called St. Albons. And St. Albon was a woorthy Knyght & Stewarde of the Kyng's householde, and had the gou'ment of thee realme, & also of thee towne walls, and loved Massons well and cherished them muche, and he mayde their paye right good (standing as the realme did) for he gave them ijs vjd a weeke and three pence to their cheire, for before that tyme throwe the lande a Masson toke but a peny a daye and his meate, untill St. Albone amended yt. and gave them a charter of thee Kynge & his Counsell for to houlde a gen'all Counsell, and gune it the name of an Assemblye, and was thereat himself and healped for to make Massons and gave thee chardges as yee shall heare afterwarde righte sone." Bro. W. Simpson, the W.M., was unfortunately detained at Balmoral, on business, and a few other brethren, who rarely miss a Lodge meeting, were unavoidably absent, but the following members assembled at St. Pancras, under the S.W., Bro. Col. S. C. Pratt, viz., Bro. W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott J.D., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor W. Mattieu Williams, and Dr. W. J. Chetwoode Crawley (of Dublin). With these were the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz., Bros. Dr. W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B., S. Richardson, C. B. Barnes, F. A. Powell, J. S. Cumberland, C. E. Ferry, Col. J. Mead, and G. H. Piper (of Ledbury) D.P.G.M. Herefordshire, and the following visitors: Dr. Benj. W. Richardson, F. Pegler, Sydney T. Klein, C. Bowley (of Belfast), Mahaim (of Liège), and Reg. T. Webster (of Margate). A saloon carriage, attached to the 11·10 a.m. train, took the party comfortably to St. Albans, where a frugal lunch awaited them at the Peahen Hotel, after which a visit was first paid to the Church of St. Peters. Here they were met by the Curate, Bro. Rev. Valentine Faulkner, under whose auspices the Church was inspected, the chief point of interest being the monument of Edward Strong the elder, for whom Dr. Anderson claims the honour of having been appointed Junior Grand Warden under Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren, in 1685. The truth of this can scarcely be admitted, but the Strong family appeals to our sympathies, as Masons, in a high degree. Timothy Strong was a quarry owner and builder in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. His son, Valentine, was a notable builder in his day, and on his tomb, at Fairford, Oxfordshire, 1662, is described as "Valentine Strong, Freemason." Valentine's son, Thomas, was engaged at Trinity College, Oxford, in 1665, under Sir C. Wren, and in 1675 made the first contract with the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's. According to the family memoirs, written in 1716, he laid the first stone in the foundation with his own hands. Dying in 1681, he was succeeded by his brother Edward,—buried at St. Peter's, St. Alban's,—who associated with himself his son Edward the younger. The "Memoirs" state, "About the year 1706 Edward Strong, junior, began the lanthorn in the Dome of St. Paul's, London, and on the 20th October 1708, Edward Strong, senior, laid the last stone upon the same." This last claim is re-asserted on the monument in question. Skirting the City, the old Church of St. Michael's was next visited. Apart from its high architectural interest, the Church is noticeable for containing the body and statue of Lord Bacon, "the wisest, greatest, meanest of mankind." Sauntering through the fields, along the banks of the river and under the spreading elms, a typical scene of English rural beauty at its best, the brethren made their way to the Abbey, where they were met by the Rev. W. Urwick, who has made the register and archives of the edifice his special study for years. Under his capable guidance, every part of the structure was visited and its history explained, the old works admired, and the restorations criticised. Some difference of opinion was apparent as to the taste, but none as to the solidity and thoroughness of the restored parts, or as to the public spirit and generosity of Lord Grimthorpe, who for years has borne the enormous cost of what is more than restoration, for it was necessary in many parts to entirely re construct. Lord Grimthorpe himself now joined the party, and kindly submitted to a course of "heckling"; the reasons for this and that alteration being fully explained by his Lordship in answer to some questions, and he incidentally supplied many details as to the structure of the Abbey, its foundations, vaults, &c., which were of great interest. The party having been generously admitted by the Rector, the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrence, free, thus entailing a loss on the Restoration Fund, a collection was made, which, we are glad to say, considerably more than covered the charge for admission. Lord Grimthorpe was thanked for his explanations, and there being still an hour to spare before dinner, the brethren struck once more across the fields, visiting the old Roman walls and moat, and reached an eminence whence a beautiful view of the Abbey and its surroundings was obtained. Dinner was served at the Pea Hen at 6 o'clock, after which votes of thanks were moved and carried to Brother Rev. V. Faulkner and to the Rev. Mr. Urwick for their kindness in affording the brethren so much instruction and the pleasure of their company, and suitably acknowledged, Mr. Urwick eloquently pointing out that St. Albans was the scene of more than one martyrdom, interesting in ecclesiastical history. Bro. Speth was thanked for making the arrangements, and indicated that Bro. Klein would be their guide next year, through a district of great interest around his own residence, at Stanmore, whilst in 1891 he (Bro. Speth) hoped to introduce them to Sandwich, the City of the dead; the Roman ruins of Richborough Castle, Minster Church and Abbey, Dandelion Gateway, near Margate, and other monuments in the Isle of Thanet. The party returned by the 8·32 train, to which a saloon carriage had been added for their separate use, it being unanimously admitted that the day had been most enjoyable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A MASON'S FREE BED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Will you please find room for this very short epistle? My attention has been directed to a paragraph, which appeared a few weeks since in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, viz.:—"By the will of the late Bro. James O'Gale, of Haverhill, the sum of 3000 dollars is to be paid to the Masters and Wardens of the Lodge in Haverhill, for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the Haverhill Hospital, for the use of such Masons as they may deem worthy." This is a practical charity, and an enduring monument, adds the *Liberal Freemason*, to the memory of an intelligent and eminently worthy Freemason."

Allow me to ask the question,—are there any similar beds in this the mother country? If there be not,—why not? No doubt there are innumerable instances in which a bed may be available. Allow me to inquire, if any brother can inform me of the fact. A brother, while in the execution of his duties, may at once be struck down when far from home, or friends, without the means which a Mason's free bed bestows. Are there not at the present moment many brethren who are suffering acutely from afflictions, to relieve which they are unable to apply remedial measures? This will be effectual for the present. In all probability I have stated enough; I hope, however, that the brethren who have the means within their reach will exercise them, to the alleviation of suffering humanity.

THE MASTER OF A LODGE.

30th July 1889.

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THE QUARTERLY COURTS.

WE, generally, are prepared for a quiet time of it at the July Quarterly Courts of our Scholastic Institution, and, notwithstanding the excitement that has lately prevailed as to the working of the system of management in vogue, the meetings of last week may be said to present no special features.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its Quarterly Court on Friday, the 26th ult., when there was a fair attendance. Bro. Eve P.G. Treasurer was elected Chairman. Among those present were Bros. E. Terry G. Treasurer, J. D. Langton, W. Lake, Bourne, Plucknett, Smithson, Cubitt, Scurrah, Brett, Cohen, Jones, Marwood, Hastings Miller, Mather, Hogard, Carter, Kidder, Dicketts, Morgan, J. Terry, Powell, Dr. Morris, John Stevens, Hemming, Soppet, Paas, Storr, Still, Blyth, Spaull, Dixie, Webb, Cumberland, Binckes (Secretary). The advertisement convening the meeting, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Court were read and confirmed, after which the minutes of the Special Court of 6th June were read and passed as correctly entered. Minutes of the General Committee of 4th May, 6th and 29th June, and 6th July were also read. One petition, deferred by the General Committee for further information was considered and accepted, making a total of 70 candidates, for the election in October, from which 16 boys are to be elected. The Chairman, as a member of the Provisional Committee, and as their Chairman at the meeting held that afternoon, had only further to state, in addition to the report already presented, which was in print (and which he now moved might be taken as read), that the Provisional Committee had appointed as Matron, to enter on her duties on 1st August, Miss Harcombe, Matron of the Royal St. Ann's Society, Red Hill. They had also made an *ad interim* appointment of a doctor for two months, during which time advertisments would be issued for applications for the post. The gentlemen appointed pro tem was Dr. John Joseph Lock, who practised in the neighbourhood of Wood Green. Further, in accordance with the authority conferred on the Provisional Committee, they had conferred with Bro. Binckes in regard to the terms on which he should retire, and that matter was still under consideration. It was proposed by Bro. Bevir, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, and seconded—"That the report of the Provisional Committee be received, and that its proceedings and recommendations do receive the sanction of this Quarterly Court, which authorises the Provisional Committee to carry the same into effect." The motion was opposed by several brethren, who considered the Provisional Committee should complete their report on all matters before them before asking the approval of the Committee; but, after some discussion, Bro. Bevir's motion was put and carried. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls Quarterly Court was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall P.G.T., Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair. There were also present Bros. George Powell, J. S. Cumberland, Herbert Dicketts, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Charles G. Hill, H. Massey, W. M. Bywater, Col. F. Gadsden, J. Terry, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 27th April, and the reading of the minutes of the Special Court of 30th May, and summaries of minutes of General Committees, for information, the Court agreed to the recommendation of the General Committee, that the 32 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 17 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list for the October Election, and that nine vacancies, caused by girls leaving the School, be declared. On the motion of Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Vice President, seconded by Bro. C. H. Webb, the following alterations were made in the laws of the Institution:

In Law 35, omit words "and audit."
In the first heading, on page 32, omit the words "and audit."
In Law 47, in first line, substitute "twelve" for "nine."
In third and fourth lines, after the word "finance," omit words "and audit."
In sixth line, substitute "three" for "two."
In Law 49, after word "meet" in first line, omit words "in the months of January, April, July, and October," and substitute "monthly, or oftener, if necessary."
After word "payment" in sixth line, omit all up to the word "report" in the twelth line.
Add, as a fresh paragraph, headed "Audit," "the accounts of the Institution shall be annually audited by a Chartered Accountant to be elected annually by the General Committee at the meeting in May."
In Law 79, add, after word "Trustees," "and be annually examined by the Accountant."

On the suggestion of Bro. James Terry, the words "and audit," occurring in Law 43, were also struck out. With reference to the new paragraph respecting the auditing of the accounts by a chartered accountant, Bro. Cumberland said he hoped the auditors would go through the accounts quarterly, as well as yearly. Perhaps they might not be able to examine them monthly. If there were errors, they would be more easily discovered in a tri-monthly investigation than in a yearly. Bro. Hedges said it was in contemplation that there should be a quarterly examination. Bro. Dicketts said the accounts would be audited monthly. Bro Cumberland observed that he did not mean examined by the auditors—he meant audited by the chartered accountant. He wanted that the accountant should go through the accounts quarterly, as well as annually. Bro. Webb said that, anyhow, the chartered accountant would be responsible. Bro. Marshall intimated that they might now carry these resolutions, and then afterwards make an additional regulation. Bro. Cumberland moved that the auditor go through the accounts quarterly, and once a year make out a balance sheet, and examine the documents of the Institution. Brother Marshall: And securities. Brother Cumberland: Yes, whatever is in the bank concerning the monetary affairs of the Institution. Brother Dicketts: In law 79 it says:—"All deeds and securities shall be deposited for safe custody with the bankers of the Institution in the names of the trustees," and add to that, "and annually examined by the accountant." The motion having been seconded, was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., in the Library at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The meeting is called for 2 o'clock, Prov. G. Lodge being opened punctually at half-past, but previous to this (at 1·30) the Finance Committee will meet to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, and report thereon. The business to be transacted is of the usual character, and will embrace the reception of various reports, of the auditors, of the Charity Committee, and in regard to the publication of the Provincial Calendar. A motion will be made that a Committee be formed to revise the By-laws of Prov. G. Lodge, and another that a grant be made to one or other of the Royal Masonic Institutions. We anticipate a very pleasant day's meeting for our Essex brethren, many of whom have for some time past looked forward to this visit to the home of the Provincial Grand Master; all that will be required is fine weather to ensure a thorough success. Easton Lodge is four miles from the Dunmow Station on the Great Eastern Railway, and carriages will be provided to convey the brethren to and fro. Admission to the library will be by ticket, and must of necessity be restricted to members of Provincial Grand Lodge, but the extensive and picturesque Park, Pleasure Gardens, &c., will be thrown open to all members of Lodges in the Province, who may also be present at the banquet. A band will be in attendance, and the grounds will be illuminated in the evening. The Great Eastern Railway Co., besides consenting to issue return tickets at single fares to brethren attending the meeting, on production of summons, have kindly made special train arrangements, running additional trains to and from Dunmow Station, in connection with regular trains on both the Colchester and Cambridge lines.

In connection with this meeting there is one matter we may refer to. On the last occasion when Prov. Grand Lodge assembled, a keen competition arose when the question of re-electing the Prov. Grand Treasurer was brought forward. A section of the members of Prov. Grand Lodge were decidedly in favour of a change; not that they were dissatisfied with the way Bro. Andrew Durrant (who has been re-elected year after year) has discharged his functions, but they claimed the honour of Provincial rank should be conferred on as many worthy Craftsmen as present themselves, having due regard to the limit that binds the Prov. G. Master. We are told that the question will again be brought forward on Tuesday, and we can but express the hope that the question will be considered in a fraternal and truly Masonic spirit.

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THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE opening of the Severn Tunnel for passenger traffic has afforded an additional and more expeditious means of transit between the West of England and the various parts of Wales, Lancashire and the North of England, which has been taken full advantage of by the Great Western Railway Company. In times gone by the journey from Bristol to Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, and the towns of South Wales generally, was a formidable undertaking as compared with what it is at the present time, when a few minutes ride, without change of carriage, transfers us from one side of the River Severn to the other, and it is perhaps in association with such works as the Severn Tunnel and its counterpart between Liverpool and Birkenhead that we can best appreciate the benefits of the engineering skill of the day. In the rush and bustle of the present age, when every minute that can be saved in transit from one point to another is made capital of by those whose business it is to cater for the public, the tunneling of rivers like the Severn and the Mersey, at such points as they are now pierced at, is of immense advantage. Now that we have two great successes to point to in this country, we imagine it will not be very long before others are attempted, and the tedium of travel correspondingly lessened. But it is not only in the matter of passenger traffic that advantage follows the completion of such works as the Mersey and Severn Tunnels, the advantage to goods traffic is almost equally important, a few miles or a few minutes saved often placing local markets in a much more favourable position than was ever possible otherwise. It is on these grounds many persons deplore the collapse of the Channel Tunnel operations, which would prove even more beneficial to commerce than any number of shorter tunnels, for while in the latter case the journey may be completed, in a roundabout way, without change of carriage, this is impossible in the case of the service between England and the Continent. As we have said, the Great Western Railway Company offer their patrons the full benefit of this latest addition to the feats of modern science, and it has opened up many new features of interest to the ordinary traveller or tourist, with whom time is a matter of consideration. It is superfluous to particularise the many points of interest served by the great Western System. With lines extending from London to the extreme West of England, through the length and breadth of Wales, and most extensively through the Midland Counties, it may well be imagined that to make a list of even the most popular of the "Holiday Haunts" on the line would be an extensive undertaking. We must therefore leave the matter in a somewhat incomplete state, with the general advice to such of our readers as are in search of knowledge to procure one of the Tourist Programmes or general Time Tables of the Company. They will therein find full particulars as to fares, and times of the various trains, and, in addition, some interesting particulars of some of the principal points of interest on the line.

Savoy Theatre.—A new departure has been taken by Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. W. S. Gilbert in their latest combination, which is entitled "The Yeomen of the Guard, or the Merryman and his Maid." (By the way, the latter title is somewhat of a misnomer, as the jester is anything but a merry man, and his maid is taken by somebody else, and therefore becomes somebody else's maid). The story takes us back to the Tudor Henrys, and we find Colonel Fairfax, a brave soldier, under sentence of death for witchcraft. In order to spite a relative, whom he believes to be the cause of his trouble, he marries, one hour before the time fixed for his execution, a strolling singer, Elsie Maynard. Through the instrumentality of Sergeant Meryll and his daughter Phœbe, the Colonel escapes from his cell and personates Leonard Meryll, who has been appointed one of the Yeomen. In this disguise he woos his wife, and when the long delayed pardon arrives he astonishes her by asserting himself as the missing Colonel. The unfortunate side of the otherwise pretty tale is, that in order that the Colonel may be saved, other people have to suffer, thus Elsie has to bestow her hand upon a surly janitor, Wilfrid Shadbolt; the old Sergeant has to marry Dame Carruthers whom he detests, and the poor Merryman is deprived of his intended bride. The dialogue is comparatively free from Mr. Gilbert's biting satire, and the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan is full of local colour, though it cannot be said that any of the songs will become as popular as some of their predecessors. The scene of the White Tower is exceedingly well arranged, and the costumes are highly pretty and appropriate. Miss Geraldine Ulmar sings her lyrics like an artiste; Miss Annie Cole makes a bewitching Phœbe, and Messrs. C. Pounds (Fairfax), Richard Temple (Meryll), W. H. Denny (Shadbolt), and last, but by no means least, George Grossmith (Jack Point), all work with a will to ensure the desired success.

Mr. Freeman Thomas announces his eighth series of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre, commencing 10th August. The following distinguished Artistes have been exclusively engaged:—Nikita, Mdme. Clara Samuell, Mdlle. Colombati, Miss Fanny Joyce, Miss Beata Francis, Mdme. Pauline Rita, Mdme. Rose Hersee, and Mdme. Valleria, Mdme. Patey, Mdlle. Tremelli, Mdme. Belle-Cole, and Antoinette Sterling; Mr. Sims Reeves, Signor Runcio, Mr. Valentine Smith, Mr. Charles Chilley, Mr. Holberry Hagyard, Mr. Henry Piercy, Mr. Orlando Harley, Signor Foli, Mr. Walter Clifford, Signor Ciampi, Signor Abramoff, Mr. Barrington Foote; Solo Pianoforte, Mdme. Roger-Miolos, Herr Arthur Friedheim, and Miss Florence Wand; Solo Violin and Leader, Mr. Carrodus; Solo Flute, Mr. John Radcliff; Solo Piccolo, Mr. J. A. Hamilton; Solo Violoncello, Mr. E. Howell; Solo Oboe, M. Vandenburg; Solo Clarionet, Mr. Julian Egerton; Solo Cornet, Mr. A. H. Smith; Solo Euphonium, Mr. C. Bourne; Solo Bassoon, Mr. J. F. Hutchins: Accompanist and Assistant Conductor, Mr. H. M. Higgs; Musical Director, Signor Arditi. The admission will be one shilling, and Mr. Freeman Thomas has provided, at the price of one guinea, season ticket books containing sixty admissions, available for any evening, a liberality which will undoubtedly be appreciated by the music-loving public.

The Continental Gallery, New Bond Street, is worth visiting, to inspect some pictures from the Paris Salon. There are in all 124, the majority of which are what may fitly be called gems, both from their size, their interest, and treatment. Of these, two are remarkable, "In a deuce of a Fix" (12), by G. Bortignoni, for its humour and Meissonnier-like finish, and "Children with little Chickens" (73), by B. U. N. Maillart, for its admirable colour, and poetic rendering of a very simple subject. A large canvass, some thirteen feet high by seven or eight wide, "The Queen of Sheba" (54), by J. Profr. Kronberg, is a powerful painting, more fitted for a decorative panel in a grand room than an independent picture. It will, however, properly arrest attention. To the student interested in the French School of landscape, there is much to admire, and some things to smile at—as flat as wall paper; but as the space at our disposal will not enable us to go into a critical analysis of the peculiarities of French ambition or caprice in depicting nature, we can only now call public attention to a most interesting gallery.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

THE members of this Liverpool Lodge, with their lady friends and visitors, held one of their enjoyable annual excursions which are so conductive to friendly intercourse and harmony on Wednesday, 24th ult. Bro. W. Pye W.M. took charge of the party, and was loyally supported by Bros. Alexander I.P.M., J. Alexander P.M. Secretary, G. Alexander S.W., A. J. Lett J.W., C. Knowels S., Mathew Yeoman S., J. Casey P.M. 1570, P. Ball P.P.G.T., J. Travis, James Wylie, &c., and Messrs M'Clury and R. Summer, who contributed much to the enjoyment of the members who were present. The party assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at 12 noon, and after lunch and the singing of the "Old hundredth," proceeded in drags to Billinge, taking, by the kindness of Lords Sefton and Derby, the picturesque route through Croxteth and Knowsley Parks. Notwithstanding the somewhat gloomy state of the weather, the drive was most enjoyable, and after the ascent to the ancient beacon, the party, after visiting the quaint old church, sat down to a substantial tea, supplied by the Lodge through Bro. Casey, at the Stork Hotel; the landlord of which, Mr. J. G. Howard, did his best for the comfort of the visitors, who subsequently enjoyed themselves thoroughly with music and dancing, the latter being largely contributed to by some of the best local step dancers. The return was made at 7·39 p.m. and great credit is due to the committee for their arrangements.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 164.

THE annual installation meeting of this popular Mark Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, on Wednesday, 24th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. G. Masters. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. John C. Buckwell, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. G. Masters, assisted by Bro. H. W. G. Abell P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Masters, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties as W.M. during the past year. The newly elected W.M. Bro. John C. Buckwell appointed the following Officers for the coming year:—Bros. George Masters I.P.M., J. Belcher S.W., Rev. W. A. Tooth J.W., C. Clarke M.O., A. F. Lamette S.O., George Rawlinson J.O., H. W. G. Abell P.M. Treasurer, Charles Briscoe Reg. of M., J. J. Abell Secretary, T. Wickham S.D., A. D. Bailey J.D., Thomas Chapman D.C., F. H. Beeney I.G., A. Alwen Steward, and H. Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. C. Goulding, The W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 25th ult. Bros. A. O. V. Pendy and W. J. Smyth were passed to the second degree. At the close of the Lodge business, the brethren sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Mrs. Mason.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 768.

THE annual picnic took place on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, when Llangollen was visited. The party left Runcorn about eight o'clock, reaching their destination about ten, and paid a visit to Plas Newydd, making an inspection of the picturesque residence, and all thoroughly enjoyed the landscape. Subsequently they returned to the Hand Hotel, where a substantial dinner had been provided. Bro. T. H. Annett occupied the chair, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured. An enjoyable drive to Chirk Castle followed this, and at six o'clock tea was partaken of at the hotel. Various spots of interest were afterwards visited. The party arrived at Runcorn again at about half-past eleven o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable day.

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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 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction) on)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instructi on)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instructi(In)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30.
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)

1233—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 5th AUGUST.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors'
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
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
551—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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 Instruction, 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
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
820—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skaddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rotherham
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex

1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
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. 938—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, 7th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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, 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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1200—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
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
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1811—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1902—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—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. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th AUGUST.

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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (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
1604—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1812—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1822—Rose, Sterling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Tavern on Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coleman, Vestry Hall, Bow
1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1930—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)

86—Medina, 86 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland

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116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling ten
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Oliticroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1099—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Hoyd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Taire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
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
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 9th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, 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
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
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)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
486—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Greenwich
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1131—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 10th AUGUST.

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, 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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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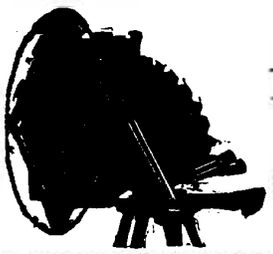
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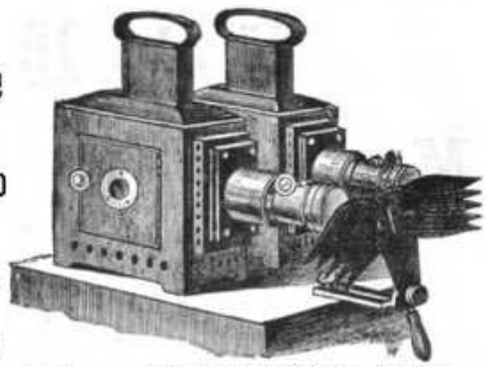
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MASONIC CHARITY WORK IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

UNTIL the year 1878, says the *Hereford Journal*, it appears the Province of Herefordshire was somewhat noted in the Masonic world for the smallness of the sums it had contributed to the Institutions of the Order, although several Herefordshire children had been boarded and educated in the Masonic Schools, and some of the ancient local brethren and their widows had for many years received annuities from the Benevolent Institution. In the year referred to, Bro. Wm. Earle, during his Mastership of the Palladian Lodge, Hereford, took the preliminary steps towards forming a Local Association to aid the Charities. He has since continued the Honorary Secretaryship of this Association, which has been the means of sending a total of £661 10s to the three Institutions during the eleven years of its existence. This sum has been divided between the Charities, in the following proportions:—To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £241 10s (Male Fund £115 10s, Widows' Fund £126), to the Boys' School £236 5s, and to the Girls' School £183 15s.

We will not take to ourselves the entire credit of having brought about this change, which has taken place in this and other Masonic Provinces during the period of our existence, but those of our readers who knew us at the time to which we have just referred will agree that some share of the credit attached to this improved state of affairs in Herefordshire is due to our efforts. Suffice it to say, however the change may have been brought about, we are delighted to think that increased and systematic exertions are being made in this Province, with the object of raising money for the principal Charity Funds of the Order, and we hope that the Association inaugurated by Bro. Earle, and so successfully carried on under his Secretaryship, may continue for all time, and that it may increase year by year, both in usefulness and local estimation.

In considering the value of the work performed by this Association it is well to remember that the Province of Herefordshire is composed of but five Lodges, and one of them only dates back to the beginning of 1888, so that, for the greater part of the period during which the Association has been at work there have been but four Lodges from which to draw supplies. An average of contributions, therefore, of £60 per annum from the members of this Association to the three Charities is a most gratifying result, and one which will compare favourably with what has been done in other parts of the kingdom. But, as we may judge from the Report, presented at the Twelfth Annual Meeting, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, 29th ult., the Committee are not yet satisfied at what is being done, for they express the wish that all the brethren in the Province, especially those holding Provincial or Lodge rank, would consider it their duty to obtain at least one Life Subscribership in a Masonic Institution, and they venture to hope that the Masters, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the five Lodges of the Province will be good enough to aid in increasing the number of subscribers to the Association, in order that the ancient Province of Herefordshire may occupy a creditable position in the annual reports issued from the Masonic Institutions. No doubt much more will be done through this Association in years to come than has been achieved in the past, and not only will the great Charities benefit in a pecuniary way, but the Masons of the district will also reap an advantage, in a greater number of votes and an increase of accommodation for those in their midst who may unfortunately require assistance from their fellows.

Judging from the remarks in the paper to which we have referred above, we may conclude that one of the causes that led to the formation of the Association was the feeling that the Masons of Herefordshire were taking benefits from the Institutions, but were not giving corresponding advantages in return. We should be very sorry to think that the benevolence of the Masonic Order was disbursed strictly on the *quid pro quo* principle, but, on the other hand, it hardly seems fair for the brethren of one district to perform the lion's share of the work, and those of another district take the best part of the benefits; yet such has been the experience of years gone by, and such is really the case to-day. One section of the Craft subscribes much more liberally than another, and it almost seems the prizes are distributed in inverse ratio to the amount of subscriptions; at any rate, those who do the most get very far short of their share of the returns. How long this state of affairs is likely to continue, or how it is to be altered, we are not in a position to say, but we hail with delight such an experience as we are this week able to record in connection with the Province of Herefordshire, the Craftsmen of which have admitted their shortcomings, and have taken the very best means in their power of remedying for the future their neglect in the past. We hope the example they have set may be followed elsewhere, wherever it is needed.

REPLY TO BRO. HUGHAN'S "SPECULATIVE MASONRY."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BROTHER HUGHAN'S method of argument for bolstering up Elias Ashmole as a "true blue" Mason may convince an unwary reader, or one who had not read my paper, in the previous number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE (viz. 29th June). To an experienced reader, however, it must be evident that the splurge he makes about the meaning of the word "s , and

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about "play of words," was just designed to divert the reader's attention from the question at issue; for the word *speculative* was incidentally used by me only once, without comment or argument. Hence Bro. Hughan had no need to devote nearly a third of his letter to explaining the meaning of speculative, and to charge me with making capital of it, or a "display of words." And here is another specimen of the same kind, and designed for the same purpose. He says:—

"I am sorry that Bro. Norton, after all my trouble to give the exact words of Ashmole's Diary, relative to his initiation, &c., quotes from a printed account which is erroneous, notwithstanding he had my reproduction before him. He might surely be a little more careful under the circumstances, as the sense of the extract is seriously affected by the interpolation to which reference has more than once been made by Bro. Gould and myself."

As I am apt sometimes, either through carelessness, or without knowledge and intent, to omit or add a word when copying a quotation, or, when it is not essential, to give merely the gist of a quotation; yet, as I am conscious that I never make such alteration for the purpose of misleading or misconstruing, I thought, after reading the above fierce rebuke, that I must have made a terrible blunder, which laid me open to such serious charges as any one would infer from the above lecture; but, on comparing Bro. Hughan's extract with my own, I find the difference consists just in one word, viz., Bro. Hughan's quotation reads:—

"11. [March 1682]. Accordingly I went, and about noon *were* admitted" while mine reads, "*was* admitted."

Now, with due respect to Bro. Hughan, I do not believe that he would have resorted to such quibbles and innuendoes if he had not felt the lack of better argument.

The main argument of Bro. Hughan consists, first, in disbelieving in Dr. Plott's statement, in 1686, that Masons had secrets, he says:—

"How does Bro. Norton know that in order to gain admission into St. Paul's Lodge [Antiquity], in or about 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, or to whisper a word? We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this Lodge in 1717, at least no evidence has transpired on this side of the Atlantic, so Bro. Norton will oblige us by forwarding the needful particulars, which are new to us."

The first witness I shall put on the stand to show that the pre-1717 Masons had a *degree*, that is, one degree or ceremony at least, is Bro. Hughan himself. In the "Kingston Masonic Annual," page 46, Bro. Hughan says about the pre 1717 period:—

"So far as their preserved records are concerned, [they] only seemed to have worked a simple Rite of one degree."

Second, on the same page, further down, Bro. Hughan says:—

"The distinguished Scottish Historian, Bro. D. M. Lyon, alluding to the secrets of the Fraternity anterior to the establishment of Grand Lodges, well observes, that "There is a total absence from Lodge records of any allusion to Masonic Rites other than what was embraced in giving the Masons' word. . . . Great value was attached by Craftsmen to possession of this talismanic monosyllable; for all who were without the word, were regarded as Cowans, to work with whom subjected defaulters to fine or expulsion."

The above quotations were copied from Bro. Hughan's own work of 1871, but in 1889 he professes total ignorance that the pre-1717 had any secrets, words, or ceremonies. But that is not all; I am pretty sure, though I cannot prove it, that Bro. Hughan had read Bro. Lyon's History of Freemasonry in Scotland, published in 1873, and he must have read on pages 22 and 23, that the Scotch Lodges had a Masons' word and a Masons' grip. And again, on page 151 of Bro. Lyon's History, Bro. Hughan must have read as follows:—

"Att Maries Chapell, 24 of August 1821 years—James Wattson present deacon of the Masons of Edinb. Preses. The which day Doctor John Theophilus Desaguliers . . . . late General Master of the Mason Lodges in England, being in town, and desirous to have a conference with the Deacon, Warden, and Master Masons of Edinb. which was accordingly granted, and finding him duly qualified in all points of Masonry, they received him as a Brother into their Society."

To which Bro. Lyon adds, on page 152:—

"That he [Desaguliers] and his brethren in Mary's Chapel should have so thoroughly understood each other on all the points of Masonry shows, either that in their main features the secrets of the old Operative Lodges of the two countries were somewhat similar, or that an inkling of the novelty had already been conveyed to Scotland."

Cannot the above satisfy Bro. Hughan that the Freemasons in England as well as in Scotland had secrets before 1717? I believe that Dr. Plott's description of the Masons in 1686 was in the main correct, but if that is not enough to convince our good brother Hughan, I must refer him to Bro. Carson of Cincinnati, who is in possession of an English publication of 1696, wherein it is stated that the Masons had a *secret word*.

Again, says Bro. Hughan:—

"How Bro. Norton can declare that the *London Lodge* to which Ashmole was summoned, in 1682, was no other than the Masonic Guild which, as already shown [?], had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save that of a dinner, passes my comprehension, for a more unfounded declaration could not be made."

In answer to the above, I say that Bro. Hughan's doubts about the London Masons' Guild having had no secret forms of recognition, in 1682, can easily be removed by his calling at Masons' Hall, Masons' Alley, between Basinghall-street and Coleman-street, in the City of London, and there he can learn whether the Masons' Guild had a secret word, sign, or grip, in 1512, or not. I have, however, two of the very best informed brethren of our Fraternity, who will testify that in the days of Elias Ashmole there were two distinct Masonic organizations in England, who had no connection with each other; no brotherhood existed between them, nor did there exist the least sign of sympathy for each other. One of the said organizations was *blessed* with secret modes of recognition and a secret ceremony of initiation. These were our progenitors. The other Masonic organization had no more secrets to keep and conceal than the Fishmongers' Guild, the Barbers' Guild, or any other Guild. First, Bro. Gould says:—

"Also, it does not seem clear whether the building trades generally [meaning our progenitors] had any connection with the Masons' Company of London, and I should be inclined to think that the building trades' associations [our ancestors' trade] were trade union societies, differing from the Guilds, which partook more of a corporate character, and which hence more closely resembled the Collegia."

The next witness I have the pleasure to introduce was especially recommended by Bro. Hughan himself, in his article in the *Freemason*, as "having given," in the *Masonic Magazine*, December 1881, "by far the best account of the subject [of Guilds] ever printed," viz., Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A. Bro. Gould's opinion is given in a hesitating manner, but in Vol. I., page 125, of the Quatuor Coronati Proceedings, Bro. Rylands speaks with more certainty upon the question at issue. He says:

"I cannot help thinking that the trade Guilds of Paris, incorporated as they express it, arranged in banners, by Louis XI., in 1467, bore the same relationship to the ordinary Compagnonage, as the Masons' Company of London, incorporated (or at least was granted armorial bearings) by Edward IV., in 1472-3, as well as possibly the Masons' Companies in other large towns, whether incorporated or not, bore to the old Lodges of Freemasons, scattered over the whole country [meaning our progenitors], and of which occasional mention has been found, and of *whose non-connection with Masons' Companies there is evident proof*." (The italicizing is mine).

The reader will bear in mind that two A.A. No. 1 Masonic Students bear testimony that there were formerly in England two distinct Masonic organisations, which had no connection whatever, viz., Incorporated Masons' Guilds, and Operative Masons or Trades Unions. Now Ashmole, in 1682, was summoned to attend the meeting of a Lodge held in *Masons' Hall*. The Masons' Guild have, and then had, a building known in London as "Masons' Hall." I am not aware that more than one Masons' Hall existed in London in 1682. Ashmole must therefore have been summoned to a meeting of the Masons' Guild, which had no more Masonic secrets then than they have now. Ashmole claimed the title of "Senior Fellow" of that organisation, hence the Masonry he received in Warrington, in 1646, must have been of the same kind as the London Masons' Guild confers to-day, and as it conferred in 1682. Hence Ashmole could no more have gained admission into a Lodge of our predecessors then the Master of the Masons' Guild

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could get admission to-day into one of our Lodges without previous initiation into our mysteries, and hence it is absurd on our part to claim Ashmole as *our Brother Mason*, when in reality his Masonry, as the saying is, *was a horse of another colour*.

BOSTON, U.S., 26th July 1889.

THE "MASONIC POEM" OF A.D. 1390.

THE most ancient, extended and undoubted record of Freemasonry extant is the well-known British Museum MS., "Bib. Regius," or "Halliwell MS." By universal consent it is of great antiquity. The late Bro. Woodford and others date it A.D. 1390, while Mr. Edward A. Bond (keeper of MSS.) and Bro. Dr. Geo. Kloss date it fifty years later. It was originally made known to the public by the late Mr. James O. Halliwell, F.R.S., in an essay read before the Society of Antiquaries of England in 1839. It is contained in a small quarto, well written on vellum, and before it was acquired by the British Museum, it was owned by a noted collector of the seventeenth century, Mr. Charles Theyer. David Casley catalogued it in 1734 for the British Museum, and then styled it "A Poem of Moral Duties," not recognizing its Masonic character. About 1757 it was labelled "Poem on the Craft of Masonry." Mr. Halliwell was the first to distinctly point out, in 1839, its important Masonic character. He printed it in 1840, and again in 1844; and it was printed in the United States, at Philadelphia, in 1856, by Bro. Leon Hyneman, in his "Masonic Library," a valuable compend, in two volumes, containing also the famous Anderson "Constitutions" of both 1723 and 1738. Prior to the present year, however, this invaluable "Masonic Poem" has never been published in *fac simile*. This notable work has just been accomplished by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London—the literary Masonic Lodge of the world—which has issued it in the first volume of its "Masonic Reprints," under the title of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha." Of the beauty, the interest and the value of this *fac simile*, and of the entire volume, we cannot speak in too laudatory terms. It reflects the highest credit on the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, its Secretary our esteemed friend and Brother Geo. Wm. Speth, the accomplished Secretary of the Lodge, and editor of the volume, and on Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian of Freemasonry, who is the commentator on the Masonic Poem, and the other curious contents of this Reprint. We use only measured language when we say, that this volume should be in the library of every Freemason who has any desire for culture. It is handsome, it is curious, it is valuable—to our mind one of the most valuable monographs ever issued on Freemasonry.

The volume includes ten papers: (1) *fac simile* and transcript of the "Masonic Poem;" (2) *fac simile* and transcript of "Urbanitatis;" (3) *fac simile* and transcript from "Instructions for a Parish Priest;" (4) Article on the Freemasons in "The Plain Dealer," No. 51, September 14, 1724; (5) "An Ode to the Grand Khaibar" (1726); (6) "A Defence of Masonry," from Smith's "Freemason's Pocket Companion" (1738); (7) "Brother Euclid's Letter to the Author of Anderson's 1738 Constitutions;" (8) A Commentary on Nos. 1, 2 and 3, by Bro. Robert Freke Gould; (9) Three maps of England, at the time of Edwin, A.D. 627, in A.D. 878, and in A.D. 926, in the era of Athelstan, by Bro. Speth; and (10) a glossary by Bro. Speth.

The second and third numbers are given in *fac simile* and transcript, because the "Masonic Poem" contains extended quotations from them, and they therefore throw important light upon its text.

Here we must commend, also in the highest terms, Bro. Gould's thoughtful, able and entirely satisfactory commentary on the Poem. He was evidently benefited by the criticisms (ours with that of others) on his previous lack of veneration for Craft traditions, as evidenced in his "History of Freemasonry." His careful study of the Masonic Poem has led him to revise his views on this important branch of Masonic learning, and we are glad to announce that he is now in line with those who accept the traditions of Freemasonry as monumenting Masonic history. We congratulate him on his growth in Masonic grace and true Masonic scholarship, and we trust that hereafter the *Keystone* and he will be at one in their estimate of the value of Masonic tradition as an exponent of lost or obscured Masonic history.

Bro. Gould says, there is "a strong presumption that the Masonic Poem was of Northumbrian origin." This carries us back from the year of the writing of the Poem, about A.D. 1390 or 1440, to the year 627, the era of King Edwin of Northumbria.

It may help us the better to comprehend the date of the writing of the MS. of this Poem by recalling the fact, that Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" shortly antedate it.

The fact that it is poetic in form, while singular now, was customary then, as Bro. Gould abundantly shows. The laws of ancient Spain were versified. Down to the thirteenth century the compositions of jongleurs and trouvères were exclusively preserved by song and recitation. A rhythmical oath was taken by candidates on becoming members of the Holy Vehme, and the court was opened with a metrical dialogue. The marriage service of the Episcopal Church to-day is rhythmical, and in the Roman Catholic Church the priests sing the mass. Gould says, in this connection: "Our Masonic laws and traditions may have been passed down through the alliterative rhythm of the Anglo-Saxons, and the rhyme of the Normans, to find their first place in written language a remove or two only from the Poem under examination."

When the reader is informed that nearly one-third of the Masonic Poem is composed of extracts from two other old MSS.—"Mirks' Instructions to Parish Priests," and "Urbanitatis"—a poem relating to conduct at meals, in the presence of a lord, he will be glad that *fac similes* and transcriptions from both of these deeply interesting originals supplement the Poem in this Reprint.

The late Bro. Woodford believed that the concluding one hundred lines of the Poem (693 to 794) and "Urbanitatis," had a common origin, and the same learned Brother declared that the Poem was "the original of all our later 'Constitutions.'" The earliest version of these MS. Constitutions which have come down to us is that known as the "Grand Lodge MS.," of date about A.D. 1583. It is now in the archives of Freemasons' Hall, London. In nearly all of these MSS. Prince Edwin and King Athelstan are referred to as loving Masons and practising Masonry. Concerning them and the ancient city of York Bro. Gould says: "In that ancient city all lines of way seem to converge, and in connection with it a tradition has grown up wherein are associated the names of Athelstan and Edwin as patrons of Masonry. * * Edwin was the first King of Northumberland, and has left his name on the frontier fortress of Eadwinesburgh or Edinburgh. * * I think we may safely assume that Athelstan having been the first king of all England, was therefore the most natural fountain-head from which a legendary belief in the grant of a Royal Charter to the Masons can be supposed to have arisen." Athelstan, we know, granted two charters to the monastery of St. Wilfrid, and one to the Church at Beverley, from both of which instruments Bro. Gould quotes; and the statutes of the London Guilds were first reduced to writing in the time of Athelstan.

Our Brother styles the "Masonic Poem" the "Regius MS.," for two reasons—because it is in the Royal Library of the British Museum, and also because "of its supremacy as a document of the Craft." He significantly adds, as to the concurrent testimony of all the leading Masonic MSS., that "the 'Old Charges' or 'Manuscript Constitutions' concur with the 'Regius MS.' in tracing the establishment of Masonry as a science to an Egyptian origin." Here, again, we are at one with Bro. Gould, in his construction of these venerable Craft documents.

In order that the reader may fully comprehend the important Masonic events upon which light is cast by the Masonic Poem and the Old Charges of Freemasonry, and also that they may appreciate and applaud Bro. Gould's present estimate of the value of Craft traditions, as embodied in Craft MSS., we quote from his Commentary on the Poem in this Reprint the following significant paragraphs:—

> The facts then are, that the Cathedral of St. Peter's at York was begun under Edwin in 627, and the officiating clergy of the same edifice were granted a charter by Athelstan about the year 936. Here at all events two leading incidents in the Legend of the Craft coalesce in a common centre—York Minster—which Edwin founded, and whose ministers Athelstan endowed. * *
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> That the Edwin of Masonic tradition is identical with Edwin of Northumbria, seems to me fairly inferential, from the fact that the latter was an undoubted patron of Operative Masonry, A.D. 627. The Athelstan of the Legend can be identified with even greater ease,

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and he equally owes his position in Masonic history to an actual connection with York and its famous Minster. If, indeed, in the skein of fable of which the Masonic Legend is composed, there be a solitary thread of fact, it appears to me that we must look for it among those of our traditions which can be associated in any way with the city of York and the Cathedral there. It is noteworthy, also, as supporting the claim for its antiquity, that no other later king than Athelstan is referred to in the Legend. * *

It has seemed to me at least a reasonable supposition that the Old Charges or Manuscript Constitutions had become fixed or crystalised before the Regius MS. took form as a writing. * *

That the Masonic Poem was in the possession of a Guild, and that the Guild so possessing it was not composed of Operative Masons, are propositions which I think can be established. * *

The last hundred lines of the Masonic Poem are almost exactly the same as the poem "Urbanitatis," a *fac simile* of which is given in the present volume. The latter consists of minute directions for behaviour—in the presence of a lord—at table—and among ladies. * *

These rules of decorum read very curiously in the present age, but their inapplicability to the circumstances of the working Masons in the fourteenth or fifteenth century will be at once apparent. They were intended for *gentlemen* of those days, and the instructions for behaviour in the presence of a lord—at table—and in the society of ladies—would all have been equally out of place in a code of manners drawn up for the use of a Guild or Craft of artizans. * *

The conclusion, therefore, to which, as it seems to me, we are directed by the evidence, is that the persons to whom the text of the Regius MS. was sung or recited, were a Guild or Fraternity from whom all but the memory or tradition of its ancient trade had departed. * *

Here we must bring these interesting quotations to a close. We doubt not, however, every reader of the *Keystone* will have his appetite quickened for a thorough acquaintance with this beautiful and remarkable Masonic Reprint, concerning a portion only of the contents of which we have in this article had space to refer.—*Keystone.*

LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.*

THE volume of the History of this Lodge, now presented to the Craft, is indeed a handsome addition to the literature of the Order, and is in itself an unmistakable sign of the prosperity of the Lodge of whose career it is a record. Unlike many of the Histories which have appeared from time to time, and which have been undertaken by individual members, this work is stamped with the authority of the Lodge itself, for its compilation was agreed to by a resolution of the members in open Lodge, and they are therefore entitled to the distinction of being among the first to officially undertake the production of a Lodge History, and thereby add another link to the chain of evidence that we hope will some day be available for a general and complete history of the Craft. It was at the Lodge meeting in February 1885 that a request was made that the records should be collected, with a view to the History of the Lodge being published. A Committee was appointed for this purpose, and the then Secretary, Bro. Herbert Crossley, was entrusted with the work. Most faithfully has he discharged his duty, not only to his Lodge, but to the Craft Universal, for, as we have said on previous occasions, it is from reliable and complete Histories of private Lodges that the future historian of the Mason Craft will look for the materials wherewith to build up his more stupendous undertaking.

Brother Crossley takes us, in his first chapter, to "Halifax and its surroundings at the time of the formation of the Lodge of Probity," which, we are told, took place on the 12th July 1738, at the Bull's Head, Halifax. After tracing the rise of the town to its present state of prosperity, and speaking of some few of the more important works carried out in the earlier days of its career, he says that in all these great and useful objects it will be found that the brethren whose names are enrolled on our books as members, and often as rulers of the Craft, were by no means in the background, but were promoters in all objects which might prove useful to the well-being of the town. Here we have additional evidence of the way in which Freemasonry has always taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the country at large, just as it continues to do at the present time, when, in spite of occasional taunts that the Masonic ceremony adds nothing to the dignity of local works, we find that in all quarters the help and co-operation of the Craft is eagerly sought and generally appreciated.

In the next chapter the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire is touched upon, and the compiler of this History thinks that the testimony at the disposal of the Lodge of Probity should assist in settling the date of the establishment of that body, as distinct from that of the whole of Yorkshire—differences of opinion existing as to whether the separate establishment should date from 1738 or 1822. The Grand Lodge of England gives the latter period, while, on the opposite side, Entick's Book of Constitutions for 1757 is quoted. Therein the Provincial Grand Lodge of the "West Riding" of Yorkshire is accredited to 1738, William Horton, Esq., being given as the Master (this brother is named by Grand Lodge as the first Provincial Master of "Yorkshire"). In addition to this proof Bro. Crossley acknowledges his indebtedness to Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, who, after searching the records of Grand Lodge, supplies the following extract therefrom :—

"William Horton, Esqre. for ye West Riding of ye County of York. Carnarvon G.M. Edward Rooke Leeds, Esqre. Provincial for the West Riding of ye County of York, instead of William Horton, Esqre. deceased. KINTORE G.M."

In addition to this extract from Grand Lodge records some other interesting particulars are given touching upon this period of the Craft's history in Yorkshire, and among other matters we have a fine reproduction of a portrait of the Bro. William Horton here referred to (from a painting in the possession of Bro. Capt. J. T. Horton, J.P., Howroyde, Barkisland). Summing up this question, Bro. Crossley says, "from the evidence here adduced the assertion is warranted that the West Riding of Yorkshire had a Provincial Grand Master in 1738; and as there is some doubt as to the truth of this statement, the writer felt he was justified in having gone out of his way to vindicate this assertion; and also as the Provincial Grand Masters, who were appointed, were men who resided in the immediate vicinity of Halifax, and were probably members and founders of the Lodge of Probity. . . . . Further he cannot but remark that one of the family of Horton, a direct descendant of the before mentioned William Horton, is at the present time enrolled on the list of the members of the Lodge of Probity."

In the next chapter the historian commences on the actual records of his Lodge, tracing it from its foundation, in 1738, up to the year 1769. Our consideration of this and subsequent chapters we leave for another time; for the present we think that we have shown enough to prove the value of Bro. Crossley's work, not only as a memento of his own Lodge, but associated with the Craft of the entire neighbourhood.

* "History of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, together with an Account of the Formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire and the Lodge of Promulgation. By Herbert Crossley (S.W. of the Lodge of Probity), Halifax." Published by the Lodge of Probity. 1888.

In consequence of Dr. Hall's retirement from the post of Medical Officer to the R.M. Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, a successor will shortly have to be appointed. Of the candidates already in the field we may mention Bro. R. F. Tomlin. Amongst the qualifications this gentleman puts forward is one that should not be overlooked—he resides close to the Institution, while as regards testimonials, those he submits speak highly of his ability as a Surgeon and general Medical Practitioner.

The annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham has been fixed to take place at Berwick, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., &c, P.G.M.M.M., supported by W. Bro. R. B. Reed D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Straker Wilson Prov. Grand Secretary, &c.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

ON Friday, the 2nd inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, under the presidency of the M.W. the Prov. G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England. The apartment had been decorated for the occasion by a committee from the receiving Lodge (St. Kew, 1222). The Officers of the P.G.L. were received with due honours at 1·30, and, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. R. C. Else), the formal part of the business was proceeded with. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the audited accounts of the Treasurer produced, the same shewing a balance in hand of £93 11s 11d, as against £143 4s 1d at the corresponding date of last year. The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. C. L. F. Edwards) explained that at first sight it would appear that they had lost £50 during the year, whereas their ordinary receipts had exceeded their expenditure by £48, as their disbursements included £89 5s to the Girls' School and £18 7s 6d annuity to Bro. Woodward. The revised by-laws were produced, the principal alteration being to the effect that every Officer of the P.G.L., on his appointment to office—except that of Steward—shall provide himself with, and retain the same as his property, a full dress collar and apron of regulation pattern. This alteration was suggested to save the Province the cost of a new set of office emblems, which are sadly needed. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The M.W. the Prov. G.M. entered the Lodge room at 2·30, accompanied by Bros. Ffarington W.M., and G. H. Perrett I.P.M. (Officers of the receiving Lodge), preceded by the G.S.B. and P.G. Deacons. His Lordship having apologised for being late—owing to the crowded traffic on the railway—thanked the D.P.G.M. for having proceeded with the business. He then invested the following Brethren with collars of office for the ensuing year:—

Bro. G. E. Alford 1222	Senior Warden
A. Durkett 291	Junior Warden
F. S. Byrde 1296	Chaplains
F. W. Macdonald 329 ...	
C. L. Fry Edwards (re-elected) ...	Treasurer
W. Fuller 53	Registrar
J. C. Hunt (re-appointed) ...	Secretary
F. W. Warren 1953	S.D.
A. S. Ashcroft 1296	J.D.
G. B. Laffan	Superintendent of Works
S. Spill 793	D.C.
S. W. Pusey 437	A.D.C.
C. E. Pearce 261	Sword Bearer
E. Bennett 2038	Standard Bearer
F. Wood 1199	
W. E. Sparrow 906	Organist
P. Manning 285	Purst.
T. E. Wilton 241	Assist. Purst.
G. H. Perrett 1222	Stewards
C. Lockyer 976	
J. Gill 1966	
E. P. Palmer 772	
G. Barry 814	
A. J. Salter	Tylers
C. Bidgood	

The M.W. Prov. G.M. thought the whole of the large assemblage that had gathered that day would agree with him in a resolution expressive of their deep regret at the lamented death of Brigadier-General Adair, Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, and their sympathy with the bereaved members of his family. The D.P.G.M. seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

The P.G.M. then proposed that a similar resolution should be recorded in the case of the late Bro. Sumner Toms, who had died during his year of office as P.G.J.W. The P.G.S.W. seconded the resolution, which was also carried. On the proposal of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. B Ashley P.P.S.G.W. was elected as a trustee of the property of the Province in the place of the late Bro. Adair, and the sum of £100 was ordered to be drawn from deposit and invested in consols. Bro. S. R. Baskett 329 then proposed "That this Provincial Grand Lodge is of opinion that it is desirable to have a Benevolent Fund for local charitable purposes for the Province of Somerset, and that the matter be referred to the Charity Organization Committee, or to a Committee specially appointed by this P.G.L. to consider the question, and report at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Rev. J. A. Lloyd seconded the proposal, which was spoken to by Bro. White. After some discussion it was resolved to omit the latter part of the resolution, leaving it to the P.G.M. to determine whether, after consultation with the Charity Organization Committee, it was desirable to convene a special meeting of the P.G. Lodge. Alms were then collected, amounting to £7 14s 3½d, which, on the proposal of the W.M. of St. Kew Lodge, seconded by the I.P.M., was voted to the Weston-Super-Mare Hospital, and acknowledged by the P.G.S.W., as one of the Officers of that Institution. An adjournment was subsequently made to the Grand Atlantic Hotel, where a large number partook of a repast, served in excellent style, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was pleased to express his entire approval of the arrangements made, and congratulated the town on Mr. Drinkwater's extensive undertaking.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Easton Lodge, the residence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, M.P. The meeting was held under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543. The Great Eastern Railway Company, with the characteristic liberality which actuates them, had made special arrangements, and brethren from all parts of the Province were enabled to take part in the proceedings. Special trains were run from Bishop Stortford and Witham, and these were met at Dunmow Station by an ample supply of brakes, in which the brethren were conveyed through the quaint Essex town to the country seat of the Provincial Grand Master. The Library at Easton Lodge was set apart for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and an elegant Lodge-room it made. Unfortunately it was not sufficiently commodious to accommodate all the brethren who desired to be present, consequently admission was confined to the members of Prov. Grand Lodge. For his other visitors Lord Brooke had thoughtfully provided entertainment in the beautifully wooded park and charming gardens which surround the house, where the splendid band of the Northumberland Fusiliers, under Mr. W. H. Dencer, performed selections of operatic and classical music, which were very much enjoyed. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, in the absence of V.W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., acting as D.P.G.M. Amongst those present were:—

George Harrison P.G.S.W., John C. Quennell P.G.J.W., Thomas Cochrane P.G.C., Andrew Durrant P.G. Treasurer, Thos. Ralling P.G. Sec. P.A.G.D. of C., J. W. Whitlock P.G.S. of W., A. Lucking P.G.P. P.G.D. of C., E. Roberts P.G.O., C. T. Lewis P.G.S.B., and A. Martin P.G.T.; J. P. Lewis, H. E. Dehane, Vero W. Taylor, Rev. F. B. Shephord, F. J. Snell, A. Welsh, John Hutley, E. J. Acworth, G. R. Dawson, W. R. Willcocks, Thos. Humphreys, Thos. F. Barrett, Thomas Lloyd, F. R. Hales, Robert Martin, A. Gosling, G. A. Eustace, Joseph Grimes, John J. C. Turner, E. Hennemeyer, Edmund Gowers, F. G. Green, Rev. E. H. Crate, W. V. Wilson, Alf. F. Ginn, F. Wood, E. Shadd, J. E. Wiseman, John Downes, H. Finn, Charles Cobb, W. Sowman, R. Haward Ives, Thomas P. Mills, R. G. Kellett, George Motion, Jas. Salmon, J. E. Horn, Arthur Mead, E. H. Inman, Thomas Malyn, J. Fuller, E. H. Horwood, J. E. White, H. T. S. Barney, Alf. Buck, Andrew C. Durrant, W. D. Merritt, G. D. Clapham, J. Tanner, G. H. Finch, A. G. Marshall, G. P. Gilbey, James P. Britton, J. F. W. Bullock, John Taylor jun., T. J. D. Crampton.

There was also a very large attendance of the Masters and Past Masters of the various Lodges in the Province. Amongst the Visitors were:—

Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, Col. S. Barney, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Robert Grey, William Lake, G. Cooper, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Saunders, George Abbot, Rev. George Nugee, Fred C. Atkinson, W. W. Morgan, &c.

Letters, regretting inability to attend, were announced as having been received from the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Algernon Lennox, Lord Henniker, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir Whittaker Ellis, Sir George Harris, Col. Shadwell Clerke (Grand Secretary), &c., &c.

At an earlier stage of the day's proceedings the Finance Committee met to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts. After the Lodge had been formally constituted the Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient form, and the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge were read and duly confirmed. On calling over the roll of Lodges, representatives were present from each, and they duly answered the call. From the report read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, it appeared that the total number of brethren on the roll was 1300, an increase of 36 as compared with last year.

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The amount of contributions from the various Lodges, and the number of members in each for 1889 presented a very satisfactory result. There was a balance of £93 18s 8d in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Auditors' report was then read, and it was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report of the Charity Committee was unanimously adopted, and directions given that it be duly recorded on the minutes. With regard to the Provincial Calendar, a motion was made that its publication be continued. On the suggestion of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dehane proposed, and Bro. Dr. Lennox Brown seconded a proposition, that the names of brethren sending in votes to the Charity Committee be published. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren. After giving them a very cordial welcome to Easton Lodge, Lord Brooke expressed the hope that by the arrangements which had been made, the inconvenience of holding the meeting there had been minimised. He felt that a very great honour had been conferred upon him by the holding of Prov. Grand Lodge under his roof, and he thanked the brethren for attending in such large numbers. He took the opportunity to acknowledge the cordial support they had given him on that as well as on many previous occasions. With regard to the state of Freemasonry in the Province, he thought they had every reason for congratulation. When he was appointed to rule over the Province the number of members was 866. Since then several new Lodges had been consecrated, and at the present moment there were 1,300 members in the Province. Referring to the recent consecration of the Lennox Brown Lodge, his Lordship predicted for it a most successful career. The brother after whom the Lodge was named, and whom he was glad to see amongst them that day, had taken the greatest interest in everything connected with Freemasonry. He was glad to see that the financial position of the Province had improved, and that, notwithstanding the agricultural depression which so seriously affected the district, the contributions to the Masonic Charities showed an increase on previous years. £291 had been sent up to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, towards which Bro. Lennox-Browne contributed the magnificent sum of £234. £23 had been sent up to the Girls' School, and £331 to the Boys', making a total of £645; this he thought was a very satisfactory amount for a not very rich Province. The Prov. Grand Master then announced that Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., had consented to act as his Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing year. The next business was the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Vero W. Taylor proposed the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant. He knew there was a feeling that there should be a change, but he did not share that feeling; and he thought it better to retain the services of so good an officer as Bro. Durrant had proved himself to be. Bro. G. T. Clapham seconded. Bro. J. J. C. Turner nominated Bro. Sadler, W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Maldon. He endorsed everything that had been said in favour of Bro. Andrew Durrant, but it was impossible to confer upon him any greater honour than he already possessed, and it would not detract from that honour if another brother were elected to the office Bro. Durrant had filled with so much credit for so many years. Bro. Sadler was the present Mayor of Maldon, and every way a most suitable brother for the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bro. F. R. Hales seconded the nomination of Bro. Sadler. Bro. Salmon nominated Bro. Acworth, who was a P.M. of three Lodges, was Treasurer of his mother Lodge, and Past Treasurer of the Epping Lodge. Bro. John Glass seconded the nomination of Bro. Acworth. Scrutineers were then nominated to examine the voting papers, and later on Bro. Sadler was declared duly elected. The following shows the result of the voting:—Bro. Sadler 77, Bro. Acworth 61, and Bro. Andrew Durrant 39. The following brethren were then invested with the collars of their respective offices:—

Bro. Dr. Lennox Browne 2256	...	Senior Warden
E. H. Baily 2006 ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Quennell 214	...	Chaplain
Joseph Sadler 1024 ...	...	Treasurer
A. J. H. Ward 650 ...	...	Registrar
Thos. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C.	...	Secretary
J. Van Essen 2005 ...	...	S.D.
Frank Sackett 1343 ...	...	J.D.
Geo. Copus 1312 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
A. Lucking P.G.P. ...	...	D.C.
W. Burroughs 1437 ...	...	A.D.C.
G. J. Westfield 2184 ...	...	Sword Bearer
Wilson Metcalfe 276...	...	Standard Bearers
G. Thomas 1817 ...	...	
Egbert Roberts 917 ...	...	Organist
Arthur Barritt 1024 ...	...	Assist. Sec.
John Ayling 160 ...	...	Purst.
Wm. Strutt 2077 ...	...	Assist. Purst.
A. W. Martin ...	...	Tyler
J. G. Rensbaw 697 ...	...	Stewards
W. H. Heagerty 1343	...	
R. C. Lyle 1543 ...	...	
D. Milbank 1543 ...	...	
J. M. Welch 1543 ...	...	
C. Birt 1543 ...	...	

After the new Provincial Grand Officers had been saluted, Bro. Bailey was unanimously elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. Lewin who retired by rotation; and, on the proposition of the Prov. Grand Master, the remuneration of the Prov. Grand Secretary was increased from ten guineas to 20 guineas per annum, an additional honorarium of 10 guineas being granted to Bro. Ralling for his services during the past year. On the proposition of Bro. Salmon, seconded by Bro. Corbell, and supported by Bro. Sadler, it was resolved that a jewel be presented to Bro. Durrant, and that the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge be recorded on the minutes for his past services as Prov. Grand Treasurer. In response Bro. Durrant said, that during the ten years he had filled the office of Treasurer he had endeavoured to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and if in the future he could give any assistance to the newly-elected Treasurer he should be only too pleased to do so. On the proposition of Bro. Sadler, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Boys' School, and 10 guineas to the Girls' School, from Prov. G. Lodge Funds; 10 guineas was voted to the R. M. Benevolent Institution, from the Charity Fund of the Province. On the proposition of Bro. Snell, 10 guineas was also voted to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the votes to be vested in the Master of the Rosslyn Lodge for the time being. The Prov. Grand Master announced that he intended to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Walton-on-the-Naze. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Great Eastern Railway Company, for the facilities afforded to the brethren attending the meeting, and on the proposition of Bro. Merritt, seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, a similar compliment was accorded the Prov. Grand Master for the hospitable manner in which he had received the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master briefly responded, and then Lodge was closed.

The Banquet was served in one of Messrs. Rands and Jeckell's large marquees, erected in the park. The interior was lined with broad strips of Masonic blue and white, and presented quite an imposing appearance. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and over 300 brethren were present. The dinner was admirably served by Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Grand Master, and referred in felicitous terms to the recent marriage of the Princess Louise of Wales. He said he should be very sorry to say anything disparaging of any foreigner, but he was sure it was a matter of satisfaction to every Englishman that Her Royal Highness had become affianced and married to one of their own flesh and blood. Lord Brooke next gave the Grand Officers, and coupled with it the toast and name of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who responded in a characteristically happy speech, in which he stated that a good many years ago he had the honour to consecrate the Rosslyn Lodge at Dunmow, and he was proud and happy to see the progress it had made. Before sitting down he proposed the toast of the evening, the health of Lord Brooke, the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master," a toast which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. Lord Brooke, in response, said he was happy to think that the day had passed off without a single note of discord. With regard to the election of Treasurer, he thought it was perfectly right that the office should be open to election, and he felt sure that Bro. Durrant, who had filled the office for some time, with pleasure to himself and with great benefit to the Province, would be glad to see the honour conferred upon such a worthy Mason as Bro. Sadler. After a brief reference to the manner in which the Province had supported the Masonic Charities during the past year, his Lordship alluded to the growth of Masonry abroad, and referred to the hospitable receptions which he had met with from brethren in India and Egypt, and in conclusion again thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by meeting in Provincial Grand Lodge under his roof. His Lordship next proposed the Provincial Grand Officers, for whom Bro. Lennox-Brown responded. The toast of the Visitors, proposed by the P.G.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Pickard, and for the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, also proposed from the chair, Brother Clapham W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, responded. The other toasts were the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling, and Prov. Grand Dir. of Cers. Bro. Lucking, both of whom responded. After the banquet the gardens were beautifully illuminated with variegated lights and Chinese lanterns, and a short concert, which was graced with the presence of Lady Brooke, was given in front of the house by talented and well-known artistes. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Chas. Clark. Mr. N. Howlett was the accompanist. At dusk there was a display of fireworks,

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culminating in an effective set piece by Aggio, of Colchester. The illumination of the gardens and the upholstery in the marquee were the work of Mr. Griffin, of Colchester. Altogether, the meeting was a success. Everything passed off admirably, and the cheers which were given for Lord Brooke and his charming wife before the brethren left the Park were of the heartiest description. Special trains conveyed the visitors to Witham and Bishop Stortford, and thus a most enjoyable day was brought to a happy conclusion.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Companions the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire; James Glaisher Past Assistant Grand Sojourner, and Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay Grand Superintendent of Malta. Charters were granted for new Royal Arch Chapters to be attached to St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor; the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, Worcester; the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, London; and the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, London. Sanction was also given for the removal of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, to the Guildhall Tavern; the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, to the Holborn Restaurant; and the Phœnix Chapter, No. 1235, to the Town Hall, Buxton. In consequence of the formation (and recognition by Grand Lodge of England) of a Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Australasian Chapters, named in our issue last week were erased from the register of Grand Chapter, the Lodges to which those Chapters are attached having joined the Grand Lodge of Victoria. In the course of the evening Dr. Jabez Hogg was invested with the regalia of Grand Sword Bearer.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

THE annual convocation was held on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The Principals elect were installed:—J. Hoyten as Z., P. H. Bridgman H., A. Trout J. Ex-Comps. J. M. Hilley P.P.G.Std.Br., J. W. Cornish 223 were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were Ex-Comp. J. M. Hilley S.E., Comp. C. B. Gale S.N., Ex-Comp. W. Browning Treasurer, Comps. J. Jermyn P.S., T. Lillicrap 1st A.S., G. W. Bell 2nd A.S., C. H. Tozer Dir. of Cers., A. E. Bridgman Assist. Dir. of Cers., P. Hannaford and T. A. Stephens Stewards, W. H. Phillips Janitor. Two guineas were voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund towards entitling the Chapter to a Governorship of that Institution. The day of Convocation was changed to the first Thursday in October, January, April, and July, instead of the third Wednesday.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair There were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, James Brett, Gordon Smith, John Jones, H. Dickey, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. Binckes (Secretary). As arranged at the July meeting, that on account of the Naval Review and the August Bank Holiday very few brethren would be likely to attend this meeting, the business to be transacted should be postponed till Saturday, the 10th inst., the only work done was to read and confirm the minutes of the July meeting, and this course was pursued. Bro. Jones suggested that the adjournment should be advertised in the newspapers. He did not think the brethren generally understood that there was to be an adjournment. The business to be transacted was very important. The Provisional Committee was to bring up its further report, and he desired that the action to be taken upon that report should not be adopted at a small meeting. He hoped that no one would be able to say that it was done at a hole-and-corner meeting. He, therefore, trusted the meeting would be advertised in the usual way. Bro. Binckes said it could not be in the usual way, because the meetings of the General Committee were not advertised. However, there need be no difficulty about advertising. All that Bro. Jones had to do was to make a motion that the adjourned meeting for the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., be advertised, and if it was seconded and carried, he (Bro. Binckes) would send the advertisement out at once. Bro. Jones then moved, and Bro. James Brett seconded, that the adjourned meeting be advertised. The motion was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh. The Senior Grand Warden, Brother James T. S. Elliot, acted as the M.W.G. Master. Among the other office-bearers present were D. Murray Lyon G. Secretary, J. Dalrymple Duncan Acting S.G. Warden, Lieutenant-Colonel John Campbell Acting J.G. Warden, George Christie, David Hume, Major F. W. Allan, and others. Apologies for absence were received from Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., John Graham of Broadstone, Sir Charles Dalrymple, the Rev. Thomas Somerville, David Reid, &c. The Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock with a very poor attendance compared with the large assemblages in the other portions of the year. Before proceeding with the business of the Lodge, the Acting Grand Master moved—"That this Lodge forward a loyal and dutiful address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the marriage of the eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales. Also, that addresses be sent to the Prince of Wales and to the Duke and Duchess of Fife." The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Secretary instructed accordingly. The recommendation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Rulings that "Grand Lodge fully recognises the inalienable right of all Master Masons to meet, discuss, and petition Grand Lodge on any matter connected with Masonry; but when a communication is to be addressed to the whole Craft, the sanction of the Grand Committee must be first procured," was, on the motion of Brother Caldwell, sent back to committee for re-consideration. The recommendation of committee that Grand Lodge enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and to accede to the request of the seceding Scottish-holding Lodges as to the retention of their charters, was unanimously adopted. Lord Clanmorris was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. From the reports submitted it appeared that the income during the last three months amounted to £1,235 2s 2d, and the expenditure to £562 16s 8d. Grants made from the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund during the quarter ending 20th July amounted to £90 10s, while the income for the same period amounted to £62 4s 6d. For the half-year ending 18th July 1889, the Board of the Annuity Branch had under consideration 41 cases, 7 of which were continued, 19 rejected, and 15 entertained. To one case—the widow of a brother at Dunedin—£20 was allotted, two cases £15 each, and the remaining twelve £10 each—total £170, which, added to £155 allotted last January, gives the total of £325 being paid in annuities to brothers, brothers' widows, or brothers' children.

Obituary.

Bro. J. W. Moulton, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was, a few days since, struck with paralysis, which terminated fatally on Monday morning last, at his residence in Peter-street, Islington. Our late brother was very much respected by his fellows, and his loss will be deeply regretted by them. Bro. Moulton was of a kind, genial disposition, ever ready to lend a helping hand where needed. Truly it may be said of him, "A good man and brother," in every sense of the word. He was buried on Thursday, at Highgate Cemetery, the funeral being attended by a numerous assemblage of sorrowing relatives, friends, and employés. The Lodge was represented by Bros. A. W. Fenner, Founder, P.M. and Secretary, Jas. Cooper P.M. and Treasurer, R. P. Forge P.M., J. Potter, and J. Collings. It may be mentioned that the Kingsland Lodge sent a wreath to be placed on the grave.

We have been requested to state that the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, has removed from the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, to the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford. The meeting nights will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month, throughout the year, at 8 p.m., instead of Friday evenings, as hitherto.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the General Committee will be held, by adjournment from Saturday, 3rd August, on Saturday 10th August, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, at the usual hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of general business.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
6th August 1889.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it.

I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green, August 1889. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 28th May 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, *Surgeon.*

21 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, *L.S.A. (Lond).*

Becket House Wantage, 23rd July 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

J. A. BALL, *M.B. (Lond.)*
Physician to St. Mary's Home, Wantage;
Consulting Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

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SATURDAY, 10TH AUGUST 1889.

SUTHERLAND OF UNITY LODGE, No. 460.

THE jubilee of this Lodge, whose place of meeting is the Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme, was celebrated on the 26th ult. On the 26th of June 1839, there was a meeting of members of the Craft at Newcastle concerning the consecration of a new Lodge, but very little information is supplied by the Lodge minute-books as to the nature of the business transacted. From that little, however, and other circumstances, it would appear that William Mason was the leader of the movement for rallying together those gentlemen living in the town who had already been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. There was originally an intention to name the new Lodge the Sutherland, but some Burslem brethren, notwithstanding the existence of the old St. Martin's in that town, forestalled the Newcastle applicants for a warrant, and secured for themselves the name of Sutherland. The Freemasons in the old borough were obliged to submit, at the same time they determined to adhere to the name "Sutherland," adding to it the words "of Unity," to distinguish it from the Lodge now numbered 451. We are not aware that any confusion has been caused, though some years ago the proposal to change the name to the Anson was seriously entertained. Before the meeting referred to, the Lodge warrant had been granted, under date 26th March 1839, and the consecration took place on 26th July in the same year. In the warrant William Mason was named the first W.M., with John Woolley as S.W. and John Boulton as J.W. It has sometimes been said that in the early days of the Lodge the brethren were more jovial than their successors, and that, in accordance with the custom of the times, later hours were kept, so that the brethren fixed the day of meeting on the Friday nearest the full moon in the hope of thereby getting home with greater safety. It is curious to notice that in the first year of the Lodge's existence the brethren were summoned to ordinary meetings at irregular hours, sometimes at three, five, six, or seven o'clock, and Bruce's Act not having come into operation, no doubt the moon was a useful luminary to many after the Tyler's toast had been drunk, for many brethren had a long distance to walk and perhaps on rough and lonely roads. It must not be inferred that in their hilarity the brethren showed any lack of charity, "the characteristic of a Freemason's heart," for in their contributions to benevolent objects the members of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity have always kept pace with the times. In the early days of the Lodge a candidate after initiation had to be regularly proposed, seconded, and voted for, before he could be passed to a second degree, and he had again to be formally proposed and elected before being raised to the sublime degree. But this arrangement was not long insisted upon. In 1840 John Bostock was initiated and passed the same night, which was a common occurrence a little later, but has long since been contrary to the Book of Constitutions. Blackballing was commenced in the same year, and while several candidates were elected on the 11th of September 1840, one was rejected as the result of the ballot. Blackballing has been practised at intervals, though sparingly and not always wisely, ever since. The Lodge was in the first instance numbered 674 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, but in 1863, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, all the Lodges on the register were brought forward in regular succession by filling up the numbers of those which had become vacant, either by voluntary surrender of warrants or by erasure. From that time the number of the Sutherland of Unity has been 460. William Mason the first W.M. was, at the time of the formation of the Lodge, Mayor of the borough, an office which his father, John Mason, had held from the 1st of January to the 9th November 1836. He was in business with his father, as a hat manufacturer, employing a large number of hands, the site of the factory being at the present time covered with the sugar refinery on the London-road. William Mason presided over the Lodge till the end of 1840, and in 1847 he was appointed P.G.S.W. He continued to take an active interest in Freemasonry nearly a quarter of a century after the founding of the Lodge, and he was buried in St. Giles's churchyard. Of the first Wardens, the senior (Bro. John Woolley) was only a member of the Lodge for a short time, and the junior (Bro. John Boulton), though eligible for the chair, never took office as W.M. The first S.D. was George Tait, the first J.D. Robert Miller, and the Treasurer and Secretary were elected from brethren initiated after the consecration. The first candidate for initiation as a member of the Lodge was Liddle Elliot, C.E., and he was the first Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. Elliot was elected Mayor of Newcastle in 1843, and was afterwards chosen, by the promoters of a scheme for obtaining a sufficient supply of water for the townships of Hanley and Shelton, to make a survey and report "as to the capability of the district to afford a sufficient supply of water for the se townships and such other districts of the Staffordshire Potteries as may be deemed practicable." We quote the words of the instructions to the engineer, which may be said to be the origin of the Potteries Waterworks Company, whose engineer Bro. Elliot continued to be till the time of his death. In the first year of the existence of the Lodge there were also initiated Robert Fenton, who became W.M. as early as 1842, and P.G.S.W. in 1848 (Mayor of the borough in 1844); John Hallam, who was W.M. in 1843 and P.G.S.W. in 1848 (Mayor in 1847); Charles Trubshaw, who was W.M. in 1845, became P.G.S.W. in 1851, and was well known for many years as the county surveyor for Staffordshire; Robert Chapman, for many years

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borough surveyor of Newcastle, who took office, but never occupied the W.M.'s chair. Altogether, at the end of 1839 there were 19 members, including Henry Rothwell, the first Tyler. The initiates in 1840 numbered 13, and there were two joining members. The initiates included William Hargreaves, who was W.M. in 1844, P.G.S.W. in 1867, and took a warm interest in the concerns of the Lodge till his removal from the town, and in 1881 he was elected an honorary member, a mark of respect which is sparingly paid to brethren, and is therefore all the greater compliment. He was Mayor in 1854. The initiates in 1840 also included Joseph Cooper, who, though he rendered valuable services to the town as a member of the Corporation, and served the office of Mayor for the year commencing November 1857, was not a zealous Mason; Frederick Crewe, W.M. 1846; John Cook Snape, father of John Twist Snape, the latter of whom was W.M. in 1885, had provincial honours conferred on him in 1887, and is now Secretary to the Lodge; and Edwin Hill (Mayor, November 1859). One of the joining members this year, J. R. Home, became Master of the Lodge in 1841. In the minute-book there is a record of the installation of Bro. Home as W.M. on the 30th of December 1840, and for the first time "St. John's" is alluded to, but the Secretary has omitted to say anything with regard to its celebration. In 1841 John Trubshaw was initiated, and James Trubshaw (W.M. in 1848) was admitted a joining member. The initiates also included John Broomhall (W.M. in 1847), Minshull G. Philips (W.M. 1859), Charles Booth, who is still living, at a very advanced age; and Henry Bagguley. The last-named was initiated on the 7th May 1841, subsequently passed and raised, and commenced his duties as Tyler of the Lodge in 1842, and Tyler of P.G. Lodge in 1845. He continued to hold both offices till two or three years ago, though his health had been giving way for years, and he was elected an honorary member of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity—a position which he holds at the present time. In 1842 there were only two initiates, one of them being Samuel Mayer Turner, who was W.M. in 1854, and P.G.A.D.C. in 1860 (twice Mayor of the borough).

In February 1841, according to an entry in the minute-book, interest on borrowed money was ordered to be paid, which would appear to indicate that the Lodge was not in a very prosperous condition at that date. The state of the funds no doubt has had an influence in fixing the annual subscription of the Lodge to the North Staffordshire Infirmary at £2 2s in 1843, subsequently increasing it to £10 10s, and afterwards lowering it to £5 5s. But whatever fluctuations may have taken place since the date named, the finances are satisfactory at the present time.

One of the earliest entries in 1842 is the statement that at the meeting of the Lodge held on the 29th January, Bro. Mason P.M. read two interesting sermons—one that was preached by a Rev. and respected brother before the Lodge at Madras—the other by the Rev. W. Brook Jones, Grand Chaplain, at Chelmsford, at the installation of the Right Worshipful G. Downing P.G. Master of Essex. During that year the Secretary missed attending Lodge four months in succession, and disregarded remonstrances addressed to him. In May 1842 a resolution was passed in favour of holding Lodges of Instruction, which had been held at irregular intervals till recent years. One good resolution was passed this year, which has, however, long been in abeyance, attaching a penalty to any brother neglecting to signify whether he intends or not to dine at the Festival of St. John.

In 1843 there were three initiates—Wm. Bailey, Robert W. Fraser, M.D., and Thomas Jenkins; another candidate, who had been duly elected, declining to come forward, as others have occasionally done since, for obvious reasons. On the 7th August in this year the Lodge was not opened "in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the candidates," and amongst the other records is a statement that at the meeting in April a Committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Grand Master on the subject of the neglected state of the Province. Three years later a communication was received from the P.G. Lodge to the effect that one of the Lodges in South Staffordshire was suspended for seven months "for sundry irregularities in discipline and inattention to their Masonic duties." At the same time this notification was made, Dr. Slade D.P.G.M. (who was no doubt paying a round of inspection), examined the working condition and whole position of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity. He warmly eulogised the way in which all the duties were performed, and offered a few words of congratulation "upon the high position the Lodge had attained with respect to the number and respectability of its members. In 1843 a Lodge of Emergency was held, for the purpose of balloting for and initiating Dr. Fraser, on the ground that he was "an officer of Her Majesty's regiment of Infantry now stationed in this town. His stay is uncertain, consequent on the detachment being under marching orders." It was on the 8th of December 1843 that Thomas Jenkins was initiated. He was at the time clerk of the works at Trentham Hall. In 1852 Bro. Jenkins presented to the Lodge the gavel, and subsequently the square and level used by King George the Fourth, in laying the foundation-stone at the rebuilding of Windsor Castle. The gavel was used by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in laying the foundation-stone of the North Staffordshire Infirmary in 1866, and recently by Col. Gough, the R.W. P.G.M. of Staffordshire, in laying the foundation stone of new public buildings at Tunstall, all which occurrences are inscribed on silver plates inlaid on the gavel—an instrument the possession of which is regarded with much pleasure and pardonable pride by the members. It is also used in laying the foundation stone of Newcastle Public Buildings, 6th July 1888. Bro. Jenkins left his country many years ago, and afterwards distinguished himself as a Freemason in Australia.

A large addition was made to the membership of the Lodge in the same year, when the P.G. Lodge was held at Newcastle. Bro. Hyslop is still a subscribing member, and is Treasurer of the Lodge. In November 1872, he was elected Mayor of the borough. The other initiates in 1850 included James Winstanley, Samuel Peake Howson, Charles Massey (Mayor in 1863), Samuel Carryer and James Poole (W.M. in 1867), while Samuel Crewe, Jesse Prime, and the Rev. W. Astley Cave-Brown-Cave became joining members. Walter Acton joined in 1861, was W.M. in 1865 and 1874, and P.G.J.W. in 1866. In 1861 William Ottey Briggs was initiated; he was W.M. in 1866 and P.G.S.W. in 1869, when the P.G. Lodge assembled at Newcastle, and his name stands as the senior subscribing P.M. of the Lodge in this year's Calendar. Bro. Briggs was elected Mayor of Newcastle in November 1874. William Large, who was made a joining member in 1861, was P.G.S.D. in 1862; another, who joined at the same time, William Cecil Cave-Brown-Cave, becoming P.G. Chaplain in 1862. It was in 1861 that Bro. William Dutton had the pleasing duty of initiating Colin Minton Campbell, who, as a member of Parliament from 1874 to 1879, as a magistrate of the county, as a director of the North Staffordshire Railway (the later years as chairman), as a manufacturer, and as one who took part for many years in the management of local affairs, had his time too much occupied to permit of his frequent attendance at Lodge, but who continued to be associated with his mother Lodge of Freemasons till his much lamented death in 1885. Altogether, there were 18 new members in 1861. In the next few years there were many new members, including in 1862 Charles Holtom (Stoke), in 1863 the Rev. M. M'Hutchin and Charles Howard King, the latter a joining member, who was P.G.J.D. in 1859.

It is recorded that in 1862 pecuniary aid was rendered to Carlo Bragazzi, who, after residing in this Province 35 years, was about to return to Italy, his native country. The members expressed "sincere feelings of respect and esteem for one who, during his long residence in this Province, has acquired and maintained the reputation of a true, faithful, and worthy Mason, and truly honest, honourable, and respectable man, and also their earnest wish that in his own native land, now happily relieved from that heavy oppression which 35 years ago compelled him to seek refuge in England, the evening of his life may be passed in comfort, contentment, tranquillity and peace."

In 1864 there were initiated, amongst others, William Young Craig, who resigned membership soon after he commenced the representation of North Staffordshire in Parliament, in 1879; John Warner P.G.P., in 1871, and Clement Marsh, three times W.M.—namely, in 1870, 1871, and 1873. Dr. Charles Orton joined the Lodge in 1864, and became W.M. in 1868, while in 1866 Alfred Glover P.G.S.W. 1857 joined, and John Adamthwaite, William Shephord Allen (M.P. for the borough from 1865 to 1885, and still a member of the Lodge), and William Jones, W.M. in 1872 and P.G.S. of Works in 1875, were initiated.

The members added since 1866 have included the following:—In 1867, Dr. M. J. Crean; 1869, Charles Hickson, W.M. in 1875 and P.G.J.W. in 1876; and George Barclay W.M. in 1876. In 1871 (joining) J. G. Ainsworth, W.M. 1879, P.G.S.D. 1881. In 1873 (joining) Thomas Turner, W.M. in 1878, and P.G.R. in 1879; J. Ingamells, W.M. in 1877, P.G.J.D. in 1878, and at present Director of Ceremonies; and E. E. Scrivener (joining), previously P.G.S.D. In 1874, E. H. Croydon, W.M. 1882, P.G. Assistant Sec. 1884. In 1875, Thomas E. Storey, P.G.A.D.C. 1884, and Alfred Leigh Broad, W.M. 1880, P.G.J.W. 1882. In 1876, William Henry Bucknall, W.M. 1881, P.G.A.D.C. 1883; T. G. Booth (at present Chief Bailiff of Tunstall), Joseph Griffith, J. T. Eayres, the latter of whom was W.M. of 662 in 1884. In 1877, Edwin Harrison, one of the present Stewards; Thomas Peake Heath, who devoted more time to municipal duties than Masonic work, and was elected Mayor of the Borough in 1880; and William Thomas Aggutter W.M. 1884, P.G.S.D. 1885. In 1878, Dr. St. John Edwards (joining), F. Mountford, W.M. 1883, P.G.O. 1882, and P.G.S.D. 1889; and John Smith W.M. 1877. In 1879, Harold Bonsor, the present S.W.; John Twist Snape, W.M. 1885 and 1886, P.P.S.B. 1886; Frederick Skerrett, the present W.M.; T. W. Eardley the present S.D. In 1881, Henry Hollins, the present J.D.; and in 1883, W. H. Newby, the present J.W. Besides Bro. Newby, there were six other initiates, but four of them are now non-resident, and the other two are absentees on Lodge nights. Though there has been a paucity in the attendance, and in the amount of "work" done, since 1883, the W.M. and his Officers are hopeful that they see signs of renewed prosperity, which is gratifying to them at this time, when they are celebrating the jubilee of the Lodge. Joseph Griffith, Mayor of the borough in November 1881, was initiated in this Lodge, and is still a member. One of the most recent initiates is the present Mayor of Newcastle, Bro. J. A. Whittingham, and there are now fifty-three subscribing members.

The following have held the office of W.M. since the consecration of the Lodge:—1839 and 1840, William Mason; 1841, J. R. Home; 1842, Robert Fenton; 1843, John Hallam; 1844, William Hargreaves; 1845, Charles Trubshaw; 1846, Frederick Crewe; 1847, John Broomhall; 1848, James Trubshaw; 1849 and 1850, Thomas Ward; 1851, Thomas Fenton; 1852, William Cartwright; 1853, Henry Hall; 1854, Samuel Mayer Turner; 1855, Thomas Mason; 1856, David Dilworth; 1857, John Hallam; 1858, Jos. Knight; 1859, M. G. Phillips; 1860 and 1861, Wm. Dutton; 1862, John Pearson; 1863, William Hyatt; 1864, R. W. Lichfield; 1865, Walter Acton; 1866, William Ottey Briggs; 1867, James Poole; 1868, Charles Orton; 1869, Samuel Hyslop; 1870, and 1871, Clement Marsh; 1872, William Jones; 1873, Clement Marsh; 1874, Walter Acton; 1875, Charles Hickson; 1876, George Barclay; 1877, J. Ingamells; 1878, Thomas Turner; 1879, J. Green Ainsworth; 1880, Alfred Leigh Broad; 1881, William Henry Bucknell; 1882, Edward Henry Croydon; 1883, Frederick Mountford; 1884, William Thomas Aggutter; 1885 and 1886, John Twist Snape; 1887, John Smith; 1888, Frederick Mountford; 1889, Frederick Skerrett.

For many years the Perseverance Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Newcastle, consisting mainly of members of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity. But the membership became so low in 1881, that the Chapter ceased to appear in the Masonic Calendar after that year, and most of the Royal Arch Masons of Newcastle are affiliated with the Staffordshire Knot Chapter at Hanley. Whether Chapter 160 may be resuscitated remains to be seen.

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CENTENNIAL OF THE CONNECTICUT G. LODGE.

AN event of unusual importance to the Masonic Fraternity in Connecticut occurred on the 10th ult., when the Grand Lodge of that State, assisted by subordinate Commanderies and Lodges and distinguished invited guests from other States, celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Elaborate preparations had been in progress for many months. The Ceremonies opened with a parade by the Commanderies and Lodges of Connecticut escorting the Grand Lodge, and in which 4000 Masons took part. Attendance had been promised by 68 Lodges, with a total of 2846 members, and there were also 10 Commanderies of Knights Templar in line, with nearly 600 members. There were 22 bands, including Colt's Armoury Band of Hartford and Cappa's 7th Regimental band of New York. The musicians numbered nearly 400. Dinner was served in the Armoury for those who took part in the parade, and arrangements had been made for 4000 persons. The public exercises included an historical address by Grand Secretary Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford and other appropriate services. In the evening a concert was given at the Hyperion, which was open to the public, and for which tickets had been sold. This was preceded by a banquet, to which only Masons were admitted. On the evening of the 9th ult. Grand Master Swartwout, of Stamford, held a reception, to which all the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters had been invited. In addition to the immense gathering of the Craft in Connecticut, there were many present from other States, and among the invited guests many of the most prominent Masons in the country. Massachusetts was represented by Grand Master Henry Endicott and Grand Secretary Sereno D. Nickerson, of Massachusetts, who were present as special invited guests of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Other distinguished Freemasons present were:—Grand Master John C. Smith, of Illinois; Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine; Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, of Maryland; Grand Master Webb, of New Jersey; Grand Master George W. Currier, of New Hampshire; Past Grand Master Richard Vaux, of Pennsylvania; Deputy Grand Master Benjamin F. Haller, of Tennessee; Deputy Grand Master John W. Vrooman, of New York; Grand Secretary Edwin Baker, of Rhode Island; Grand Master Clifford P. MacCalla, of Pennsylvania; Grand Master George H. Kenyon, of Rhode Island, and others. Freemasonry in Connecticut began with the institution of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, in 1750. Hiram Lodge was chartered by St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Thomas Oxnard Grand Master, and is consequently the oldest Lodge in the State. The Lodge was suspended by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1887, after 130 years of active life, but the difficulties between the two bodies have recently been healed, and the ancient Lodge restored to its place at the head of Connecticut Freemasonry. The petition to St. John's Grand Lodge was headed by D. Wooster, then Captain, afterwards General, in the Continental Army, and also contained the names of some of the most prominent and best known citizens of New Haven. David Wooster was appointed the first Master of the Lodge. Wooster was a veteran of the French and Indian wars, and served with distinction in the provincial army. He led his regiment of Connecticut Volunteers in three campaigns against the French posts of Crown Point and Ticonderoga. In the last campaign, the English, under command of General Amherst, were successful, and, with the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe's army, brought about the loss of the whole of Canada to the French. Gen. Wooster distinguished himself in these campaigns for great personal courage, and led a desperate though unsuccessful attack upon the French breastworks at Lake George, in Lord London's campaign. In 1775, upon the breaking out of the revolutionary war, the Connecticut General Assembly raised six regiments of troops, and appointed Gen. Wooster Major-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Connecticut troops. His Brigadiers were Joseph Spencer and Israel Putnam. When the army was reorganized by the Continental Congress, the merits of Wooster were overlooked, and through the greater fame of Putnam he was appointed Major-General from Connecticut, while Wooster was appointed Brigadier-General. This slight, however, made no difference to Wooster, who served in the campaign against Canada, under General Schuyler, with distinction. He was killed by a musket ball, fired by a Tory, when Benedict Arnold made his descent upon the Connecticut towns, in 1781. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut was instituted 8th July 1789, when there were 13 Lodges in the State. It will be noticed that the real anniversary was 8th July, but for convenience the celebration was held on the 10th July. The first convention of delegates, representing the Masonic Lodges of Connecticut, was held at New Haven, 18th March 1783. Twelve Lodges were represented. Several votes were passed, and various recommendations were made to the Lodges. The sentiment at that time was in favour of the institution of a Grand Lodge, but nothing came of the convention in that direction. The convention adjourned until the following September, but no record exists of a meeting being held at that time, and it is supposed that no further movement was made. The next convention was held at New Haven, 14th May 1789. At this time 13 Lodges were represented. At this meeting the sentiment in favour of the establishment of a Grand Lodge appeared to be unanimous. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan, and prepare constitution and by-laws for the government of the proposed Grand Lodge. The convention was then adjourned to 8th July in the same year, the committee being instructed to report at that time. On the appointed day the convention reassembled. The committee reported at length, and presented a draft for a constitution and by-laws, and a complete plan for the organization of the Grand Lodge. The proposed constitution was adopted by the convention, and a full board of Grand Officers elected. The following Lodges were represented:—Hiram Lodge, New Haven; St. John's Lodge, Middletown; St. John's Lodge, Fairfield; St. John's Lodge, Hartford; King Solomon's Lodge, Woodbury; St. John's Lodge, Stratford; Lodges in Wallingford and Danbury; Wooster Lodge, Colchester; St. Paul's Lodge, Litchfield; Frederick Lodge, Farmington; Montgomery Lodge, Salisbury. Of these Lodges, 12 were chartered by the Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, all but St. John's Lodge, Fairfield; and St. John's Lodge, Stratford, being so chartered. The first Grand Master was Pierrepont Edwards of New Haven, a member of Hiram Lodge, and the youngest son of the famous theologian and divine, Jonathan Edwards. He was born in Northampton, Mass., in 1750. He was graduated at Princeton in 1768, and began the practice of law in New Haven in 1771. He was frequently elected to the Legislature, and was appointed administrator of the estate of Benedict Arnold at the time of his treason. He took an early stand in favour of the colonies in the contest with the mother country, and served with honour in the revolutionary army. After the close of the war he became a member of the Continental Congress, and was a warm advocate of the constitution. Later in life he became judge of the United States district court, which position he occupied at the time of his death, which occurred at Bridgeport in 1826. He was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge in 1775, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1768. For two years he filled the office of Grand Master, with marked ability, and his administration was a credit to himself and the Fraternity. The history of Masonry in Connecticut is closely interwoven with the story of the patriotic citizens of that state. Many of those prominent in the revolutionary war were honoured members of the Masonic fraternity. Indeed, it is stated on good authority that of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 50 were Freemasons, as were also nearly all of the general officers of the army and navy of the colonies. From this it will be seen that Connecticut was not alone in the devotion of her patriots to the ancient institution of Freemasonry. Benedict Arnold was a member of Hiram Lodge of New Haven, being a frequent attendant at its meetings until 1772. Gen. Israel Putnam was also a member, and his character and fame added lustre to the Lodge, which even the treason of Arnold could not dim. Among other celebrated men who have been identified with Masonry in the Nutmeg State may be mentioned Hon. David Daggnett, who was the first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and held the office for many years. He was for several years a senator of the United States for Connecticut, and afterwards judge of the superior court. Henry W. Edwards, afterwards Governor of the State, was a member of Hiram Lodge. Hon. Ephraim Kirby, a member of King Solomon's Lodge of Woodbury, served during the whole of the revolutionary war. He was present and participated in 13 battles and skirmishes, among which were Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown, and received 13 wounds. He held high rank in his profession, and was the author of the first volume of judicial decisions ever published in this country. He died in Mississippi while on the way to assume the duties of judge of the territory of Orleans, to which he had been appointed. The members of the legal profession, the medical profession, and the clergy, have belonged to the Masons, and a full list of members would include many governors and other state officers, United States officers and representatives, judges of courts and eminent divines and physicians. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut at present has under its jurisdiction 110 subordinate Lodges and 14,731 members. The present Grand Master is John W. Swartwout of Stamford, and the Grand Secretary is Joseph K. Wheeler of Hartford. Grand Secretary Wheeler is a well read Masonic student and an authority upon all Masonic topics. The historical address was delivered by him, and was a model of research and historical accuracy.—*Boston Herald.*

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A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to caution your readers against an individual representing himself as connected with this Theatre, and obtaining money for pretended admission tickets, the said tickets being printed on the back of my advertisement railway tickets. They are forgeries. Any admissions granted to bill exhibitors are invariably sent by post, never by hand. The man is described as being tall, and with a fair moustache.

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Yours sincerely,

EDWARD TERRY.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CROOK.

ON Wednesday, 17th ult., Bro. Babbington Boulton, Restoration Lodge, No. 111, P.P.G.Treas. and Acting Deputy Master, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham, in a most impressive manner solemnly consecrated and dedicated a handsome building in Church-street, Crook, to the services of Masonry. The Crook Lodge, No. 2019, of which Bro. E. Milburn is W.M., is in a very prosperous state, there being now a membership of over sixty. Its formation took place seven years ago. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards partaken of.

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ANCIENT UNION LODGE, No. 203.

THE annual picnic was held at Clitheroe. The party, numbering about sixty, left Tithebarn-street Station by the 9·50 a.m. train, on the 25th ult., in saloon carriages, courteously placed for their comfort by Mr. Helliwell, the company's passenger agent, and after a sharp run arrived at Clitheroe, and at once proceeded to the Swan and Royal Hotel, were they were kindly received by the widow of Bro. Lofthouse. After viewing the old castle, and admiring the magnificent view of the surrounding country from its walls, the members and their ladies returned to the hotel, where they partook of dinner, and at the termination of the meal the usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M. (Bro. Thomas Wood). The W.M.'s toast was then proposed by Bro. J. N. Hounsell P.M., and Treasurer, who acted as D.C., to which Bro. Wood replied in felicitous terms. Waggonettes were in waiting, and conveyed the party through a most picturesque country, via Whalley Abbey (where the party were photographed, under the walls), Bolton, Gisburne, returning by a shorter route to the hotel. After tea the W.M. thanked several of the brethren for their valuable assistance in making the picnic so great a success, and asked the party to adjourn to the meadow by the Ribble for the sports. The 120 yards race for gentlemen, first prize a handsome briar-root pipe in case, was won by Bro. Dockerill; the second prize, a walking stick, by Mr. Hesaam. The ladies potato race, which proved very exciting, was won by Mrs. Clark, the prize being a handsome silk umbrella; and the second prize a pair of gloves, &c., by Mrs. Galloway. The ladies again competed in the egg and spoon race, the prize being a beautiful handkerchief and glove-box, which was won by Miss Williams. The sports were wound up with the tug-of-war, which was won by the team captained by Bro. Galloway P.M. The party then returned to the station, where, while waiting for the arrival of the 8·5 p.m. train, the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors. After a sharp run home, the party separated at Tithebarn-street, after spending a most enjoyable day, and congratulating each other on the success of the outing.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 220.

BRO. Thomas Lawton was, on the 24th ult., at the Garston Hotel, Garston, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Lodge of Harmony has now attained its 97th year, being one of the oldest Lodges in the province of West Lancashire. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Harry Round 1609, W. L. Sweetman 1505, J. F. Booth 1299, S. Haden Jones 1299, T. Sowden 786, J. Shield 1086, H. T. Wakeham 1432, R. W. T. Hatch 613, F. L. Elsworth 241, C. Stopford 1713, and W. Tomkinson 786. The presenting officers were Bros. W. S. Vines and H. Hatch Treasurer, the Worshipful Master being installed in a most impressive and able manner by his predecessor in the chair, Bro. T. F. Hill. Subsequently the Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Brothers S. S. Fisher S.W., J. W. Billingsley J.W., H. Hatch Treasurer, J. Carter Secretary, W. S. Vines D.C., J. C. Watson S.D., Dr. J. A. Fisher J.D., T. Broughton I.G., J. Williams Organist, W. W. Gamble S., T. Finch S., and T. Gidlow S. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. T. Wilson, landlord of the Garston Hotel. During the evening the retiring W.M. was presented with a beautiful tea and coffee service, supplied by Messrs Elkington and Co., Church-street, Liverpool. Each piece is enriched with an engraved rosette band, and bears the monogram of Mr. and Mrs. Hill. The salver, which is 18 inches in diameter, is mounted with a cable border and a richly engraved scroll band, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother Thomas F. Hill P.M., P.G.S.B., together with a tea and coffee service, by the members of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, as a token of their esteem and regard, on his retiring from the W.M.'s chair, July 1889."

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 1004.

AT the meeting, held on 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Douglass, Isle of Man, a most unusual event in Masonic circles took place. Ceremonies in the three degrees were gone through, the third degree being ably performed by Bro. S. Webb P.Z. P.M. P.G.J.W. The occasion will be long remembered by that genial brother, inasmuch as he had the pleasure of giving his two sons—Thomas and Henry—the sublime degree. We wonder how often a father can say that he has, in one night, conferred this degree on his two sons. Mr. Thomas Webb is a sailor, mate of the Argomene, one of the finest ships sailing out of Liverpool, and he came to the Island on Monday purposely to take his third degree here. Some of the Liverpool brethren offered to give him his degree there, but he preferred coming over to his mother Lodge to have the degree conferred by his father. Bro. S. Webb has three sons who are Masons, and he initiated all of them.

HOWE AND CHARNWOOD LODGE, No. 1007.

A VERY large and influential gathering of the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland lunched together in the Town Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 30th ult, to meet the Marquis of Granby, who was that day about to be admitted into the Masonic Order, as a member of this Lodge, which holds its meetings at the Bull's Head Hotel. Mr. George Carter Oliver, of Leicester, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided, and he was supported by the Marquis of Granby, Bros. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M., E. Wood, Mayor of Leicester; J. Griggs, Mayor of Loughborough; Ald. T. Wright, ex-Mayor of Leicester; the Rev. J. Bird Chaplain of the Lodge, Dr. Corcoran I.P.M., George Oliver, J.P., P.M., and a great number of other leading Masons of the Province. After the lunch, the toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales were heartily drunk, and the company adjourned to the Lodge Room, at the Bull's Head Hotel, where the Marquis of Granby was initiated a member of the Masonic Craft, the ceremony being most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. G. C. Oliver the W.M., ably assisted by Bros. T. B. Laxton S.W., and J. H. Marshall P.M. In the course of the proceedings Bro. G. C. Oliver proposed, and the Marquis of Granby seconded, a vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Grand Master of the Order, upon the marriage of his daughter, the Princess Louise of Wales, with the Earl of Fife P.G.M. of Banff.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., the brethren of this Lodge, accompanied by several lady friends, had a picnic to Richmond and neighbourhood, and spent a pleasant day in viewing the picturesque scenery of that district. The party arrived at Richmond shortly before noon, and at one o'clock partook of luncheon at the King's Head Hotel. They afterwards left in conveyances for Aske Hall, the residence of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire, and the recently appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. Easby Abbey was also visited, and other places of special interest in the locality. At five o'clock tea was served, at the King's Head Hotel, and at 6·30 the party left Richmond by train for Thirsk, having passed an enjoyable day.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.

ON Saturday, 27th ult., on the occasion of the marriage of the Princess Louise, this Lodge, of which the Duke of Connaught is a member, sent a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales. The address was presented by the Secretary, Bro. Robert Bunce P.P.G.S., who was cordially received at Marlborough House by Sir Francis Knollys. Mr. Pountney, of Reading, executed the address on vellum, and it was enclosed in a neat case of imperial blue morocco. The address was signed by the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

PEACE LODGE, No. 2269.

ON Wednesday, 31st ult., the members and a number of lady friends, held a pic-nic. The party, which numbered thirty-eight, left the London and North Western Station, Wigan, at 9·36 a.m., *en route* for Preston. On arriving there, they at once took their places in three wagonnettes, each drawn by four horses, and were driven through some beautiful country to Whalley Abbey, where an excellent lunch was in waiting. After visiting the abbey and church, the party were driven, *viâ* Milton Church and Stonyhurst College, to Whitewell, which is one of the most charming spots in North-East Lancashire. The party arrived there at 4·15, and spent an hour pleasantly admiring the beautiful scenery, &c. Dinner was served at 5·15, and at 6·30 the party again took their seats in the wagonettes, and were driven back to Preston, a distance of eighteen miles. The entire distance by road by which the party travelled was forty-two miles. Preston was reached at 8·50, and Wigan at ten o'clock. The weather throughout was very fine, and the whole proceedings were heartily enjoyed by all who took part in them.

MASONIC RELICS.—On the 25th July, when the Masons were piercing the wall of the old Parochial School, Manchline, to lead in the gas, they came on the foundation-stone of the addition built in 1865. The chisel passed through the glass bottle, in which were found a list of the members of Manchline St. Mungo's Lodge, No. 179, the names of the teachers in the Parish School and the New Educational Institution, the ministers of Manchline, the churches, and public works. There were fourteen photos, in good preservation, a few coins, and two newspapers, the *Glasgow Herald* and *Ayrshire Express*, of August 26th, 1865. The Lodge addressed the relics to future generations, but the same generation that witnessed the ceremony now gather round them and gaze on the features of many dead. The present proprietor, Mr John Mather, contractor, purposes replacing them in a stone of a new porch to his dwelling-house.

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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 AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Adjourned meeting
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, 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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
264—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 12th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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)
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.)
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 Shields
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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
797—Danky, Danley Hall, Dartmouth

R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

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
1356—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—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 109—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 13th AUGUST.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
30—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (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)
859—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—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)
1550—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1709—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
946—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
148—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
903—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne or Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
896—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1341—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1114—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)
2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 164—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 285—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, 14th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)

720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, 8. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1521—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 Dancons Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1691—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)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton

225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
303—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Symnathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
64—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Browning, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shiithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 249—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 343—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 359—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester
R.A. 403—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
145—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)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1378—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1706—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1733—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1969—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1505—D. Connaught, Connaught Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1902—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)
1914—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)

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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. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Baraiem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
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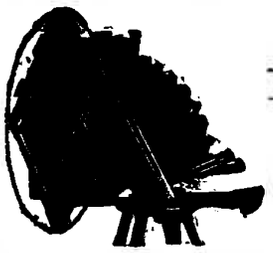
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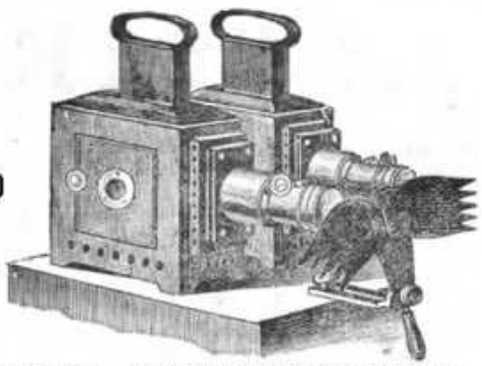
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MESMERISM AND THE "BLACK HAND" IN FREEMASONRY.

MEMBERS of the Masonic Order must have been somewhat amused in reading, as they had an opportunity of doing a few days ago, of the delusions of a Romish Priest—the Rev. John Bowden—concerning whose sanity an inquiry was recently held before one of the Masters in Lunacy. It is not our intention to discuss the merits of the inquiry, or the result of the investigation, but the reverend gentleman appeared to possess some strange ideas in reference to Freemasons and the Masonic Order—a point which is of special interest to us. The Rev. Mr. Bowden may or may not be answerable for his utterances, that is not a matter that concerns us, but as there can be no smoke without fire we think an examination of some of his delusions may lead us a little behind the scenes as to what is said among the Romish priesthood concerning Freemasonry, more especially as his delusions in a measure confirm previous experiences in the same quarter.

In the course of the evidence produced we are told that the reverend gentleman appeared to have been possessed with the idea that he had been mesmerised by the Freemasons, and that he had pursued them into the gates of Hell with a big stick, and that he had broken the gates, as well as a number of windows. It will be news to some among us to learn that the much maligned abode of the prince of darkness has a gate, and is enlivened with windows, but why it should be necessary to go to this particular quarter in order to pursue and punish the members of the Masonic Order is beyond our comprehension. Surely there are enough members of the "mystic tie" within easy reach, without taking so long a journey as is here suggested, and were it not well known that the unhappy gentleman who possessed these delusions had an excuse for them in the teachings of his superiors, it would be sad to contemplate his condition. But if the ideas expressed by Mr. Bowden were the creation of a disordered intellect, there are many others in equally prominent positions, and who are regarded as perfectly sane, who express, and pretend to believe, the same, or nearly the same nonsense in regard to the Masonic Order.

Later on, we are told that this reverend gentleman had other delusions associated with Freemasonry. He said he had been marked with a "black hand," which he described as a Freemason's sign for him to be put to death, while one of his fancies involved a number of charges of immorality, which immorality he also connected with the Freemasons. But we think enough has been said to prove that this unfortunate gentleman was very severe on the subject of Freemasonry, and, as we have said, we regard his delusions as but the actual teachings of a section of the Romish church, many of whose shining lights utter equally absurd charges against Freemasons and their teachings.

We had almost thought that Freemasonry had outlived the opposition of the Pope and his followers, and perhaps we are wrong in accepting the delusions of Mr. Bowden as evidence to the contrary, but who, knowing the way in which Freemasonry has been assailed in this quarter in years gone by, can wholly disassociate his ideas from official teaching. They are in fact just what has been preached time after time by members of the Church of Rome, in the hope of lessening the influence of the Masonic Order, and bringing its followers into contempt and ridicule.

There is one redeeming feature in all this that stands out prominently on behalf of Freemasonry. In the general opinion of the world such ideas as those expressed by Mr. Bowden are now regarded as sufficiently absurd to stamp their possessor as a lunatic, and accordingly, we have the gratification of knowing that in public estimation Freemasons are not wholly associated with the custody of Hell, the putting to death of objectionable characters, or the practise of immorality. There is much then to be thankful for, and we hold up the experience of the gentleman here referred to to such other disciples of Popery as are never tired of abusing the members of the Craft. If they wish to enjoy the reputation of being in their right senses it would seem desirable for them to formulate and preach in the future doctrines more in accord with common sense than they have been in the habit of doing in the past.

ASHMOLE AS A FREEMASON.

MY friend Bro. Jacob Norton, in his reply to my brief criticism of his objections to Ashmole being accepted as a brother Freemason, has written so much about what I did not say, that it appears to me better to ask our readers to consult the original article in the *Freemason*, by me, on that well known antiquary; next Bro. Norton's communication, and finally my reply, with his following, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

My contention is simply this,—that it is better to quote from the "Diary," rather than from the two printed editions thereof, as both of the latter are wrong, and introduce words that entirely mislead, especially the word "by" in relation to the meeting of 1682.

1. I do *not* disbelieve Dr. Plot's statement that the Freemasons had "secrets."

2. Have never professed (or felt) ignorance that the pre-1717 brethren had any secrets, &c.

3. Have never supposed that the Masons' Guild had *secret* forms of recognition; but, on the contrary, have long maintained otherwise. What I ask for is evidence that in order to gain admission "into St. Paul's Lodge [Antiquity], in or about 1717, it was necessary to *show a sign*, to *give a grip*, or to whisper a word." It might have been so, and no one can deny it, but to affirm it is quite another matter, especially as there is not a scrap of evidence to justify the

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statement as to "the sign and grip" being used then in that Lodge.

Then, again, it was a "*Lodge*" that assembled at "Masons' Hall" in 1682, not a Masons' Guild or Company; and here again it is well to keep to the exact phrascology. It was a "Lodge" also, in 1646, that accepted Ashmole as a member, and we still meet in Lodges as then, only since the Grand Lodge era other degrees have been added.

As Bro. Norton seems to rather resent any criticism of his criticisms, I promise him not to hurt his feelings in that respect again.

W. J HUGHAN.

BLEST MORAL SCIENCE.

IT is a very easy task to trace from reason and the nature of things the wise ends and designs of the sacred constitution of Masonry, which not alone cultivates and improves a real and undisguised friendship among men, but teaches them the more important duties of society. Vain, then, is each idle surmise against this sacred art which our enemies may either meanly cherish in their own bosoms, or ignorantly promulgate to the uninterested world. By decrying Masonry they derogate from human nature itself, and from that good order and wise constitution of things which the Almighty Author of the world has framed for the government of mankind and has established as the basis of the moral system, which, by a secret but attractive force, disposes the human heart to every social virtue. Can friendship or social delights be the object of reproach? Can that wisdom which hoary time has sanctified be the object of ridicule? How mean, how contemptible must those men appear who vainly pretend to censure or contemn what they cannot comprehend! The generous heart will pity ignorance so aspiring and insolent.

I shall now proceed and consider in what shape Masonry is of universal utility to mankind, how it is reconcilable to the best policy, why it deserves the general esteem, and why all men are bound to promote it.

Abstracting from the pure pleasures which arise from a friendship so wisely constituted, and which it is scarce possible that any circumstance or occurrence can erase, let us consider that Masonry is a science confined to no particular country, but diffused over the whole terrestrial globe, where arts flourish. Add to this that by secret and inviolable signs, carefully preserved among ourselves throughout the world, Masonry becomes an universal language. By this means many advantages are gained: men of all religions and of all nations are united. The distant Chinese, the wild Arab, or the American savage, will embrace his brother; and he will know that, besides the common ties of humanity, there is still a stronger obligation to engage him to kind and friendly actions. The spirit of the fulminating priest will be tamed, and a moral brother, though of a different persuasion, engage his esteem. Thus, all those disputes which embitter life and sour the temper are avoided, and every face is clad with smiles while the common good of all, the general design of the Craft, is zealously pursued.

It is not evident that Masonry is an universal advantage to mankind? For, sure, unless discord and harmony be the same, it must be so. Is it not likewise reconcilable to the best policy? for it prevents that heat of passion, and those partial animosities, which different interests too often create. Masonry teaches us to be *faithful to the government*, and true to our country; to avoid turbulent measures, and to submit with reverence to the decisions of legislative power. It is surely, then, no mean advantage, no trifling acquisition, to any community or state, to have under its power and jurisdiction loyal subjects and citizens, patrons of science, and friends to mankind.

Does not Masonry, therefore, of itself command the highest regard? Does it not claim the greatest esteem? Does it not merit the most exclusive patronage? Without doubt. If all that is good and amiable, if all that is useful to mankind or society, be deserving a wise man's attention, Masonry claims it in the highest degree. What beautiful ideas does it not inspire? How does it open and enlarge the mind? And how abundant a source of satisfaction does it afford? Does it not recommend *universal benevolence*, and every other virtue which can endear one man to another? And is it not particularly adapted to give the mind the most disinterested, the most generous notions?

An uniformity of opinion, not only useful in exigencies, but pleasing in familiar life universally prevails among Masons, strengthens all the ties of their friendship, and equally promotes love and esteem. Masons are brethren and amongst brethren there exists no invidious distinctions. A king is reminded that though a crown adorns his head and a sceptre is in his hand, yet the blood in his veins is derived from the common parent of mankind, and is no better than that of the humblest individual. Men in inferior states are taught to love their superiors, when they see them divested of their grandeur, and condescending to trace the path of wisdom and follow virtue, assisted by those of a rank beneath them. *Virtue is true nobility*, and wisdom the channel by which it is directed and conveyed. Wisdom and virtue, therefore, are the great characteristics of Masons.

Masonry inculcates universal love and benevolence, and disposes the heart to particular acts of goodness. A Mason possessed of this amiable, this God-like disposition, is shocked at misery under every form or appearance. His pity is not only excited, but he is prompted, as far as is consistent with the rules of prudence, to alleviate the pain of the sufferer, and cheerfully to contribute to his relief. For this end our funds are raised and our charities established on the firmest foundation. When a brother is in distress, what heart does not ache? When he is hungry, do we not convey him food? Do we not clothe him when he is naked? Do we not fly to his relief when he is in trouble? Thus we evince the propriety of the title we assume, and demonstrate to the world that the term or endearing name of brother among Masons is not nominal.

If these acts are not sufficient to recommend so great and generous a plan, such a wise and good society, happy in themselves, and equally happy in the possession of every social virtue, nothing which is truly good can prevail. The man who resists arguments drawn from such topics must be callous to every noble principle, and lost to all sense of honour.

Nevertheless, though the fairest and the best ideas may be thus imprinted in the mind, there are brethren who, careless of their own reputation, disregard the instructive lessons of our noble science, and by yielding to vice and intemperance, not only disgrace themselves, but reflect dishonour on Masonry in general. It is this unfortunate circumstance which has given rise to those severe and unjust reflections which the prejudiced part of mankind have so liberally bestowed on us. But let these apostate brethren know, and let it be proclaimed to the world at large, that they are unworthy of the trust, and that whatever name or designation they assume, they are in reality no Masons. It is as possible for a mouse to move a mountain, or a man to calm the boisterous ocean, as it is for a principled Mason to commit a dishonourable action. Masonry consists in virtuous improvement, in cheerful and innocent pastime, and not in lewd debauchery or unguarded excess.

But though unhappy brethren thus transgress, no wise man will draw any argument from thence against the society, or urge it as an objection against the institution. If the wicked lives of men were admitted as an argument, the religion which they profess, with all its divine beauties, would be exposed to censure. Let us, therefore, endeavour strenuously to support the dignity of our characters, and by reforming the abuses which have crept in among us, display *Masonry* in its primitive lustre, and convince mankind that the source from which it flows is truly divine.

It is this conduct which can alone retrieve the ancient glory of the Craft. Our good and generous actions must distinguish our titles to the privileges of *Masonry*, and the regularity of our behaviour display their influence and utility. Thus the world will admire our sanctity of manners, and effectually reconcile our uniform conduct with the incomparable tenets we profess and admire.

As our Order is founded upon harmony, and subsists by regularity and proportion, so our passions ought to be properly restrained, and be ever subservient to the dictates of right reason. As the delicate pleasures of friendship harmonise our minds, and exclude rancour, malice or ill-nature, so we ought to live like brethren bound by the same tie, always cultivating fraternal affection, and reconciling ourselves to the practice of those duties which are the basis on which the structure we erect must be

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supported. By improving our minds in the principles of morality and virtue, we enlarge our understandings and more effectually answer the great ends of our existence. Such as violate our laws and infringe our good order, we mark with a peculiar odium; and if our mild endeavours to reform their lives should not answer the good purposes intended, we expel them our assemblies as unfit members of the society. Rich and poor receive equal justice.

This is the practice which should universally prevail among *Masons*. Our outward conduct being directed by our inward principles, we should be equally careful to avoid censure and reproach. Useful knowledge ought to be the great object of our desire, for the ways of wisdom are beautiful and lead to pleasure. We ought to search into nature, as the advantages accruing from so agreeable a study will amply compensate our unwearied assiduity. Knowledge must be attained by degrees, and is not everywhere to be found. Wisdom seeks the secret shade, the lonely cell designed for contemplation; there enthroned, she sits delivering her sacred oracles; there let us seek her and pursue the real bliss, for though the passage be difficult, the farther we trace it the easier it will become.

If we remain united, our society must flourish; let us, then, promote the useful arts, and by that means mark our distinction and superiority; let us cultivate the social virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable; let the *genius of Masonry* preside, and under her sovereign sway let us endeavour to act with becoming dignity.

I flatter myself that I have convinced my readers that Freemasonry is undoubtedly an institution of the most beneficial and amiable nature, since its professed design is the extension and confirmation of mutual happiness, by the most perfect and effectual method: the practice of every moral and social virtue. It is a salutary institution, wherein bad men, if they chance, as they ought not on any consideration to be admitted, are most generally restrained in their moral retrogradation, or downhill progress in vice; whilst the good are taught and excited to aspire at higher degrees of virtue and perfection. *A good man* and *a good Mason* are synonymous terms; since a good man must necessarily make a good Mason, and a good Mason can never be a bad man: and, as the better men are the more they love each other, and on the contrary, the more they love each other they become more perfect Masons.

Those who have the honour and happiness of being regular members of this most excellent society are strictly bound to practise its duties and precepts. Foremost in the rank of our duties stands our obligation to obey the laws of the great Giver of all good gifts and graces, to conform to His will, and to conduct ourselves as under the inspection of His All-Seeing Eye; for as in Him we live, move and have our being, partake of His goodness and depend on His favours, so whatever we think, speak, or do, ought all to be subservient, and capable of being referred to His glory.

This primary and fundamental duty of obedience to the Supreme Being, from whence, as from their fountain, all other duties with respect to ourselves and our neighbours flow, is evidently taught by reason, confirmed by revelation, and enforced by Freemasonry. Subordinate and consequent to this our grand obligation, is the important and indispensable duty of brotherly love, which delights and ought always to demonstrate itself, in real acts of genuine beneficence.

Freemasonry has not only united its worthy members and genuine sons in the most indissoluble bands of confidence, concord, and amity; it has even caused religion to shine forth with renewed lustre, and introduced its spirit which the Royal Craft has strongly imbibed, in every nation and persuasion wherein it has gained admittance; and it produces the most benevolent and charitable set of men, in proportion to its number, of any society whatever throughout the known world. Thus inestimable is Freemasonry for its manifold and most useful qualities. It super-eminently excels all other arts by the bright rays of truth which it sheds on the minds of its faithful votaries, illuminating their understanding with the beams of a more resplendent light than is to be derived from the assemblage of all other arts whatsoever, of which the newly initiated brother begins to participate when he is girded with the emblem of innocence, more ancient than the tower of Babel, and far more honourable than the imperial dignity. As it excels all other arts in its vast and admirable extent, so it far surpasses them in its pleasing and effectual modes of communicating its instructions. But of this the enlightened brother alone can form a judgment or make the comparison. Those who have happily made the experiment are convinced of its transcendent excellence in this particular. The unenlightened by Masonry can only form vague and uncertain conjectures of the utility of the Royal Craft, or of the modes of initiation into its various degrees, or of the subsequent different delightful and beneficial instructions respectively communicated.

As we ought to be irreproachable in our own demeanour, so we ought to be careful that our candidates for Freemasonry have the requisite qualifications, which indispensably ought to be a good reputation, an honest method of living, sound morals, and a competent understanding.

No member who has the honour of the society, or even his own, sincerely at heart, will presume to nominate any that are not possessed of these valuable qualities. In that case it would be incumbent upon every worthy brother to give a negative, and reprobate such indecorous conduct.

It is to be supposed, at least amongst Masons, that as enlightened members of so noble a society, we have more just, sublime and comprehensive ideas, with respect to virtue, decorum, and dignity of human nature, than the generality of the misled mass of mankind. It is to be apprehended that we grant admission to none but men of principle, of virtue, honour and integrity, lest the ancient institution, instead of being an object of deserved veneration, fall into disrepute and become a subject of ridicule. It is therefore to be expected that neither the wealth, the station, or the power of any man shall procure from us his admission into our respectable Lodges, but his propriety of conduct, his uprightness, his goodness. Such indeed as answer this description will be an honour to our sublime Craft, and are best qualified to reap from it every desirable advantage. And although it is a maxim with us to solicit none to enter into our society, yet we shall be always exceedingly glad to enrol such worthy members in the honourable lists of our numerous members. Those are egregiously deceived, and may they ever be disappointed in their application for admittance as Freemasons, who consider us in the light of a Bacchanalian society, or under any similar ignoble idea. Our association, indeed, admits of all becoming cheerfulness, festivity and gaiety of temper, at suitable seasons and intervals; but indeed our assemblies are principally convened from the most beneficial and exalted purposes: for purifying the heart, correcting the manners, and enlightening the understanding. Thus the useful and the agreeable are by us happily united; instruction and pleasure are blended together. Order, decorum, concord and complacency are constant attendants upon our Lodges.

Now, is Masonry so good, so valuable a science? Does it tend to instruct the mind, and tame each unruly passion? Does it reconcile men of all religious and of all nations? Does it expel rancour, hatred and envy? It is an universal cement, binding its followers to charity, good will and secret friendship? It is calculated to promote the greatest freedom? Does it teach men to lead quiet lives? In short, are not its precepts a complete system of moral virtue? Then, hail, thou glorious Craft! bright transcript of all that is amiable! Hail, thou blest moral science, which so beautifully exemplifies virtue! Welcome, ye delightful mansions, where all enjoy the pleasures of a serene and tranquil life! Welcome, ye blessed retreats, where smiling friendship ever blooms, and from her throne dispenses pleasure with unbounded liberality! Welcome, sacred habitations, where peace and innocence for ever dwell!—*Voice of Masonry.*

In reply to the loyal and congratulatory address to the Prince and Princess of Wales, adopted at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, held at Beccles, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Provincial Grand Master has received the following:—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.
30th July 1889.

My Lord,—I am directed by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of the loyal and fraternal address from the Freemasons of the "Province of Suffolk," and in reply to convey to the brethren His Royal Highness's best thanks for the kind and generous congratulations contained therein upon the marriage of the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife.—I am, &c.

DIGHTON PROBYN,
General Comptroller and Treasurer.

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OLD UNDATED MASONIC MANUSCRIPTS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE first of these MSS. was hitherto known as the "Halliwell Poem." Bro. Gould, however, calls it "The Regius MS." Next to it is "The Matthew Cooke MS." These are followed by about sixty other MSS., which Brother Hughan calls "Old Charges of British Freemasons." A few of these, however, have dates attached to them; the oldest was written in 1585. All the said MSS. contain legends and laws of the Craft, and the Cooke MS., as well as the "Old Charges," were doubtless the rituals of our pre-1717 brethren. The questions about these MSS. are, first, how old are they? Second, are any parts of the legends true? And, third, if not true, when and by whom were they invented? Let us first consider the age of the poem.

Mr. Wallbran, an antiquary, fixed the date of the poem to 1390. Mr. Halliwell says that it was written not later than the latter part of the fourteenth century; and Mr. Bond, of the British Museum, says that it was not written before the middle of the fifteenth century. These learned antiquaries draw their conclusions from the style of penmanship of various periods, but their difference in the time when it was written amounts to sixty years. It is evident, therefore, that their rule is faulty and unreliable.

For instance, my own handwriting has not changed for the last forty years. Suppose then an undated scrap of my own penmanship was laid before me, and there was no internal evidence to indicate its age, I myself could not tell whether it was written five years ago or fifty. Some persons' style of writing, however, does change with age; in some cases persons purposely change, now and then, the formation of more or less letters, and in other cases, decay of strength, age or nervousness will cause a change in the style of writing. In such a case if it is necessary to ascertain the age of an undated MS. of such an individual, if a sufficient number of *dated* MSS. of the same penman exists, covering all the decades of his life, then the undated MS. will have to be compared with all the dated ones, and even then all that might reasonably be said about it is, that it was written somewhere near a certain decade, or that it was not written before a certain year, nor after a certain year. But, any how, when we know the penman was born and when he died, then we are sure that it was written within the period of his lifetime.

Now, with regard to the writer of the Masonic poem; no one knows his name, when he was born, or when he died; hence, it seems to me to be impossible to fix its age, even to within a period of sixty years. I admit, however, that changes have taken place, both in the art or mode of penmanship, in language, in phrases, and certain marks as substitutes for words. These changes, however, have been gradual, and, what is more, in some parts of the country they were more backward than in others. Even to-day the language spoken in the north of England differs very much from the language spoken in London; the language in London has gradually changed since the days of Chaucer, while in the north very little change is perceptible. And as we do not know where the poem was written, it enhances the difficulty of ascertaining even in which century it was written.

Unfortunately, I am not an expert of old MSS. I have seen very few of them in my lifetime, and never thought of making an effort to compare any until I obtained the "Quatuor Coronati Masonic Reprints," which contains fac similes of the Masonic poem, and also of two other poems, and all were written by different penmen. These three MSS. I have compared with each other, and with the *fac simile* page in Matthew Cooke's MS., and I will try to give an idea about some of the differences I observed. For instance, I found in the Masonic poem the letter ȝ,—sometimes in the beginning of a word, sometimes in the middle, and sometimes at the end,—which puzzled me exceedingly.

In the two other *fac similes*, reprinted by the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," the letter ȝ is also sounded in the above fashion, but in the Cooke MS. the letter ȝ is no longer so sounded or used. And, on the other hand, while the said two MSS., as well as that of Matthew Cooke, have marks to denote the word "and," though all the marks differ, and differ from the present mark), the Masonic Poem has no such mark, or any mark for the word *and*.

These three MSS. were written by different penmen, and may be at different times more or less remote; and they may have been written at the same time, in different parts of the country, where the fashion of penmanship varied. Hence, in order to ascertain the age of our poem, it is necessary to possess dated MSS. from all parts of England, of all the decades covering a period of about three centuries; and even then, all that an unprejudiced expert could decide would be that our poem was written within a stipulated period of about eighty or a hundred years.

I have, however, pointed out, in the *Masonic Magazine*, Vol. III., pp 131-2, &c., internal evidence in the poem, that it could not have been written before 1406, for the following reason, viz.:—Up to 1388, the law was that labourers could not charge higher wages than they received in the 20th year of Edward the Third's reign. But during famine years, when food doubled or trebled in price, the labourer could not live on his wages, which gave rise to discontent and riots. Hence, in 1388, it was ordained that thenceforth Magistrates in Counties, and City Governments in Cities, should meet twice a year, in order to ordain the amount of wages that was to be paid, to servants and to various classes of employés for the next six months, in accordance with the price of food in their respective localities. The said law did not, however, answer the purpose. The working people would not obey the Magistrates; hence, in the seventh year of Henry IV., it was ordained that the working people should be present at the semi annual meetings of the Magistrates, and there take an oath to abide by the decision of the said Magistrates or City Governments, and the following part of the poem refers to the last named law. It says:—

"The twelfth point is of great realty.
There as the assembly holden shall be,
There shall be masters and fellows also,
And other great lords many more.
And there shall be the sheriff of that county,
Knights and squires there shall be,
And other Aldermen, as ye shall see.
Such ordinances as they make there,
They shall maintain it whole together
Against that man, whoe'er he be,
That belong to the Craft both fair and free.
If any strife against them make,
Into their ward [prison] he shall be taken.

FOURTEENTH POINT.

The fourteenth point is ful of good law
To him that would be under awe.
A good and true oath he must there swear
To his master and his fellows that be there,
He must be steadfast and true also,
To all this ordinance wheresoever he go.

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And to all these points here before,
To them though must needs be sworn.
And all shall swear the same oath,
Of the Masons, be they willing or be they loth
To all these points here before
That hath been ordained by full good lore.
And they shall inquire, every man,
Of his party as well as he can,
If any man may be found guilty
In any of these points especially.
And what he be, let him be sought,
And to the assembly let him be brought.

FIFTEENTH POINT.

The fifteenth point is full of good lore
For them that shall be sworn.
Such ordinance as the assembly was laid [provided]
Of great Lords and masters before said.
For thylke [every one] that be disobedient for certain
Against the ordinance that there is.

N.B.—The poem, as here given, I copied from a translated edition into modern English.

Which winds up with the punishment of the disobedient, viz.: by being deprived of his cattle, and by imprisonment during the King's pleasure.

Now the above "Points," or laws, were suggested by an Act of Parliament passed in 1406. The Masons' code from which the poet copied the above laws could not have been written before 1406 at least. And as the poet claimed that the laws of the Masons' code were enacted by Athelstan, the Mason's code could not have fallen into the poet's hands until many years after it was written. We know, therefore, that the poem was not written before 1406, because the code itself was not

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written before then; but whether the poem was written twenty-five years after 1406, or seventy-five years after the above year, it is difficult to prove. One fact is certain, viz.: that the poem was written by a *true blue Roman Catholic, for Roman Catholics.* But I cannot say as much about the Matthew Cooke MS.; for every Catholic prayer of a guild that I have seen makes mention of the Virgin, of Christ, and of a Patron Saint or Saints; the invocation in the Masonic poem begins with, "Pray we now to God Almighty, and to His mother Mary bright." Then follows the story of the four holy martyrs, and "Christ's law," &c. The Strasburg and the Turgo Constitutions also refer to the Virgin, to the four Saints, and to the Trinity. I have seen a similar document, belonging to the Grocers' Guild, wherein the Trinity, the Virgin, and St. Anthony (I believe) were appealed to. Mr. Herbert, in his History of the Twelve London Livery Companies, says :—

"None of the trades assembled to form fraternities without ranging themselves under the banner of some Saint; and, if possible, they chose a Saint who either bore relation to their trade, or to some other analogous circumstances." Thus the Fishmongers chose St. Peter for their Patron, the Carpenters had Saint Joseph for their Patron, &c. Now, the London Drapers could not find a Saint that was engaged in the drapery business, but as some of the goods they sold were made out of lambs' wool, and as Christ is called "The Holy Lamb," and as a lamb is covered with wool, so they chose the Virgin for their Patron Saint, because she was the mother of the "Holy Lamb."

The London Tailors were as puzzled in choosing a suitable Saint as the Drapers were. Strange to say, that among the old Saints of Jewish origin not one of them was a tailor, or even a dealer in "*old clo.*" The woollen cloth used by Tailors doubtless suggested the "Holy Lamb," but as the Drapers had already appropriated the mother of the Lamb, they therefore chose the Baptist for their Patron Saint, because, says Herbert, "he was the Harbinger of the Holy Lamb."

And here I cannot help noticing the extraordinary imagination of the old pious brethren in the woollen trades, viz., because the Virgin and the Baptist were imaginarily connected with imaginary wool of an imaginary lamb, therefore the pious dealers in woollen goods imagined that the said Saints were bound to take an interest in the woollen trade, and would use their influence with the powers above to promote the prosperity of the said trade. But, any how, I have given sufficient illustrations to prove that the documents and doings of the old guilds were crammed with allusions to the Catholic religion.

Now the Cooke MS. is utterly minus of all allusion to the Catholic religion. It seems to have been written by a Protestant for Protestants. True, the language seems to have been used before the Reformation. We must not, however, forget that Masonic writers were always prone to make things appear older than they were. Nor was that *craze* confined to Masons. Mr. Herbert says :—"The societies chartered are mostly stated to be of great antiquity, or to have existed from time whereof there is no memory." But as to Masonic writers, that craze to make out everything in Masonry older than it is is still *rampant* among them. Now, with regard to the Cooke MS., I say that it may have been written in the days of Edward VI., but in a place remote from London, where the old fashioned ways, of a hundred years before, of speaking and writing were still retained; or it may have been written in London after the Reformation, but the scribe thereof thought it prudent to use the old style in order to mislead the reader, that the *cock and bull stories* which he added to the history of Masonry might seem to have come down from olden time. And such was the case with the scribes of all succeeding Masonic MSS. Take, for instance, the MS. dated 1583, and compare it with contemporary writings, such as Plott's or Ashmole's, and we must admit that it was purposely designed to make it appear a hundred years older than its date, and even the latest MSS. are crammed with archaisms that have been out of use for centuries, and I cannot, therefore, see why the writer of the Cooke MS. may not have resorted to the same dodge.

Two things, however, are certain; 1st, that the Poem was written by a Roman Catholic; and 2nd, that the sixty or more dated and undated MSS., known as the "Old Charges," were the offspring of the Cooke MS. To be sure, some of them are varied by additions or omissions, but, nevertheless, the Cooke MS. is the parent, direct or indirect, of all of them.

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(To be continued).

FREEMASONRY IS RELIGIOUS.

THERE seems, of late years, to have been a very needless expenditure of ingenuity and talent, by a large number of Masonic orators and essayists, in the endeavour to prove that Masonry is not religion. This has, undoubtedly, arisen from a well-intended but erroneous view that has been taken of the connection between religion and Masonry, and from a fear that if a complete disseverance of the two institutions was not made manifest, the opponents of Masonry would be enabled successfully to establish a theory which they have been fond of advancing, that the Masons were disposed to substitute the teachings of their Craft for the truths of Christianity. Now, we have never for a moment believed that any such unwarrantable presumption, as that Masonry is intended to be a substitute for Christianity, could ever obtain admission into any well-regulated mind, and we, therefore, are not disposed to yield on the subject of the religious character of Masonry, quite so much as has been yielded by our more timid Brethren. On the contrary, we contend, without any sort of hesitation, that Masonry is, in every sense of the word, except one, and that its least philosophical, an eminently religious institution—that it is indebted solely to the religious element which it contains for its origin, and for its continued existence, and that without this religious element it would scarcely be worthy of cultivation by the wise or the good. But that we may understand ourselves, and be truly understood, it will be well that we should first agree upon the true definition of religion. There is nothing more illogical than to reason upon undefined terms.

One of the most eminent orthoepists of our age has given four distinct definitions of religion.

1. Religion, in a comprehensive sense, includes, he says, a belief in the being and perfections of God; in the revelation of His will to man; in man's obligation to obey His commands; in a state of reward and punishment, and in man's accountableness to God; and also true godliness or piety of life with the practice of all moral duties.

2. His second definition is, that religion, as distinct from theology, is godliness or real piety in practice, consisting in the performance of all known duties to God and our fellow men, in obedience to Divine command, or from love to God and His law.

3. Again, he says that religion, as distinct from virtue or morality, consists in the performance of the duties we owe directly to God, from a principle of obedience to His will.

4. And lastly, he defines religion to be any system of faith or worship; and in this sense he says religion comprehends the belief and worship of pagans and Mohammedans as well as of Christians; any religion consisting in the belief of a superior power or powers governing the world and in the worship of such power or powers. And it is in this sense that we speak of the Turkish religion, or the Jewish religion, as well as of the Christian.

Now, it appears very plain to us, that in either of the first three senses in which we may take the word religion (and they do not very materially differ from each other), Masonry may rightfully claim to be called a religious institution. Closely and accurately examined, it will be found to answer to any one of the requirements of either of these three definitions. So much does it "include a belief in the being and perfections of God," that the public profession of such a faith is essentially necessary to gain admission into the Craft. No disbeliever in the existence of God can be made a Mason. The "revelation of His will to man" is technically called the "spiritual, moral and Masonic trestleboard" of every Mason, according to the rules and designs of which he is to erect the spiritual edifice of his eternal life. A "state of reward and punishment" is necessarily included in the very idea of an obligation, which, without the belief in such a state, could be of no binding force or efficacy. And "true godliness or piety of life" is inculcated as the invariable duty of every Mason, from the inception of the first to the end of the very last degree that he takes. So, again, in reference to the second and third definitions, all this practical piety

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and performance of the duties we owe to God and our fellow-men arise from and are founded on a principle of obedience to the Divine will. Whence else, or from what other will, could they have arisen? It is the voice of the Grand Architect of the Universe, symbolised to us in every ceremony of our ritual and from every portion of the furniture of our Lodge, that speaks to the true Mason, commanding him to fear God and to love the Brethren. It is idle to say that the Mason does good simply in obedience to the statutes of the Craft. These very statutes owe their sanction to the Masonic idea of the nature and perfection of God, which idea has come down to us from the earliest history of the Institution and the promulgation of which idea was the very object and design of its origin.

But it must be confessed that the fourth definition does not appear to be strictly applicable to Masonry. It has no pretension to assume a place among the religions of the world, as a sectarian "system of faith and worship," in the sense in which we distinguish Christianity from Judaism, or Judaism from Mohammedism. In this meaning of the word we do not and cannot speak of the Masonic religion, nor say of a man that he is not a Christian, but a Mason. Here it is that the opponents of Freemasonry have assumed mistaken ground, in confounding the idea of a religious institution with that of the Christian religion as a peculiar form of worship, and in supposing, because Masonry teaches religious truth, that it is offered as a substitute for Christian truth and Christian obligation. Its warmest and most enlightened friends have never advanced or supported such a claim. Freemasonry is not Christianity, nor a substitute for it. It is not intended to supersede it, nor any other form of worship or system of faith. It does not meddle with sectarian creeds or doctrines, but teaches fundamental religious truth—not enough to do away with the necessity of the Christian scheme of salvation—but more than enough to show, to demonstrate, that it is in every philosophical sense of the word, a religious institution, and one, too, in which the true Christian Mason will find, if he earnestly seek for them, abundant types and shadows of his own exalted and divinely inspired faith.

The tendency of all pure Masonry is toward religion. If it make any progress, it is to that holy end. Look at its ancient Landmarks—its sublime ceremonies—its profound symbols and allegories—all inculcating religious doctrine, commanding religious observance, and religious truth; and who can deny that it is an eminently religious institution?

But, besides, Masonry is in all its forms thoroughly tinctured with a true devotional spirit. We open and close our Lodges with prayer; we invoke the blessing of the Most High upon all our labours; we demand of our neophytes a profession of trusting belief in the existence and the superintending care of God; and we teach them to bow with humility and reverence at His awful name, while His holy law is widely opened upon our altars. Freemasonry is thus identified with religion, and although a man may be eminently religious without being a Mason, it is impossible that a Mason can be "true and trusty" unless he is a respector of religion, and an observer of religious principle.

But then the religion of Masonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his peculiar faith. It is not Judaism, though there is nothing in it to offend a Jew; it is not Christianity, but there is nothing in it repugnant to the faith of a Christian. Its religion is that general one of nature and primitive revelation—handed down to us from some ancient and patriarchal priesthood, in which all men may agree, and in which no men can differ. It inculcates the practice of virtue, but it supplies no scheme of redemption for sin. It points its disciples to the path of righteousness, but it does not claim to be "the way, the truth and the life." In so far, therefore, it cannot become a substitute for Christianity, but its tendency is thitherward; and as a handmaid of religion it may, and often does, act as the porch that introduces its votaries into the temple of Divine truth.

Masonry, then, is a religious institution, and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Mason defend it.—*Keystone.*

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.

PILGRIMS' DAY.

THE following spirited address was delivered by Grand Master Endicott, at the celebration, at Plymouth, Boston, U.S.A., in memory of the Pilgrim Fathers, held on Thursday, the 1st August:—

We have met here on an occasion that enlists our deepest interest. For about 15 years the people of the United States have been celebrating at intervals the centennial days of American independence. In April 1875, was commemorated at Concord the firing of the shot "heard round the world," and last April the list seemed completed by the universal remembrance of the 100th anniversary of Washington's inauguration as President of the United States. Let such days as these stand as a pledge that we are not forgetful of the efforts our fathers made to establish homes, nor are we indifferent to the privileges they won for us. To-day our thoughts go back for two centuries and a half, and dwell on the time when a little band of men and women landed on this shore, and knew not that they were bringing with them the destinies of a great nation. In all history where can one look for such another picture as this, of the little vessel ploughing its way across unknown seas, freighted with the hopes and fears of men to whom principle was dearer than life itself, and landing them at last on a bleak coast in cold and storm. They came impelled by the same spirit that ever through the history of the world has made for righteousness and freedom. Touched with the strength of a common purpose, they braved danger and scorned hardship. The endurance in those brave hearts has stirred endurance in many who came after them, for never was privation nobly borne or difficulty surmounted that it did not leave added strength for future trial.

Thirty years ago was laid with appropriate ceremonial the corner-stone of this monument. It might have been an unwelcome word to the enthusiasm of that day, if one had said that the call for its dedication would not go forth for 30 years; but most fitting it is that this monument to the memory of men who lived and died for freedom should now be dedicated in a free country; men who have themselves known the struggle that gave the gift of freedom which was their own birthright to a captive race may indeed bless the completion of a monument like this. Thirty years ago men were alarmed, distracted with shadows of approaching conflict. Two or three years later Massachusetts was making history, not commemorating it, but to-day we may well gather to repeat the story of its founders. It is not necessary that I should dwell here on the interest of Freemasonry in all that concerns the life of the community or the welfare of humanity. The principles that emulated the Pilgrims are, indeed, the guiding stars of our Order, and it was with joyful readiness that we accepted the honour of sharing in this service that crowns the completed work. It has been sometimes fancied that Masonry was perhaps too ready to remember the past alone and to defend its right of existence on the grounds of its antiquity. We have far deeper reasons than that for our participation in this ceremony to-day. If Masonry were content to rest on its past alone, its days would indeed be quickly numbered. It fails not in interest for the active, earnest life of to-day. It turns with grateful affection indeed to the noble men and noble deeds of generations past, but would win from the new inspiration to act bravely in the life of to-day and to press on hopefully to all that lies before. Thus it is our hope that this monument may serve a double purpose. First, let it keep alive in the hearts of later generations the memory of all that our present prosperity has cost, that our ease has been bought with the struggles and privations of many, and that faith and undaunted heroism have entered into the very foundations of our institutions. Let it stand to teach that reverence for the past which is a part of every true nature. Only by building on the past can we lift ourselves to higher levels. Let this monument stand also as a promise for the future; let it teach young men that to rightfully reverence the past, they must live for the future, as did those men whose memory we honour to-day. Prosperity has its perils no less than adversity. It is sometimes easier to be brave in the face of hardship than to be true in the midst of luxury. How many a man has kept himself honest and hard-working in comparative poverty, who has proved himself unequal to the temptations of sudden wealth. Let this monument say to him who would honour the Pilgrim that he can rightfully do so only by practising the Pilgrim's virtues. If such a retrospect as this day affords us signifies any deep truth, it means that the ideal is more than the actual. The ideal of right that was in the hearts of the Pilgrims was stronger than the actual privations that surrounded them. The power of an idea drew them from comfort, taught them to endure with fortitude and to work with will. This thought of right, this ideal in their hearts, sustained them as comrade buried comrade in the little burying ground yonder, and it continued with them as they turned back to their hard toil, and their frequent encounters with the Indian. What convincing testimony to the value of an idea does such a movement as this present! May it stand through the years to recall the early days of our country to the minds of all who behold it, and to bear witness to that surpassing power in the human heart which reckons pain and suffering of little account, when it is pressing forward to the accomplishment of Divine ends.

DUBLIN MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

THE secretary of Lodge 683, Anahilt True Blues, Hillsborough, has received £16 16s 3d from Bro. W. Tennent Henry, C.E., J.P., late secretary of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, being the amount of collection in that church on the occasion of a Masonic festival, and subscriptions before and since received towards founding two clerical governorships for this Lodge in connection with the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin. The Lodge also begs to return their very best thanks to Bro. the Rev. Chas. Donaldson and V.W. Bro. Tennent Henry, for their valuable services on that occasion.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE adjourned meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee. Among others present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, Major A. B. Cook, F. Mead, C. H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., A. Durrant, G. Gregory, W. M. Stiles, W. W. Morgan, A. E. Gladwell, B. Kaufmann, John Barnett jun., W. Smith, Stanley Attenborough, G. Bolton, H. Dickey, S. Leith Tomkins, Richard Eve, H. Algar, John Pollard, W. A. Scurrah, George Plucknett, W. Masters, E. G. Harewood, Robert W. Bourne, W. F. Smithson, C. Greenwood, W. H. Saunders, J. C. Hopwood, J. Moon, G. Cooper, Jas. Stevens, Joseph Tanner, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., S. Richardson, E. E. Brown Kidder, A. M. Cohen, G. Corble, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Perryman, John Jones, H. Massey, Joseph D. Langton, and Fredk. Binckes (Secretary). The Earl of Euston read the further report of the Provisional Management Committee, as follows: —

"The Provisional Committee report that they have conferred with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, and have arranged that he shall retire from the office of Secretary at the end of the present year (1889) upon a retiring allowance of £350 per annum for life. They recommend that this arrangement be carried out, and the necessary notices given under the laws of the Institution for this purpose, and that this Committee be empowered to take the necessary steps to carry into effect the arrangement with Bro. Binckes. The Provisional Committee further recommend that the salary of any future Secretary shall not commence with a sum exceeding £300 per annum."

That, Lord Euston said, was all his Committee had to report that day for the Committee to come to a resolution upon. Bro. J. S. Cumberland inquired if the Committee had considered the subject of the Secretary's salary, in connection with the granting him a pension after service. Lord Euston thought that subject was not for consideration on the present occasion. Bro. Cumberland was glad of this. Still, he thought it should be an instruction to the Committee to consider whether a Secretary should be entitled, after having served the Institution for years, to a pension. Bro. W. A. Scurrah suggested before proceeding the meeting ought to have the minutes read. He understood that the meeting of the 3rd inst. was to be only a formal meeting, consequently a great many brethren stayed away. Bro. John Jones said that Bro. Plucknett was in the chair on the 3rd inst.; it was a regular meeting. The minutes were read and confirmed, and there was a general understanding that there was nothing to be done but the passing of the minutes, and he did not think it was right to read the minutes again. Bro. Cumberland said if the minutes were again read would it not be opening up a precedent? It was recognised that the meeting of the 3rd inst. would have to be adjourned, and that only the minutes would be read. He was sure that if Lord Euston thought the minutes ought to be read he would have suggested it. Some discussion now arose as to the qualification which was necessary for brethren to attend the meetings of the General Committee, and several of those present were declared ineligible to attend, and as a consequence had to leave the room. Bro. Cumberland then formally moved the adoption of the report from the Provisional Committee. It gave him great pleasure to make this motion, for more than one reason. First of all, Bro. Binckes had performed very valuable services to the Institution. He did not care much for remarks made outside; he looked more to the services rendered; and he hoped the time was far distant when the brethren would forget what any brother had done to help the poor children and the Schools. Bro. Binckes had been the pioneer of the Masonic Institutions. Surely after the report they had received from the Investigation Committee, all the sins of omission and commission were not to be charged upon the shoulders of Bro. Binckes. If the House Committee had allowed him a little more latitude than he ought to have had, it was not so much his fault as theirs. He went further: if Bro. Binckes had done a little bit wrong, was there any brother in the room who, during his life, had not done wrong? He ought not to be persecuted because, by some mischance or other, he had done something or had said something which had not met with the approval of all the brethren. Bro. Binckes had worked very hard for the Institution. He had brought it to a state of great prosperity, and after so many years' service they ought not to let him go without some recognition of his services. He had very great pleasure in proposing that the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee be accepted, and he sincerely trusted his proposal would be well received. Bro. Alderman Harwood (Bolton), Chairman East Lancashire Charity Committee, seconded the motion. Bro. W. A. Scurrah considered the second part of the Report unnecessary. He should move that that portion be expunged. He perfectly agreed with the recommendation that the salary of the future Secretary should not be more than £300 a year, but he maintained that the power of electing the Secretary was not in the Provisional Committee. They might do what they liked in the way of recommending, but the election of Secretary was in the hands of a General Committee. All that the Provisional Management Committee had to do in this respect was to report to the General Committee. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer said that part of the Report was drafted by himself, and it, in his opinion, met all the difficulties. It was necessary that some one should take steps and put everything in trim. When it was requisite to call the brethren together who were entitled to vote at the election of Secretary it was necessary that advertisements and notices should be issued. All those would be submitted to a body that had the power to elect, and that body was the brethren now present. But it was necessary that the Provisional Committee should take preliminary steps to see that all brethren in England should have an opportunity to come in and offer their services, and the Provisional Committee wanted the fullest opportunity to let them know; therefore, they asked to be the agents of the general body and nothing more. For himself, he should be happy to be divested of the power to elect from some sixty, a hundred, or perhaps, three or four hundred, candidates. He only hoped they would elect the proper man. Bro. Scurrah urged that the Provisional Committee was given the full powers exercised by the defunct House Committee. Consequently they required no further authority from the present meeting. Bro. Cumberland agreed with Bro. W. A. Scurrah that it was necessary for the Provisional Committee to ask for powers of that kind; the Provisional Committee entirely took the place of the House Committee. Bro. Jones proposed an amendment, that the retiring allowance to Bro. Binckes should be reduced to £200. Far be it from him to say anything against Bro. Binckes, but, having considered thoroughly the whole position, he could not say justly, as a public official of many years' standing, that the School was what it should be. The parish school at Shoreditch was better than this School at Wood Green. Bro. James Stevens, in supporting the original proposal, thought it would be a disgrace to Freemasons to allow Brother Binckes to retire without some recognition of his services in the past. But he wished to ask from what source would the proposed pension be derived? The Earl of Euston said he believed the Committees of the Institution had the power. Bro. Dr. Mickley stated that pensions were given in many Institutions and in private concerns, notwithstanding that the servants were paid for their work. Bro. Scurrah, as one connected with one of the largest hospitals in London, could say that some few years ago an executive officer at that Institution was growing old, and the Committee of the time, after obtaining counsel's opinion on the subject, granted that man £300 a year pension for the remainder of his life. They need not go outside the Boys' School for a precedent. They had a pensioner at the present time on the list; there was one in the Girls' School, and one in the Benevolent Institution. Going outside again, the Commercial Travellers' School had pensioned off their Secretary. Bro. Stevens' proposition had nothing to do with the matter. He should be but too pleased to do all he could to support the resolution. Bro. Richard Eve said Bro. Philbrick was quite of opinion that the retiring allowance could be granted, and charged to the Institution. The motion was eventually carried. It was announced that Miss Heroome, of the St. Anne's School, had been elected Matron, and notice given to Mr. Hall, the Medical Officer, terminating his engagement. The petitions for placing two boys on the list for next April were considered and agreed to, and outfits were granted to four former pupils. The names of Albert Escott, Greenwich; H. J. Nash, Richmond; and J. Blyth, St. John's Wood, were added to the Committee. Shortly afterwards the meeting closed, after a vote of thanks to the Chairman had been unanimously passed.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

AT the last examination for the Degree of Doctor of Science at the University of London only one candidate passed in Mixed Mathematics, namely R. Bryant, an old pupil of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he is the only man in England who has taken the D. Sc. in this branch of the Doctorate. On leaving the Institution, Mr. Bryant was placed by Dr. Morris under a "Wrangler" for two years. At the end of this time, Mr. Bryant gained an exhibition at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. But the funds at Dr. Morris's disposal were exhausted, and the youthful aspirant for mathematical honours at Cambridge had to give up the idea of a University career and take to private teaching. Mr. Bryant did not give up the idea of taking a Degree, and in 1881 he matriculated at the London University, and in two or three years afterwards graduated as B.A., B.Sc. In June 1889, he took the Degree of D.Sc., and sent in as his thesis a work on the "Orbit of the Comet Sappho." Dr. Bryant is a fellow of the Astronomical Society, and has read several valuable papers at its customary meetings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. C. J. Perceval, Vice-President, was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. A. Scurrah, A. H. Tattershall, Hugh Cotter, C. H. Webb, S. C. Haslip, Charles Kempton, W. B. Daniell, Charles Daniel, J. J. Berry, W. H. Hulbert, S. Brooks, David D. Mercer, A. Mullord, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., R. Berridge P.G.D.C., H. Driver P.G.S. of W., C. H. Bevir, J. S. Cumberland, Hugh M. Hobbs, and John Mason (acting Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the death of an accepted widow candidate was reported. A letter was read from Bro. the Earl of Euston, in which his lordship expressed his very cordial acknowledgments for the illuminated address of thanks presented to him in recognition of his services as Chairman at the last Anniversary Festival. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and a vote of thanks passed to the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the renewal of their gifts to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon. Applications from two widows to be allowed the half of their late husband's annuities were acceded to, and two petitions (one male and one widow) were examined and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May 1890. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

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To the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it.

I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green, August 1889. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 26th May 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, *Surgeon.*

21 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, *L.S.A. (Lond).*

Becket House Wantage, 23rd July 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

J. A. BALL, *M.B. (Lond.)*
Physician to St. Mary's Home, Wantage;
Consulting Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

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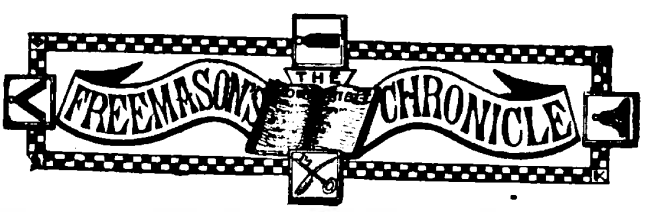
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SATURDAY, 17TH AUGUST 1889.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

(Continued from page 84).

CHAPTER III. of Bro. Crossley's History—which we shall now consider—treats of the formation and early career of the Probity Lodge. As we have mentioned, in our first notice of the book, the Lodge was constituted on the 12th July 1738, at the Bull's Head, Halifax, the warrant empowering the Lodge to meet on the last Monday in each month. From the engraved lists of the period—of which *fac similes* are given in the book—the Lodge was originally numbered 176, from this it gradually worked up, until, at the re-numbering of 1792, it became No. 61. At the Union of the two Grand Lodges, in 1813, this number was again altered—to 84, since which time it has been twice changed, in 1832 to 73, and in 1863 to No. 61. It may here be noted, and, as Bro. Crossley puts it, it is somewhat curious, that the Lodge of Probity should succeed in 1863 to the same number—61—it enjoyed from the re-numbering in 1792 until the Union in 1813. While on this subject of numbers there is another curious instance pointed out in the History. Bro. Crossley refers to the establishment of a second Lodge in Halifax, in August 1769, under the title of the Bacchus, and this Lodge was numbered 448; it was erased in 1783. At the present time there is a second Lodge in Halifax, and this bears the number 448, the same as was borne by its predecessor upwards of a hundred years ago. Of course these two agreements between the numbering of last century and of the present day are nothing but coincidences, but they are just of that character on which much might be written, and many strange fancies formulated; they are a living evidence that "truth is stranger than fiction."

Unfortunately, but little is known of the early doings of the Lodge, the minutes, if written, are not known to be in existence, and, as usual, the records of Grand Lodge afford no assistance in the matter, not even lists of members of private Lodges being kept between 1730 and 1770. The Warrant under which the Lodge now works is not the original, but was presented to the Lodge on 24th July 1765, when Bro. Spencer G.S. was thanked by letter "for his magnificent present to this Lodge of a renewed Warrant." This Warrant is granted on the petition of John Senior and several other brethren, and empowers the said John Senior to convene the "brethren residing at Halifax aforesaid, who have signed the said petition, and in due form constitute them into a regular Lodge." This Bro. Senior then is regarded as the Father of the Lodge, but it has been quite impossible to discover who were associated with him, or who petitioned with him for its establishment.

The first written records of the Lodge are to be found in the Minute Book commencing in 1762, and also the Treasurer's book bearing the same date, but the continuity of the Lodge's existence from its establishment until that date is made apparent by its regular insertion in the engraved and other lists of Lodges which were issued in

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the interim. Possibly, says the historian, the records had not been written before 1762. At any rate, in that year the Lodge seemed in a prosperous condition, which in part may be accounted for from the fact that "in 1761 the Grand Lodge of York was revived, and several Lodges warranted by it."

The first recorded meeting, 10th November 1762, was held at the Rose and Crown, to which the Lodge had removed, apparently from the Black Bull, to which it is accredited in the engraved lists of 1740 and 1756. R.W. Bro. William Newby was in the chair on this occasion. The minute records the opening "an Apprentic's Lodge in ample Form," after which the Lodge duly and regularly went "thro' the Apprentice Work." Bro. John Hindson was proposed as a candidate for Masonry, and the Lodge was closed to the following Tuesday—16th November 1762. The next minute refers to this date, which is described as an "Extraordinary Lodge night," and records the initiation of the candidate proposed at the preceding meeting. From the Treasurer's book it appears that the "xpenses in making Bro. John Hindson—all the members agreed to make him gratis, he being for the Tyler"—amounted to 16s 6d. Bro. Crossley refers to the fact that at these early recorded meetings the visitors were fairly numerous, and this leads him to suppose that although the Lodge was the only one known in the district at the date, there must have been Lodges of some kind in the immediate neighbourhood. In this connection Brother Crossley refers to Bro. Sadler's "Facts and Fictions," in which it is recorded that in various parts of the country there were Lodges in existence that were unattached to any Grand Lodge.

If we have devoted a large share of attention to these early doings of the Probity Lodge it is because we have been so interested in what we have thus far read of Bro. Crossley's work, and for the same reason we have extracted largely from it, both in the hope of interesting our readers, and also with the object of circulating the views and the opinions he has formed in connection with the earlier doings of the Craft in Halifax. We hope others may equally enjoy the result of Bro. Crossley's labours.

(To be continued).

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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"Constituciones Artis Gemetriæ Secundum Euclydem." A facsimile of the early poem on Freemasonry from the original MS. presented by King George II. to the English Nation in 1757, now in the British Museum, [Bibl. Reg. 17, A. 1.] London: Spencer and Co., Great Queen Street.

Masonic students will readily accord their thanks to Bro. Whymper, C.I.E., Past Deputy District Grand Master Punjab, for the admirable manner in which he has reproduced, in facsimile, this well known Poem, which is supposed to be the oldest document of the Craft available at the present day. The work is perhaps better known as the Halliwell MS., mainly from the fact that the late Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillips was the first who drew attention to the essentially Masonic character of its contents. The original is written on vellum, and will be found classified as No. 17, A. 1., in the Bibl. Reg. British Museum. Brother Whymper, in his Introductory Remarks, tells us that "the MS. formerly belonged to Charles Theyer, a collector in the seventeenth century," and is described in Bernard's "Catalogus Manuscriptorum Angliæ" (Oxford 1697). Its existence was well-known, but it does not seem to have been generally understood until 1838-9, when Mr. Halliwell drew attention to it in a paper "On the Introduction of Freemasonry into England." Later on this gentleman published two small editions of his work "The Early History of Freemasonry in England," and therein gave a transcript of the poem. "The *fac simile* itself has been entrusted to Mr. F. Compton Price, a skilled lithographic artist, who was pupil to Mr. Halliwell's copyist, Mr. Joseph Netherclift. During the tracing, Mr. Price has referred, word by word, to the Halliwell transcript, and it is therefore trusted the present production is absolutely accurate."

We may add that the work now offered is the exact size of the original. It has the Royal Arms stamped on both covers, and G. R. II., with the date, 1757. The lettering on the back has been reproduced. The Masonic Student will find much to interest him in a study of its contents.

The result of the recent examination of girls of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in science and art, at the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, was that out of 30 girls submitted for examination, nine passed in the first class, and 20 in the second.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday afternoon, the 30th ult. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent (who was engaged in attending an important meeting of the Bath and West of England Society), Comp. J. S. Eastes P.G.H. presided, and opened the Provincial Grand Chapter. The report of the Audit Committee was approved and adopted, and on the recommendation of that body the sum of £105, from the funds, was voted in grants to the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The following Companions were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and each duly invested with the collar and jewel of his office, viz:—

Comp. Jas. Smith Eastes P.Z. 503, 709		H.
Horatio Ward Z. 1273	...	J.
Thos. Samuel Warne P.Z. 20	...	S.E.
Wm. Jas. Collens P.Z. 77	...	S.N.
Fredk. Wood P.Z. 1973	...	Registrar
Wm. Henry Cronk P.Z. 1414	...	P.S.
Chas. V. Cotterell P.Z. 1837	...	1st A.S.
Thos. Watson P.Z. 1174	...	2nd A.S.
Silas Wagon Z. 503	...	Sword Bearer
John Coulter P.Z. 20	...	Standard Bearer
Wm. Carter P.Z. 31	...	D. of C.
R. J. E. Brown P.Z. 158	...	A.D. of C.
A. Hans Holbein P.Z. 558	...	Organist
T. R. S. Champion Z. 829	...	Assistant S.E.
John Cooke 709 ...	...	Janitor

Comp. William Russell was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, in the place of Comp. B. K. Thorpe, who has resigned that appointment consequent on his removal from the Province. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Comp. Thorpe for the able way in which he had discharged the Treasurership of Prov. Grand Chapter from its foundation, and a Committee was appointed to make the arrangements for presenting him with a suitable testimonial. After the transaction of other business Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, the Companions afterwards partaking their annual banquet, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, when the customary Masonic and other toasts were given and duly honoured.

PROV. GRAND CHAPER OF DEVON.

THE annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon was held on the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Comp. Major G. C. Davie Prov. G.S.E. officiated as Prov. G. Supt. *pro tem*, and he was supported by a large number of P.G. Officers and visiting brethren. Comp. Davie apologised for the absence of Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the P.G. Superintendent. His Lordship, he said, had made every arrangement to attend that Convocation, and had arrived in the West for that purpose, when he was unexpectedly recalled to London to attend to his Parliamentary duties. Comp. W. G. Rogers P.G.H. was also unavoidably absent, through a meeting of the Exeter City Council being held that day, which he had to attend as City Treasurer. The acting P.G.S.E. reported that twenty-seven Chapters had forwarded their returns and dues. The P.G. Treasurer reported that the receipts for the year had been £97 15s, and that the present balance in hand available for the votes of the Chapter was £42. Comp. Kersteman proposed, and Comp. Du Pre seconded, that 20 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows, the sum to be placed on the Steward's list of Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. Comp. Lord proposed that £7 10s each be voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Comp. Cornish seconded, and both propositions were unanimously adopted. On the proposition of Comp. J. Kinton Bond, seconded by Comp. Du Pre, and supported by several other members, Comp. J. W. Cornish was elected the Treasurer. Comps. J. R. Lord and J. Kinton Bond were elected the Auditors. The acting P.G. Superintendent then invested the Officers for the year:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers 112 ..	...	2nd Principal
Major J. S. Swan 847	...	3rd Principal
Major G. C. Davie 251	...	S.E.

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F. B. Westlake 70 ...	...	S.N.
J. W. Cornish 223 ...	...	Treasurer
J. Bradford 1358 ...	...	Reg.
W. Allsford 202 ...	...	P.S.
J. Moysey 223 ...	...	1st A.S.
D. Cross 1205 ...	...	2nd A.S.
C. Croydon 189 ...	...	Sword Bearer
J. Gifford 2025 ...	...	Standard Bearer
J. R. H. Harris 230	...	D.C.
A. Pidsley 106 ...	...	A.D.C.
W. S. Hearder 105	...	Organist
F. Shooter ...	...	Janitor

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia held its first congregation in connection with the Royal Arch Chapter under the S.A. Constitution on Wednesday evening, 26th June, in the Masonic Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide. The Chapter was opened in ample form by the Principals, and the Supreme Grand Chapter was received with the accustomed Masonic honours. The Supreme Z. (Chief Justice Way) and the Grand Principal (H. E. Downer, M.P.) entered the Chapter and at once declared the Grand Chapter open. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Comp. S. J. Way ...	...	1st Principal
H. E. Downer, M.P.	...	2nd Principal
S. Solomon, M.P. ...	...	3rd Principal
P. Sansom ...	...	S.N.
J. Cunningham ...	...	S.E.
G. G. Martin ...	...	P.S.
G. C. Knight ...	...	D.C.
J. Le M. F. Roberts	...	1st A.S.
E. Cooke ...	...	2nd A.S.
F. C. Bowen ...	...	Registrar
M. V. Adams ...	...	Sword Bearer
Cornish ...	...	Standard Bearer
N. Kildael ...	...	Janitor

The Officers were duly presented, and installed by the Chief Justice, and before the Chapter closed the Grand Z. was saluted with the usual Masonic Rites. Afterwards a banquet was held in the banqueting hall, to which the Grand Z. remained, and made an interesting speech, mentioning, *inter alia*, that he had received from the Grand Chapter of England the full recognition for which they had so long and anxiously waited. This announcement was received with much enthusiasm. His Honour also expressed his gratification at having been permitted to open the new Grand Chapter of Victoria.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

AT the Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter, held at Colchester, on Thursday, the 8th inst., the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. T. G. Mills Z., J. T. Bailey H., A. S. B. Sparling J., T. J. Ralling P.Z. P.G. Sword Bearer England P.G.S.E. Essex S.E., C. Osmond P.P.G.O. S.N., Thomas Rix P.Z. P.P.G. Sword Bearer Treasurer, B. D. Poppleton P.S., the Rev. W. M. Jones 1st A.S., A. Barritt 2nd A.S., S. Munson and A. Wright Janitors.

BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, No. 159.

THE annual election was held on the 31st ult. The Principals elected were:—Comps. W. H. Williams Z., N. Radmore H., C. Marshall J. The Officers also elected were Comps. F. J. Price S.E., J. E. Davis S.N., T. Stoner P.S., C. Sellick 1st A.S., J. T. Rook 2nd A.S. Comps. C. A. Nicholson and J. Bartlett were re-elected Treasurer and Janitor.

ELLIOTT CHAPTER, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, to instal Comp F. Couch as H. and Comp. W. Powell as J. Comp. W. H. Lister Z. elect was unavoidably absent. The installing principals were Comps. J. E. Lord P.Z. 70 and James Gidley P.Z. 1205. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Comps. J. G. Wilson I.P.Z., A. W. King S.N., D. Cross Treasurer, G. Gurney P. Soj., J. J. Facey 1st A. Soj., A. Revills 2nd A. Soj., and J. Gidley Janitor. Comps. E. A. Maddock and Jno. Maunder were appointed as Stewards. Prior to the ceremony of installation two candidates were exalted to the supreme degree.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

THE annual picnic in connection with this Lodge was recently held at Broxton, in Cheshire. The members and their friends met at the Liverpool landing-stage at a quarter-past ten a.m., crossed over to Birkenhead, took the train to Chester, and from thence were conveyed in waggonettes, via Eaton Park and Farndon, to the Egerton Arms Hotel, Broxton, where a splendid dinner was waiting to be served to them. After doing justice to the good things supplied, the party was photographed on the lawn at the back of the hotel by Brother Ashley. A first-class programme of sports and dancing was then provided, the different events being eagerly contested, and very much enjoyed, the music being provided by Brother Busfield and his band. After having an excellent tea, some very valuable prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Hewson, the wife of the Worshipful Master, and at seven o'clock the return journey was made to Chester, the whole party arriving in Liverpool at about half-past nine, after spending a most enjoyable day. Among the members present were Bros. W. Hewson W.M., Spurr I.P.M., J. Whalley P.M., R. G. Bradley P.M., J. Humphries P.M., D. C. Davidson S.W., John Hayes Treasurer, R. Shacklady Secretary, H. F. Neale S.D., T. Bush, J.D., E. Routledge S.S., T. J. Roberts J.S., F. Saunders A.S., &c.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1182.

THIS Lodge, which originally held its meetings at Wavertree, some years ago, but has since, to its advantage, removed to the central habitat in Hope Street, Liverpool, held its annual meeting on the 8th instant, under circumstances which gave the assembly great *éclat*. The Lodge has had a prosperous year, £50 having been expended on the Charities, and the retiring W.M. has every reason to be satisfied with the way in which the brethren have supported him. He himself took the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Pittaway I.P.M., J. W. Tyson, T. Davey, J. Edwards S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Rawsthorne J.W., A. D. Hesketh Treasurer, A. Morris Secretary, W. F. Ferguson S.D., W. R. Parkinson I.G., A. Barclay D.C., &c. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. A. Barclay and R. Martin, and the ceremony of installation was very creditably performed by Bros. J. B. Galloway W.M. and A. D. Hesketh, after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. J. B. Galloway I.P.M., W. Rawsthorne S.W., A. Morris J.W., A. D. Hesketh Treasurer, W. F. Ferguson Secretary, W. R. Parkinson S.D., R. Tunnicliffe J.D., D. Lowthian I.G., J. T. Shutt S.S., J. H. Mills J.S., H. S. Wright Organist, A. Barclay D.C. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Casey afterwards catered very satisfactorily for the brethren, and during the evening, which was very happily spent, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, with collar, was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

AT the monthly meeting, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 13th inst., the W.M. Bro. T. W. Morgan presiding, Bro. T. H. Wills S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. John Dodge was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. John Taylor J.D. and Librarian announced that the newly-formed library was now open, with contributions of no less than eighty-three volumes. The donors of the several books, which included many valuable works, besides the *Freemason* complete to date with the exception of Vol. 4, were Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. England, John Chapman P.P.G.J.D., John Lane P.P.G.R., and John Taylor J.D. The thanks of the Lodge were severally accorded to these brethren for their generous gifts. During the evening Bro. W. J. Noseworthy was made a Master Mason, Bro. John Lane ably performing the ceremony.

Lord Carrington was, on the 24th June, installed for the second time as Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, at the Masonic Hall, the ceremony being attended by upwards of 300 leading Masons. Bro. C. F. Stokes was installed as Deputy Grand Master. Lord Carrington in his address referred to the colliery disaster at Newcastle. He stated that if relief were required for the widows and orphans, the Masons in the colony, who deeply sympathized with the sufferers through the calamity, would not be behindhand in contributions.

A grand Bazaar for the purpose of raising a sum of about £10,000 to aid the Annuity Fund of the Extended Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, for the benefit of indigent Scottish Masons, their widows or children, is to be held at the end of next year, in Edinburgh. A number of influential names stand on the committee, including Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, the Earl of Haddington, and Lord Saltoun, who is Junior Grand Warden. Contributions are being collected, and the excellent object in view ought to find ready sympathisers even beyond the ranks of Freemasonry. Mr. W. A. Davies, accountant, Edinburgh, is the bazaar secretary.

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UNVEILING MEMORIAL WINDOWS AT WINSON GREEN.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., Lord Leigh Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, assisted by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the brethren of the Province, held a special meeting in the Dudley-road Board Schools, and subsequently formed in procession and walked to St. Cuthbert's Church, where three memorial windows were unveiled. The windows have been subscribed for by the Sunday schools and parishioners in memory of the late Vicar, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Tarleton P.P.G. Chaplain. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge who accompanied Lord Leigh were Bros. J. T. Collins Deputy Provincial Grand Master, G. H. Rooker Asst. D.C., Mears S.B., J. R. Jackson D.C., F. H. Reece G.O., G. Beech G.S., J. W. Matthews Asst Secretary, W. H. Wood G.P., W. E. Fowkes Asst. G.P., and W. E. Mewis G. Steward There were also present several Past Officers of Grand Lodge and members. In the course of the service Lord Leigh unveiled the windows, which are situated in the Chancel, and consists of three lights each, with a single figure in each light, the pedestals and canopies, in the perpendicular style, being in keeping with the architectural features of the church. The subjects treated are Abraham, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Our Lord Jesus Christ, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, and St. John. In the tracery of the centre window are Masonic emblems, and the other traceries are treated in gresaille. The colouring is rich, but chaste; the draperies are remarkable free and flowing, and the treatment of the whole is broad and effective. Messrs. W. Pearce and Company, of Bridge-street, Birmingham, executed the work, from the designs of their superintendent, Mr. Thomas Stacy. The whole chancel has been much improved, the walls have been stencilled a neat ecclesiastial pattern, and the iron lights replaced by brass standards, by Mr. G. Hadley, Monument-road. The service at the church was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. Dr. McCann), Canon Bowlby, and the Rev. T. W. Peart. In the course of a short sermon, based on 1 Corinthians x. 31, the Vicar said the windows were more than the expression of living memories—they were that of unforgotten services rendered by one whose whole sympathy and love were in the church he founded. At a subsequent meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, on the motion of Lord Leigh, a sum of 10 guineas was voted from the funds to the Sunday Schools. Luncheon was afterwards served in the school, and presided over by Lord Leigh. Amongst those present were the Revds. Dr. McCann, A. R. Vardy, W. B. Wilkinson, and T. W. Peart; Messrs. G. Beech, W. F. Tolladay, J. Bowen, and others. Apologies were announced from Viscountess Newport, the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Mr. Dixon, M.P., Mr. Jaffray, Mr. Commissioner Philbrick, the Mayor (Alderman Barrow), the Mayor of West Bromwich (Councillor Heelis), and Alderman Manton. After the Loyal toasts, the Rev. Dr. McCann proposed Lord Leigh and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire. He said that his Lordship was one of the most popular men in the country, and whenever he was asked to do a kindness he did it kindly. In reply, Lord Leigh said that his presence there that day had been for him a source of great pleasure, not unmixed with pain. They all remembered the first vicar of that parish, and he could only say that, as Freemasons, they felt it a great honour to be permitted to unveil the beautiful windows subscribed for by the children and parishioners. It was seventeen years since he (Lord Leigh) had the pleasure of laying Masonically the first stone of that church, and he knew how anxiously their late Bro. Tarleton exerted himself to obtain funds to build the church. They all felt deeply his loss, and rejoiced to find that Bro. Tolladay had worked so excellently to get up that meeting, to which he had asked the attendance of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The Rev. A. R. Vardy, in proposing success to St. Cuthbert's Sunday Schools, said he knew the late vicar as a pupil at King Edward's School, and testified to the earnestness of his work on behalf of the school and in the parish. The labour of the Sunday Schools was very important. There was a time when in all schools religious instruction formed part of the work. He regretted very much the changes which had recently taken place, and which had banished to a great extent Bible-teaching from the ordinary schoolroom. That only made the work and function of the Sunday schools more important, and if the young generation were to be trained aright they must be trained in the knowledge and fear of God. That work was being done most efficiently in that parish in the large Sunday schools connected with the Church. The erection of those windows was a striking illustration of the value the children placed on the services of the late vicar. It was a unique event that school-children should, by their scanty means, raise so noble and enduring a monument to one who worked for them. The Rev. T. W. Peart responded on behalf of Mrs. Peart, superintendent of the Girls' Sunday School. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. F. Tolladay, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the arrangements. Several other toasts were proposed.

At a recent meeting of Lodge Canterbury, 1048, E.C., held in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, a motion affirming the desirability of establishing a United Grand Lodge in New Zealand was carried by a substantial majority.

The Shaftesbury re-opens, on the 27th inst., with a new and original four act play of Modern English life, entitled "The Middleman," by Henry Arthur Jones. Mr. E. S. Willard will be supported by Messrs. Mackintosh and E. W. Garden; Miss Maude Millett, Miss Annie Hughes, Mrs. E. H. Brooke, and Miss Agnes Verity.

MARK MASONRY.

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DERWENT LODGE, No. 282.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, Workington. There were present:—Bros. Isaac Dickinson S.W., Joseph Eden I.P.M., John Paterson Treasurer, G. B. M'Kay Secretary, Joseph Harding S.D., Josiah Parker J.D., J. Howieson I.G., William Whitehead Tyler, E. Leach, G. H. Smith, James Jolley, John Warwick, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Joseph Eden, after which Bro. Paterson took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. Eden installed Bro. Dickinson S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren with collars of office:—Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice I.P.M., G. P. M'Kay S.W., J. Harding J.W., J. Paterson Treasurer, Rev. E. M. Rice Chaplain, J. Warwick Secretary, A. Ashmore M.O., J. Parker S.O., J. Howieson J.O. E. Leach S.D., J. Jolley J.D., S. Bethell I.G., J. Cooper Organist, D. Simons Director of Ceremonies, G. H. S. Smith Reg. of Marks, W. Whitehead Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed for the newly installed W.M. from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Upon the Lodge being closed, the brethren, at the W.M.'s invitation, partook of a banquet, which was provided at the Green Dragon Hotel, by Brother and Mrs. Howieson. The W.M., Bro. Dickinson, presided.

AN EDICT AGAINST THE CERNEAU SCOTTISH RITE.

Washington, 28th July.

THE controversy which has been general among the Masonic Fraternity throughout the country respecting the Cerneau Scottish rite has culminated here in the issue of an edict by Harrison Dingman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, under date of 25th July, pronouncing the Cerneau organisation clandestine and warning all members of that rite that they are liable to discipline from the Grand Lodge unless they at once withdraw from said Cerneau body. The main reason for the edict, aside from other questions arising in the Scottish Rite controversy, is stated to be that the Cerneau organization has established relations of amity and Masonic correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, the governing body of Masons in that country, which is under the ban of at least every English speaking Grand Lodge in the world, because the Grand Orient has stricken the name of God from its rituals. The Grand Lodge of this country, it is said, have an additional grievance against the Grand Orient of France because the latter persists in recognising the negro Grand Lodge of the United States. Grand Master Dingman's edict directs that all visitors to the Lodges in the district of Columbia shall be required to state before admission that they are not members of the Cerneau organisation. The meeting of the Cerneau organisation in any Masonic hall is also prohibited.

FRUIT OF THE AMERICAN MASONIC ANTI CERNEAU MANIA.

Cedar Rapids, IA., 20th July.

AN action was begun yesterday in the district court at Marion that will startle Masonic circles more than anything else perhaps of late years. Judge Preston, on the petition of Grand Officers of the Iowa Consistory of that branch of Scottish Rite Masonry commonly known as the Cerneau, ordered a temporary injunction against the Grand Lodge of Iowa Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, restraining them from putting into effect the legislation of the last session of the Grand Lodge, referring to the Cerneau bodies and which commanded Master Masons to leave the Consistory of Iowa of that Rite, under punishment of expulsion. The petition states that as the body represented by the plaintiffs does not confer the blue Lodge degrees and the Grand Lodge or its subordinate Lodges do not confer the 29 higher degrees, the Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction whatever, and its action is illegal, arbitrary, oppressive, proscriptive of their individual consciences and Masonic relations, and hurtful to their standing as good and reputable citizens. This is the first time a Masonic body has appealed to the state courts, and the action of the Supreme Court to which it will finally go will be a precedent for other States. The time for hearing the arguments for a perpetual injunction will be in the October term of court at Marion.

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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 AUGUST.

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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.3
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2228—Done, King's Arms Hotel, Cookham, Berks
2309—George Gardner, Datchett, Buckinghamshire
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 19th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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.)
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.)
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.)
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
369—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 24—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bridge, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (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)
890—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Theobald's Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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)
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.)
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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
218—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Werren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1425—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
144—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Beadle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1561—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, Barbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Portitude, 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. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 (Inst)
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, 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.)
932—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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, 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)
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
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Pendleton
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Portsmouth
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)
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1466—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, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1682—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1908—Mawddach, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
141—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, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Birdcott Castle, Swan Tavern, Bedford Green, Kew Road, at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1460—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1628—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1554—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 Mydelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Tiberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Hall House, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Prudence, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Grosvenor, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—Creation, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1866—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
293—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton

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504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 218—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

FRIDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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. (I n
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—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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)
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M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 255—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
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1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M,C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex

SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST.

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, 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)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1963—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

The *Western Morning News*, referring to the approaching annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, to be held at Liskeard on Tuesday, 27th August, says:—

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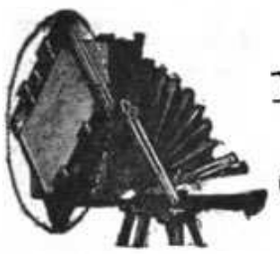
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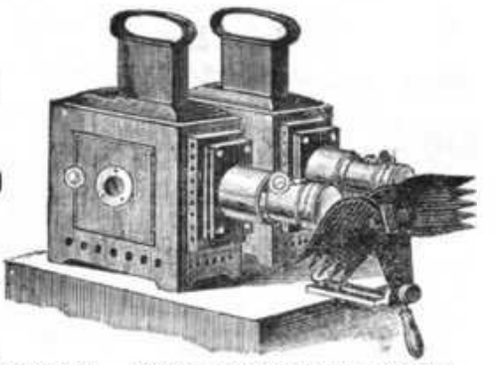
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MORE CLASS MASONRY.

IT seems those in authority in the Masonic Order do not by any means share the views we have more than once expressed in regard to Class Masonry, and we are of opinion that nothing short of a Masonic calamity will make any impression on them in this particular. We may be wrong, but we consider continuance of the tactics of the past few years, in regard to the establishment of new Lodges, limited to particular classes or sections of the community, must, sooner or later, end in disaster; and we are more than surprised that the Grand Master and his advisers cannot see the danger towards which they are drifting. Masonry is free—freedom is, indeed, one of the most prominent features in the structure, and it is impossible to explain how this freedom can be maintained in association with numberless class Lodges—or in other words, Lodges which are only free to particular persons. The whole system of making stipulations as to who shall and who shall not be admitted amongst us, except those which have been associated with the Craft as long as it has existed in its present form, is an innovation, and a departure from the established customs and usages of Freemasonry that should have called down the condemnation of Grand Lodge rather than have received encouragement and support from that quarter.

We do not suppose anything we can urge will cause an immediate alteration in regard to existing class Lodges, neither do we imagine we shall be able to influence the opinions of those who have the power to recommend the granting new Warrants, but we may arouse the feelings of individual Craftsmen on the subject, and, it may be, lay the foundation for a movement which shall eventually restore Freemasonry to its original freedom. We are told the strength of a chain is the strength of its weakest link; in like manner the prosperity of Freemasonry is influenced by the prosperity of its subordinate Lodges, and if one of these acts in any way contrary to the spirit of the Order the whole suffers, perhaps not to any appreciable extent where small matters are concerned, but none the less certain on that account. If Class Masonry is to be allowed in individual Lodges, it is only the stepping stone to a huge system of cliquism, of combinations and of sectionism, which can do no good to those who support them, and must work detrimentally to the Craft as a whole. Looking at the matter calmly, and from an unprejudiced point of view, we cannot see any ground on which to excuse the formation of exclusive Lodges, while, on the opposite side, we see much to cause anxiety and alarm. It is as well sometimes to see ourselves as others see us, and as we have recently had practical experience in this direction, perhaps it will better illustrate our case if we recount such experience. A Colonial paper was sent us by an old friend, wherein was recorded the fact that a new Lodge was to be established in London, under the title of the Scots Lodge—which, as our readers are aware, was duly consecrated. To this was added, as an explanation of the title, an announcement that the Lodge was established for the purpose of giving Scotchmen in London a special Lodge for their particular benefit, and, further, that only such candidates as were born in Scotland would be admissible as members. Our friend, who has not been well posted as to the growing tendency to establish class Lodges in this country, could not understand the restrictions set out in his local paper, and he asks us, among other matters, if this Scots Lodge is to own allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, or to the Grand Lodge of Scotland? while, in either case, he is puzzled to see the way in which the members will adhere to their restrictive laws, and at the same time keep to the spirit of their Masonic obligations. Here is the opinion of a brother thousands of miles away, one who has been accustomed to see Lodges of more than one Constitution at work side by side, and yet he can find cause for surprise in the present procedure in the Masonic home of the world—in enlightened England.

Of course our correspondent is wrong in even supposing the Scots Lodge is to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but his query gives rise to another. If it is legal for the Grand Lodge of England to establish a Lodge for Scotchmen alone, in London, how much worse would it be for them to warrant a Lodge exclusively for Englishmen, in Edinburgh? This would be trespassing on another Grand Lodge's jurisdiction, and no doubt it would be speedily resented; but by adopting the course that has now become so popular we consider that Grand Lodge is encroaching on the liberty of its own subjects. Will they be equally alive to the situation, and will they ever resent it?

OUTSIDE CRITICISM.

IT will generally be conceded that the purveyors of intelligence of the present day have their work cut out for them, but as to whether or no they possess the requisite skill to make a good job of what they undertake we dare not venture to give a decided opinion upon. In the old days it was generally recognised that before a writer took up his pen to set forth his views on any given subject it was absolutely necessary he should undergo a course of "coaching" or "reading up," but the modern caterer, for the news of the hour, cannot devote his time—leisure he has not—to a course of preparation; he must supply, in order to keep pace with demand, and he cares little as to the value or quality of what he offers. As a consequence the papers of the day in relation to technical or special matters are continually at fault. This is borne out by a statement made in the *Evening News* of the

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2nd inst., from which we cull the following:—

"Bro. Binckes has done yeoman's service for Masonry, but no one, inside or outside the Craft, can fail to come to the conclusion that, as Secretary to what Masons know as the Boys' School, he formed an altogether mistaken notion of his position. "The Boys' School; I am the Boys' School," seems to have been the Secretary's view, and so grave did matters become that, exactly a year ago, on Saturday, 27th July 1888, a Committee of Investigation was appointed, by the Quarterly Court of Governors, whose report was presented 26th April. Engaged at a salary of £150 a year, the Secretary's present emoluments, according to the report, are £700 a year. Considering what Bro. Binckes has done, it cannot be denied that he is worth it; his great mistake has been that, not being satisfied with being Secretary, he has tried to be head master, head everything—a very Walpole among secretaries."

Now this may be "smart" writing, but does it show that the author has any practical knowledge upon the subject? We venture to say, emphatically, he has not. When Bro. Binckes was appointed Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, now nearly 30 years ago, the annual income of that Charity was something like £2000; from time to time Bro. Binckes's duties have increased, while the demands upon his time—which at first were limited to some few hours each week—have been extended, till for some years now past he has had to devote all his energies to carry out the demands made upon him. Bro. Binckes's salary has been increased from time to time, as the majority of our readers know, till it now stands at £500 per annum; while for "emoluments" the only feature that can be described as such is embodied in a well earned recognition for eminent services rendered, viz.: the fund whereby Bro. Binckes commuted his claim for a per centage on certain amounts realised from time to time, through his exertions, for an annual payment in lieu of commission of £200 per annum, and in accepting this arrangement most of those who fully understand the facts of the case will give Bro. Binckes the credit for having acted in a liberal and conciliatory spirit.

We do not propose to-day to enlarge on the theme thus brought under our notice, but what can those of our readers who know the facts of the case say to the following garbled summary of the recommendations of the Investigation Committee:—

"The entries charging 100 cucumbers, the statement of the Investigating Committee that 'beyond such quantities of grapes, cucumbers, and tomatoes as the House Committee may consume at its monthly dinners, and some grapes and tomatoes at the stewards' own table, we could trace no consumption of these articles in the House,' are cruel in their brutal stupidity.

"And while there were some grapes and tomatoes on the stewards' own table, what of the boys? 'We noticed the general appearance of the boys was pale, and their manner spiritless.' 'Moreover a large dustbin is placed in the playground of the younger children.' 'As to the towels, each is used in common by several boys, and this occurs even when boys are suffering from ringworm.' Hapless Lewises! it was indeed time that something should be done: a secretary pensioned or a Committee man hanged, drawn, and quartered."

Well, well; we suppose this "tall" writing is acceptable to the masses or it would not be so universal at the present day.

NO RIGHT OF INITIATION.

THERE is an erroneous opinion abroad, in certain quarters, that the *best* men among the profane have the *right* to be initiated in Freemasonry, if they see fit to claim the right. This opinion every well-informed Freemason knows is utterly unfounded. The *only* right which any profane enjoys is the right to *petition* for initiation, and even this right is qualified by the fact that his petition is of no effect unless it be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the body which he seeks to enter. If the angel Gabriel were on earth he would have no *right* to Masonic initiation: he would have only the right to petition, as above set forth. As all Freemasons are on the level, so are all the profane. All must follow in the old paths which their fathers trod, from time immemorial. Hence no repute, however general it may be, for virtue, ability or character, can take the place of that Masonic scrutiny which has always been required to precede initiation. Indeed, the profane cannot know what the criterion of judgment is which the Craft sets up. It cannot understand what physical, mental, moral or social attributes are required of candidates. These are familiar only to members of the Fraternity. And even if a profane knew and possessed them all, he would still be in the dark as to the result of his application. *Initiation is a favour, not a right.* The Craft is a Brotherhood, and every brother in a Lodge has the inherent right to say whether an applicant possesses the qualifications for becoming, in the highest and best sense of the term, a Brother of the Craft.

The regulations, written and unwritten, which Freemasonry prescribes with reference to applicants for initiation are of exclusion rather than of inclusion. That is to say, all who do not possess certain indispensable qualifications are for ever excluded. Not possessing these, he is not entitled even to the right of petition, and even after he has petitioned, without the knowledge of his deficiency by the members, the Master of a Lodge, as soon as he becomes aware of the disqualifying facts, is justified in declining to act upon his petition. Freemasonry does not strain its regulations or landmarks in favour of any applicant. It stands on so high a level, has such an established repute, has existed so long, that it is above all petty or individual considerations. It lives for itself, and the continued accomplishment of its high mission. Let us seek to obtain a glimpse of what this mission is.

The mission of Freemasonry, in a word, is to do good unto all men, but especially to those who have been admitted to the fellowship of the mystery. In the Old Charges we find such phraseology as this: an applicant must be competent to perform "the Lord's work," and capable in all respects of "serving his Master's Lord." "The Lord's work" is the enlightenment of the initiate, his instruction in Masonic symbolism, and those noble principles, the nobility of labour, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. No one is admitted who cannot labour. All the officers, seconded by the members, engage in labour at the initiation or advancement of a candidate. When made a Mason the candidate is a new creation. He has been born into Masonry; he has been brought to Masonic Light; he has learned a new language; he has been introduced into a mystic company, all the members of which have passed through the same ceremonies and are bound by the same promises as himself. Hence all Freemasons are one—in spirit, in purpose, in pride.

Does some one say, the Craft is weakened when it fails to admit worthy men. Not at all. Were a thousand worthy men rejected it would not suffer. It is not the exclusion of the worthy, but the inclusion of the unworthy that is the peril of the Craft. The scrutiny cannot be too severe. We cannot be too exact in living up to all the Landmarks. Let the applicant always be a "perfect youth," so that he may be in himself a physical symbol of that intellectual and moral perfection which is expected of all applicants. Let him be in all respects fitted to "serve his Master's Lord," and perform "the Lord's work." Let him be qualified for entry into the brotherhood by being dominated by the spirit of brotherly love. Let him be a lover of science and art, of liberty and good government. Let him be a lover of wisdom, a discerner of secrets, and ambitious to learn all he can concerning the origin, history and purpose of the Craft. Being such a man, he is in the highest sense qualified for Freemasonry. But even he possesses no right to be initiated. The Masonic Brethren must select him from the profane, rather than he them. He first seeks them, but they alone accept him. Weighty responsibility is that which rests upon every Brother when he passes upon the merit or demerit of a candidate for initiation. It is his duty to see that the Mosaic pavement of the Lodge Room be not trodden by hasty feet, or the portals of the Lodge entered by one who is not the possessor of clean hands and a pure heart—*Keystone.*

The meetings of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, will be resumed on Monday, the 2nd proximo, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8 p.m. Bro. James Sims is the W.M. elect for that evening, with Bro. Jesse Collings as Preceptor. Monday, the 22nd proximo, is the date mentioned for the working of the Fifteen Sections, and the Secretary will be pleased if any brother desiring to assist will forward his name and the section he would like to work, to him, as soon as possible. Bro. F. Craggs, 4 Shaftesbury Road, Hammersmith, W., is the Secretary.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT RABBI JACOB JEHUDAH LEON.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

As many readers of this paper may have forgotten what Dermott wrote in his 1764 edition of the Ahiman Rezon, and as a great many Masons into whose hands this paper may fall have never heard about the Ahiman Rezon, I shall reproduce, from the Ahiman Rezon, the following story, viz. :—

"The Freemasons' Arms in the upper part of the frontispiece of this book [the Ahiman Rezon] was found in the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, architect, and brother, Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of Solomon's temple. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the united provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the States generously bestowed the model upon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great. [How great was it?] This model was exhibited to public view, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards in London, by a patent under the great seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles the Second. At the same time, Jacob Jehudah Leon published a description of the tabernacle and the temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1759 and 1760 I had the pleasure of perusing and examining both of these curiosities. The arms are emblazoned thus :—quarterly per squares, counterchanged vert. In the first quarter, Azure a Lyon rampant Or; in the second quarter Or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter Or, a man with a hand erect, proper robed, crimson and ermine; in the fourth quarter Azure, an eagle displayed Or, Crest, the holy ark of the covenant proper, supported by Cherubims. Motto, Kodes la Adonijie, Holiness to the Lord."

Now, in the first place, I did not believe that a *Rabbi* was a brother Mason in the days of Charles 2nd. Second, I believed that the States of Holland at that time *could afford* to build as expensive a Temple as Solomon did when in the height of his glory; and third, I had reason to doubt that Rabbi Leon had illustrated his book with such highly coloured pictures or emblazonments of "Masons' Arms," as above described. In short, I was puzzled as to whether any part of Dermott's story was true, or whether there was truth at all in it. While pondering over the question as to the best method of solving my puzzle, I happened to recollect of Bros. Gould's and Speth's recent visit to the Grand Lodge of Holland, of which Bro. Gould informed me when I met him in London last year. This, somehow, brought a lucky thought into my head. I at once pitched upon Bro. Speth as being the best man to answer my purpose, and the result proves that I was right. Briefly, then, my good Bro. Speth, at my suggestion, opened a correspondence with his new Hollandish acquaintances. Many letters passed to and fro between them; at last, however, the researches of Bro. Speth's friends brought to light some important facts upon the question at issue, which Bro. Speth lost no time in communicating to me. I refrained, however, from publishing the news until I received his permission. This having been obtained, I lay the result before the readers of the Freemason's Chronicle, viz. :—

"The Hague, 27th May 1889.

"My Dear Bro. Speth,

"At last I am so fortunate as to have collected some particulars about the Jehudah question.

"The enclosed paper, written by Bro. Inaas Geesteranus, who took much pleasure in making researches; he had a correspondence with several brethren, and was assisted by a very able brother, who is thoroughly acquainted with the history of the Jews and Jewish literature.

"To Bro. Inaas Geesteranus' account I beg to add that one of my friends, a very esteemed historian and archæologist, made researches in the Royal Archives, containing also the archives of the States of Holland, but without any success: he could find no trace of the question.

"Bro. Inaas Geesteranus and I are of opinion that there is a mistake or misunderstanding in Dermott's statement [this is merely a specimen of Masonic courtesy] concerning the order given by the States of Holland. Evidently, never such an order was given. In the midst of the 17th century a freedom of press existed, but still no book could be published without permission or privilege of the authorities; and, now, Jacob Judah got that permission or privilege, which was printed in front of his book. Such a privilege gave the same right as what now exists as copyright. As I said, it is clear that here was a misunderstanding. I hope the enclosed paper will be of some use to you.

"Yours very fraternally,

"J. P. Vaillant."

Now for the arrived information.

"Jacob Juda (or Jehuda) Leon lived in Middelburg, in Holland, about the middle of the XVII. century. He had made, but without any order, commission, or assistance, whether pecuniary or otherwise, of the Government, a model of Solomon's Temple, that he himself gives the following account of :—"Cette eminente fabrique que j'ai faitte, et que j'ai chez moy, est une pièce de dix pieds de long de l'orient à l'occident, de vingt pieds de large du Midy au Septentrion, et dix-sept de hauteur, faitte avec telle proportion qu'elle vienne à prendre à longueur une partie de trois cent, en hauteur une partie de nonante mil, et en profondeur une partie de vingt et sept millions de la grandeur du meme Temple."*

"In 1642 he edited, at Amsterdam, in the Dutch language, a small book, of which only one copy is known to be extant in the country, under this title—'Description of Solomon's Temple, containing a short account of the form of the building and of all the vessels and instruments used in the service thereof, which model is in the possession of the author, and can be seen by anybody, by Jacob Jehudah Leon Ebreo.'" This description is dedicated to the State of Zealand, who voted a present of 12 pounds 10 sb[ings] Flemish to the author (about £6 10s)."

In 1643 he edited the same book in French, under this title :—

"Portrait du Temple de Solomon, Dans lequel se descrit brièvement la constitution de la fabrique du Temple. Et de tous les vases et utensils d'iceluy: dont la modèle se trouve après le meme auteur comme chacun peut le voir, composé van Jacob Juda Leon, Hebrew, habitant de Middleborg en la province de Zélande, L'an de la création du monde 5403. à Amsterdam."

"The then Duke of Brunswick caused a Latin translation of Leon's description of the Temple to be made and edited in 1665. It appears that Leon's work caused a certain and lasting interest in the country, for not only did a new edition (2nd or 3rd) appear in 1644, and a fourth, both in the Dutch language, in 1669, but in the last mentioned year he issued a description of a model of the same kind, viz., of Moses' Tabernacle. The title of this book reads as follows :—'Description of the Tabernacle that Moses made, by God's command. Also of all vessels and instruments used in the service thereof. Likewise the situation of the bodies of Levites and Israelites round the Tabernacle, all according to Holy Scripture. By Jacob Jehuda Leon, Hebrew, author of the model of Solomon's Temple. Amsterdam. 1669.'"

"This last book, a small 4to vol. of 24 pages, is dedicated to the Prince of Orange, Nassau (William III.) and his consort the Princess Royal Mary, the oldest daughter of his Royal Majesty of Great Brittain, &c., &c."

In the dedication, Leon refers to the honour the Princes did him when some years before it pleased them to throw their eyes on the model of Solomon's Temple, being not only an uncommon piece of work, but worthy to be inspected by the greatest Princes of the world.

In one of his prefaces, Leon tells us that the model and contents do not only relate to Solomon's Temple alone, but also to the building after its reedification, so that a great many vessels, instruments and ornaments were put there together, which neither of the Temples had possessed at the same time, and even Anachronisms of Herod's time were met with in Leon's model. So the historical unity was not strictly observed.

In the first place, information about Leon and his models was looked for from the Jewish Scholars at the Hague and Rotterdam, but they had never heard of the man nor his work. But when those gentlemen had made the acquaintance of the above mentioned books, that were discovered in an old library depending (or belonging) to the Leyden University, and had compared the contents with the old Jewish [account of the] Talmudian books on the subject, they declared Leon's description quite in conformity with the particulars mentioned therein. However, they did not know any other works on Jewish archæology by the same author, to which he alludes passim in his prefaces.

Leon's contemporaries did not judge very favourably of his writings. Wilhelm Goeree, who wrote *Jewish Antiquities, or an Initiation into the Wisdom of the Bible* (Amsterdam, 1690), contradicted some of his [Leon's] statements about the Temple's localities.

"Neither in the Archives of the Synagogue at Middelburg, nor in those of the municipality of that town, was anything to be found

* Which in English is as follows :—

"This remarkable building, which I have made, and which I have, is ten feet long from the east to the west, twenty feet wide from the south to the north, seventeen feet high, made in the proportion of one to three hundred in length, one to ninety thousand in height, and one to twenty-seven million in depth." To which Bro. Speth adds, in a note :—"When Jehudah speaks of the proportions in length, width, and depth, a calculation will show he meant length, square, and cube.

The scale in length is 1 in 300.
" superfices 1 in 300 × 300 = 90,000.
" cube content 1 in 300 × 300 × 300 = 27,000,000."

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about the man, his works, and his models. It is unknown where the latter can have gone to.

"I may add that a model of Solomon's Temple does actually exist in this country. It is in the possession of the Rev. Schouten, Minister of the Gospel at Utrecht, who had it made entirely at his own expense. The model is on view at the Minister's house, on certain days, for a small contribution, destined for the poor."

All of which Bro. Speth certifies, as follows :—

"Copies of the letters of Bro. Vaillant G. Sec., and Bro. Geesteranus Dep. G.M. to Geo. Speth—copied by Mrs. Speth, for Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, 29th May 1889."

The above correspondence proves that Rabbi Leon existed; that he built a model of Solomon's Temple, and that he published a book about his workmanship. It disproves, however, that the States of Holland had ordered Rabbi Leon to make the said model, or that they had paid him any money for making it. One point, however, remains undecided, viz., was Rabbi Leon's book illustrated and emblazoned with the grand colours, as described by Dermott, or, in other words, did Dermott copy his Masons' Arms from Rabbi Leon's book?

In conclusion, I respectfully thank our distinguished Dutch brethren for the trouble they took in hunting up the above information. I thank Bro. Speth for his part of the performance in the Jacob Jehudah Leon question. And last, though not least, I sincerely thank my good SISTER SPETH for transcribing four folio sheets of paper for my enlightenment and gratification.

BOSTON, U.S., 12th July 1889.

A LIVING WORKING FORCE.

Eulogy delivered by Rev. William Nichols Ackley, Past Grand Master, at the Dedication of the Monument to Bro. and Hon. Thomas Arthur Doyle, at Providence, Rhode Island, 24th June 1889.

EVERY institution, like the individual man, must expect to be judged on a twofold basis—upon the ground of its inherent character, and its relations with that with which it is surrounded, its power to perform for the world those offices suggested in its principles. To be entitled to recognition as a factor in our busy life it must demonstrate its ability to touch society with vital influence. Great truths may be engrossed upon enduring materials, sealed and laid away, securely guarded from the eye and touch of men. But to guard truth so is to insult its dignity, to invest it with that too common royalty which is simply impotent isolation from the throbbing life of man. That alone is truly royal which can tolerate the strong gaze of the world—can respond to the demands of society upon it. In this, as in our religion, the servant is nobler than the lord. That truth is not worth the seeking which has, as it takes shape in our thoughts, no service to render to mankind. And, inasmuch as our Masonic institution is a monument to truths that are fundamental, so, to warrant our presence as its representatives here to-day, must it be a living, working force, bringing its embodied truth into vital connection with the world's life. The eye of the loyal Mason glances back into the past, only that it may more keenly take account of the present, of the needs which may guide into hopeful channels the influence at our command.

As to-day we cluster about this memorial to our honoured chief, whose personality touched with such potent influence the hearts of the people of this great city, and made itself felt not seldom in the larger commonwealth, because the interest of the people were his own, are there to be seen any features of our Institution, with whose stately words we consecrate this statue, that may, like him we honour, touch the weal of the every-day lives of men? If the life we revere and the body, whose offices we bring are in accord, then are we we fitly gathered here.

Suffer me for a brief period to centre our thoughts upon those features of our Masonic Institution which manifest its inherent character and its practical influence upon life, leaving meanwhile those numberless qualities which may indeed interest the curious, but which are accidental rather than inherent. It is the symbol on which the eye rests. The fundamental truth is that which takes possession of the discriminating mind. So, they who find in the sign and ceremony and symbol the essence of Masonry mistake the colour for the texture of the fabric. Just as in a man the wealth of power is in the character and the ability to bring that character into vital connection with the interest of men, so it is is with our ancient Institution. It is a life, a developed life, trained in the school of human necessity. Its soul is found in the unflagging championship of those immortal truths which underlie even religion, which are the sanction of all moral conduct, which are the stay of men's hearts in life's extremest hours. We need not linger to set forth anew here those old truths, even new to each new life, to each life newly awakened to the highest things—the truth about God, eternity, immortality, responsibility; truths echoing through all the language of our forms, flashing out in our varied ceremonials. It has been said that persons dwelling in close intimacy with strong and noble souls grow by degrees into their likeness. The Mason dwells in the presence of embodied truth, whose voice speaks ever the same unvarying counsel, and appeals to him with the same eternal sanctions. Something of truth's glorious features should shine out ere long in the lineaments of his character. And need we wonder, in the light of these facts, that so often the silvery-haired veteran in our ranks, to whom long ago life's playthings had lost their charm, and who is growing more and more to value things according to their essential qualities, should enter our asylums with fresh, warm devotion to a brotherhood he has known so long. He has dwelt in the presence of truth personified in our stately ceremonial and been suffused with its lofty spirit. The life of man and of every lasting institution must anchor itself in those immutable truths which lie at the root of all religion and of all morality. And so, while Masonry never intrudes itself unbidden within the sacred domain of religion, never assumes to do more than second and further that work committed especially to the church of Christ, never haughtily frowns upon other groups of men seeking the same noble ends, it plants itself solidly upon the immutable doctrines of God, of eternity, of a resurrection to the immortal life, of responsibility to the God of heaven for the lives we live. Upon these foundations rises our Masonic structure, and they who dwell within its sacred precincts dwell where God is, where truth reigns; are guilty of profaning the sacredness of heavenly things when word or act fails to accord with the spirit of the divine law. Symbolic ceremony, traditional and historic illustrations combine within our walls to implant indelibly these divine teachings upon the hearts of our disciples.

But they are guilty of grave error who pronounce Masonry a thing of the past, because its lessons are couched in ancient symbolism and because it deals in eternal verities. Eternity reaches forward as well as backward—forward always to every soul truly awake to the grandest things. The conservative tenacity of Masonry for immutable truth is its safeguard, the ground of its power to be a sure and lasting help to the interests of men. Only the spirit of anarchy would change that which ought to be counted immutable. But, just as eternity touches time by including it within itself, so these eternal principles touch the ever-varying interests of humanity. They who are well versed in the teachings of Masonry will wonder at their breadth of range, at their vivid setting forth of the facts and experiences of life. And what does this reveal? Why, the fact that Masonry has been a growth, that it has grown out of a keen appreciation of those changeless truths we have catalogued, and, in addition to that, a clear, sympathetic knowledge of the longings and needs of humanity. Through unnumbered generations the handicraft of speculative and symbolic Masonry has been exercised in working into its structure the varied experiences, the drama of human life—setting the whole story to the key-note of principle. What men need and feel most keenly it has made the subject of its thought and study; so that, while the world outside may think of us as secluded within a shrine where everything is ancient, our practical relations are with the living realities of to-day; just as love and sympathy and sense of mutual obligation are but empty words, except as they deal with the real life of the present, with which we come in contact. Does society desire to learn a wholesome lesson in the rightful relation between the so-called highest and lowest among its ranks? We will teach them that he who, as our Grand Master, holds the highest office in the gift of Masonry, and, with it, an authority extremely exceptional in this modern age, nevertheless, as far as his fraternal relations with his fellows and personal character are concerned, stands for what he is worth as a man, on a level as a brother among

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brethren with the humblest brother moving in the ranks. Come hither and learn among our impressive lessons—oft repeated during the Masonic life—this wholesome lesson upon the equality of human rights, upon the duty of respecting men according to their inherent worth. Sense of brotherhood must rest upon this conviction. And it is this sense of brotherhood that lifts love, sympathy, fellowship, generosity, helpfulness, out of the low realm of the artificial and the conventional into the domain of the real and the true. True, courtly manners are flavoured with the spirit of a real respect for one's fellows. And all those virtues, which are but courtly manners wrought into more substantial shape, become princely in the sterling reality given them by the sympathetic spirit. It is no wonder that the founders of Masonry, schooled so well in the needs of men, should have wrought the great, inclusive duty of charity all through our ceremonial teachings. This virtue, so slowly learned by a cold humanity, becomes the natural, logical deduction from a conviction of the brotherhood of men. The man who sees in man his brother, and is keenly sensitive to the fact, cannot do less than love his own. So we teach first the lesson of brotherhood. Generosity of spirit and of deed is its angelic sequel. You are teaching an impotent law of conduct when your charity of heart is not put before, as a cause, that charity of act, whose symbol is the open hand, the helpful deed.

We have time to do scarcely more than say how this great lesson of brotherhood deserves to be first always, to be oftenest repeated in the ears of men, and how in it we touch all the duties of man to man. Let the spirit of brotherhood and consequent charity of heart find a welcome amid the busy throng, where competition rages, where suffering and want intrude their hard presence; aye, within the hallowed precincts of the home more and more; and, verily, the life the motley throng are living would feel the genial sunrise of a new joy, and the spirit of antagonism with which men view one another so often now would be counted an intruder upon the peaceful life of society. To intensify the spirit of human fellowship, of that charity whose fountain is in the heart, is one of the leading offices of our Masonic institution. If, in our teachings—if, in the communion of brother with brother within our walls—if, in the nearer contact of man with man in the common interests of Masonry, we can develop in our hearts a keener sensitiveness, widen our sympathies, sweeten our spirits, train ourselves in thoughts and acts of charity, giving to them all that supreme sanction growing out of a sense of solemn responsibility, then are we one of the factors for good in the world; then are we touching vitally the most sacred interests of everyday life. Our Institution, even as it does so stand in tradition and organic structure, should in our convictions and lives stand for nobility of manhood, championship of the right, love and fellowship wider than the limits of our brotherhood, the heart and deed of a true fraternal love. As this noble statue, wrought into artistic form the more forcibly to remind the throngs that though generations may cluster about it and ask its meaning, stands as a symbol of the character and deeds of the man whose heart beats responsive to his fellows' needs; so may our institution stand as something lasting and immovable, yet speaking of life, standing for something instinct with life, a symmetrical building indeed, yet in its practical activity and influence, in touch with all that is noble and sweet in the life of the world. Our office is to speak these lessons of humanity and fellowship with all their eternal and divine sanction into the ears of unwilling men. In this we are not indeed alone. We only join the voice from many an institution, many an earnest, great-hearted spirit. As a man alone you may engage in the lofty work of bringing about the reign of great thoughts and loving deeds. The voice, however, should take on a more determined emphasis when uttered in the unison and harmony of our fraternal fellowship. The individual, under the inspiration of a loving heart, may indeed—

"Join hands with God to make a man to live."

But, as a compact body, linked in that strength which comes of united forces and purposes at one, fired with the electric power of that brotherly love fostered in the fellowship of kindred spirits, we may in very deed "join hands with God," and with one another, to bring strength and purpose and power and richness and gladness into the world's every day life.—*Voice of Masonry.*

IMPROPER USE OF MASONIC HALLS.

FREEMASONS' Halls are consecrated to Masonic purposes—the performance of sacred and devotional rites. We invoke the presence of the most High during the rendering of a very solemn portion of our ritual, and therefore it cannot be contented with any degree of consistency, that dancing or any similar amusement is at all in keeping with the beautiful services conducted in a Craft Lodge Room. Too little thought is often given to the sacredness of character of Masonic ceremonies, and we are prone to go through the workings of the Lodge in some places in a perfunctory sort of style, without paying due regard to the beautiful lessons presented for our consideration. It appears to us as amounting to a desecration when Masonic Halls are converted into dance rooms, and we cannot comprehend why a place consecrated and dedicated for the solemn proceedings at meetings of the Fraternity should be deemed of a less holy character than churches or chapels. No good Jews or Gentiles would think for a moment of permitting any secular amusement to be carried on in their place of worship; then why, we ask, should the floor of a Masonic Lodge Room be utilized for any purpose but for which it was intended? It may be contended that "amusement such as dancing and participation in secular music are not injurious to the principles of Masonry," and we would not seek to debar our Brethren from enjoying themselves in a rational manner; but it is highly necessary—if our Halls are to maintain a sacred character—that Masonic workings should be placed on a footing with religious ceremonies, and everything of a free and easy, hilarious nature excluded from places set apart for the rendering of the Craft ritual. We cannot think that any body of Freemasons would willingly permit its sacred chamber to be desecrated, and it is only, probably, through a want of thought that Masonic Halls are occasionally used for other than Craft purposes; nevertheless such things do occur in some parts of the colony, and intelligent Brethren should take steps to check what cannot but be justly regarded as an evil.

—*New Zealand Freemason.*

MASONIC TEMPERANCE.

IN speaking of the cultivation of this Masonic virtue we desire to get away from the narrow, contracted definition that in these degenerate days seems to circumscribe and belittle this virtue. We make of it a hobby upon which we mount, and imagine ourselves a full troop of cavalry. We endeavour to ride rough shod over every other virtue; and when we think we have vanquished our imaginary foe, and our conflict with the windmill is ended, we dismount from our charger to view the result of the battle, and behold the scene just as it was before the conflict, and our banner is still trailing in the dust.

Temperance, as taught by Masonry, is not simply abstinence from strong drink, but temperance in thought, words and actions. By temperance we do not only circumscribe our desire for intoxicants, or abstain from putting the bottle to our Brother's lips, and making him drunken also, but we are taught to be temperate in words, to govern our tongue, and instead of going to the highways and byways and mounting upon the housetops and proclaiming our Brother's shortcomings, we go to him and whisper good council in his ear, and in the most tender manner remind him of his fault, and endeavour to aid his reformation. Words passionately or intemperately spoken may do us, as well as our Brother, more injury, may cause more grief and sorrow, and bring more reproach upon Masonry, than intoxication.

How intemperate it seems, "nay, not seems but is," for a Brother who, after passing the threshold of our Lodge, professing his trust in God, attaining the sublime degree of Masonry, who has bowed at the Sacred name of Deity, and been taught to adore his great Creator, when out of the Lodge Room and in contact with the profane "out-Herods Herod" in taking Gods name in vain, and with the next breath declaring that Masonry is a good enough religion for him, showing conclusively that he has a very faint conception of the religion of Masonry, even if Masonry was, or ever claimed to be, a religious institution, or rather that there is a religion in Masonry.

—*Grand Master Kentucky.*

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GOOD THOUGHTS WELL PRESENTED.

THERE is to be found no greater field for active thought and work than in Masonry. The brightness of her deeds can never be dimmed by any investigation. Her code of ethics has taught man to be noble, true and faithful, has assisted in driving superstition from the minds of men, has closed the doors of immorality and vice, and opened the avenues of intellectual freedom. Her enemies are slanderers and bigots, her friends are those who love the human family. Unlike other institutions which have enslaved their worshippers, the teachings of Freemasonry have always tended to render man more independent, to cultivate a broader manhood and develop a deeper intellectuality. She has never enslaved a human being, but has laboured for man's prosperity in every relation of human existence. Masonry is light—the light of scientific thought, the light that man needs for a successful guide, and in great measure, that he may enjoy the full fruition of a well-spent life, and some results of a happy destiny. It denies every mythological and superstitious idea of man's creation, existence and destiny, but with impressive ceremony acknowledges God, the creator of all things, and solemnly recognises our dependence upon Him.

Masonry is truth. We are taught that "truth is a divine attribute;" yet, like other virtues, is within the reach of man, and may be appropriated to his use. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish it in these days of tinsel and gloss, but upon this rock we profess to build Masonic character. Masonic light cannot illuminate that which is false. When in the creation, God commanded, "Let there be light," and the light was given, it served to make truth visible, the truths of creation. The analogy is plain. When first we opened our eyes, we learned that Masonic light was given to read the "Word of Truth," that should prove a lamp to our feet.

He who thinks that he has accomplished all there is to be learned in the entire field of intellectual and moral teaching of Freemasonry deceives himself. The best educated among us has gained but a superficial view, while he who has learned the simplest lessons taught by the tenacity of the Acacia, has linked his soul to the Infinite and built a Temple therein whose corner-stone is taken from the quarries of Eternal Truth, and whose timbers are stronger than the Cedars of Lebanon. Masonry is the religion of education under forms and ceremonies. It pays homage to no other system, and, because of its independence, it has life.

If education have no religious tendency, then is our civilisation a failure, and all instruction goes for nought. Better for man to remain in slavery and degradation than to use the forces of education which result in nothing but barren hopes and fruitless endeavour. Happily we experience a different result. The forces of education have elevated man to the moral and intellectual being of to-day. Among these forces we recognise Masonic knowledge, which has participated in this great work, until now we find the test of true Masonic character applied to the highest type of developed manhood. Unmasonic conduct must, therefore, be the resultant operation of an impure mind, a soul devoid of true manhood and influenced by unholy desires and passions.—*Grand Master Collier, West Virginia.*

Lord Carnarvon has presented a site for a parish reading and coffee room, to be erected at Burghclere, near Newbury, as a memorial of the late Canon Portal, who was rector of Burghclere for many years, and also domestic chaplain to Lord Carnarvon. Between £500 and £600 have been promised towards the fund.

The early Norman Church of Upper Helmsley, near York, has been enriched by a stained glass window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, the gift of the Farrow family, in memory of their parents.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness and Dyspepsia.—There is no organ in the human body so liable to derangement as the liver; food, fatigue, climate, and anxiety all disorder its action, and render its secretions, the bile, more or less depraved, super-abundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side, or the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough, and difficulty of breathing are signs of liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointment. The Pills should be taken without delay. For all diseases of this vital organ the action of these conjoined remedies is a specific by checking the over supply of bile, regulating its secretion and giving nervous tone.

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES ALBERY.

IT is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. James Albery, the talented author of "The Two Roses," and several other popular plays. It occurred on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 30 St. Martin's Lane, W.C. The lamented deceased was born on 4th May 1838, and was therefore in his fifty-second year. For some time past he had been in ill health, but his sudden death was unexpected. The distinguished gentleman, even in early youth, exhibited considerable aptitude as a dramatist, and many farcical pieces were produced at the Southwark Literary Society. One of his plays, a four act drama, entitled "The Mate of the Mountjoy," gained the second T. P. Cooke prize. Mr. Albery's dialogue was always crisp and witty, and, though occasionally satirical, was full of poetical imagery. It was in "The Two Roses" that Mr. Henry Irving achieved his first conspicuous success in London, his rendering of the pompous but mean-spirited Digby Grant being the dramatic event of the year 1870. The deceased dramatist was buried on Tuesday last, at Kensal Green Cemetery, next to the family vault of Mr. J. L. Toole. Several floral tokens of affection were deposited on the coffin—notably a wreath "from his three loving sisters, Millie, Lillie, and Carry," and a cross from Mr. and Mrs. Usher Back and children—each of these contained a red and a white rose, a delicate compliment to the deceased's master piece. Among those present at the funeral were Master Irving Albery, son; Mr. Walter Albery, brother; Mr. W. T. Hemsley and Mr. Usher Back, brothers-in-law; Mr. L. Albery Back, nephew; Mr. B. L. Farjeon, Mr. Barnes Amor, Mr. Wm. Duck, Mr. J. L. Moore, Mr. F. W. Broughton, Mr. Joseph Hatton, and Mr. R. D. Holl.

BRO. WILLIAM GREEN.

THE remains of the late Bro. William Green, who died on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the age of 50 years, were interred at Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport, on Monday. Deceased, who was for a number of years connected with the Royal Engineers, was a prominent member of the Masonic order. The body, enclosed in a black coffin, the lid of which was of glass, left the deceased's residence at 3·45, the principal mourners being deceased's son and Mr. Hodgson, an old friend. The Masons present included Bros. G. F. Lancaster P.M., H. Crisp W.M. 2153 (of which deceased was a P.M.), T. Stretton I.P.M., J. Read I.P.M. Cama Lodge, C. Seidenstucker D.C., Staff-Sergeant Leonard I.G., G. Dunbar Treasurer, and a number of others, amongst whom were Messrs. Jenkins, G. Pearman, Adams, J. Appleton, G. King, and Sergeants W. Phillips, and T. Cusse, of the R.M.L.I. The body was received at the Cemetery gates by the Rev. Howard Betts (curate of St. Mary's, Alverstoke), who conducted the service, and at the conclusion sprigs of acacia were thrown upon the coffin by the brethren.

Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, who some weeks ago was ordered to Switzerland for the benefit of his health, has met with a most unfortunate accident while staying at Berne. He and Mrs. Ford were walking one afternoon the other week in the Spitalgasse, one of the galleried streets, when a heavy thunder shower began. There was a rush of roughs for the shelter of the colonnade, one of whom pushed violently against Bro. Ford, who slipped on the wet pavement, and fell heavily to the ground, breaking his arm just below the shoulder. The shock to his system is very great, more especially as he was just recovering from a recent illness. He is attended by a very skilful surgeon, and will, it is hoped, soon be able to begin a journey, by slow stages, to England. This accident is the more regrettable, as the 27th of next month has been fixed as the date of Bro. Ford's installation as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons in Sussex, in succession to Lord Arthur Hill, who resigns his office. It is to be hoped he will be able to go through the ceremony, though, of course, debarred from taking any active part in Masonry until quite recovered from the results of this unlucky accident.

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FREEMASONRY IN QUEENSLAND.

WE have been requested to publish the following letters:—

To the Editor of the *Brisbane Courier*.

SIR,—The article reprinted in your journal of 29th June, headed as above, may lead to considerable error in the minds of the public, and, possibly, of some of the members of the Order, if the statements and assertions in the article are permitted to be regarded as altogether truthful and a fair statement of the facts of the case.

It is evident that the writer of the article believed all that was said by the speakers at a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the English Constitution, held at the Masonic Hall on 6th March, attended by some 20 or 30 persons, the Proceedings being printed and circulated the following day. Strange to say, all the speeches on one side were read from printed slips, and it is stated that they were all written by the same hand, and distributed amongst those willing to take charge of them. The great similarity of style gives some force to this statement. This goes to show the opposition to the movement was carefully pre-arranged some time before the meeting was called. But even at the meeting of the English District Grand Lodge, the expression of those present was far from being unanimous, as some of the oldest and most respected members differed altogether from their colleagues; but their speeches not having been prepared beforehand and printed, may not have run so smothly as those on the other side. It is evident that the Editor of the *Freemason* (the paper from which the extract was taken) arrived at his conclusions solely from an *ex parte* statement; or it is quite possible that the article may have been written by the same hand which is supposed to have concocted the speeches. Be that as it may, it was manifestly unfair to come to any conclusion or to express decided opinions before hearing what was to be said on the other side!

Now, what are the facts. On 7th March (one day after the District Grand Lodge met) the most numerous and influential meeting of the members of the three Constitutions ever held in Queensland took place in the Masonic Hall, having been called by public advertisement, and open to all who wished to attend. The actual number of those who signed the attendance roll was as follows:—There were 63 of the English, 69 of the Scotch, and 84 of the Irish Constitution—216 in all. Of this number only seven voted against the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and one of those was not an English Mason, so that really 63 of the 69 English Masons present were in favour of the new Grand Lodge; and when it is considered that strong efforts have been made to prevent the attendance of the English Masons, the result of the voting shows what the real opinion of those present was.

The Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria were at once recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. The highest and most influential Mason in England, or perhaps in the world—the Prince of Wales—has most unhesitatingly expressed his approval of the formation of Grand Lodges in the Colonies, believing that they would greatly extend the influence and power of the Order; and it is manifest that those who oppose his wishes disobey the supreme authority of the English Constitution.

It would appear from the tone of the utterances from those opposed to the Queensland Grand Lodge, that the English Constitution is the principal representative of Queensland Masonry. Figures prove the opposite. There are not more than 32 Masonic bodies holding authority under English warrants, including the higher Degrees; while there are 45 under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions. The actual number of members of the two Constitutions is supposed to be nearly double that of the English, so that so far as numbers go an overwhelming majority is in favour of the proposed change.

Much more could be said on the subject, but I fear to make this letter too long.

Lastly, all discussion has been forbidden in the English Lodges on the subject of the Queensland Constitution, showing the fear which exists of the matter being fairly and openly discussed.

I am, Sir, &c.,

MASTER MASON.

To the Editor of the *Brisbane Courier*.

SIR,—It is not my intention to reply fully to the statements made by "Master Mason" on the above subject in this morning's *Courier*, as I do not thing the public print the proper place to conduct such a controversy. There are, however, one or two statements of fact, or want of fact, which might be drawn attention to. "Master Mason" says that at a meeting held on 7th March there were present 63 English, 69 Scotch, and 84 Irish Masons; and that, because when the vote was taken, only seven Masons were against the change, therefore 63 (*sic*) English Masons were in favour of the same. In this calculation the fact is lost sight of that, after the first hour, the English Masons were leaving the room by dozens, and that when the vote was taken, certainly not more than 15 remained; the eight who voted for the resolution representing the prime movers, &c. "Master Mason" goes on to say that there are only 32 Masonic Lodges in the colony holding English Warrants, against 45 Lodges holding Scotch and Irish Warrants. But in this calculation is included higher degrees, which form no part of the present agitation. They hold Warrants from different governing bodies altogether. The scheme under view is that of having a Grand Lodge for all the Blue Lodges, of which there are 31 English, against 28 Scotch and Irish. The English are practically unanimous *against* a change. Certain few members are of a different opinion, as there always will be amongst a large body of men. Would it not be better for those few to bow to the overwhelming majority, instead of working up the feeling of uneasiness at present existing. In conclusion, a great point is made of the way matters were managed in South Australia, but it hardly applies to this colony, for in South Australia the three District Grand Lodges were unanimous—here a very different feeling exists.

I am, Sir, &c.,

E. C.

Brisbane, 2nd July.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

AT nine o'clock on the morning of the 19th ult., the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Canada convened in the Masonic Hall, Owen Sound, being presided over by Grand Master Phil. J. Slatter, of Toronto. In his address the Grand Master referred to condition of the Rite, as follows:—"While I regret that I cannot chronicle any marked progress of the Order in my jurisdiction, it is pleasant to be able to say that there has been no retrogression, that peace and harmony prevail, that no grievances have been brought before me, and that no instances of personal or Masonic dispute have been submitted to me for decision." After referring in feeling language to the deaths of Rev. Canon Portal, master of New Rite in England, and Dr. Rob V. Morris, of Kentucky, Grand Master Slatter offered the following suggestions:—"I would strongly advise that a ritual be authorized by this Grand Council for use in this jurisdiction. At present we have none, and the work is, I know from visits made to the Council, not only this year but other years, apt to be inharmonious and incomplete, owing to the lack of the necessary literature. Indeed so generally is the lack of this felt that the degrees, owing to the bad equipment of those doing the work, are apt to be conferred rather than worked. I would also advise that this Grand Council communicate with the Grand Priory of Canada urging that membership in the Cryptic Rite be made preliminary and necessary to the conferring of Templar degrees. A knowledge of the beautiful mysteries of the Masonry of the Secret Vault could not be but an elevating and impressive introduction to the knowledge imparted in the degree of the Red Cross and those of the Crusader. I have always maintained that the Arch is incomplete without the Cryptic Rite, and the force of what I suggest should certainly be urged upon the Great Priory." The following is the result of the election of Officers:—David Taylor G.M., George J. Bennett D.G.M., David McLellan G.T., John Hetherington G.L., D. F. McWatt Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. K. Kerr, P. J. Slatter, D. Spry, and J. Patton, Executive Committee. It was recommended that the Grand Council meet at Toronto next year, on a date hereafter to be determined by the Grand Master. It was also suggested that the number of Inspectors-General be reduced to one, and a motion that the Executive Committee report at next meeting with regard to a revision of the constitution to that effect was carried.—*Toronto Daily Mail*.

At the annual meeting of All Saints Chapter, recently held at Gainsborough, the Election of Officers took place, as follows:—Comps. Alfred Kirk P.Z. re-appointed M.E.Z., Baines H., Baines J., Bowby S.E., H. Wright S.N., Liversidge P.Z. re-appointed Treasurer, A. Curtis Organist, and Scott Janitor.

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DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it.

I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green, August 1889. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 26th May 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, *Surgeon.*

11 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, *L.S.A. (Lond.).*

Becket House Wantage, 3rd July 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

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SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST 1889.

PROV. G. 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 Andover, on Tuesday, the 13th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master (the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (the Worshipful Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) was also present. The following were appointed Officers of the Province for the ensuing year.

Bro. Col. W. Campbell, P.M. 257	...	Senior Warden
G. H. Barclay P.M. 1373	...	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Scott Ramsay P.M. 694	...	Chaplains
Rev. Dr. Barton 151	...	
Dr. C. G. Beaumont P.M. 1112	...	Registrar
J. W. Gieve P.M. 309	...	Treasurer
Edgar Goble P.M. 309	...	Secretary
Geo. Davis P.M. 130	...	Senior Deacons
J. H. McQueen W.M. 1869	...	
F. P. Ansle W.M. 551	...	Junior Deacons
G. Farney Brown P.M. 1834	...	
J. E. Buck P.M. 842	...	Supt. of Works
Francis Cooper P.M. 1884	...	D. of C.
J. Youd P.M. 723	...	Deputy D. of C.
H. Long P.M. 1903	...	A.D. of C.
W. A. Hill P.M. 309	...	Sword Bearer
H. Harbor P.M. 2016	...	Standard Bearers
C. V. Birch P.M. 2074	...	
Lovegrove 1069	...	Organist
Borrow P.M. 1958	...	Pursuivant
Sharland W.M. 76	...	Assist. Pursuivant
A. Farr W.M. 1373	...	Stewards
L. T. Wilkins W.M. 2169	...	
Hodges W.M. 195	...	
Blackman W.M. 359	...	
Ruddy P.M. 1428	...	
Stephens W.M. 1331	...	
J. Exell 487	...	Tyler

At the conclusion of the Lodge there was a banquet at the Foresters' Hall, which was well attended. The usual toast list was gone through, and the health of the Prov. Grand Master was, at the call of the Rev. E. J. Nepean, drunk with much enthusiasm.

MARK MASONRY.

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P. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

ON the 20th inst., the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Durham was held in the Freemasons' Hall, under the banner of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, at Berwick-on-Tweed, when there was a very good gathering of the "cream" of Masonry, as the members of the Mark Degree have been so felicitously termed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.P.G. Chaplain of England, who has presided over the destinies of Northumberland and Durham Mark Masonry with such conspicuous ability for the past 16 years. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Brother Canon Tristram, and the following Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. R. B. Reed D.P.G.M., T. Y. Strachan Past D.P.G.M., John Strachan P.G.S.W., J. C. Moor P.G.J.W., W. F. Carmon P.G.S.O., J. F. Wilson P.G.J.O., J. S. B. Bell P.G. Treasurer, Wm. Davidson P.G.R.M., J. Straker Wilson P.G. Secretary, G. S. Riddle P.G.S.D., D. G. Andersen P.G.J.D., J. Ferguson P.G.S.I. of W., Thos Bell P.G.D. of C., Wm. Brown P. G. Standard Bearer, Richard Luck P.G.I.G., J. Curry P.G. Tyler, and among Prov. and other Officers were Bros. M. Corbitt,

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T. Coulson, J. Page, C. S. Lane, A. Robertson, J. Wood, W. Logan, T. Dinning, T. J. Armstrong, R. Thompson, J. R. Patterson, Geo. Porteous, Adam Wilson, R. Whitfield, C. Spencer, T. Purvis, T. Metcalf, W. Slater, T. Horn, A. S. Cockburn, A. H. Miller, T. M. Morrison, Wm. Green, W. P. Carr, W. Burr, R. Craik, Dr. Carr, J. A. Forbes, G. Moor, J. Baker, &c. The annual report of the General Purposes Committee, read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, showed that the Order continued to prosper. Forty new members had been added during the year, and deducting those struck off, the net gain was 12. The amount subscribed by Provincial Grand Mark Lodge to the various Masonic Charities from 1873 to 1888 was £245 15s. The accounts showed a balance of £28 17s in hand, out of which the Committee recommended that £15 15s be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and £10 to the Mark Educational Fund. On the motion of Bro. R. H. Reed, seconded by Bro. T. G. Strachan, the report was unanimously adopted. The roll of Lodges of the Province was afterwards called, when reports were presented from each, all showing a more or less steady increase. The Provincial Grand Master (Rev. Canon Tristram), in the course of his address to the Provincial Grand Lodge, said it gave him very great pleasure to preside over them for the sixteenth time since his appointment. Ever since he had the honour of being their Provincial Grand Master, the number of Lodges and the membership thereof had steadily increased, and he was glad at the prosperity now shown. It gave him great satisfaction to find that every Lodge was reported on the occasion of their visiting the Northumberland Lodge of the Province, and he was sure they were all very gratified with the reception the brethren of St. Cuthbert's Lodge had so hospitably given them. He acknowledged the able services of his Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers for the year. The Committee of General Purposes and the Auditors for the year were then appointed, and Bro. J. St. B. Bell was re-elected P.G. Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. R. B. Reed	...	Deputy Master
J. Straker Wilson	...	Senior Warden
Richard Luck	...	Junior Warden
H. T. Heron	...	M.O.
Adam Wilson, M.D., W.M. 346	...	S.O.
Jos. Robson Pattison W.M. 124	...	J.O.
Rev. E. Thornton	...	Chaplain
Robt. Whitfield W.M. 293	...	Registrar of Marks
C. B. Ford	...	Secretary
J. S. B. Bell	...	Treasurer
A. Mayne, M.D.	...	S.D.
A. S. Cockburn	...	J.D.
M. J. Wheatley	...	Inspector of Works
Thos. Bell W.M. elect 356	...	D.C.
Chas. Spencer	...	Sword Bearer
Thos. Metcalfe W.M. 89	...	Standard Bearer
W. Mayson	...	I.G.
W. Green	...	Organist
Joshua Curry	...	Tyler

The place of meeting for next year was fixed at Durham. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form. In the evening the brethren dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Tristram, whose health was proposed in most flattering terms by Bro. T. Y. Strachan. In reply the P.G.M. gave a very eloquent address on the historical connection of the Mark Degree, which proved most interesting. He also proposed the health of Bro. R. B. Reed, and Bro. Reed replied. The health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge was responded to by Bro. John Strachan. Bro. Thos. Bell very ably discharged the duties of D. of C.

On the 18th proximo, the P.G.M. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, will hold the annual meeting of the Province of West Lancashire, the most influential in the country, containing, as it does, nearly 190 Lodges and many thousands of members. The assembly will be held at Barrow-in-Furness, and it will take into consideration the usual routine business, other important matters, and the reports of the various Charities, &c. It is expected that a large number of brethren from Liverpool and other districts will attend.

At a general meeting of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Bro. W. Rudrum S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year

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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"Masonic Orations," by Bro. L. P. METHAM P.G.D. (England) P.D. Prov. G.M. Devon, &c., delivered in Devon and Cornwall, from A.D. 1866, at the Dedication of Masonic Halls, Consecration of Lodges and Chapters, Installations, &c. With an introduction by Bro. Wm. James Hughan P.G.D. (England), &c., on Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall. Edited by Bro. John Chapman P.M. 1402, &c. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

IT is a well recognised fact that as a special feature in all important Masonic functions the Oration must not be overlooked, and it is also as fully recognised that we have in our midst many active and talented brethren who are ready at all times to supply such an address as the special features of the ceremony may demand. Our good Brother the late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford spared no amount of labour to make the Orations he was called upon to deliver from time to time of interest to the advanced Masonic Student, while hundreds of our younger brethren were led on to a study of the literature and history of the Craft after they had had the opportunity of listening to the teachings of this eloquent and learned Craftsman. Another diligent student on the same lines is the author of the work now under notice, and it was a happy suggestion that prompted our Bro. the Rev. L. P. Metham to publish a collection of the principal addresses delivered by him—at the celebration of public events in the Provinces of Cornwall and Devon—in the course of a Masonic career extending from 1866 to the present time. As a matter of course, the majority of these addresses have previously been published but they will be none the less welcome in their collected form on that account. Bro. Chapman P.M. 1402 has superintended the production of the book, and it has been handsomely printed by Bro. George Kenning. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., who, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, always seems to have a few hours to spare whenever his services are in request, has written a most interesting introduction, which is thus spoken of by a writer in the *Western Daily Mercury* :—Bro. Hughan stands probably second to none in England for the attention that he has given to the great historic past of the Masonic world, to whose study he has devoted a large portion of his life. He commences his account of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall with a few words on the Masonic career of the Orator, prior to a short history of the Fraternity of the two counties. From this it appears that our Rev. Bro. Metham was initiated in Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, on 21st March 1844, and from thence he proceeded through various degrees till in 1867 the Earl of Zetland invested him as Junior Grand Deacon of England, "in commemoration of which the brethren of the three towns presented our brother with a full dress suit of Grand Lodge clothing." The further career of Bro. Metham is briefly stated, and his great work of honorary Secretary of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum is ably condensed. The fraternal feelings and the high regard in which his brother Masons hold his work is shown in their generous contributions towards this Asylum, which amount to nearly £1800, while he has been equally regardful of the claims of the orphans of those who have died in the country's service by obtaining the election of thirty-five orphans into the Asylum. Bro. Hughan then gives details of the earliest of the Lodges of the two counties, the premier Lodge being formed in Exeter in the year 1732. We must leave the reader who is interested to consult the work itself for an account of the progress of the Brotherhood in both counties. In 1866 the late beloved Rev. John Huyshe was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Devon. The Freemasons of the Province subscribed for and presented him with a beautiful and costly gold chain, as an heirloom to the Province, to descend from each retiring Provincial Grand Master to his successor. They also subscribed 500 guineas, at another period, to purchase the "Huyshe Presentation Fund" in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The gold chain is now worn by Lord Ebrington, who has, in the kindest manner, effected an insurance on his own life, so that the privilege of presentation to the Boys' School may be continued by his lordship's successor. The Masons have certainly lived very much up to the great standards that they have set up, for their works are seen in many other benevolences to which we have not even alluded. The book also contains, in addition to the twenty-five Orations, lists of the Lodges and Chapters in the two counties. We may add that the price of the work is five shillings, and whatever profit may accrue from its publication will be given to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, of which the distinguished Orator still remains the zealous honorary secretary.

At a recent meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the first since its inauguration in March last, at the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, Sir Wm. J. Clarke, the Grand Master, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of Masons. Considerable discussion arose upon the report of the Board of General Purposes, and the meeting did not adjourn until after midnight. The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at £500 per annum, the Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence at £100 per annum, and the Assistant Secretary at £200 per annum. The question as to the recognition of past rank conferred on members of the late Victorian Constitution was left for consideration at a future date. A considerable amount of general business was transacted before the meeting terminated.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THIS popular Lodge celebrated its Second Annual Ladies' Excursion on Tuesday last, the 20th inst. In the early morning the prospects of the party—having regard to the weather—were anything but promising; a heavy gale prevailed almost all over England during Monday night, and the downpour of rain in the morning of Tuesday was almost sufficient to damp the ardour of the most venturesome. However, the brethren of the "Four Twos" do their spiriting in no perfunctory fashion; what they undertake they enter upon thoroughly, and with such a spirit pervading their "chiefs," success is almost certain to follow. This was eminently the case on the occasion under notice. The Frederick West may be said to be almost a "family" Lodge; we have therein three Hughes, three Lanes, and three Mayos; and this in a membership of something under five and twenty. The Lodge was consecrated on the 22nd December 1887, and Bro. R. T. Elsam P.M. 201, &c., was its first Worshipful Master. Brother John Hughes P.M. 901 now wields the gavel, and he has associated with him in the government of the Lodge his Brothers David and Daniel, who respectively occupy the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. The Lodge holds its meetings at Bro. John Mayo's noted hostelry, the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, and when this fact is under consideration in connection with a "Ladies' Day," no marvel that "Silvery Thames" should be requisitioned for their delectation and enjoyment. The programme of the day was drawn somewhat on the lines laid down for last year's outing, and embodied a trip on a steam launch, with luncheon on board; a "call" at some noted house of entertainment up the river, and then back to Bro. Mayo's, where the banquet was to be served; the day's festivities to be brought to a close by the fair ladies and their devoted swains exercising themselves in the many dance. The Brothers Hughes were early upon the scene, and about 11 a.m. the party took to the water, and a start was effected. Amongst those present were the W.M. Bro. J. and Mrs. Hughes; the S.W. Bro. David and Mrs. David Hughes, with the J.W. Bro. Daniel Hughes. The I.P.M. was accompanied by Mrs. Elsam; whilst others of the party comprised Bro. Idiens (2045) and Miss Sanders, Bro. Watkins (901) and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. T. Elsam and the Misses (three) Elsam, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Brother Thomas, Bro. Sam Hewett (1614) and Mrs. Hewett, Bro. Horace White (P.M. 1257) and Mrs. White, Bro. J. Piller (2222) and Mrs Piller, Bro. and Mrs. Parrott, Bros. John and Joseph Mayo and Miss Mayo, Bro. Barton (946) and Mrs. Barton, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Tribe, Bro. Bennett (2222), Bro. W. Lane (P.M. 1638, &c.), Bro. Le Fevre, Bro. Watts (1249) and Mrs. Watts, Bro. F. Lockett (2222), Bro. W. W. Morgan (P.M. 211), &c. Notwithstanding the gusts of wind that prevailed throughout the day, the water trip was thoroughly enjoyed; the rain fortunately kept off. The "Princess Beatrice," the steam launch engaged for the occasion, is roomy and well appointed, while the creature comforts of the assembly had been adequately provided for by Bro. John Mayo and his assistants. Music, of course, had been considered an essential, and this was well supplied by the band of Mr. Neave (of Molesey), whose efforts in this regard are always appreciated. As we have already stated, a special feature of the day was the "friendly call," and for this occasion the "Pack Horse" at Staines was the favoured spot. At this popular resort our party was received by one of the proprietors (the Brothers Raynor), who, with his wife, gave their guests a cordial greeting. Here a vocal concert was improvised, and a friendly glass quaffed to our good friends the Brothers Raynor, with the hope that the venture they have embarked in at Staines may result profitably, and that they may be as successful as public caterers as in days past they proved themselves to be as public entertainers. But the signal for the return journey has been given; the ship must again be taken, and now we have as a companion vessel the popular Oxford boat, which for the nonce shares with us the locks from Staines to Molesey. Back at the Castle, the order is for a wash and a brush up, and then Brother John Mayo serves the banquet This was of an eminently récherché character; the quality of the viands was of the best, while the cooking and service was perfection. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal toast was given, and was cordially greeted. Brother R. T. Elsam, in brief terms, submitted the health of the W.M., and gracefully recognised the efforts Bro. John Hughes had made for the happiness and comfort of the party. Bro. John Hughes suitably replied, and after the services of Bro. Lockett (dubbed for the occasion, by an irreverent brother, "the ubiquitous Freddy") had been commended, Bro. John Mayo was complimented, and then the room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up with spirit till 1 a.m. For ourselves—we cannot now so well stand these long hours as in days of yore—it was with reluctance we left the genial assembly, by the 11·5 p.m. train from Hampton Court.

KINGSWOOD LODGE, No. 2278.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Elstree, on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of the acting I.P.M., Bro. John Petch, supported by Bros. E. Blinkhorn, H. T. Nell acting S.W., George T. Chretien acting J.W., W. Ball Secretary, C. M. Coxon S.D., T. C. Berg acting J.D., W. H. Aplin I.G., G. Couchman Tyler, T. Williams Assist. Tyler, R. W. Nicole, E. H. Moore, and J. W. Rattenbury, and the following visitors:—Bros. T. C. Berg I.P.M. 1613, T. A. Blyth 1804, J. Copestick P.M. 869 P.P.G.W. Herts, T. H. Martin W.M. 1385, S. Scott-Young W.M. 226, R. Wright P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, A. Rodger P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, and L. H. Ingram Lodge Kilwinning, Ontario. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. E. H. Moore, R. W. Nicholl, and T. Williams were raised to the degree of M.M. The ceremony in the case of the two first named brethren was ably performed by the Secretary Bro. W. Ball, by his wish. Bro. J. W. Rattenbury was passed to the degree of F.C. The candidate for initiation was unable to attend. He will, therefore, present himself at the next meeting. The names of two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, were proposed and seconded, and that of one brother as a joining member. This completing the business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards reassembled for the banquet, and the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, coupling with that of the Provincial Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers the name of Bro. Copestick P.P.G.W., assuring him of the pleasure it gave the Lodge at any time to receive visits from the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Copestick, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. He eulogised the Provincial Grand Master for the services he rendered to Freemasonry in his Province, and trusted that the Kingswood Lodge might, at no very distant date be again honoured by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. This remark was very warmly received. Bro. E. Blinkhorn proposed the health of the acting W.M., which was replied to. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors, saying it was with a large amount of pleasure that they welcomed their visitors on that occasion; they were delighted to have the opportunity of extending such hospitality as was within their means to distinguished brethren of the Province, from London, and from our distant colonies, and hoped that it might often be their privilege to do so. They had visitors that evening who had been amongst them before—notably, Bro. Scott-Young, who had again so kindly assisted in the musical arrangements, and to whom they were much indebted. He was also pleased to welcome the Worshipful Master of another Lodge in the Province, Bro. Martin 1385. This toast was received very heartily. Bro. Wright 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, in reply, said it was the second time he had visted the Kingswood Lodge, and he might tell the brethren that whenever he was on this side of the Atlantic, if he did not receive an invitation to visit them he should feel aggrieved. He was delighted to be present. Bro. Rodger, of the same Lodge, also spoke in very cordial terms of the kindly feelings shown them by their brethren in the old country. Bro. Scott-Young W.M. 226 said he was becoming a frequent visitor. He was pleased to meet again the brethren from the colonies, as their presence showed the universality of the science. He complimented the Lodge on the work done. Bro. Ingram, Ontario, thanked the brethren for the reception accorded them. He was much impressed by the working on this side, as well as by the kindly welcomes he received. He could not say that Freemasonry would make a bad man a good one, but he was convinced that it would make a good man a better one. Bros. Copestick, Martin, Berg, and Blyth also briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. He regretted the absence of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Pheasant, through indisposition; he could only say of him that he was a splendid Officer of the Lodge, and knew well how to take care of the funds. Bro. W. Ball replied, thanking the brethren on behalf of the Treasurer. For himself, he was about to cross the Atlantic again, and should, unfortunately, be absent at the next meeting. He hoped the brethren would think of him when the Tyler's toast was given—not as a poor and distressed brother, but as one who desired a speedy return to his native land. The health of the Officers having been given and acknowledged, Bro. Wright, Newfoundland, claimed indulgence from the W.M. on behalf of the visitors. They had received so much kindness from the brethren that they could not separate without drinking with the utmost heartiness and goodwill—Prosperity to the Kingswood Lodge. The W.M. briefly thanked the visitors for their good wishes, so ably expressed. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bros. Scott-Young, Blyth, Moore, and Blinkhorn assisted in promoting the harmony of the evening, by contributing some excellent songs, and the meeting proved a very pleasant and successful one.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held in the Town Hall, Stourport, on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, at 12 o'clock at noon. The R.W. Brother Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., is the Provincial Grand Master, and W. Brother A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D. England, P. Prov. G.S.W., is the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. A banquet will be served at 4·30 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, Stourport, for which tickets (6s 6d each) may be procured from the Provincial Grand Stewards.

The members of St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, had their annual outing on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The brethren, with their wives and other relatives, drove to the Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, where a substantial luncheon was served, and, after visiting the Horticultural Exhibition and viewing objects of interest in the locality, the company drove home, Devonport being reached at a quarter to eleven. An enjoyable day was spent, in spite of the weather.

"There is not in nature anything so remotely distant from God, or so extremely opposite to Him, as a greedy and griping niggard."

MARRIAGE.

SCHUMACHER—CONSTABLE.—On the 27th ult., at St. Cyprian's Church, Kimberley, South Africa, WOLDEMAR HERMANN SCHUMACHER, of Porchester Lodge, Belgravia, Kimberley, to FLORENCE ANNIE, daughter of Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE, of Kimberley, South Africa.

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GLEANINGS.

Freemasonry is by many regarded as one of the many delusions of the wicked One to lure men on to destruction and perdition. Hence the attitude of some sections of the Christian Church is hostile, only hostile, and that continually. But the brethren of the Craft themselves profess to be animated by a desire to search into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, and to be in the regular Apostolic Succession of the wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem in the infancy of Christianity. Nay, they claim to be predecessors of those wise men as well as the successors. In the time of Solomon they were employed in building the Temple, but since then they have been, as a rule, not operative, but rather speculative, or free and accepted Masons, and apply all the principles of the Craft to the enforcement of moral precepts. Certainly there is no sign of the cloven foot in any of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, which met recently in Owen Sound. About four hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of the Province assembled, for the transaction of business. Among these are some of the most prominent men in the clerical, legal, and medical professions, as well as the most successful business men in all walks of life. The Order certainly is not lacking in respectability, if the social status of its membership counts for anything. Some figures gleaned from the address of the Grand Master may be of interest. They have a Benevolent Fund with a capital of 69,000 dollars, of which 60,000 is invested, and the remainder in the bank. They have paid out in aid to the needy among their members, including their widows and orphans, over 150,000 dollars during the last twenty-five years. The average annual disbursements during the last few years have been 11,000 dols. They have now upon their list of pensioners three hundred and fifty-five widows, fifty-five orphans, and thirty-one needy brethren. Their receipts during the past year amounted to over 17,000 dollars. They contemplate having a big centennial demonstration in 1892, when delegates will be present from all parts of the continent. Their next annual meeting will be held in the city of Kingston. What is the matter with the Craft in Orillia? They do not appear to have been represented at the Grand Lodge.—*Orillia Packet.*

Don't go to the Lodge to find fault, to raise a row, to talk of friendship when you mean hate, determined to set yourself on edge with any that come near you. Try the antithesis of this. Speak kindly to all. If you disagree with a brother, do so in such a charitable spirit that your words will influence your hearers, and perchance you may bring a flood of harmony where discord abounded. Courtesy costs nothing. Cheap, is it not? Try it. The elixir of life is not half as palatable.

In love for one another let us be real—not hollow. The curse of our fraternity is the brother who grasps your hand, utters pleasant sentences, and winds up by some remark that savours so much of business that you feel like either casting your apron from you or pitching the so-called brother from the dormer window.

A live, true, worthy Mason, is one who regularly attends his Lodge, discharging all the duties incumbent upon him as a member of the Craft, studies to understand the living principles of, and remembers every point in, his covenant. He thinks enough of Masonry to make some sacrifices in its interest.

Keep clear of the brother who blasphemes. It is the curses heard in Lodge ante-rooms that sicken many a man who thought that Masonry was free from such muck.

We are sometimes on the keen edge of discontent with our brother. We snap and snarl at every word, forgetting the hour when we bonded our life to his in the woven strands of good-will and charity.

The sunlight of friendship should gladden us as we meet in our Lodge rooms. Life is so mingled with joy and sorrow that we ought to make the most of the happy hours when we meet upon the checkered floor.

A good name, when deserved, gives a strength and mild courage, quiet boldness and modest assurance, which are worth all that they cost.

A man, to be of any account in this world, must stand up for truth, and back his opinions by integrity. A skulking, deceptive, self-seeking man is devoid of these potent elements of character, and, after a time, is lost in the fog of worldly contempt, and is forgotten; while the man of truth and integrity, though for a moment he forfeit popular applause, is sure to command universal respect and to win at last.

When we meet a man who never changes any of his opinions, never corrects any of his mistakes, and is not wise enough to discover any mistakes in himself, we at once make up our mind that he is a poor judge of human nature, that he is destitute of charity, and has pastured upon selfishness based upon conceit. Such men are of no account in the mart where goodness and truth are dealt out. Members of our fraternity will do well to try "to see themsel's as ithers see them."

The Social Tie.—Freemasonry in all its branches is a social brotherhood, and while teaching a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," it will fail if the social element is neglected. The social tie is the tie which binds, and these organizations have originated to supply a social necessity. Man was created a helpless and dependent being, and it is a natural heaven-born impulse that compels him to seek companionship with his fellow man; and if he finds it not among those he was taught to recognise by the endearing title of brother, he will leave Masonry. The ritual with all its beauties will in time fail to attract, independent of anything else. The following old Latin maxim is a good one, and applies to Masonry as well as some other societies: "Ridentem dicere verum, quid retat."

What is a Square?—This question is often asked in our Lodge rooms and readily answered. But beyond lines of measurement, it has a meaning of far deeper import in its relations to human action.

1. It is to avoid intemperance and excess.
2. It is to be humane in our treatment of our fellow-men.
3. If we obey the above, we shall treat our dumb animals with kindness.
4. It is to give good weight and measure, and tell the truth at all times about the wares we may sell.
5. It is to avoid evil speaking and slander. We are brothers, and it is unbecoming in brothers to speak evil of each other.
6. It is to try by all the means within our power, to do all we can to aid our brother man, by words of good cheer and deeds of love and mercy.

Such is our answer as to what is a square.—*Masonic Journal.*

It is well to keep in view the duties that Freemasonry enjoins. They will never be changed, and require self-denial. When a profane makes up his mind to seek our mysteries he ought to be told plainly that the good he will receive from them will be what happiness one gives by performing acts of charity from motions wholly unselfish. To do good without hope of fee or reward is the motive which should actuate seekers after light in Masonry.

How many of the bitter animosities of the Lodge room might be allayed, and how much happier would we feel with our brethren if before we uttered the harsh word in debate we gave but a thought to the principle in the keystone of that arch which binds us in sweet charity with all, be he brother or friend.

A Good Definition.—In the course of a Masonic sermon, delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the Order was a great moral force, which largely helped on the redemption of the world from evil. In its Lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer, if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

True Conception of Masonry.—How infinitely removed from the true conception of the Masonic essence are those who see or expect in Masonry nothing but a society for ameliorations and benefits? These are temporal concerns; material objects sought according to convenience and circumstances. Far be it from my thoughts to detract, by remotest insinuation or inference, from the merit of those institutions which men have organised for mutual benefit. They are praiseworthy; they are useful; they relieve distress, and shelter against poverty and want. But they are neither a substitute nor an equivalent for Freemasonry. They are as far removed from it as the image of some partial superstition is removed from the One Infinite. Masonry is more than "a beautiful system of morality." No definition can lay down its scope or measure its extent. Its soul is truth; its mission, the brotherhood of man; a vague generality, perhaps, to the superficial mind, but a well-defined substance to the thoughtful and the earnest. Ordinary morality, uprightness of life, charitable impulse, these are the common attributes of all good men, be they Masons or no. But Freemasonry combines them into higher uses and nobler purposes. It teaches not only morality, but also equality; not only charity, but also toleration; the fraternity, not of Masons, only as such, but the fraternity of the human race. When we speak of the "universality of Masonry," we assume something more than a mere historic or geographical fact. We do not mean only that Masonry can and does flourish everywhere; but that, in its essence, it is universal; in its nature, benevolent; in its objects, ideal; striving to fit man for a condition of perfect moral and social communism, where geography traces no boundaries and history erects no boastful monuments; where we are content to forget and forgive, remembering only the points of fellowship, our fears, our hopes, our common struggle and our common destiny.—*Charles F. Buck G.M. La.*

Masonry Multiplies Friendships.—Man's greatest need on earth is friendship, constant, true and helpful. Masonry multiplies friendships. The quality of sweet friendship, like that of her sister, mercy, is not strained. It blesses him who gives, and him who takes, and so on to the end. Let our aim and efforts ever be to establish and maintain true and abiding friendships, and he will teem with richer blessings.—*P.G.M. Congdon, of New York.*

Companion.—It was not until near the close of the last century that the word Companion was used to designate a Royal Arch Mason. In the records of St. Andrew's Chapter the term is first applied October 20, 1795, on which date Thomas S. Webb, of Temple Chapter, Albany, N.Y., was present as a guest of St. Andrew's Chapter. It was about this time that considerable changes in the Royal Arch Ritual and system took place—changes largely due to the fashioning hand of Webb—and most likely the word Companion was then introduced to distinguish Royal Arch Brethren from Master Masons. Companion is a word of less general use and application than Brother. Dr. Mackey, in pointing out the difference in the meaning of the two terms, says: "The latter refers to the universal Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man; but the former represents a companionship or common pursuit of an object—the common endurance of suffering or the common enjoyment of happiness. Companion represents a closer tie than Brother. The one is a natural relation shared by all men; the other a connection, the result of choice, and confined to a few. All men are our brethren, but not all are our Companions."

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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 AUGUST.

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, 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)
1971—Gostling-Murray Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 26th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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, 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, 303 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.)
1688—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1708—Volturo, 45 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1628—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
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
199—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
783—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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 Instruction, 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)
253—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—Kikington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1676—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—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
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
75—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1525—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1590—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, Georges 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)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greybound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1086—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Horncse, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
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M.M. 178—Wiltshire Rectory, Masonic Hall, Devizes
S.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1509—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1454—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1694—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner o 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.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1990—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
288—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 67—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull

FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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.)
795—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Rawlagh, 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—Beaumtree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
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)
2039—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
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)
816—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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 (Instruct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30, (In,
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)

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HOPE LODGE, No. 618 (E.C.)

THIS Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on Tuesday, the 25th June, for the purpose of installation, and about 60 members were present, including representatives of town and country Lodges. Worshipful Deputy D.G. Master E.C., Bro. R. J. Sadler, acted as Installing Officer, and was assisted by P.M.'s Bros. C. H. F. Shearn and W. Horne. The following Officers were installed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. C. Hallowes W.M., C. H. F. Shearn I.P.M., A. M'Connell S.W., H. White J.W., W. Horne Treasurer, Jas. Scott Secretary, C. J. Newey S.D., W. Martin J.D., J. H. Bryan Organist, A. J. Green and G. H. Lee Stewards, A. North I.G., E. Williams O.G. Two presentations of Past Master's jewels were made by Bro. Sadler, on behalf of the members initiated during their respective terms of office as W.M.'s, to Bros. R. S. Scott and Jas. Scott. Both jewels were inscribed with the names of the initiates. At the conclusion of the business the members sat down to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

PERFECT UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 660 (S.C.)

ON Monday evening, the 24th June, this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, for installation, when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors, some 70 brethren being present. The visitors included representatives from Scottsdale, Lefroy, Lower Piper, Beaconsfield, and Longford, the Deputy D.G. Master E.C., attended by his Officers, the Provincial Grand Master I.C. being unable to attend, through ill-health. The R.W. D.G. Master S.C., Bro. P. Barrett, acted as Installing Officer, assisted by his Deputy D.G. Master, Bro. M. E. Robinson, and other Officers of the Scottish District. The following Officers were installed and invested for the ensuing Masonic year:—Bros. E. H. Sutton W.M., W. A. Macdougall I.P.M., F. J. Read S.W., J. M. Pardey J.W., W. A. Macdougall Treasurer, A. Kirkland (re-elected) Secretary, E. R. Fulton S.D., C. Eberhard J.D., F. Allison Steward, A. T. Cruikshanks I.G., R. E. Waters Tyler. The report and balance-sheet were presented, the general fund and benevolent fund both showing a credit balance. On behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, Bro. Kirkland presented the R.W. D.G. Master with a framed portrait group, well executed by Bro. S. Spurling, of the Officers of the Lodge, the autograph of each Officer appearing below his likeness. In making the presentation Bro. Kirkland said that it was but a faint expression of the pride in, and esteem for, their District Grand Master, entertained not only by the Officers, but also by the members of Perfect Unanimity. Bro. Barrett said he found words fail him in his endeavour to express his appreciation of this unexpected but gratifying indication of the esteem in which he is held in Masonic circles. The musical portion of the ceremonies was efficiently conducted by Bro. J. H. Bryan, and at the conclusion of the business the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet room, where a tastefully laid out banquet awaited them. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, a pleasant social evening being spent.

TASMANIAN LODGE, No. 274.

THE regular quarterly Convocation of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was held at the Lodge Room, Murray-street, Hobart Town, on Wednesday, 5th June, the W.M., Bro. E. A. Marsden, presiding. After routine business had been transacted, the following Officers were appointed and installed for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. F. Lovett W.M., E. A. Marsden I.P.M., E. R. Roe S.W., R. F. Digges J.W., J. W. Toplis M.O., F. B. Pocock S.O., J. Blackley J.O., Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris Chaplain, J. Chisholm Treasurer, J. G. Steele Secretary, W. O. Russell Registrar, W. J. Watchorn S.D., J. Patt J.D., E. J. Rogers Organist, H. L. D'Emden I.G., W. G. Beaumont O.G. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., and supported by Bros. Giblin, Allport, and Marsden, to Bro. R. S. Pink, for the valuable services rendered by him as Secretary for the past seven years.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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CONCORDIA LODGE, No. 28.

ON Friday evening, the 21st June, the installation of Bro. Max Andresen as W.M. of this Lodge, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, before a large and representative gathering of Freemasons, among whom were the M.W. the Grand Master (Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice), Bro. H. C. E. Muecke P.G.M., and a large number of Grand Lodge Officers. The installation ceremony was performed in an able and impressive manner by the I.P.M., Bro. C. L. Meyer, assisted by Bro. Philip Sansom P.S.G.W. The W.M. then invested the folowing Officers:—Bros. F. Seessle S.W., A. Ornstein J.W., H. C. Böcker Treasurer, H. E. Allert Secretary, H. Schmidt S.D., H. Kasper J.D., D. Caro I.G., H. Schultz D.C., J. Shakespeare G.O. Organist, L. Wertheimer and W. Kindermann Stewards, N. Kildael Tyler. Before the close of the proceedings, Bro. C. L. Meyer I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Concordia Lodge, by Bro. H. C. E. Muecke, who in an eloquent speech eulogised the many services rendered by him to the Craft. The recipient suitably responded. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting hall, where one of the largest assemblies ever gathered in that hall did ample justice to an excellent repast, in the Host (Brother Jene's) best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. During the banquet the proceedings were enlivened by the musical contributions of several brethren.

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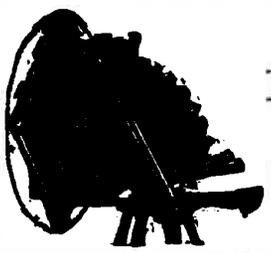
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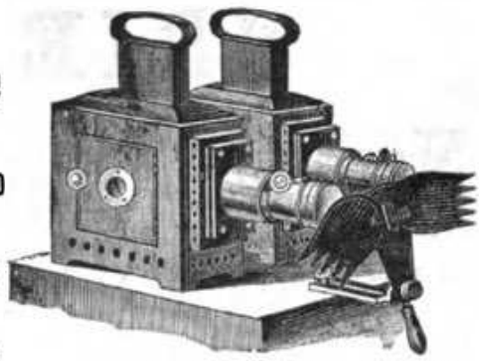
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

(Continued from page 105).

RESUMING our summary of Bro. Crossley's History of this Lodge, we now come to the 24th November 1762, when a regular meeting was held, at which Wm. Finch was initiated. In connection with this ceremony the minutes record the reading of "the several charges contained in the Book of Constitutions, as also our Bye Laws," and this gives rise to a query, in the book before us, as to how often this is now done, even in Lodges of superior working? We are afraid this must be regarded as an old-fashioned custom, either considered unnecessary nowadays, or "crowded out" in the ever increasing calls made on the Mason of the present time; while, on the other hand, the increased facilities which now exist for providing each member with a printed copy of the Bye Laws and other matters has, in part, made their frequent repetition in connection with the ceremonies all but unnecessary. It is by weighing such matters, apparently trivial in themselves, that we are able to gauge the advance and development of the Masonic Order, and form some sort of idea of the class of men who were associated with it in the earlier days of its establishment. Another peculiarity of these days is observable from the minutes, which record, on many occasions, that the Master had "duly and regularly gone thro' the apprentices work," even where there was no candidate to initiate. Our views on this point are known to our readers; we think it far better to have some regular routine of work, either the rehearsal of a ceremony, a lecture on one or other of the tracing boards, or a discussion on some topic of interest—the latter, as likely to be more attractive, for choice—set down for each Lodge meeting, so that, whether there is a candidate or not, the brethren may not lose the opportunity of being instructed in some of the working of Freemasonry, or its peculiar teachings.

Early in 1763 a Brother's "address to the Lodge was received for leave of absence till the 4th Wednesday in March." Bro. Crossley remarks this seems to imply that "the By-Laws were not only stringent, but the penalty was carried out." It would certainly be somewhat of a novel experience for a Lodge of the present day to be asked to excuse the absence of a member for two meetings, as was the case in 1763. The minute of the 8th June following is interesting. It is the first mention of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and is the first occasion where a new appointment of Officers is mentioned. Among these latter are the Senior and Junior Deacons, and this is accredited as being the first record, so far as has yet been discovered, of the appointment of Deacon in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, though there is mention of this office in Lodges under the Antients. But, says the historian, the most strange appointment of the day is that of W.M., Bro. Wm. Gream being elected for the year. This brother was only initiated on the 23rd February preceding, was passed on the 23rd March, raised on the 9th May, and installed as W.M. on the 8th June—"advancement of a very rapid character, and one which in our time might be envied by such brethren who prefer high rank to hard Masonic plodding." From Watson's "History of Halifax" it seems this William Greme was "a gentleman of fortune, author of a short speech addressed to the Antient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons . . . . . 24th June 1763," which address was printed by Brother P. Darby, 1763. Strenuous efforts have been made to discover a copy of this address, but so far without success. It would be very interesting, both locally and generally, but it is more than doubtful if it will ever be brought to light now. At this same meeting "the members present subscribed 12d each, making a total of 17s, which was given to Bro. Jas. Wilson, being an object of charity." On the 13th July 1763 "it was agreed to send to the Grand Lodge the sum of £2 2s as a gratuity." The minutes of 12th September 1764 show that the brethren of that period, like their fellows of to-day, were not wholly for themselves, but that they took an interest in outside affairs. It is recorded that on this date £31 10s was "subscribed by the members for the Defence of the Organ intended to be set up in Halifax Church, 22nd August 1764." This it appears was a sort of guarantee fund, to defray the costs of a suit which was entered into in opposition to the proposed organ. The guarantee amounted together to £720, of which twenty-five per cent. was ultimately called up, in order to pay the expenses incurred. Those who were in favour of the organ won the day.

On 9th January 1765, a "proposition for establishing a Royal Arch Lodge" was adopted. This Chapter was ultimately formed, the first meeting being held on the 30th of the same month. "This was the first known Royal Arch Chapter in the north of England, with the exception of the one at York; which at this time was in abeyance." About this time it was proposed to receive a Jew as a member of the Lodge, but the nomination was refused, proving that the Order in those days was not so cosmopolitan as it is at the present. A member was admitted at an Extraordinary Lodge, 28th October 1764, and subsequently passed and raised, whose certificate is still in possession of the Lodge, a fac simile thereof being introduced in the work under notice. This certificate is addressed "To the Right Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons," and, after recording the regular admission of the brother referred to, concludes, "He having behav'd himself as a worthy Brother, we recommend him to your Friendship and Protection, after due examination." It is signed by the Master, two Wardens and Secretary.

On 30th September 1765 the Lodge removed to the Old Cock Inn, particular care being apparently taken to see that the Lodge room was proof against "cowans." This remained the home of the Lodge until September 1782, when a move was made to the Union Cross Inn, from whence the Lodge returned to the Old Cock Inn in 1804, remaining there until 1869, when the present Freemasons' Hall was built. An Extraordinary Lodge meeting was held on 31st January 1766, to make arrangements for the members to attend the funeral of a Brother who died that morning. It was arranged that the whole body of the Lodge attend at the Lodge room the following Sunday, at 1 o'clock, in order to attend the said funeral. It appears that a pall, gloves for every member, and new plain aprons were ordered; and it is recorded that all the members assembled as arranged, the expenses paid by the Lodge totalling up to £4 17s 9d. On the 19th and 20th June

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following other Extraordinary Lodges were held, to arrange a similar sad mission, a member having died on the former date and his funeral taking place on the latter. The expenses on this occasion were £1 8s.

A disagreement occurred in 1766-7, which was settled, so far as the Lodge was concerned, in a somewhat novel manner. A ballot was taken whether one or both the disputants should be expelled. As a result one of the members had his half-year's subscription repaid him. Later on it appears the excluded brother was again put to the test of the ballot, when 12 voted for him and 6 against. He was not admitted, but was "at liberty to visit when he chose." On 11th February 1767 £10 was voted "to the distress'd people of Halifax, and others who are represented as worthy of Charity, or in real distress." New Bye-Laws were introduced at this time, and the copy then signed by each member being still in possession of the Lodge, a transcript is appended to the History. This is interesting in many ways, but principally from the fact that "the office of Deacon, which was not known previously to exist in Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, is described, and the duties set forth, even as at the present day." It is to be noted that the office of Inner Guard had not then been inaugurated. In these Bye-laws the Lodge is named the Lodge of St. John the Baptist, and this appears to have been its title until 1795, when the name was changed to "Lodge of Probity." On 11th May 1768 it is "ordered y^t the Lodge will be always glad to see Bro. Senior without any expense to him, he being an old Standard and Well-wisher." About this time the members appear to have been in difficulties—monetary difficulties of a peculiar character. They did not know what to do with a balance of £20 odd they then possessed. They accordingly agreed to pay all Lodge expenses out of this for a year, at the conclusion of which it appears the Lodge was in debt 13s 6d. This is pointed out by Bro. Crossley as being a rather strange proceeding, especially as about this time the Lodge excused its contributions to Grand Lodge, on the plea that so much distress prevailed at home, and to relieve which heavy payments had been made by the Lodge. The Probity had a neighbour established in 1769—the Bacchus—to which we have already referred, and which was erased in 1783.

This concludes the history of the Lodge so far as its first minute book goes, namely, from June 1762 to June 1769. As Bro. Crossley observes, many changes took place in that period, short though it was. The fortunes of the Lodge ebbed and flowed, its members showed themselves full of good intentions and high aims, a fairly good roll of members resulted, but at the conclusion its record was a roll of twelve members and a balance to the debit of the Lodge.

In Chapter IV. we have the career of the Lodge from 1769 to 1780, and we are told that the heading to this should be "The Dark Ages"—"the Lodge was simply struggling on aimlessly, like a ship without a rudder, or an army without a leader." At one time the membership fell as low as five, yet regular meetings were held, and, above all, it would seem, the regulation number of suppers were enjoyed. The extracts of minutes given in this chapter are interesting, and we have little doubt the perusal of the minutes themselves proved even more so, especially to those who are now on the roll of the Lodge. At the close of this period (1780) the Lodge had a balance in hand of £20, so that there appears to have been a certain amount of good management, at least towards the end of the term, and we may accordingly look forward to an improvement when we have an opportunity of dealing with the fifth chapter of the History.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC RITUAL: ITS PURPOSE AND TREATMENT.

From an Address Delivered by Bro. J. Edwin Thomas, V.W. Grand Lecturer before the Masters' and Wardens' Association, Adelaide, 29th April 1889.

COMPLYING with the request made to me, that I should endeavour to provide for the consideration and thought of the brethren present some material whereon we all might exercise our intellectual faculties, I have ventured to reduce to writing some few crude and unpolished ideas of my own on the subject of "Masonic Ritual: Its Purpose and Treatment."

Standing as I do before many brethren of known experience and deserved repute, it behoves me to guard against any appearance of elevating my own ideas into undue and silly prominence or of arrogating to myself any assumptions which by their inflated character could but cover me with confusion. Admirer as I am of all true manliness and self confidence, I am, I trust, equally profound in my contempt for the distinguishing characteristics of the egotist and pretender. Let me hope, therefore, I shall succeed this evening in steering clear of all tendency to unduly magnify the wisdom of my remarks, and to be enabled to keep rightly within those bounds which are set between want of individuality on the one hand and a repugnant assertion of self-confidence on the other.

I shall not pretend to exhaust the subject, or to define within rigid and unalterable limits the height and the depth and the profundity of the subject set before us. It will entirely suffice me, if I succeed in initiating here this evening some organised effort on the part of able and enthusiastic Masons—many of whom are present with us, and very many more who are absent—which shall have for its object the more effectual elucidation and more general enlightenment of this most interesting and important subject. I sincerely trust, therefore, that my attempt will thus be but the first of many succeeding ones ventured on by brethren who ought and can from past study and experience help to the general improvement which is certainly needed.

Our chief object being, then, to attempt some inquiry as to the best method of interpreting and improving the rendering of our ritual, our *primal* duty is to form some true conceptions as to its use and aim. I can hardly imagine that we have among our members any of so crude Masonic education, or so devoid of intelligent thought, as to harbour any idea that our ritual means nothing; that it forms but an imposing function intended to enhance the solemnity of our proceedings by merely parading a mock ceremonial; that it affords an opportunity for certain brethren placed in superior rank to air their importance by cabalistic utterances; or that it is resorted to as a means whereby the initiate is awed or frightened into a serious conclusion as to the terrible degree of patronage which has been accorded him in suffering him to cross the mystic borderland which exists between the Freemason and the profane.

Brethren, I dare not assert that in no single instance has such deplorable result not be brought about in many a Lodge. I trust I am not over-depreciatory when I venture to assert that the manner, uncouth and often grotesque, in which I have heard the pregnant and full-meaning words of our ritual rendered by some brethren are capable of producing nothing but a gibe and a sneer from those who enter our fold, and find nothing therein upon their first entrance but husks and stubble and the empty paradings of a mock ceremonial and a badly performed function. It is no use attempting to conceal the well-known fact that many a brother has taken upon himself to be the employer and instructor of his brethren in Freemasonry with no other serious qualification than being the possessor of an inordinate craving for going through the whole series of offices with as little delay as he can control and as little application of thought as he cannot well avoid giving. Many, I regret to say, do not even attempt to carry out their work in such a manner as to gain any credit for *themselves*. This aim, at least, is human, if not strictly commendable.

What, then, does our ritual mean? The answer cannot be difficult to find. To me it is this—if Freemasonry be, as we are so taught, a peculiar system of morality, its ritual must be the allegory figurative of that system, and be the medium through which its "signs and secrets" are conveyed. To the superficial and unitiated it presents but a series of warnings, exhortations and charges, generally couched in language closely allied with geometrical figures and references which apparently mean nothing, and only serve the purpose of investing it with a peculiarity which renders it distinctively esoteric. To remove this should be the duty of every conscientious Master. His should be the task of elucidating its inward meaning, of leading the thoughts and serious consideration of his brethren to the truths which underlie its peculiar style of expression; and if he succeed, but in scant measure, he will lay the foundations whereon his brethren may raise a substantial super-

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structure at once noble in all its parts and honourable to the builders. The other day, whilst reading the delightful writings of Prof. Wilson, which are grouped under the title of Noctes Ambrosinæ, and having this effort of mine weighing upon my peace of mind, I instinctively connected the attributes of our ritual as enumerated by me with the following passage:—"Quoth the 'Shepherd,' as he sits wrapped in admiration at the learned disquisition of Christopher North on the 'Pleasures and dangers of Imagination'—'Listenin' to ye, sir, is like lookin' into a well. At first ye think it clear, but no verra deep; but ye let drap in a peeble, and what a length of time ere the air-bells come up to the surface frae the profoond!'"

And now, having made a bald and superficial review of the aims and objects of our ritual, let us consider how and in what manner it should be used and interpreted. Let me start off with the truism that no success in this direction can be accomplished without an honest and sustained effort to commit its phraseology to memory in as perfect a manner as possible. This is almost essential—I do not say absolutely; for many an intelligent brother, having a complete grasp of its meaning at its various stages, will easily fill up any lapse or gap caused by a momentary or temporary loss of memory, and leave no painful evidence to those present that the slip from the well beaten track has landed him in the slough of confusion. If this occurs and he is hopelessly adrift, how can a ceremony be termed to have been successfully performed? That it does happen has been painfully apparent in most of our experiences. How often has it happened within our knowledge that a brother has come to a full stop because (as we well knew) he had devoted neither the time nor the care to the committal of the ritual to memory which its own importance and his duty to his brethren demanded at his hands. "Slumming" work is discreditable under all circumstances in life. It entails nothing but a loss of respect. It produces nothing but a varying degree of sorrow for want of ordinary attention, and well deserved contempt for studied indifference to duty when the latter is palpable. Still, with some natures committal to memory is not easy; indeed, one might say that to but very few does the task appear easy. In my own case I approached it with fear and trembling, as in no previous period of my life had I been called upon to exercise the faculty, and I had grave doubts on that score whether I ought rightly to assume the responsibilities of a position such as that of Master, were the demands upon one's retentive faculties are so serious and so sustained. However, as in many another experience of life, I discovered that by applying myself diligently to the task the horror of its magnitude became gradually effaced by the attractiveness of its fairly rapid extinction. Let none despair on this score, for over and above all criticism there ought to be—and we know there does exist—a tender feeling of sympathy with all brethren whose lapses are known by their manner and deportment to have been caused not by "slumming" their work, but entirely due to physical causes. Next in importance, and most decidedly of *far superior value*, is the manner in which the rendering ought to be made. For ourselves we abhor the flippant, jaunty, and free-and-easy style; we have an equal objection to that style which is usually suggestive of an educated and highly cultured member of a feathered tribe which usually haunts the eucalypti of this continent. We have as much reverence and respect for that style as we have for the æsthetic parson who considers that the ideal of a church service is one in which the liturgy is read in the quickest time on record and in a tone and manner most likley to completely dissociate it from the "vulgar" tongue in which it is written and understanded of the people. Would you have your Lodge listen to you with pleasure and interest?—then remove all trace of artificiality in your speech and manner. Would you have your brethren follow your words with kindly attention and encouraging heed?—then speak naturally and without circumvention. Let your words and actions betray an attractive simplicity, free from all taint of laboured and borrowed effect. Bear in mind that the chief purport of our Ritual in its tendency is exhortatory, not declamatory, and that in order to secure for its lessons the best form of success your manner should be that of one treating of serious things with all due gravity and impressiveness. Such a method, if pursued, will in all probability remove that taint of listlessness and inattention which so often accompanies our Lodge proceedings, and which is made known by a general murmur of subdued conversation carried on among the brethren, who, finding time hang heavily on their hands and discovering no merit in the treatment of the proceedings, seek for relief in social intercourse which ought to be reserved for times of refreshment.

Then again, brethren, I think we lack pomp in our conduct of Masonic ceremonials. I do not mean that quality of pomp which is the outward expression of ostentation and display, but rather that species which leads one to connect it with the dignity of stateliness and punctiliousness. From the entry of the W.M. and Officers into a Lodge prior to its opening, until their exit after closing there should be more of a justifiable formality. My idea is that every private Lodge ought to be opened and closed with the same degree of ceremonial as Grand Lodge usually is. * * * If, after all have reached their places, the Master addresses a few words expressive of hearty and fraternal greeting to the brethren present, I consider he acts with dignity and in conformity with the honourableness of his office. How much better must all this be as compared with the slipshod, slovenly style so much in vogue in many of our Blue Lodges! And here I would remark, though by no means relevant to our subject, that to my mind too great laxity is allowed in the admission of visitors before the opening of our Lodges. It is a very common custom to allow visitors to take their seats in Lodge before commencing to open. By this procedure some of the recognised forms of inquiry or of proof are evaded, and it might be possible for a cowan or profane to take part in our proceedings without our knowledge. The time for admission of visitors is after the Lodge has been opened, when by the announcement of their names every member of the Lodge has ample opportunity of knowing their bonâ fides, or of bearing testimony to their worthiness or otherwise. Moreover, it might happen that the admission of even a well-known visiting brother might be obnoxious to some member of the Lodge, and surely he ought to have in his own Lodge the right of preserving his immunity from disturbing and disquieting associations.

Then again, my remarks as to stateliness and formality apply in full force to the whole of the work of the entire staff of officers. Deacons especially, owing to their prominence and importance in all ceremonial matters, ought to be urged to carry out their duties and perambulations with exactitude and punctiliousness. Often and often have I seen the part of a careful and conscientious Master utterly ruined by the bungling of Deacons. This is very trying and very depressing, yet is easily remedied. More especially have I witnessed it in that peculiarly delicate piece of ceremony in the First Degree, where the newly initiated is appealed to for an expression of his charitable instincts. It needs great care to preserve it from running into the performance of a farce, or of an "idle and dishonourable proceeding." Properly, seriously, and delicately performed, with quiet, unobtrusive promptings, it forms a beautiful homily; slovenly and boorishly attempted, it presents as coarse and as ridiculous a burlesque as one can well imagine.

And now comes the last aspect upon which I shall attempt to expatiate. Granted that our Ritual is ancient and beautiful—granted that it embodies some of the very best lessons in morality that we are capable of learning and of attempting to carry into practice—have we licence to alter its phraseology in the slightest degree? I know this to be a debateable question. Some brethren hold that no Master or Officer has any right to depart from the strict letter and form as preserved in our Forms of Ritual, and that to do so is a direct violation of our obligation. I have myself been kindly and fraternally admonished for peccadillos of such nature. Still, despite all admonitions I maintain alterations within proper bounds are allowable. Firstly, because the peculiar style and often disconnected phrases do not agree with the particular diction of every one—they do not flow easily and fluently; and secondly, because one cannot agree with many of the sentiments set forth and expressed. Who, for instance, agrees with the declaration that the C points out to us the advantage of education, by which means alone we are rendered fit members of regularly organised society? And yet it appears to be generally and almost always so repeated when the W.T. of the First Degree are presented. Then again, who can applaud the narrow conceptions of Masonic Fraternity contained in those words which an Installing Master is supposed to address to the brethren of a Lodge on the occasion of the investiture of a fresh batch of Officers, when he proceeds seriously to warn them against display-

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ing a "disposition to envy their preferment?" It can hardly be termed a high compliment to our boasted Fraternity, and it certainly does not assume a high standard of brotherly love. These are but few instances of a want of conformity with modern demands, and I have no doubt that after I have finished several brethren will be prepared to multiply such similar defects.

And now, Right Worshipful Bro. President, I am prepared to conclude my efforts. Such as they are, I commend them to the consideration of my brother Masons. Of the spirit in which they have been originated I can but say that they are intended to bear the impress of a strong desire to perfect our rendition of Ritual, and to enhance the value and effect of our ceremonials. I am not alone in this gathering in my deep and sincere regard for the Craft of Masonry, nor am I more than ordinarily fired with the enthusiasm which forms part of a Masonic character. Here we meet on the common ground of high Masonic aspirations, fired with resolves to win for our Order those emphatic encomiums which are the reward of all true and noble efforts. One and all are we pledged to the laudable purpose of doing all that lies within our powers to make our noble Institution worthy of the *great principles* on which it is founded. Let us not fail in our performance, therefore, and whilst persevering with our own individual efforts, let us see to it that these efforts are rightly conceived—in fine, that they are initiated in that Wisdom which should be the sure and unshaken foundation of all our aspirations; that they are pursued with that strength of purpose and steady perseverance which justifies the good opinion of our fellow-workers; and above all, that they are accompanied with the comely beauty of a disinterested and generous spirit.—*South Australian Freemason.*

OLD UNDATED MASONIC MANUSCRIPTS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

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I SHALL now endeavour to describe the three *facsimile MS.* poems printed by the Quatuor Coronatorum or Quatuor Coronati Lodge. The Masonic poem, the oldest Masonic *MS.* known, begins thus:

"Whose wol bothe rede and loke,
He may fynde wryte yn olde boke." (namely)

That the Egyptian nobles had more boys than their income could maintain. The King of Egypt thereupon advertised for advice, when Euclid proposed to take charge of the boys, to organise them into a brotherhood, and teach them geometry, which is the same as Masonry, which would enable them to earn a respectable livelihood; and this was the beginning of Masonry. Now, Euclid is said to have been born about three hundred years before Christ, and the poem was written about seventeen hundred years after Euclid died, the question is, suppose the poet had read the story in an old *boke*, how old was the *boke?* And, on the other hand, it is evident that our oldest author had never heard about either Solomon's or Zerubbabel's Masonic doings, nor about Scottish Rite, nor Knight Templar Rite, nor of any other Masonic Rite. Yea, not even "York Rite."

From three hundred years before Christ, our poet all at once comes down to King Athelstan, who reigned from about A.D. 924 or 926, to about 940 or 941. This King Athelstan was pleased to call together all the Masons (*when*, and *where* that meeting was held, is unknown), he also summoned to that meeting Lords, Dukes, Knights, Squires and "great burghers of that City" (of what City?), and he gave the Masons a code of laws, containing "Fifteen Articles," and "Fifteen Points," which the poet put into verse.

"The said Fifteen Articles" and "Fifteen Points" are followed by a supplement, headed "*Alia Ordinacio artis gemetriae*," meaning "Another ordination of the art of geometry." Next comes "*Ars quatuor coronatorum*," meaning "Art of the four crowned," or the four crowned martyrs. The legend informs us that the said martyrs "were masons and gravers of images." And being of the stone-cutting trade, they were chosen by the English and German Masons for their patron saints. Their annual Feast Day was held "After Hallows the eighth day," or the eighth of November. The *Quatuor Coronati Lodge* is named after the four saints. But instead of feasting on their Saint's Day, that is 8th November, as the old Masons probably did, the members of the Coronati Lodge keep St. John's Day,—and why?

After the four crowned martyr legend, comes the "Seven Sciences." And next, a bit of Bible history, viz., that Nebuchadnezzar built the "Tower of Babylon," seven miles high, that in case of another flood the people might go up to the higher stories and be saved from drowning. Next comes a long Roman Catholic sermon about religion, and our poem winds up with lessons for behaviour when visiting a nobleman or a gentleman, how to behave in his hall, or at his table, &c. Here is a specimen of the religious lesson, viz.:—

"To the church doar when thou doest come,
Of that holy water there take some,
And say thy paternoster and thy ave.
And when the Gospel men read shall,
Fairly thou stand from the wall;
And when the Gospel is done,
Again thou mightest kneel down;
On both thy knees down thou fall,
For his love that bought us all.
And say then, in this manner,
Fair soft without here, [without noise]
Jhesu, Lord, welcome thou be,
In form of bread, as I thee see.
Amen, amen, so mote it be,
Now, sweet lady, pray for me."

Mr. Halliwell inferred from the above that the poet was a priest, and such may have been the case. But, without any intermission, the poet next flies to another subject. He continues thus:—

"Furthermore, yet, I will have to preach
To your fellows it for to teach:
When thou comest before a Lord,
In hall, in bower, or at board,
Hood or cap that those off do [remove]
Ere thou comest him entirely to." &c.

In 1874 the late lamented Bro. Woodford discovered in the publications of the Early English Text Society two poems. One is headed "*Instructions to Parish Priests*," which is said to have been written *about* 1420. The other is headed "*Urbanitatis*," and on placing the first named poem beside the religious sermon in our Masonic Poem, and on placing the second named poem side by side with that portion of the Masonic Poem which teaches good manners, they were found to be, with a few slight variations, identical. (See pp 130 and 163, 2nd Vol., of the Masonic Magazine). The last named poem is said to have been written about A.D. 1460, and fac similes of the said two poems were also printed by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. Now, as the last named poems were appropriated by the author of the Masonic Poem, they must have existed before our Masonic Poem was written, and as the year of "*Urbanitatis*" is fixed to about 1460, our Masonic Poem must have been written after 1460. This reduces its age about seventy or more years, to what Mr. Wallbran made it, for according to his dictum it was written in 1390.

I have here the first volume of the Early English Text Society publication, and I notice that it contains a number of poems of the 15th century which teach good behaviour. There is one for teaching babies, covering eight pages. Another is called "Learn or be Lewde." Next follows "*Urbanitatis.*" "The little children's Boke." "The young children's Boke." "The book of Curtesie." In short, there are in it hundreds of pages of poetry containing advice and lessons upon numerous subjects. On the margin of each page brief explanations are given in modern English of the meaning of the lines. Thus, on the margin to "*Urbinitatis*" I find

When you come before a lord take off your cap or hood, and fall on your knee twice or thrice. Keep your cap off till you are told to put it on. Hold up your chin. Look the lord in the face. Keep hands and feet still. Don't spit or snot. Break wind quietly. Behave well when you go into the hall . . . . See that your hands are clean and your knife sharp. Don't clutch the best bit. Keep your hands from dirtying the table cloth, and don't wipe your nose on it.

Now as the "*Urbinitatis*" poem was joined unto the Masonic poem our Bro. Gould somehow "got out of his reckoning," and came to the conclusion that whereas the lessons therein were designed for what is called "the upper ten," and not for mere operative Masons, hence he concluded that the members of a Masonic guild in 1390, or at least in the first half of the 15th century, must have

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consisted of "Speculative Masons," which implies the early existence of Speculative Masonry. To be sure our good brother confesses that evidence for his theory is not sufficient. But what of it? A bare hint from Bro. Gould that the antiquity of Speculative Masonry is possible, set all the hankerers for Masonic antiquity agog. Now I do not dispute Bro. Gould's supposition that there may have been a Masons' guild in the 15th century, composed of gentlemen or even of Lords, Dukes, Bishops, Deans, &c. Such may, indeed, have been the case; but if so, these non-operative Masons were no more Speculative Masons than the Lords, Dukes, Bishops, Deans, &c. who belonged to the guilds of the tailors, grocers, or fishmongers, &c. were *Speculative* tailors, *Speculative* grocers, or *Speculative* fishmongers.

The opinion I formed when I first learned that the latter parts of the Masonic poem were plagiarised, was that during the 15th century, probably immediately after Edward IV., in 1724, honoured the Masons' Company with permission to wear a livery, that some generous and patriotic member of the Company was ambitious to have the glories of the Craft celebrated in verse. Accordingly, he contracted with a rhymester for a poem of a certain length; he gave the poet the then Masons' code of laws, told him the names of their patron saints, and requested him to embellish the poem with the early history of the Masons' Craft. Our poet accordingly manufactured his stories about Euclid, and about Athelstan; spun out long yarns about the Masons' code, the four martyrs, the seven sciences, and Nebuchadnezzar's seven miles high tower; and falling short of suitable material for finishing his poem to the agreed size. So he adapted the poem that was intended as advice to parish priests into a religious sermon for the Masonic brotherhood, and as after being honoured by the king (as I suppose) with permission to wear a livery, which event it was supposed might induce noblemen to join the Company, hence the poet thought that lessons of *urbanity* and politeness would not be out of place, even to operative Masons. The poem being already made, so he clapped on to his own poem, without any one caring about it. Of course, this is mere conjecture, but it seems not at all unreasonable that such may have been the case.

The Masons' code in the poem is not, however, as some imagine, the first or oldest laws Masons ever had; for, in 1868, Mr. Thomas Riley published a book, called "Memorial of London and London Life in the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries, from the early archives of the City of London, in which may be found, as follows:—

"*Regulations for the trade of Masons, 30th Edward III., A.D. 1356. Letter Book G., fol. xli. Latin and Norman French.*"

"At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen, holden on the Monday next before the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary [2nd February], in the 30th year of the reign of King Edward III., &c., there being present Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor; John Lovekin and other Aldermen, the Sheriffs, and John Little, Symon de Benyngton, and William de Helbeche, Commoners, certain Articles were ordained, touching the trade of Masons, in these words:—

"Whereas Simon Fraunceys, Mayor of the City of London, has been given to understand that divers dissensions have been moved in the said city between Masons who are hewers, on one hand, and the light masons and setters on the other, because that their trade has not been regulated in due manner by the government, and folks of their trade in such form as other trades are. Therefore, the said Mayor, for maintaining the peace of our Lord the King, and for allaying such manner of dissensions and disputes, and for nurturing love among all manner of folks, in honour of the said city * * * by assent and counsel of the Aldermen and Sheriffs, caused all the good folks of the said trade to be summoned before him, to have from them good and due information how their trade might be best ordered and ruled for the profit of the common people."

The Masons thereupon sent twelve delegates, at whose suggestion the Mayor and Aldermen provided the needful laws, together with some necessary punishments for the disobedient; and that was probably the beginning of Masons' fellowship in England. As to York, Bro. Gould, on page 53 of his Commentary, says:—

"The York Fabric Rolls show clearly enough what the Masons had to do when in Lodge, and it has been well observed, 'that the orders supplied to the Masons at work at York Cathedral in 1352-55, give but a poor notion of there being then existing in that City anything like a guild of fellowship, claiming authority in virtue of a charter supposed to have been given to it by Athelstan in 926, not only over that City, but over all England."

The above paragraph should convince all the Masonic antiquity hankerers, that Bro. Gould *does not believe in the Athelstan York tradition;* and I do not think that he believes *in the antiquity of Speculative or Symbolic Masonry either.*

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(To be continued).

CONDITIONS OF FUTURE PROSPERITY FOR THE MASONIC INSTITUTION.

FREEMASONRY has a bright and attractive record. We read its history to note the wonderful progress it has made, its attainment of great influence, and the large and varied services it has rendered, not only within the lines of its own membership, but in wider regions where its benign power has been exerted for the good of man. It has been a productive institution, fruitful in ministries that adorn and bless the related life of the world, and it has prospered according to its deservings. Its past, all so luminous and inspiring, is our inheritance. Well may we rejoice in its prestige and in its accomplishments. The fathers established Freemasonry on a firm foundation; they wrought worthily in building and adorning the structure they have left for our use; and with an equal sense of gratitude and responsibility should the Craft of to-day receive the gift thus transmitted.

Freemasonry, however, cannot live and thrive on this glory of the past alone. We may cherish a glad, exultant feeling as we connect our Fraternity with the great names that adorn its history and hold prominent place among its traditions, but however strong and abiding this feeling may be, it will not ensure future prosperity. We may call over the noble and pure teachings of the Masonic system, as it has made expression of itself in the past, and the blessed work it has done in the name of truth and humanity, but we cannot secure a desired progress by dwelling on the merits of the fathers and magnifying their labours. They have sent down to us a precious heritage, an organization of large resources and possibilities for good, well equipped for social and moral helpfulness, and our obligations to preserve the institution and make it of more use among men are correspondingly increased. It is our duty—the duty of the latest generation into whose hands this heritage comes—to make a bold, clear, practical expression of the power of Freemasonry, and so transmit it with new and brighter lustre to coming generations, that it may remain to cheer and bless the world to the latest period of time. Is this obligation sufficiently realized? Is there felt broadly and deeply, as there should be, the need of studying the signs of the times, and of adapting the Masonic system and organization to the movements in social and public life that call for increased efforts in certain directions, and a possible modification of methods in some particulars? All this may be done without disturbing essential landmarks, and without doing injury to the fundamental principles and purposes of Freemasonry. We are conservative as any, and we should feel called upon to resist strenuously any attempt to re-organize or greatly change the character and objects which are distinctive in the Masonic system. We believe, however, that Freemasonry is a progressive institution, and consequently we hold that it may adapt itself to the movements and needs of society, as these are constantly presenting themselves in varied forms, add to its rules, improve its methods, and broaden its lines of operations. The zealous Craftsman should remember, as much as the faithful worker in any other worthy association, that

> "New occasions teach new duties,
> Time makes ancient good uncouth;
> They must upward still and onward
> Who would keep abreast of truth."

If asked to specify some of the conditions on which the future prosperity of the Masonic Institution largely depends, we should name the following:—

1. More insistance upon the intellectual features of the system. There need be no innovations upon the ancient landmarks, or changes in the accepted ritual, in an endeavour to make the intellectual side of Freemasonry somewhat more prominent. Philosophy and science, art and literature, are recommended to the attention of every brother at a very early stage in the ceremony of his induction into the Order. His attention is called to natural science, to the profound themes of philosophical inquiry,

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to the importance of logic and intelligent reasoning in passing upon great subjects put before the mind, and to architecture, painting, music, with other branches of learning and accomplishment that appeal especially to the mind and the imagination. But these primary suggestions are not followed out in any subsequent lessons to the young Craftsman; nor is he much appealed to after he has entered upon his Masonic career to use his mental powers in the way of study on any of the grand themes named. Freemasonry is a system, and under the forms and practices of its present organisation, does not greatly stimulate its members to investigate truth, to acquire knowledge, or become specially interested in the arts and sciences. Might it not properly attempt something more of suggestion and influence, perhaps of practical teaching, in this direction? Might it not become more of a school of intelligence than now? What harm would come if lectures and discussions pertaining to the subjects named were arranged for in the Lodge—if papers were read before the members by eminent specialists in Science—and considerable more attention given to awakening and quickening the intellectual nature? Freemasonry can hardly hope to live and thrive in the twentieth century merely as a club; it must have, as justly belongs to its character—the expression of its true genius—more abundant ministries; those that provide for the mind as well as the body. "If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one of them and buy hyacinths to feed my soul," was the declaration of one whom the world has pronounced exceeding wise, and his declaration is at least suggestive of the proposition affirmed that Freemasonry can flourish most efficiently only as it emphasises and presses into use its intellectual ministries.

2. It must do more and better benevolent work. This is not saying that Freemasonry has not rendered a grand service in the way of enlightened philanthropy in the past. Its works of practical charity in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, burying the dead, educating orphans and relieving distress, go far beyond any commutation that may be made of its expenditure of means. There has been personal help as well as institutional, according to what are the teachings with which every intelligent Craftsman is familiar. But with all that has been done for charity's sake there is still a demand for increased service. Freemasonry must go well to the front as a working force in the relief of human suffering, or it will not prosper according to what are its possibilities. Within every Grand Lodge jurisdiction there ought to be an Asylum, a home for aged brethren who may be reduced to poverty, and for the wives or widows of such; and there ought also to be a school for children left in destitution, where they may be cared for and trained in the things that make for worthy living. If in any jurisdiction there are happily so few indigent brethren, or those belonging to the families of such a class, that there seems no special call for the home and school, still let these ministries be provided, and so far as possible given to the public, in accordance with the prompting of that universal benevolence which every Mason is taught to respect.

3. The most vital essential of Masonic prosperity is that the Institution shall stand for the law of practical righteousness. Freemasonry rests upon a moral basis. It inculcates moral obligations; it imposes moral restraints; it places full in view before its members and before the world a high standard of moral excellence. Its decadence will come only when these principles and rules are forgotten or ignored. Just now, with the tides of intemperance, licentiousness, and selfishness, running with so much force in society, there is a special call that Freemasonry in its organic life should adhere to the law of practical righteousness, and count no man a true Mason, or worthy of its honours, who does not rigidly observe the moral law. It must make the binding force of its great principles to be felt by all who bear its name or represent its powers and interests. Selfish and base men, the indolent, undeserving, sensual and vile, must be kept without its lines; or if perchance any of this class gain admission they must be quickly reformed or sent to the rear. Only thus will Freemasonry become in practice what it is in name—a great moral institution; only thus will it observe one of the most important conditions on which its future prosperity depends.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 277.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 18th inst., a special service, in celebration of the Centenary of this Lodge, of the Province of East Lancashire, was held in St. James's Church, Oldham, by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. L. Knapp. The brethren met at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, at two o'clock, and assembled in the different rooms, as follows:—Tylers, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons met in the billiard-room; Officers (Wardens, Deacons, &c.) in the Lodge-room; Past Masters and Worshipful Masters in the card-room; and Provincial Officers in the Committee-room. Bro. W. Edwards P.M. Marshal arranged the procession, which left the hall at 2·30. The following are the Officers of the Lodge of Friendship for the current year, most of whom were present:—Bros. John Greaves W.M., C. Mattinson I.P.M., Joseph Braddock S.W., Abraham Clegg J.W., J. O. Jelly, M.A., Chaplain, Charles Watson Treasurer, Thomas Bailey Secretary, John Buckley S.D., Ralph Holden J.D., H. L. Hollingworth Dir. of Cers., F. Lawton Stand. Br., J. Clafton Organist, T. H. Duckworth Pursuivant, J. C. Varley, J. Whiplech, John Greaves jun., W. Wilson Stewards, S. A. Thorp Tyler. Most of the Past Masters of the Lodge, of whom a list is appended, were also present, viz.:—Bros. John Greaves P.P.G.S. of Wks., Henry L. Hollingworth P.P.G.T., Joseph Braddock, Henry Thomas P.P.S.G.D., Joseph Crompton Lees P.P.S.G.W., Joseph Clafton P.P.G.O., Isaac Prockter, Abraham Clegg P.P.S.G.W., John Buckley, Ralph Holden, Thomas H. Duckworth, Chas. Watson, and Bernalf C. Mattinson. There were also in the procession Bros. T. Stevenson, C. V. Haworth, A. J. Haworth, and Representatives from the Imperial George, the Albert (Shaw), the Minerva (Ashton), and the Candour (Uppermill) Lodges. Altogether the brethren in the procession numbered about 170. The banners of the three Oldham Lodges were carried before the respective Worshipful Masters, and the line of route to the church was *vid* Union-street, Bottom o'th Moor, and Huddersfield-road. Special hymns, &c., in connection with the Centenary celebrations were used, the anthem being "Blessed be the God and Father." The preacher was the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, LL.B. (St. Mary's, Beswick), P.M. and Prov. Grand Chaplain E.L., who delivered an impressive and eloquent address from the 3rd verse of the 16th Psalm.

"All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth and upon such as excel in virtue."

In the course of his remarks the rev. gentleman said that the world presented a sad spectacle. When morality was depreciated, and the newspapers day by day contained the unsavoury records of impurity, dishonesty, and vice; when order was divided, and submission to anything or anybody was coming to be disregarded as antagonistic to freedom and intelligence; when ancient loyalty was rapidly disappearing under the euphemism of "modern independence"—is it a time to set at naught that which still, as throughout many generations, sets forth the beauty, power and liberty of discipline, obedience, and subordination? In days when the storms of political and religious controversies were raging so loudly, when distinctions of social rank and position must make many strangers to each other who were one in heart and hope, is it not something to find a place where these considerations do not enter—a neutral ground where we can meet in that kindly spirit of friendly interest which does not sanction the intrusion of one uncharitable thought, or necessitate the compromise of one sincere conviction? Masonry was no creed to supplant or supplement Christianity. It expresses the conviction of the human heart from the earliest ages of primitive history—the voice, as it were, of one crying in the wilderness for light, sympathy, order, and power, shaping its ideal by some graphic analogy which seems to express most adequately what it has at heart. But Masonry did more than this. As an independent witness it gave wonderful and remarkable support to the great Catholic doctrines of the Christian Church. To believe in God as the author and source of all created things; to fear His name, to honour His worship, and to work righteousness, was the design and object of the Craft. Faith in the Great Architect; the efficacy and duty of prayer; the power and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, were all witnessed to by the principles of Masonry. We, as Masons, were reminded that to the just and upright death had no terrors, and that in every human frame there lives the principles and germ of immortality. There was a divine dissatisfaction in the heart of man, and the Bible tells us that all man's misery, all the immense *ennui* of life, all the wretchedness of satiety, which makes man from time to time—and now more than ever—ask the question, "Is life worth the living?" is only the sublime discontent of the soul, which was made to find its rest in God, and therefore cannot rest in the finite. St. Paul insists on all honour and glory to God when he vindicates His attributes in the magnificent burst, "Oh! the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgment and His ways past finding out." Freemasons place the being and attributes of God in the forefront of all their proceedings: they never meet without paying homage to His name; and when we, as Masons, were disposed to pay court and honour to those invested with high position, and to bend before them with gratitude for their work, we were reminded that honour belongeth to God alone, and exhorted ever to exclaim, "All glory to the Most High!" All good men ought to be eager to establish and secure upon more firm ground a great society, which was essentially of a religious character, and was a great and important guarantee for social order, morality, and large-heartedness. The magnificent benevolent and educational institutions of Masonry were the secret and method of its success, and the powerful magnet which attracted to its ranks all grades of society and sectional characteristics of mankind, from the future King of England and his son to the humblest subject of the Queen. The powers that

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make for righteousness, social order, commercial morality, and genial charity, in this land, were deeply indebted to the Order; and the bearing and attitude of all true citizens to the Craft should be those of gratitude and respect, and their own best interest should ever prompt them to strengthen her chords and lengthen her stakes:—

> The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
> Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel.

At the close of the service an offertory was taken, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. On leaving the church the procession was re-formed, and returned by way of Huddersfield-road, Bottom o'th Moor, Yorkshire-street, and Clegg-street, to the Masonic Hall.

A most interesting and unique ceremony took place on Wednesday, 21st inst., in connection with the Lodge of Friendship, at the Masonic Hall, the occasion being to celebrate the Centenary of the Lodge, which has had an uninterrupted course since the 22nd of August 1789, the warrant for the formation of the Lodge bearing that date. About 70 members and visitors attended. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Greaves W.M., J. Braddock S.W., B. C. Mattinson I.P.M., Abram Clegg J.W., J. O. Jelly, M.A., Chaplain, C. Watson P.M. Treasurer, John Buckley P.M. S.D., Ralph Holden J.D., H. L. Hollingworth D.C., T. Bailey Secretary, and the rest of the Officers. The visitors included the names of Bros. J. H. Sillitoe P.P.J.G.W., J. Chadwick P.G. Secretary, W. Bagnall P.M., and the W.M.'s of the other Oldham and neighbouring Lodges. The Lodge being opened in the usual manner, Bro. Greaves called upon Bro. Jelly to read a History of the Lodge from the time of formation to the present, compiled by Bro. Jelly, from the minute books. After the reading of this interesting record the W.M. called upon Brother Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary, to present to the Lodge the centenary warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England. Part of the warrant grants the privilege to members of the Friendship Lodge, so long as they remain so, to wear a centenary jewel when meeting for Masonic purposes—a privilege which, no doubt, will be highly prized and appreciated amongst members. Bro. Chadwick, in making the presentation said: As a preface, I may say that you might have obtained the services of brethren higher in rank than I for so interesting a duty, but I will say this, brethren, none more earnest or more desirous of fulfilling the duties required of me. I congratulate the Friendship Lodge on possessing such a history as that just given by our good Bro. Jelly, and on its stability and prosperity, and I rejoice to visit it to-day, and present to you, my dear friends and brethren, the centenary warrant granted by the M.W. G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The aspirations of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which I am its humble exponent, are that all the brethren under its jurisdiction—especially you of this Friendship Lodge, 277—may be worthy of the obligations they have severally taken, may work in love and unity, and may be in the future, as in the past, a contented, prosperous, and harmonious community of Freemasons, the pride of our estimable and worthy chief Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and the envy of the world outside the mystic circle. I desire, W.M. and brethren, in presenting this centenary warrant, to declare to you the progress the Craft has made in this Province of Lancashire since its institution, but especially since this Lodge was consecrated, 22nd August 1789. The number then was 554, and now it is 277. Bro. Edward Entwistle was our first P.G.M., appointed in 1734, with three Lodges under his jurisdiction. In 1789 Bro. John Allen was P.G.M., with 22 Lodges, and there were also 13 others under Athol Constitution, called Antients. Bro. F. D. Astley was P.G.M. at the Union, in 1813, with 57 Lodges under his jurisdiction. Division of Lancashire, 1826, Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie appointed P.G.M. of E. D., with 41 Lodges (the number of members I have no means of ascertaining). Col. Starkie appointed P.G.M. in 1870, with 74 Lodges and 3400 members. Now, in 1889, we have 100 Lodges and upwards of 4400 members. This is a record, I venture to say, not surpassed by any Province. I would, before concluding, remind you of the charges that every true Mason should keep, for our grand Craft is a science worthy to be kept and engraven upon the heart of every true Mason. It is a virtuous science, for it teacheth man to speak and write truly, and to discern truth from falsehood. I might, before sitting down, congratulate the Lodges meeting in this hall on their efficiency, and the prudence with which they are usually governed. I should much like to see all the Lodges in our towns housed in a central hall, actuated and animated by one spirit, the spirit of harmony and brotherly love. This, I am positive, would be most conducive to their prosperity, as well as Masonic harmony. Another presentation to the Lodge, by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, was a gold centenary jewel, to be worn by the W.M. for the time being, and given by one of the members of the Lodge, who, as Bro. Greaves said, on accepting it, "had, with his usual accustomed modesty, prohibited his name being disclosed." The most agreeable presentations of the evening were then made to Bro. Hollingworth, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, who had subscribed a very handsome sum of money in order to show their sincere appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Friendship Lodge in particular, and for the good of Masonry in general. The first was a large photograph of himself in Masonic regalia, beautifully mounted and framed—a credit alike to the committee and the artist. The next was a Past Master's jewel and an address on vellum, containing the names of the Officers and members of the Lodge. The subscription for these presents was most heartily taken up—every member of the Lodge, without exception, subscribed—and, indeed, it was with difficulty confined to the members of the Friendship, Brother Hollingworth being so highly esteemed outside. In acknowledging these presentations, Bro. Hollingworth spoke in brief but very feeling terms his great thanks. He alluded to the great loss sustained by the Lodge during the last twelve months in the death of three of the oldest and most worthy Masons the Lodge had ever received into its ranks. A silver cruet was then presented to Bro. Hollingworth for his good lady. In acknowledgment, Bro. Hollingworth said that he was glad they had remembered the ladies, as they had got the impression that Masons were a very selfish Order, keeping all their pleasures to themselves; but this present would, to some extent, dispel that notion. Bro. Brearley next presented to the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a fac-simile portrait of the one given to Brother Hollingworth. The ceremony now being over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Great credit is due to the singing brethren for the manner in which they lent their share to the evening's entertainment. The celebration of the Centenary of the Friendship Lodge will be remembered a long time by those who were present on the occasion.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

AN excursion to Dovedale took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., under the auspices of the above Lodge. The outing was not confined to the Fraternity, but was joined in by ladies and non-Masons. At 9·5 the party, numbering fifty-one, left Stafford station in saloon carriages attached to the ordinary Great Northern train, the destination being Dovedale. On arriving at Ashbourn a large section of the party visited the beautiful church of St. Oswald, which has been not inappropriately termed the "Cathedral of the Peak." After an excellent luncheon, provided at that good old-fashioned hostelry the Green Man, the visitors were conveyed in brakes to the picturesque village of Ilam. Here a halt was made to view an exquisitely-designed cross of the richest decorated Gothic architecture. The "living present" was in the minds of most, and a walk up the famous dale was participated in by a majority of the visitors. The weather was unfortunately cold and damp, and few got any further than "Reynard's Cave," situate about a mile and a-half from the entrance to the dale. The walk and the scenery were much enjoyed. After a short but pleasant interlude at the Izaak Walton Hotel, the party returned by a different route to Ashbourn, where dinner was served at the Green Man, Bro. Mousley W.M. presiding, and the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. F. Taylor S.W. and E. W. Taylor J.W. Before starting to regain the train, Bro. H. Woodhouse P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for the efforts which they had put forth to make the trip a success. Bro. J. Mottram seconded the vote, which was cordially passed, and Bro. T. Masters Secretary briefly replied. The return journey was safely made, nothing with the exception of the indifferent weather having occurred to interfere with the perfect enjoyment of the excursion.

OBEDIENCE LODGE, No. 1753.

THE annual installation was held on the 24th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, when Bro. S. Slowman was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Brother Gregory acting as installing Master. The following officers were appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. J. Newcombe I.P.M., J. Reddaway S.W., J. Wonnacott J.W., Burd Treasurer, J. C. Pierce Secretary, W. Mannell S.D., W. Rowe J.D., W. Powell I.G., W. Yeo Organist. Bro. W. Burd was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. The brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Host Leake catering in his usual excellent style.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, the 21st inst., a number of members of this Lodge, together with many other Masonic friends, assembled at the garden of Bro. R. McVicar, College Road, where it was intended to hold a garden party, but the weather proved unpropitious, and the party subsequently repaired to the Mitre Hotel, where they partook of a cold collation, at the invitation of Bro. McVicar. The Mayor (A. Spencer, Esq.) presided, and proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. McVicar. Bro. McVicar responded in suitable terms, and afterwards the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. B. Groom) proposed the health of the Mayor, the toast being felicitously acknowledged by his Worship. An extremely pleasant afternoon was spent.

The splendid Carrara marble bust of the founder of Trowbridge Town Hall has just had a handsome brass plate placed beneath it, encircled by a floriated border, with Masonic emblems above it. The words explain the gift:—

"Presented to Bro. Wm. Roger Brown S.W., by the Freemasons of Lodge Concord, No. 632 (Trowbridge), in recognition of his noble gift of this building to the town. Unveiled 14th June 1889, by H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany."

The historic walls of the old Abbey Church at Hexham will witness a congregration on the 9th of September next such as has never before assembled within that beautiful fragment of a noble fane. On that date, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held at Hexham, and an open service will be held in the church. A banquet will take place in the evening. Sir Matthew White Ridley, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, is expected to take part in the procession to the church. The Lodge at Hexham is located in premises of its own in Hall Gate.

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DEAR MADAM OR SIR,

The post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green being now vacant, I desire to offer myself as candidate for the same.

I have been residing within one minute's walk from the Institution for the last four years, and am intimately acquainted with the working of it.

I have the honour to append Testimonials of my professional life, and to state that if I am honoured by being appointed to the post, I shall always make it my best endeavour to work in harmony with my brother Officials.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

Lordship Lane, Wood Green, August 1889. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.

Copies of Testimonials received by R. F. Tomlin, Surgeon.

Devonport, 20th May 1873.

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Francis Tomlin became my Articled Pupil in September 1869, and remained with me till October 1870. During this time he was attentive to his duties and his studies, very punctual in his attendance, and always anxious to please. He has been with me occasionally during the last three years, and I find he is prosecuting his studies with Exemplary Diligence, and gives proof of great ability and unremitting application to his work.

JOSEPH MAY, *Surgeon.*

21 Grosvenor, Bath, 23rd July 1889.

I am pleased to state that Mr. R. F. Tomlin acted as assistant to my late father-in-law, Dr. Leahy, of Bridgend, during the years 1873 and 1874, and gave him every satisfaction. He considered him most skilful and attentive to his patients. The practice was chiefly amongst colliers, railway men, and iron-workers, so that his opportunities for surgical work were very great.

W. S. STABLES, *L.S.A.* (*Lond*).

Bocket House Wantage, 23rd July 1889.

Having known Mr. R. F. Tomlin most intimately for the last Fourteen Years, I can bear every testimony to his Character and Abilities, both professionally and socially.

After having been with me for four years as Assistant, he joined me in partnership, and it was with deep regret that, owing to circumstances relating solely to myself, our connection had to be broken, and I need hardly say that he took away with him the hearty good wishes of a large number of patients, by whom he had been much valued for his kind and skilful services. He is thoroughly qualified for the post of Surgeon to the Masonic Schools, for which I understand he is a candidate, alike by his kindness and industry, as by his professional knowledge and experience, and I feel quite sure in him the Governors will find a most painstaking and efficient Officer.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 27th inst., at Liskeard. The brethren assembled in the Market Hall, which was attractively fitted up for the occasion, and the adjoining streets were gaily decorated with flags in honour of the visit of Grand Lodge. The business was opened by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Provincial Grand Master, who presided, supported by his Officers:—Bros. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.M., G. P. N. Glencross S.W., H. P. Vivian J.W., Rev. W. R. Erskine, Rev. R. Fraser Frizell Chaplains, E. Milford Cock Treas., R. P. Edyvean Registrar, T. Chirgwin Secretary, T. C. Polglase S.D., J. W. Higman and J. Reynolds J.D.'s, W. Huthnance Supt. of Works, P. Giles D.C., H. B. Neame D.D.C., G. M. Down A.D.C., Major J. J. Ross Sword Bearer, W. A. Bennett Standard Bearer, W. A. W. Howlett Organist, J. Tonkin Assistant Secretary, T. R. Mills Pursuivant, J. Langdon Assistant Pursuivant, J. T. Rodda, J. Richards, W. Colenso, J. A. Bersey, H. Down Stewards, J. Nicholas Tyler, J. C. R. Crewes Clerk to P.G. Secretary. The Provincial Grand Master explained that at present it would be injudicious to comply with the petition for the formation of a Lodge at Camelford. He believed that some of the brethren who signed that petition had since altered their views. The usual course would have been to have forwarded that petition to Grand Lodge with the report that he did not recommend its being granted. However, he had concluded that that course was not requisite at present, and he had therefore let the matter stand over. If any brethren who were interested in that petition were desirous of a fuller explanation, an interview could be arranged, when he would explain the matter more fully. His Lordship, also, in reply to several invitations to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at various places, said the custom was to hold the meetings alternately in East and West Cornwall, and the latter division would have the next claim. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. E. Milford Cock) presented his annual statement of accounts. The balance at the bank from the previous year was £152 16s; receipts for the year, £228; total £380 16s. Dispensed in charities, £126; working expenses, £89 10s; balance in hand £165. The directories had not proved profitable, as out of 550 printed only 350 had been sold. Had the others been sold there would have been a profit to the Provincial Grand Lodge. If some Brother in London could undertake the management of the votes for Cornwall at the two elections in the year it would save the Provincial Grand Lodge between £9 and £10. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that during the year there were 115 initiations, 17 joining members, 1374 subscribing members, total 1506; against, for 1887, 119 initiations, 40 joining members, 1378 subscribing members, total 1537; decrease for 1888, 31 members. He had again to complain of the delays of Lodges in sending in their returns. Grants had during the year been made from the Board of Benevolence in London to petitions from the Province to the amount of £110, against £67 in 1887. Bro. T. Chirgwin, J.P., also read the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, as the Secretary of that Institution. The report shewed a balance from the close of last year, £171; interest on investments, £164 10s; subscriptions and donations for 1889, £173; total £508 10s. Paid to annuitants £70 for the half-year, £90 in educational grants, working expenses £18 10s. Balance at Cornish Bank, £330. Stocks invested, £4184; capital at present meeting £4514, against £4348 at last annual meeting; increase £166. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, read the fourth annual report. During the year there had been received, from 158 subscribers of class A 138 guineas,

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from seven of class B 14 guineas, and from 32 memberships, by Lodges, Chapters, &c., 64 guineas, which, with six guineas brought forward from last year, made a total of £285 12s. There was now every Lodge in the Province, with one exception, represented in the Association. During the year 270 guineas had been sent to London, 125 guineas to the Aged Masons' and Widows' Benevolent Fund, 85 guineas to the Girls' School, 45 guineas to the Boys' School, and 15 guineas yet unappropriated. There was an increase of 17 in the membership of the Association for the year. The members had, however, to bear in mind that a large proportion of the present members would have completed their payments next year of the sums they had promised to subscribe, and many had already done so. Some had, however, begun again for another term of five years, and it was very desirous the number of those subscribers should be increased. At present there would be 104 one guinea and 25 two guinea subscribers. It was very desirable to have new blood among their members, or the Association might suffer decay. Hitherto it had been very fortunate, but it must be remembered that it started with the aid of many members, who might not all be inclined to give similar support. Bro. C. Truscott, manager of the votes for the London Masonic Charities, presented his annual statement. In October 1888, he endeavoured to carry the approved candidate of their committee, a boy of Fowey, but the polling ran very high, and the 1,326 votes which he polled, together with the outside votes, did not carry him. The highest successful candidate polled 3,702, and the 24th, and lowest, 2,032. In April last they had a girl candidate from Liskeard, who would be too old after this year, and the committee desired that both the boy and girl should be elected if possible, but that he found impossible, and he took, as he considered, the wisest course in polling for the girl. The 1,511 votes of the province and the outside votes made her total 1,579. She was thus placed 36th on the list. The highest successful was 3,434, and the lowest 1,557. Polling thus for the former necessitated his borrowing votes, and whilst the resources on the province would carry the boy in October, a widow candidate in May next, and satisfy the loans in due course, he did not consider a further candidate should be adopted before the first election of 1891. The votes collected in the province during the past year amounted to 627 Girls, 685 Boys, and 835 Benevolent—total 2,147. The number would have exceeded that had all the votes been sent to him, but he regretted to say that many were lost to the Province by some being kept back for personal use, and several by being mislaid or mis-sent. It would assist if all would send in their voting papers, and be a great convenience if they would do so promptly after their receipt. The annual voting power of the Province, so far as he could at present estimate it, was about 770 Girls, 732 Boys, and 884 Benevolent—total 2386; but there were doubtless more to add, as he had not seen the complete lists of 1889 donations. The candidates already approved of by the committee were one boy from Fowey, one widow from Hayle, and applications had been received for two girls from Padstow and Hayle, and one boy from Looe. As it had been intimated to him that at the last Provincial Lodge, before he arrived, remarks were made that were likely to mislead, and did cause many to think that the votes were not being properly and advantageously utilised, he begged to lay before them a summary of his accounts for the years he had held the office of Manager, since October 1881. The votes sent to him by the Province amounted to 2922 Girls, 4000 Boys, and 4986 Benevolent; total 11,908. The elections secured during the same period were two girls, two boys, two old men at £10 a year each for life, and three widows at £32 a year each for life; also 1326 votes on account for a boy at next election—in all ten candidates, at an average of 1100 votes. At present they had in the Institutions four girls at £10, two Boys at £45, four old men at £10, and five widows at £32. The Committee on Brother Bake's motion to move alterations in the rules in reference to the funds collected in the Province for Masonic charity, reported that, in their opinion, it was not at present advisable to form any fresh organization for the collection or management of funds in the Province for Masonic charity. In order to carry out their views as expressed in their communication to the Lodges, they recommended that the by-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the rules of the Cornwall Masonic and Benevolent Fund should be altered, so as to provide that in future the charity interests of the Province should be administered by a Charity Committee, to consist of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens, the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary, the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, the Charity representative, and the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, and one member to be nominated by each Lodge whose subscriptions to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund for the year preceding amounted to not less than £5; that such Committee should, in addition to the duties previously imposed on the Committee of Relief, determine what sums should be devoted from the funds of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund to annuities and educational and other grants, and should recommend the amount to be voted to each candidate for an educational grant, provided always that the total of the annuities and grants in any one year should not exceed the income of the Fund from invested capital, and two-thirds of the other portions of the income during the previous year, and generally to alter the rules as to annuities and grants, so that the funds might be used according to the requirements of the Province for the time being; that in special cases and on the special recommendation of such Committee to Prov. Grand Lodge the term during which an educational grant might be held should be extended from five to six years: that the age up to which educational grants might be held be extended from fourteen to fifteen years: that no *ex officio* votes be given except in the case of the Stewards of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. A life voter who has contributed £5, entitling him to two votes for life, might, on payment by himself or his Lodge of a further sum of £5, secure his votes to his Lodge in perpetuity, retaining the use of them, if he chose, during his lifetime. The Committee considered that educational grants were not always administered in accordance with the intention of the votes, but they thought that would probably be corrected in the future by the attention which had been called recently to that point. The whole of these statements and reports were cordially adopted, with only one addition, that in the case of the Charity Committee five members should form a quorum. The report was signed by Bros. Hughan, Anderton, Chirgwin, Pearce and Cock. At this stage of the business the Lodge adjourned, and proceeded in full regalia, with banners displayed, and headed by the Liskeard volunteer band, to church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizell Provincial Grand Chaplain, from the 74th Psalm, part of the ninth verse. A collection made at the close amounted to £13 17s. The brethren afterwards returned in procession to the Market Hall, and resumed business. On the proposition of Bro. W. J. Hughan, seconded by Bro. E. Milford Cox, fifty guineas were voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; and on the motion of Bro. Anderton, seconded by Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, ten guineas were voted to each of the Great London Charities. Bro. Hughan, in supporting the second proposition, said it was not advisable to slight the London Charities because of what had recently occurred in connection with one of them. Those errors would be amended, and the discoveries made would cause greater vigilance. The Provincial Grand Master said he considered the difficulty referred to should not in any way lessen their support of those Charities. Bro. Hughan drew attention to Bro. Chirgwin's having been twenty-five years Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund and said the Province was much indebted to him for his long and able services. This expression of opinion was very warmly received by the Lodge, other brethren also bearing testimony to the services of Bro. Chirgwin. The two candidates for educational grants from the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were elected, each to have a grant of £12 10s per annum. One was an orphan girl of a brother late of the Phœnix Lodge, Truro; the other a son of a brother late of the Mount Sinai Lodge, Penzance. Bro. W. Rowe withdrew his motion to increase the age of the children receiving education grants to 15 years, as he considered that question was met by the propositions of the Committee on Bro. Bake's motion. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were all re-elected, and Bros. J. Rogers 651, J. J. Hawking 151, were elected the auditors of

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that Charity. Bro. T. H. Gibbons 1272, 856 was elected the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The auditors for the Provincial Grand Lodge were elected. The Committee of Relief was re-elected, with the substitution of Bro. T. H. Gibbons, the new Provincial Grand Treasurer, as the Treasurer. The money collected at Church was distributed, one-fifth to the vicar's private charities, two-fifths to the parochial schools, there being no other public charity in the town; and the other two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The Provincial Grand Master invested the Officers:—

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	330	Deputy Master
E. Milford Cook	589	Senior Warden
J. Jose	331	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Fraser-Frizell	893	Chaplain
T. H. Gibbons	1272	Treasurer
Wellington Dale	121	Registrar
T. Chirgwin	131	Secretary
E. Herring	1071	Senior Deacons
J. de Cressy Treffry	977	
J. Wearne	1272	Junior Deacons
W. H. Huddy	510	
A. W. White	1136	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Roberts	1785	D.C.
J. Best	1529	Deputy D.C.
T. S. Bailey	1151	A.D.C.
E. Edwards	131	Sword Bearer
C. T. Olver	75	Standard Bearers
W. Bond	557	
J. S. C. Simpson	121	Organist
J. Rogers	331	Assistant Secretary
G. Cassell	1136	Pursuivant
J. Langdon	131	Assistant Pursuivant
J. M. Carne	75	Stewards
B. F. Edevean	330	
W. T. Hawking	131	
J. Duckett	893	
T. D. Deeble	1071	
W. Wagner	450	
R. Penwarden		Tyler

At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to luncheon, at the Town Hall. The Provincial Grand Master presided. The Queen and Craft and a few other Masonic toasts were given.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th September 1889, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th June for confirmation.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master:

That an address be presented by Grand Lodge to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the auspicious occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter, Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales, with His Grace the Duke of Fife, K.T., Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, offering the most hearty congratulations and good wishes of its members on the happy event.

3. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 491, Jersey	50	0	0
A Brother of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich	50	0	0

4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have had under their consideration the price hitherto charged for the "Charity Jewel" permitted to be worn by Brethren who have served as Stewards for two or more of the three Masonic Institutions, and they have communicated with Mr. Spilling, who has for many years been authorised to supply them to the Craft on the Certificate of the Grand Secretary, in accordance with page 144 of the Book of Constitutions.

The Board have now to report that Mr. Spilling has, consequently, reduced the price of the Jewel from £2 10s, the present amount, to £2, Hall-marked. The material and workmanship to be as before.

The Board submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5744 12s 3d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £26 17s 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th August 1889.

5. APPEAL.

By Brother Samuel Adolphus Roach, of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1788, Port of Spain, Trinidad, against a decision of the Colonial Board, upholding his exclusion by the Lodge for improper conduct.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2312—The London Irish Rifles Lodge, London.
2313—The Johannisburg Lodge, Johannisburg, South Africa.
2314—The El Dorado Lodge, Malmani, South Africa.
2315—The Royal Albert Lodge, Klerksdorp, South Africa.
2316—The Princes Lodge, Liverpool (W.D.)
2317—The Bisley Lodge, Bisley, Surrey.
2318—The Lennox Browne Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
2319—The Scots Lodge, London.
2320—The St. Martin's Lodge, Castleton, near Manchester, Lanc. (E.D.)
2321—The Acacia Lodge, Bradford, Yorkshire (W.D.)
2322—The East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, Manchester, Lanc. (E.D.)
2323—The Bushey Hall Lodge, Bushey, Herts.
2324—The Horwick Lodge, Horwick, Lancashire (W.D.)
2325—The Rose of Lancaster Lodge, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.)
2326—The Wigan Lodge, Wigan, Lancashire (W.D.)

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Shaftesbury.—The enthusiastic reception accorded to Mr. H. A. Jones' new play "The Middleman," last Tuesday, was sufficiently warranted by the genuine nature of the work, and the author may be cordially congratulated on what will doubtless prove a lasting success. The story shows the struggle of Cyrus Blenkarne, a ceramic genius, to achieve a fortune by the discovery of a lost branch of the art, that will secure him wealth and fame. His previous discoveries have made the fortune of his master and his native town, without much benefit to himself; but his spirit is roused by the seduction of his favourite daughter by his master's son, and henceforth he devotes all his energies to the success of his plans as a means to vengeance. This is at length secured, and then follow, in the last act, some startling surprises. The wealthy master becomes a pauper—the poor workman becomes a prospective millionaire and the owner of the former master's mansion, and the supposed dead daughter returns as the wife of her seducer. The middleman's vengeance resolves itself into heaping coals of fire in the shape of benefits on his old master, and of course all ends happily, in accordance with popular dramatic law. It will be seen that the interest is centred in Blenkarne, but Mr. Willard, who at length has a chance of playing something else than romantic villains, proves himself fully equal to the demands made upon him, and the audience showed their appreciation by re-calling him several times during the progress of the piece. Mr. Mackintosh gives a capital rendering of the pompous factory owner; Miss Maude Millett is pretty and pathetic as Mary Blenkarne, and Mr. H. Cane is excellent as Batty Todd the factory manager. An amusing pair of lovers, in the shape of Nancy Blenkarne and Jene Pegg, are well sustained by Miss Annie Hughes and Mr. Garden, and Mr. Esmond is satisfactory as Captain Chandler. There are numerous other characters introduced, all of which are in good hands, and the management have certainly assisted liberally in the shape of scenery and music, so that altogether the "Middleman is likely to remain in the programme for many weeks to come.

Those of our readers who were unable to see the successful comic opera "Pepita," at Toole's, some few months ago, will now have an opportunity. Messrs. Van Biene and Lingard's company will commence a short engagement at the Grand Theatre, at Islington, on Monday, the 2nd September.

Mrs. Langtry, who has recently returned from Vichy, will open her autumn tour on the 9th of September, at Wolverhampton. She will appear in "Esther Sandraz," also in "Lady Clancarty," and "As You Like It," and will, we understand, probably give one or two other plays a trial.

The last nights of the Gaiety burlesque, "Faust up to Date," are announced, owing to the autumn tour, starting at Southport, on the 9th September.

The railway accident near Potsdam, New York State, by which thirty valuable horses belonging to Mr. Barnum were killed, will not seriously affect the greatest show on earth, as duplicates of all animals are kept at the winter quarters, Bridgport, U.S.A. Mr. Barnum has completed all his arrangements for the transportation of his Exhibition to this country, and will open in October, at Olympia.

We understand that the brethren intend to entertain the Marquis of Hertford to a banquet, in Belfast, early in October, on the occasion of his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Antrim.

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

"Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." Volume II., Part 2.

THE latest number of the *Transactions* of the Lodge—as with strict propriety it might be termed—of the Masonic *literati*, shows no falling off either in interest or affluence of materials. Within the period comprised in these Proceedings, two papers were read, "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry," by Bro. G. W. Speth, and "The Grand Lodge at York," by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. Each lecture was followed by a discussion, and here we may commend the practice of the Lodge, in allowing any members, interested in the subject matter of a paper, but who are debarred from actual attendance, when it comes on for debate, to record their views, in the form of "Additional Notes," which are duly printed after the remarks of the various speakers, and constitute, in effect, a postscript to the report. By this latitude of discussion, members residing in the Provinces are enabled, when they think fit, to contribute their *quota* to the general fund of debate, and among those brethren who from time to time put on record in this way that they are present in the spirit, though absent in the flesh, may be named Bros. Macbean, of Glasgow; Ramsden-Riley, of Bradford; and last—not least—Hughan and Lane, of Torquay.

Among the essays or articles are, "Freemasonry in Rotterdam, 120 Years Ago," by Bro. J. P. Vaillant, Grand Secretary of the Netherlands, and "The Origin of Freemasonry," by Bro. B. Cramer, of Berlin. These two valuable contributions have been carefully translated by the indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, and Editor of its *Transactions*, Bro. Speth.

The Note and Query columns are agreeably diversified by many records of old times, being commingled with much new and original matter.

Reviews appear of "Schwalbach's History of Masonic Ritual;" "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha, Vol I."; and "The 1759 Order of True Friendship" by Dr. Mæonal.

Lastly, there is the "Chronicle" of current events, and in bringing our notice to a close, we heartily congratulate both the Inner and Outer Circles of No. 2076, as well upon the continued excellence of its *Transactions*, as upon their rare fortune in possessing, in Bro. Speth, a Secretary to whose literary versatility must be ascribed, in fairness, no slight share of the success which has crowned the issue of the series of publications, printed by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

VACANCY FOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a candidate for Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, I have frequently been asked whether I am a Mason. May I therefore ask space to answer that question in the affirmative, and also to say I am a Life Subscriber to the Institution, having qualified myself on day of my initiation.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.E., &c. (1851).

Wood Green, N.
26th August 1889.

HOLIDAY JAUNTS THROUGH SOUTH WALES—OUT OF THE BEATEN TRACKS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—You have been kind enough on several previous occasions to insert my letters on the above subject, and as many of your readers are now, perhaps, cogitating where to go for their summer holidays, I shall be happy to supply them with full information of some of the most delightful rambles in this part of the kingdom, if they will only write to me, stating the kind of scenery they like best, and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply, which will be the only expense they need go to.

My object is to get this part of the country better known, and appreciated by the thousands who spend large amounts in going to foreign countries without being able to obtain half the enjoyment they could obtain in their own happy land, where the parts out of the beaten tracks are little known.

Yours very truly,

HENRY B. G. BARHAM.

6 High Street, Haverfordwest,
South Wales, 25th August 1889.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness and Dyspepsia.—There is no organ in the human body so liable to derangement as the liver; food, fatigue, climate, and anxiety all disorder its action, and render its secretions, the bile, more or less depraved, super-abundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side, or the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough, and difficulty of breathing are signs of liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointment. The Pills should be taken without delay. For all diseases of this vital organ the action of these conjoined remedies is a specific by checking the over supply of bile, regulating its secretion and giving nervous tone.

THE RESTAURANT FRASCATI.

TWO of the most difficult problems which exercise the consideration of the average "man about town" are the questions How to Dine, and Where to Dine. It cannot be denied that Londoners are particularly well-favoured in this respect, as some of the most elegant buildings erected at the present day have been requisitioned and set apart for the delectation and satisfying of the inner man; but there is ever a craving for something fresh, something that may be considered novel, actuating the masses, which will render the task of the caterer anything but a light one, while at times he will find all his ingenuity and energy taxed to the uttermost to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for novelty. During the last few weeks more than one palatial establishment has set forth its claims, and amongst these we may mention the Restaurant Frascati, which has been erected in Oxford-street, on the well known spot recently occupied by the proprietors of the "Bodega," within a few doors of Tottenham Court Road. In company with a friend, we recently visited this establishment, which from basement to roof has been most elegantly fitted and furnished. In the basement will be found two capacious grill rooms, where the succulent chop, the juicy steak, or the appetitising bone can be supplied at all times,—from 12 noon till midnight. These rooms are well ventilated, and are absolutely free from that stuffiness which pervades so many other establishments where the "grill room" forms the basement on which the superstructure rests. On the ground flour a capacious "bar" has been provided, where the thirsty customer can have his wants ministered to, no matter to what extent his requirements may extend. A special corner has been set apart for the supply of cooling drinks, and here the services of a skilled manipulator of American Drinks—from the proverbial "Eye Opener" to the "Night Cap"—seem to be incessantly in request. Ascending by the well-appointed lift, we reach the Renaissance Saloon, where Dinners a la Carte are served. This Saloon is divided into what may be described as the "Lords" and "Commons"; the second division is reserved for parties where ladies participate in the good things provided. In this Saloon the 2s 6d luncheon is made a special feature of; while, later on, the 5s Table d'Hote presents its attractions. On the date of our visit the menu for both these services seemed all that could be wished for, while the detail and surroundings could scarcely be surpassed. This Saloon is most artistically decorated, with a series of panel paintings, the work of the rising artist Bookbinder. It is brilliantly lighted at night, with the incandescent electric light, and in its entirety helps the guests to the enjoyment of what is placed before them. On the second floor another large room is utilized for dining purposes, and here a lower tariff rules, which will doubtless be appreciated by those whose pretensions and requirements are of the modest order. The "private rooms" of the establishment are everything that could be desired. These are available for parties of four, up to twenty, and the arrangements for service are as complete as it is possible to make them. The wine list has been carefully prepared, while the charges for all the well-known brands will bear favourable comparison with other large establishments. A special feature we noticed in connection with the Dinner à la Carte is, that "One portion is served for two persons;" Paterfamilias should bear this in mind when he desires to show his better half and the girls how they serve dinners in "swell" London establishments. The chief of this vast establishment is Bro. Chatrian, of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, and La France, No. 2060, and he has associated with him Mr. Ogden, a gentleman who brings to bear on his duties a well-developed experience. Bro. André Stahl, of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, has been appointed Manager, and for him, assisted as he will be by the spirited proprietors, we anticipate a triumphant success in his new undertaking. In connection with this establishment it is proposed, in about two months time, to open an elegant winter garden, where accommodation will be provided for upwards of a thousand guests. This will be a special feature, and if conducted in the liberal manner which seems now to pervade the minds of the enterprising firm under notice, we cannot but trust will be of an eminently gratifying nature.

Obituary.

BRO. F. DELEVANTE.

BY the death, which occurred on the 27th instant, of this well known brother, the Craft has lost one of its most genial representatives. Bro. Delevante was associated with many of our metropolitan Lodges, among them we may mention the West Middlesex, No. 1612; the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642; the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021; the Asaph, No. 1319. In the last named Lodge he had filled the chair, and was always an active worker in the conduct of its business. For many years Bro. Delevante was the Musical Director at Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, where he was deservedly held in high repute. Our deceased brother's remains will be consigned to their last resting place, at Hammersmith Cemetery, this day (Saturday).

THE JUDGES.—Lodges alone are the judges of the qualifications, mental, moral and physical, of candidates, and are amenable only to their Grand Lodges, when guilty of infringing landmarks or law.—*John H. Brown.*

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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, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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 (Instruct)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at P. (Instruction)

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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.)
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)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—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
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peterstield
1046—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
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
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
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
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
2103—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 389—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
26—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (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, Mobbleton 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—Euthlematic, Mona Hotel, Hen. etta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1383—Friendship in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woodwich
1490—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1625—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1720—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1914—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 74—Camden, the Mornington, 16 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1633—Earl of Carnarvon, Battersea Hall, Nutting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
180—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
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.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Rodear
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
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
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, 4th SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 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)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hope and Anchor
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Aungier-st., Dublin
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bexley
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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.)
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1345—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning, Ayrshire
1360—De Grey and Ripon, 139 North High Street, Ferryhill, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1464—Alexandra, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1490—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1492—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Place, Hastings
1951—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Sydney Hall, Plumstead
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 304—Philip Allwright, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 388—Lancaster Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 86—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duncastrest, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 96—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

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THURSDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (I)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
1366—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6:30. (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1803—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1813—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1838—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1875—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creason, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
1906—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
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. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
255—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
278—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
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.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnes, Devonshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chamberlain's Widows
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 768—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1223—Beaconstree, 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)
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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
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—Dorie, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithes
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
586—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Atholstan, 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.
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 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

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, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rochdale
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

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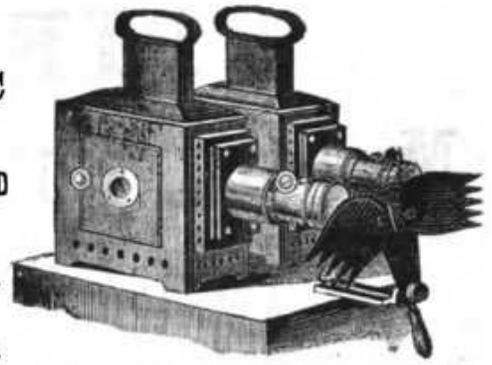
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MORE RESTRICTIONS FOR "FREE" MASONRY.

WHEN we last wrote, a fortnight since, on the subject of Class Masonry, and pointed out that its continuation in individual Lodges would prove merely the stepping stone to a huge system of cliquism, of combinations, and of sectionism, we little thought a few days would bring us full confirmation of our arguments, or that the freedom of Freemasonry was then being rudely assailed as an indirect outcome of the obnoxious feature. Yet such was the case. At the time our remarks were published a paragraph was being circulated throughout the English press, with a sensational heading associating the so-called Temperance cause with Freemasonry, and referring to two resolutions which have recently been passed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin. There is nothing contrary to the principles of Freemasonry in holding up Temperance as a Masonic virtue—on the contrary, temperance has been taught as long as Freemasonry has existed, but the "total abstinence" craze of the present day is not "temperance," and its introduc- into the Masonic system is an innovation and a mistake.

The resolutions passed by the Masons of Wisconsin are to the following effect:—(1) "That hereafter no person who is engaged in keeping a Saloon, or selling intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, shall be initiated into any subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, nor shall any Mason who is so engaged be received in any Lodge by affiliation," and (2) "That it is hereby made the imperative duty of all Lodges in this Jurisdiction to exclude from Lodge and ante-rooms all intoxicating liquors." These resolutions may be very well in their way, perhaps the inhabitants of Wisconsin need stringent measures, but they are not Masonic, and however much power a Grand Lodge may possess in matters concerning its members, it can have no right to upset the first principles of Freemasonry, which enjoin that all are free to be received into its ranks, provided they are just, upright, and good men.

We see here a direct result of one Grand Lodge introducing class considerations—others follow the bad example and do worse! While the one allows restrictions for an individual Lodge, another excludes a certain class altogether from Freemasonry, and so matters progress. If the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin excludes all who deal in intoxicating liquors, it is equally possible some other Grand Lodge will exclude some other section of the community, and after a while the chance of becoming a member of the Masonic Order will largely depend on the fads and prejudices of the particular section of the world where one resides. Is this Freemasonry? Is it not rather a return to the bigotry of ages long past, and which, with the enlightenment of the present day, it was hoped would never return?

Let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that another Grand Lodge decides to exclude chapel goers, another section puts a ban on those who go to church, while a third will have nothing to do with Jews, and so forth. Would those who support the total abstinence faddists be equally in accord with all these others? and, if not, on what ground would they support their objection? If it is right for Wisconsin to exclude one section of the community it would be equally right for other Grand Lodges to exclude those whose views were not quite in accord with those of the local majority, and instead of Freemasonry being recognised as one universal system throughout the world, it would become disunited, and, as a consequence, thoroughly disorganised.

There is another and an equally important matter to be considered in regard to Class Masonry—how long are the fads of to-day likely to last? In a few years time fresh ideas will take the place of existing ones, and these strangely unmasonic restrictions will have to be removed. Then we shall see the absurdity of making class regulations; and some of the rules of to-day will appear more like the edicts of the dark ages, than the work of the latter part of the nineteenth century. But we imagine our protests will be in vain, the Masonic authorities do not appear now-a-days to take much, if any interest in upholding the old fashioned ideas of Freemasonry, which, like everything else, seems to change year by year in various parts of the world, in sympathy with the changes of local feeling and local sentiment. In many ways this is most desirable, but when a Grand Lodge passes such sweeping resolutions as those just agreed to in Wisconsin it is going too far, and it is quite time other ruling powers asked themselves the question whether the action is in accordance with the principles of Freemasonry.

REACTION.

HE would indeed be a bold man who attempted to predict the ultimate outcome of the agitation which has disturbed the Masonic Charity World during the last few months—that system of Benevolence which has at its head the three Institutions of the Craft, and which has deservedly become the boast and the pride of the English Brotherhood. Statements have been circulated, charges have been made, and altogether a most reckless line of proceeding has been indulged in. Still, we think the day is not far distant when we shall be in a position to show that much of what has taken place has been the outcome of side influence, if not actual underhand practice. There has been a rude awakening in the minds of some as to the way in which charity funds have been distributed, while those whose object seemed to be to create a disturbance have not been slow to seize upon any point likely to tell in their favour, and against those they have so ruthlessly attacked. Shall we ever know how much of this opposition

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has been genuine, and how much of it has been the outcome of actual conspiracy,—for it is by no other name that such proceedings as have taken place can be described, provided they are not actually the outcome of genuine agitation? For ourselves, we are still of opinion that very much has been made out of very little; but in this regard a few years experience of whatever reforms may be decided upon will be the best, if not the only method of deciding whether too much or too little blame has been bestowed. If, three or four years hence we find the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as efficient and as capable as it was a few months back; if then it is able to provide for a like number of children as it was benefitting at the commencement of last year,—and at a greatly reduced outlay,—we shall agree that the exposure that has taken place and the hard language that has been used was in part justifiable; but if, on the other hand, we find little or no improvement or saving, then we shall know that our opinion on the point was a just one, and we shall be even more ready to extend sympathy to the officials and committeemen who have been so indecently, even unmercifully abused, during the last few months.

It is early yet to speak of a reaction setting in in connection with the unfortunate experiences of the last twelve months, and yet signs are not wanting that something of the kind is to be expected. One of the strongest points in favour of our view that the opposition was not wholly just is to be found in the fact that it was not confined to one quarter alone. The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys happened to be also the Secretary of the Mark Degree, and when he was assailed in one quarter the opportunity was seized of attacking him in the other. The Craft, or at least the members of the Mark Degree, know the outcome of the attack: Bro. Binckes resigned his offices as Mark G. Secretary, and has been awarded a well-earned retiring allowance. But how was this brought about? Was it the outcome of legitimate feeling, or are we to believe that "intrigue has had more to do with the retirement than 'free will and accord.'" This question is just now agitating the minds of a large section of the Craft, and if it should be necessary, we believe there is sufficient evidence capable of being brought forward to prove, not only "intrigue," but the existence of a deep conspiracy. The secret history of this agitation has yet to be written—that it will see the light of day at an early date we cannot promise, but we are assured it will eventually be made public; then things will appear under a very different light to that now apparent. What at present seems very black may wear a different aspect if looked at with a knowledge of men and manners just now denied the ordinary observer.

THE RISING AND SETTING SUN.

FREEMASONRY was born and spent its early life in the East, but now in its manhood inhabits mainly the West, and its course has ever been from the rising towards the setting sun. It reminds one of Bishop Berkeley's prophetic line:

"Westward the course of empire takes its way."

The Craft probably had its origin in Egypt, whence it was carried to Phœnicia, and Palestine, but in none of these countries is it any longer native, but exists only as an offshoot from a western stock; while in Great Britain and the United States of America, especially, and also in some portions of the continent of Europe, the great centres of Masonic Light now exist, whence its rays proceed to all portions of the civilized world. Egypt to-day receives its Masonic Light from England. Strange revolution of history! But greatest of all countries in the future, if not in the present, is the American Union, and here Freemasonry is thriving to a wonderful, nay even to an alarming extent. Grand Lodges are rapidly multiplying in this land of the setting sun, and they already include in their several jurisdictions over six hundred thousand affiliated Masons. So great a multiple of jurisdictions and initiates must, in the nature of things, produce a multitude of counsels, a variety of administrations, decisions and usages. This is to be deprecated, but cannot be altogether prevented.

The East of Freemasonry was a diminutive land, as compared with the West. What are Egypt, Phœnicia, Palestine and India, as compared with Great Britain and America? And what is the America of to-day, as compared with the America to be, a hundred or a thousand years hence? The various past is entitled to our respect and homage, for out of it has come all that we most prize, but the more various future, big with promise, will reveal the wonder-land of Freemasonry, as it will that of civilisation.

The rising sun is a matchless emblem of the Architect of the Universe, as it comes forth from the tents of night, and passing through the golden gate of the Orient, rises in the heavens with the stateliness of an oriental Pharaoh, "monarch of all he surveys;" but after it attains the zenith of its course, at High Twelve, and then royally salaams to the West, and with resplendent grace and beauty enters the blushing portals of the Occident, there is a charm about the setting which overmatches even the splendour of the rising. Gaze on the western sky at the decline of day, and say whether you cannot see there the Isles of the Blest, the Garden of Hesperides, the Happy Hunting Grounds of the nations of all ages? All of these they located in the West. The East is the land of origins, but the West is the land of consummations. The seed is planted in the East, the fruit is gathered in the West. Pharaoh, and the kings of Israel and of Tyre, were notable and powerful rulers of the Craft of Freemasons in their day, but their successors in Solomon's Chair in our day, and in our land, are more powerful still, because they rule over a far greater constituency of Freemasons, who are privileged each to know the entirety of the Mystery, and each is eligible to election to sit in the Oriental Chair.

No one has estimated, or can estimate, the far-reaching character of the influence of Freemasonry in the world. It by no means is limited to the bodies of the Craft. Every initiate is a light-bearer, a centre of light. Freemasonry is itself akin to light in this, that it is among the imponderables. Scientists tell us that so-called material light is immaterial, and but a mode of motion, and to be classed with heat, electricity and magnetism. Possibly, as some one has eloquently said, light is God's natural expression, manifestation, vestment. King David said of Him:

"Thou coverest Thyself with Light as with a garment."

In Job, the Almighty, speaking to the Emir of Arabia out of the whirlwind, says:

"The way—where is it to Light's dwelling place?
And darkness—where the place of its abode?"

While Milton sang:

"Hail, holy Light! Offspring of Heaven, first-born."

What was the Shekinah of the Old Testament but the Light of the living God? And in the New Testament, we are told, respecting the New Jerusalem which shall come down from God, that "the Lamb will be the Light thereof." If so, the Son of the Highest will thenceforth eternally shine.

Freemasonry is nothing if it be not Light. Imitating the all-Father, at such distance as man must imitate Deity, the founders of Freemasonry, in a past so remote that we cannot now specify it, said: "Let there be Light!" That is, let truth prevail, let knowledge increase, let brotherly love continue, let charity be all-embracing. The result is the Craft of to-day—which aims to give its initiates the best enjoyment, the purest lessons of morality, and to inspire high aims for the here and the hereafter. Freemasonry is a system of moral and intellectual Light. It comes to us from the Orient, and is therefore like unto the light of the rising sun, and it streams upon us in the Occident, and hence is akin to the light of the setting sun. Freemasonry possesses one hundred and eighty degrees of light, all crowded into its own three degrees, which are conferred in all lands, from the rising to the setting sun.

—*Keystone.*

The memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall, at Stromness, will be laid, with Masonic honours, on the 11th inst. It is expected that a number of the brethren from Kirkwall, Lerwick, Wick, and Thurso will be present, along with the members of the Provincial Lodge.

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MAN'S IDEAL LIFE.

THE living of a man's individual life *as nobly as he can*, is the true ideal. In that endeavour he gains strength daily; day by day he is visibly conscious of increased power, which comes from an infinitely higher source. He *knows* this; and is led, rather than governed by any specific rules; whither it may lead him he knows not. By its guidance, however, he will be no more ashamed to enter the lowest hovel on an errand of mercy than he is to bless God for the opportunities of serving him. Such a man may suffer "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune"—the poverty that in the present day overtakes the rich so quickly and grinds an innocent wife and family in the same cruel mill—nay, even the bitter experiences of that bastard love which "flies out of the window" on its approach—yet he feels, though he knows not how or when it will come about, that the seeds sown in the better days will surely bloom and bear fruit, either here or in eternity. "Nevertheless I am continually with thee" is his power of strength, and the gates of hell may not prevail against it. Asking a dying man what he particularly wished for, "nothing here," said he, "everything smells of earth." There is far too much "earth" in our composition, and were it not that man has a higher principle within, ever ready to be cultivated, we should devour each other like wild beasts. "*Make money thy servant*," said an old philosopher, "*or it will be thy master*," and it is one of the best maxims for rich men, who too often do not *use*, but *abuse* wealth. Considering that no man can be absolutely certain of possessing his wealth *even ten minutes*, and the good that may often be done with a very little judiciously bestowed in the immediate proximity of our own dwellings, it is surely an earthy disease of the mind that influences any man to devote all his thoughts and energies to the acquisition of that which when gained he does not even enjoy himself. But we do not wish to insinuate that all rich men *necessarily* find it difficult to pass through the "needle's eye" of that great responsibility attached to the possession of wealth. There are some who, because they are rich, never get credited for their good deeds. They would be less admirable characters if they *expected* it.

Above a certain amount, no man is richer than another; that amount varies with the individual. If that surplus be not worthily used, nothing is more certain than this, that it will be abused; for all the ingenuity of man will not prevent the fulfilment of that mission for which alone it was bestowed; there is nearly as much mystery about money as life itself.

But we are wandering a little from the main point. Every man, whether he be rich or poor, gentle or simple, has it in his power to communicate happiness in some way or other to those around him. Money as a specific for many of the ills of life is often of little use; so that, as occasion requires, both rich and poor may be useful *if they will*. Of all classes of men, Masons have the best opportunities of doing real good. As a body they possess, if the distressed is or has been one of themselves, a better knowledge of the *justice* of relief, and therefore their heart can be in the work.

Goethe said that *if any man were to do all that he is called upon to do, he would kill himself in a twelvemonth*. Perhaps that is the reason why so many men avoid suicide by *doing so little*. However, it is to be feared that some suffer a far more lingering and painful death through having wrapped themselves up in the treacherous Macintoshes of selfishness, than will ever die of enlarged generosity towards their suffering fellow creatures. It is beautifully expressed in an old Manx proverb, that "*when one poor man helps another poor man, God himself laughs*," —and men can all attempt a deal more than they do for their fellows, without running any risk at all. Masons are such to very little purpose, if they neglect to avail of the opportunities they have of doing good. As previously stated it can be done in many cases without money; hence many a man of whom it has been said "his life was a failure," will be judged far differently hereafter. Whatever may be the mystery and purpose of our lives the man with one talent has but to make use of it to God's honour, and depend upon it he has as good an assurance of Heaven as he who has ten. And as the ripples at the very edge of a sheet of water may be caused by a stone thrown in the centre by a child, so there is no fathoming the depth or knowing the extent or distance at which a good deed may penetrate away from the centre of its commission.

The poor artizan who carries a few fresh gathered flowers into his neighbour's sick room, or drops the sympathetic tear when words fail him in some home darkened by sorrow, has surely better answered the end of his existence than he who on his death bed would bribe the Almighty with the thousands he then leaves for charity! The rounding-off of "self" is undoubtedly the only true entrance on the ideal life, and we are convinced that it is alone productive of the very highest enjoyment that can be realised in this world.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

THE PRIVILEGES OF EXCLUSION.

WE are informed, upon authority that there is no reason whatever to doubt, that the fact of a brother having been excluded from one Lodge does not prevent him from visiting any other once; or if he happens to be a member of two Lodges, from retaining all the privileges of visiting *ad infinitum* by virtue of his connection with the Lodge of which he still retains membership. In the latter case indeed we believe he may with impunity visit even the Lodge which has erased him from its roll, unless the W.M. cares to exercise his prerogative, a very unpleasant matter, and refuse him admission on the ground that want of harmony would be the result. In many Constitutions dual membership is not permitted, and thus the extreme features of the case are avoided, whilst other jurisdictions again, give their non-affiliates little or no *locus standi*. But the English Constitution, wisely or unwisely, we are inclined to think the latter, not only permits dual and multiple membership, but, as we have shown in a previous article, allows the non-affiliated brother to play the Mason pretty well as he likes. We are therefore face to face with the facts, manifest anomalies we cannot but call them, of men who have been purged out of a Lodge exercising exactly the same privileges as if they had honourably retired from it, or even setting at nought the expressed decision of that Masonic body perhaps best acquainted with them, and filling a place in Masonry by virtue of membership of another Lodge. We speak of these facts as anomalies because the reasoning (if any) which expresses itself in the laws which allow them to take up their position is not on all fours with that applied to the powers by which they were originally admitted to the Craft. Our laws enable any one Lodge, however Masonically disreputable it may be, to inflict upon the Craft at large any one whomsoever it lists, but at the same time the individual Lodge has not the same power of having its adverse action endorsed by the Fraternity in general. Or to put it in another way; the action of the supreme authority is needed to deprive a man of the privileges of Masonry, but the action of its most insignificant subordinate can admit him. Take this as you will, it involves a *reductio ad absurdum*, or lands us in the totally indefensible and absolutely immoral position of making admission as easy as possible, and purification as difficult as we know how. If the Grand or District Grand Lodge is the only body that can say that a man shall cease to be recognised as a Mason, then by a parity of reasoning, the imprimatur of the same bodies should be needed before a candidate can be admitted to the privileges of the Craft. Broadly speaking, the power which admits should expel, that is if our arrangements are to be logical at all. And assuming that the right of the individual Lodge to do as it "darn please," like the typical Yankee, is indisputable, we cannot see why in the name of common sense, the postulate should not tell in one direction as well as another. It may be said that if a man is excluded from an individual Lodge, does lose the right of doing anything but visiting any other Lodge once. We have, however, pretty clearly demonstrated that this means very little indeed in practice. What we want is something more definite. The distinction between expulsion and exclusion should not exist. If the same authority which lifted A.B. into Masonry decides to put him out of it, and that decision is not upset by the supreme authority, it should be effective as to severing his connection with the whole Craft. The appeal to Grand Lodge would always be a safeguard against injustice. It is true that exclusion from a Lodge might be the result of a failure to pay dues, but even if so, we contend that a man who, whether wilfully or from misfortune, cannot pay his dues, should, for the time being, cease to enjoy the benefits of the institution which depends

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upon those dues for its every day needs. And if a man is excluded by a Lodge from Masonry, that Lodge, and no other, should possess the right of receiving him back.—*South African Freemason.*

MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT MUSSELBURGH.

ON Saturday, 24th ult., the foundation stone of a new hall for Inveresk Parish Church was laid, with Masonic honours, by the Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., assisted by the Master, Wardens and Office-bearers of the Lodge St. John's, Fisherrow (No. 112). The Substitute Grand Master was also supported by deputations from most of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Province and a large body of Grand Office-bearers. The Freemasons met at the Lodge-room of the St. John's, where the Lodge was opened. Afterwards a procession was formed, which walked through the principal streets of Musselburgh, by a circuitous route to the site of the hall. The hall will accommodate about 750 persons, and the cost of it will be about £2000, the greater part of which has been subscribed, including a sum of £500 generously given by Mr. John Livingstone, Strathern Road. The style adopted by the architect is fourteenth century Gothic, as exemplified in many of our Scottish ecclesiastical buildings of that period. The front gable is flanked by two buttresses and wings containing the gallery stair, waiting rooms, &c. The main entrance door, in the centre of the front, has a richly moulded and cuped pointed arch, the mouldings dying out against a deeply splayed jamb, instead of being continued to the ground. There are to be some richly traceried windows. The exterior hewn work is being formed of red sandstone from Corncockle, Dumfriesshire, and the rubble of blue Hailesstone, the two forming a very pleasant contrast, which will be further enhanced when the roof is on and covered with the pale green slates which are to be used. The architect is Mr. J. Macintyre Henry, Edinburgh, Grand Architect in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, whose plans were selected in competition. On arriving at the hall the procession opened up, and the Substitute Grand Master, the Grand Lodge deputation, and the members of Lodge St. John, carrying the working tools, passed through to the platform. The National Anthem was rendered by a choir and the band of the 6th V.B. Royal Scots, and then the Rev. James Sharp presented to Sir Charles Dalrymple a silver trowel bearing his crest and motto ("Firme") and a suitable inscription. In doing so he spoke of the honourable and active part which the baronet had taken in the welfare of the Church of Scotland and the community of Inveresk, and said the enthusiasm with which the movement for the erection of this hall had been taken up was proof of the need for such a building, and that the completion of the hall would centralise their forces and perfect to a great extent the organisation of their growing congregation. The hundredth Psalm was sung, the Rev. John Glasse, Acting Grand Chaplain, led in prayer, and then the stone was lowered and laid, with corn and wine, with the usual Masonic ceremonial. The Substitute Grand Master, in a short address, said the stone was encompassed with well-wishers, and those present hoped the work which had advanced thus far would speedily pass to a safe and successful completion. The minister and kirk-session of Inveresk were to be congratulated on the favour which had attended the undertaking, initiated as it had been by the excellent friend of the parish Mr. Livingstone. It was known to many of them that the project of a parish hall was started and discussed in the year before last, but it was in the brief ministry of Mr. Sharp, the first year of which has not yet completed, that it took definite shape and had made the progress of which they were witnesses. The erection of that hall was typical of a great revival and development of parochial work all around them, and he looked for great things in the parish of Inveresk in the years to come. He was quite sure that that parish hall would be of the greatest use to the parish and district, and that, if it were so, they would not only rejoice at being permitted to witness this ceremony, but would be glad to bear their part in completing the important and beneficent work. At the call of Colonel Aitchison of Drummore, thanks were awarded the Substitute Grand Master for his services that day and at all times to the parish. The band played "Rule Britannia," and this closed the ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester will be held on the 11th of September, at the Town Hall, Stourport. The Great Western Railway Company, with their wonted liberality, have made a concession for the occasion. "Six brethren from any Station will be allowed to travel first-class at a fare and a quarter for the double journey. Secretaries of Lodges are requested to give a few days' notice at their respective railway stations." The Prov. Grand Lodge will be presided over by the R.W. Brother Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and will meet under the auspices of the Vernon Lodge, No. 560. The banquet will be served at the Swan Hotel.

The session of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, was commenced on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon. The members meet every Tuesday evening at 8, until May 1890. The Preceptor is Brother H. M. Hobbs P.P.J.W. Surrey.

BAKEWELL NEW TOWN HALL.

ON Wednesday, the 21st ult., the corner or memorial stone of the New Town Hall, Bakewell, now in course of erection, was laid with full Masonic ceremony by the R.W. Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover, P.J.G.W. England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, assisted by the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Derbyshire. The scheme for the erection of the building originated about last Christmas with the members of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge of Bakewell, which had then only recently been formed. At first it was intended to erect simply a Masonic hall, but after the matter was discussed the need of a larger building, which should answer the purposes of a town hall, was so generally felt, and promises of support being forthcoming, the present building was resolved upon, and a company, under the Limited Liability Act, was formed to carry it into effect. The building, when complete, will comprise a large hall, suitable for public meetings and entertainments, a room for the accommodation of the Freemasons, Magistrates' and County Court room and offices, and retiring rooms for witnesses, &c., and every other necessary convenience. The estimated cost is £3,500, which has been fully subscribed. The event has been looked forward to with some curiosity by the public, as it is probable no similar ceremony has taken place in Bakewell for a great number of years, perhaps not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The brethren assembled at the Old Town Hall, where a procession was formed, and they walked from thence to the Parish Church, preceded by two Tylers with drawn swords, and the Birchover Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr. Marsden, conductor. At the church a short service was held, and an address delivered by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains (Rev. E. E. Morris). After the service the procession re-formed and proceeded to the site of the new building. Here the officiating brethren took up their positions round the stone, and a hymn was sung, commencing:

"Except the Lord conduct the plan,
The best concerted schemes are vain."

The stone was then raised, and a prayer offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Upon the stone was the following inscription:—

"This stone was laid 21st August 1889, by the R.W. Bro. H. C. Okeover P.J.G.W., D.P.G.M. Derbyshire."

A bottle containing the coins of the realm for the present reign was then deposited by the Provincial Grand Treasurer in a cavity in the stone, after which the stone was slowly let down into its place, and the various Officers having applied the plumb-rule, the level, and the square, according to the usual ceremony, the architect handed the Provincial Grand Junior Warden a mallet (prepared for the occasion), and the stone was declared well and truly laid. Corn as an emblem of plenty, wine as an emblem of joy, oil as an emblem of prosperity and happiness, and salt as an emblem of wisdom, fidelity and perpetuity, were then sprinkled upon the stone, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master concluding this portion of the ceremony with the following benediction:—"And may the all bounteous Author of Nature bless this district, this ancient town and county, and the kingdom at large with abundance of corn and wine and oil and all the necessaries, comforts, and conveniences of life. And may the same Almighty Power preserve the inhabitants in peace and unity and brotherly love," to which the brethren present responded, "So mote it be." The "Old Hundredth Psalm" was then sung, and the "National Anthem" concluded the proceedings, which were witnessed by a large concourse of people. The brethren and friends subsequently dined together at the Rutland Arms Hotel.

At the luncheon Bro. Okeover presided, and amongst the company who were not Masons were Lord Denman, Mr. S. Taylor Whitehead, J.P., Mr. Slater, Mr. Fenton, J.P., and Dr. Wrench. Mr. Whitehead, on behalf of the Directors of the Town Hall Company, thanked the members of the Masonic body for their attendance, and for lending so much *éclat* to the ceremony of the day. The Chairman suitably acknowledged the toast, expressing gratification at the progress of Freemasonry in the district, and trusting that the new building would prove to be the centre of much that was good and useful in the old town of Bakewell.

INQUISITIVE NORTON.

WE read, in the *Chaine D'Union* of Paris:—"In response to an inquiry emanating from Bro. J. Norton, of Boston, the Masonic sheets of Germany and of Austria-Hungary have observed that the Bible figures in none of the Lodges in either of these countries. As far as investigation has been pressed, says in this connection the *Hajinal* of Perth, no traces of the Bible can be discovered."

For what reason our antiquarian friend, unintentionally ennobled by the suffix *de Boston* to his plebeian name, desired to snuff out one of the Great Lights of American Masonry, we are unconscious. Still he has the satisfaction of having undermined the prevalent fallacy, among Americans, that the Bible should universally be considered as an inseparable companion to Lodge furniture. Heretofore our anathemas have been levelled solely against France for encouragement of atheistical tendencies through the refusal to exact an implicit belief in the Deity as a preliminary authorizing admission to the mysteries of Masonry, but now we ascertain that the major body of the Craft in Continental Europe have openly repudiated the teachings of their English brothers touching the sanctity of the Scriptures. And consideration of this admitted fact must be important at this moment, when some of our Grand Lodges are inclined to promulgation of declarations that a disbelief in the inspiration of the Bible incapacitates admission into the fraternity of Freemasons.—*Masonic Chronicle*, New York, March 1887.

It is reported that the Queen-Regent of Spain intends to be Grand Mistress of the Freemasons.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE'S LODGE, No. 2315.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult, this Lodge, which is the seventh new Lodge in the Province of West Lancashire during the present year—was duly consecrated, according to ancient custom, at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Prince's Road, Liverpool. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.W., P.G.D. Eng., assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and the Worshipful Master installed and his Officers invested, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Grand Hotel, in Mr. P. Eberle's best style. The post prandial proceedings were enlivened by the vocal and instrumental efforts of Bros. T. Shaw, O. J. Rowlands, D. J. Davies, D. Williams, and the members of the Cambrian Quartette.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48.

THIS thriving Lodge having for the first time indulged in the luxury of a midsummer vacation, resumed work on Monday, the 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors at Gateshead-on-Tyne. The W.M. Bro. Wm. Brown presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. W. Dalrymple I.P.M., Michael Corbitt Treasurer, Robert Whitfield, J. G. Smith, M. H. Dodd, A. Rhagg, E. Shewbrooks, W. F. Raeburn S.W., Wm. Richardson J.W., M. R. Wright Secretary, Rev. W. Bowker Chaplain, W. J. Jobson S.D., Geo. Craighill J.D., Wm. Stafford I.G., R. Ferry Org., W. H. Denton and A. Dodds Stewards, A. Simpson, T. Chegwidden, W. Whitfield, G. C. Potts, G. Hibbert, T. Campbell, T. Thompson, W. H. Knowles, and J. T. Milnes. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Fenwick P.M. 906, W. M. Lyon P.M. 406, W. F. Carmon P.M. 487, G. R. Harbottle W.M. 406, R. Shaylor 406, H. Soderberg S.W. 1119, Isaac Taylor J.W. 1342, Wm. Milnes Secretary 1773, A. T. Aitchison I.P.M. 24, H. E. Hollis J.D. 1863, and others. Bro. J. T. Milnes, at the special request of Bro. A. E. Sharp W.M. 1119, was raised by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very careful and perfect manner. Two propositions for initiation were made, and, other formal business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where the remainder of the evening was spent most harmoniously.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328

THE first monthly meeting, after the summer recess, was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Monday last, the W.M. Bro. W. A. Hill being in the chair. Bro. John Taylor J.D. presented to the Lodge a copy of the "Masonic Orations of Bro. L. C. Metham, P.G.D. England, delivered in Devon and Cornwall, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, England, and edited by Bro. John Chapman P.M. 1402, &c., P. Prov. G.D. Devon" (author of "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry.") Bro. John Taylor also presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, the following neatly framed engravings:—"H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G.," "Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire," "Robert Freke Gould P.S.G.D (England)," "Major George S. Tudor P.G.M. Staffordshire." A curious engraving of a Mason, engraved and printed in 1801, and re-engraved by F. Compton Price, 1889.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, when Bro. H. W. Humphreys W.M. was assisted in the opening of the Lodge by Bros. W. Drewett S.W., T. Montague J.W., Willis S.D., Baltz as J.D., and Pennington as I.G. Bros. G. Moorman I.P.M., Abel Laurence P.M. Secretary, C. Aldridge P.M. Treasurer, Youldon P.M., Rumbelow, S. Townsend, J. H. Sumner, Treverton, Gibbons, and others, were also present. Bros. Mann, Heaton, and Whittick were passed to the F.C. degree, and Bro. Band was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and this, as well as the preceding ceremony, was admirably performed by the W.M., who, however had to contend against the distressing distraction of the noise accompanying a regatta on the river close by the room in which the Lodge was held. To add to this, heavy storms of rain fell at intervals, so that at times the voice of the W.M. was nearly drowned. The by-laws of the Lodge were put in force in respect of a candidate who had been accepted on ballot, but had not presented himself within the specified period, and the names of two brethren were ordered to be struck off the register, they being four years in arrear, and having persistently neglected to reply to any of the applications made to them. In each instance the brother is in respectable circumstances, and could not plead poverty as an excuse for non payment of dues. By an unanimous vote Bro. W. Drewett was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. Oldridge as Treasurer. Bro. W. Lane was again elected Tyler. On the motion of the I.P.M. Bro. Moorman, a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., to whom well deserved compliments were paid for the excellent working he had exhibited, and for the happy year spent under his rule. Some other business was transacted, and the proceedings were closed. The installation of the new W.M. will take place on Wednesday, the 19th inst.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

THE installation of Lieutenant T. Cowd, R.N., as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport. There was a good attendance, including Bros. G. S. Lancaster P.M. 903, J. W. Give P.M. 369, C. Birch I.P.M. 2074, W. Miles P.P.G D.C., W. Gunnell P.P.Supt.Works, W. Bates W.M. 487, W. Wilkins W.M. 1266, J. E. Spurrell J.W. 177, W. Leamy S.W. 342, J. W. Willmott P.M. 342, A. H. Harcox 1776, J. Guyatt Secretary 1776, W. Miller W.M. 2068, J. E. Smith W.M. 1883, H. W. Townsend W.M. 1903, Major Stanley P.G.S.W., W. A. Hill P.M. 309, J. W. D. Pillow 1903, Rev T. H. Fitzhardinge Morton W.M. 257, C. J. Lawrence W.M. 1909, J. R. S. Wright 342, W. H. Sperring W.M. 342, H. Croucher P.M. 342, J. W. Bascombe P.M. 804, J. Hamilton Bridle, Thomas A. Bramadon Secretary 257, F. Sanders P.M. 342, W. White jun. S.D. 1776, A. Tayler 1776, G. L. Green, W. M. Outridge P.M. 487, &c. The members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge in attendance comprised Bros. David T. Rule W.M., C. W. Beavis Treasurer, Lieut. T. Cowd, R.N., J.W., J. J. Suter Secretary, R. J. Waterman Dir. of Cers., H. Cawte I.P.M., G. Farney Brown P.M. P.G.J.D., S. R. Ellis P.M., C. F. Brown, G. Banning, Edward Bramble, Alexander Howell, W. W. Slade, James Kent, A. H. Slade, F. A. Hobbs, I. S. Gardner P.M., W. B. Fogden, &c. Lodge was close tyled at 5·30. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. D. T. Rule), and was made all the more impressive by the admirable manner in which the anthems were rendered by a small choir, Bro. Pillow presiding at the harmonium. The customary hearty good wishes were offered to the incoming W.M., who, it may be mentioned, on retiring from the service, having completed his term in one of the Royal yachts, was presented by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with a handsome gold chronometer watch, as a mark of esteem. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. T. D. Rule I.P.M., G. T. Aylen S.W., J. J. Suter J.W., C. W. Bevis Treas., Alex. Howell Secretary, C. F. Brown Dir. of Cers., R. J. Waterman S.D., W. W. Slade J.D., W. B. Fogden I.G., J. Kent and E. Bramble Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Rule for his services as Installing Master. The banquet was served in the lower hall, and reflected great credit on the *cuisine* of the Masonic Club. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. the Rev. T. F. Morton, in introducing the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, made sympathetic reference to the recent bereavement sustained by the last-named nobleman in the death of his son, a young and promising naval officer, and who was on the point of becoming a member of the Craft, of which his father is so distinguished a member. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, who made a judicious reference to the London Charities, and called attention to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Institute, whose Festival is to be held at Portsmouth in November. Bro. Lancaster, who is the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of this young but flourishing Institution, which has £1,200 invested, showed that good value is obtained for the money expended, and made an appeal for Stewards for the Festival, which was responded to by several members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The W.M. had a warm reception on rising to respond to the Worshipful Master. Bro. J. W. Give P.G. Treasurer responded for the Provincial Officers. The songs, &c., with which the toasts were interspersed and the skilful accompaniments of Bro. Pillow were much appreciated by the company.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne Minster, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., under the banner of St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 99. The Provincial Grand Master Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath presided. The reports of the Registrar and Treasurer of the province were received and adopted. The Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren on the progress of Mark Masonry generally and in the province, and then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Sir R. N. Howard	...	Deputy Master
H. F. Harvey	...	Senior Warden
J. F. Hatchard	...	Junior Warden
R. Patey	...	M.O.
H. G. B. Frampton	...	S.O.
F. Turner	...	J.O.
Rev. W. C. Browne	...	Chaplain
W. B. Morgan	...	Registrar of Marks
W. J. Fletcher	...	Secretary
G. Habgood (elected)		Treasurer
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G. M. Evans	...	Junior Deacon
G. J. Brady	...	D.C.
T. J. Mason	...	Sword Bearer
J. Downs	...	Standard Bearer
W. H. Hibberd	...	I.G.
R. Simmonds (elected)	...	Tyler

The brethren afterwards dined together, the Provincial Grand Master presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

A boy, named Robt. Goddard, was charged at the Darlington Police Court, last week, with stealing a Masonic jewel, value £5, from the shop of Mr. J. Bailey, Horse Market. The boy at one time was employed as an errand boy at Mr. Bailey's shop, and the jewel was purloined from a registered letter. The lad, who confessed that he sold the jewel, at Redcar, for 3d, was fined 10s; in default, seven days' imprisonment.

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THERE IS ANOTHER ST. JOHN.

BRO. DANIEL F. BELL, of Marshall, Ms., in a communication to the *Masonic Constellation*, uses the following expression:—

"Why do you Masons celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist? is a question that is asked by some of those who are possibly not well acquainted with the history of Masonry, and it is not an improper question, for we, as Masons, have, as we think, good reasons for our actions."

Bro. Bell gives two reasons for Masonic veneration of the forerunner, the second of which he urges because "he was a promoter and lover of our Order and its principles," which is about as reckless an assertion as the famous one of the French Bro. Enoch, that St. Michael the Archangel was our first Grand Master. Then Bro. Bell gives a very interesting epitome of the customs attending celebrations of St. John's Day in various countries, all of which are remnants of usages peculiar to the Pagan observance of the festival of the summer solstice, as has been demonstrated by observant critics ten times over.

To us it appears incredible that Masons continue to confute St. John the Baptist with St. John of Jerusalem, a decidedly historical character to whom they are told their Lodges are dedicated. This saint, canonized by Rome, under the title of Almoner, or St. John of Jerusalem, was born in the sixth century, was patriarch of Constantinople, went to Jerusalem and erected a hospital for relief of pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre, dying a martyr to his charitable proclivities. He was, undoubtedly, the patron of the Knights Hospitallers, and thence has passed into Masonry most appropriately. Should, as the learned Abbe Robin contends its original object to have been, perpetuation of the virtues of chivalry, moribund at advent of the renaissance, or re-birth of civilization.—*Masonic Chronicle*, August 1889, New York.

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE, BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

However ridiculous Bro. Bell's belief is that St. John the Baptist "was a promoter and lover of our Order," the belief of the critic in the *Masonic Chronicle*, that St. John of Jerusalem was ever regarded by Masons as their Patron Saint, or that Masons have ever observed or celebrated his Festival Day, *is equally absurd*. The fact is, Masons in America, until within twenty-five years or so, observed the Saints John Days, because they believed, as Bro. Bell now believes, that the Sts. John were "Eminent Masons," Grand Masters of Masons, &c. But since the sectarian question in Masonry has been raised, and the Masonry of the Sts. John has been *exploded*, some *luminaries* have tried to persuade the Jewish Masons that the Masonic Sts. John were not originally designed for the Baptist or for the Evangelist, but for St. John of Jerusalem. St. John of Jerusalem may have been the Patron Saint of the Hospitallers, but as Masons never had any connection with chivalry before Masonic Templarism was invented, and as the Grand Lodge in London was organized on the 24th June 1717, and as Anderson's Constitution ordained that the Days of the Baptist and of the Evangelist should be the Masonic festivals, it is nonsense therefore to talk about St. John of Jerusalem ever having been the Masons' Patron Saint.

BOSTON, U.S., 20th August 1889.

Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," is now out of print. The volume, as its merits became known, was eagerly purchased by students, and, as a matter of course, is already at a premium. These remarks apply also to Bro. W. J. Hughan's last book, which relates to the "Engraved List of 1734," and the Histories of the old Lodges. This is the more gratifying to Bro. Hughan, as the work has only recently been issued. We are convinced the few copies of both books held by booksellers will rapidly increase in value as these facts become known, consequently we advise collectors to procure copies as soon as possible.

At the installation meeting of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, held on Tuesday, the 13th ult., Bro. J. S. White was installed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. H. C. Jones.

Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, has summoned the Officers and Brethren of the Province to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Hyde, on 18th September next. There will be the usual investiture of officers for the ensuing year, and there will be a motion to grant fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in London.

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Cancer and its Complications. By Charles Egerton Jennings, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.S., M.B. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox, King William Street, Strand.

MR. JENNINGS, in the book before us, treats of the various forms of cancer, and appears to bring considerable skill and experience to bear upon his subject. It is to such works, and to the researches of such distinguished specialists as the author, that the world owes many of the remedies which have been introduced to lessen or eradicate the sufferings of the human race. Cancer is, unfortunately, a source of great trouble to a very large section of mankind, and any suggestions or practical recommendations likely to lead to its cure, or lessen the number of its victims, are matters of importance to the world at large. To the ordinary reader the work before us may not, perhaps, be very attractive; it is more suitable for the medical student or professor, but there is sufficient in it to interest us, and we cannot peruse it without admiring the author's ability to explain the varied points of his subject, and the apparent skill with which he treats its several parts. We hope the desire of Mr. Jennings, to in some measure alleviate the terrible effects of cancer, may result from the publication of his book, and that he may be able to give the world other results of his researches and ability. We understand that a former work, by the same author, "Transfusion of blood and saline fluids," was well received and approved of in many quarters.

WHY A P.G. COMMANDER WITHDRAWS FROM SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY.

NEW YORK, 20th August.

MASONIC circles were greatly agitated to-day by the resignation of Past M. Grand Commander William H. Peckham, thirty-third degree, from membership in Cerneau Consistory, No. 1, thirty-second degree, this city, thus severing his connection with Scottish Rite Masonry. This action adds new interest to the bitter feud between the adherents of Albert Pike and those of Ferdinand Gorgas. Every adherent of the latter is, by recent Masonic proclamation, in danger of expulsion from the Blue Lodge of Masonry, and the resignation of Mr. Peckham will, it is said by prominent Masons, be followed by many others. Mr. Peckham was for many years prominent among the Cerneau Rite Masons, and for several years held the highest rank in the body, that of Grand Commander for the United States. Two years ago he resigned, and was succeeded by F. S. J. Gorgas, of Baltimore. Mr. Peckham's present resignation, as he states in an open letter addressed "To the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world," is because of the affiliation of the Supreme Council of the body with the Grand Orient of France, which does not recognize the existence of a personal God; whereas, Mr. Peckham states, such recognition is the very corner stone of true Masonry. Mr. Peckham has been a Mason forty years. The affiliation referred to consisted of Mr. Gorgas visiting and meeting with the "Council of the Order" of the Grand Orient while on a visit to Paris in 1888. This Council, it has been claimed, is a distinct body from that of the Grand Orient, but Mr. Peckham gives the names of the members of the Grand Orient, and shows that the Council is made up from them. Consequently, he says, the Council was under the ban of non-Masonic intercourse. In view of these facts he feels constrained to sever his connection with Scottish Rite Masonry.—*Boston Post*.

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

When the Temple of Solomon, gorgeous and bright,
Its glories display'd on Jerusalem's height,
Both Gentile and Jew on the edifice gazed,
Its beauties admired, and its architect praised.
Its *strength*, 'twas predicted would baffle old Time,
And win praise for the Craft through each age and each clime;
Even foemen, whilst viewing, their quarrels forgot,
For the "Spirit of Masonry" hallow'd the spot.
Where now are its pillars, its roof-tree, its walls?
They are dust, like the sculptures of Pharoah's proud halls;
But the spirit which rear'd them shall know no decay,
Establish'd in strength doth it flourish to-day;
And, even as then, it now reconciles foes,
And a balm on the waters of trouble still throws;
And better, far better, the word would be found,
Did the "Spirit of Masonry" further abound.
'Tis a spirit of peace, 'tis a spirit of love,
With prudence and wisdom it blendeth the dove;
It links in one cable the rich and the poor,
To the lowly and lofty it opens one door.
One breath of its atmosphere lulls to repose
The demon of discord, its rancour and woes:
For anger will scatter like chaff to the wind,
Where the "Spirit of Masonry's" truly enshrined.

Madras Masonic Review.

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OLD UNDATED MASONIC MANUSCRIPTS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from page 133).

BOWERS opened his "History of the Popes" with the following caution:—"We should regard tradition (said he) as a known liar, but a liar may sometimes tell the truth; listen, therefore, to what it has to say, but do not believe a word of it, without good corroborating testimony." (This quotation is from memory).

The value of a tradition depends furthermore on the character of its first promulgator, and also on the period that intervened between the time assigned to the happening of the event and the time when it was first circulated; and the further apart these periods are, the more unreliable is the tradition. Even contemporary authorities should not be accepted without caution; for instance, Aubery was a pious gentleman, and friend of Sir Christopher Wren, but because Aubery was credulous, and for other reasons, Bro. Gould rejected Aubery's testimony about Wren having been made a Mason.

Now the Euclid legend (given in my former paper) was for the first time made known by a nameless poet. To be sure the poet refers us to an "olde boke," but whether "the boke" was written by a contemporary of Euclid, or written a thousand years after Euclid's demise, is not stated. The period intervening between the time of Euclid and that of our poet is more than 1700 years; hence it seems to me perfectly safe to pronounce the Euclid tradition *as worthless*.

The second authority for the Euclid legend is the author of the Cooke MS., whose name and character is also unknown. As, however, he makes pretension to uncommon scholarship, by quoting from the Bible, and from English, French, and Latin books, it is, therefore, right to hear what he has to say. Now, in the first place, this author begins the history of Masonry, not with Euclid, but with Lamech, and the Euclid story he introduces as follows. He says:—

"Elders that were before us of Masons had these charges written to them as we have now in our charges in the story of Euclid; as we have them written in Latin and French both. But how that Euclid did come to [the knowledge of] geometry, [the] reason would we tell you, as it is noted in the Bible and in other stories. In the twelfth chapter of Genesis he telleth how that Abraham came into the land of Canaan, and our Lord appeared to him and said, I shall give this land to thy seed; but there fell a great hunger, and Abraham took Sarah, his wife, with him, and went into Egypt. . . . And Abraham, as the chronicle saith, he was a wise man, and a great clerk, and conthe [or knew] all the seven sciences, and taught the Egyptians the science of geometry, and this worthy clerk, Euclid, was his clerk, and learned of him. And he gave the first name of geometry; all be that was occupied before it had no name of geometry. But it is said of Isodour *Ethemologiarum*, in the 5th book *Ethemologiarum*, capitolo primo, that Euclid was one of the first founders of geometry, and gave it [that] name."

Curiously enough, the same story, which the author assigns to Euclid, he afterwards repeats, and assigns to Englet. This, however, is one of the curiosities of Masonic historic literature.

Now, with all due respect to our hankerers for Masonic antiquity, I can no more believe in the poet's story about Euclid's Masonry than I can believe in the narrative of the Matthew Cooke MS., about Euclid having learned geometry from Abraham. Nay, more, if even that

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story was taken out of the Bible, as the author intimates, even then I could not believe it, and I am sure that every intelligent boy who attends a Sunday school would laugh at the story, but for all that, the said story was repeated in a majority of the MSS. known as "Old Charges" (but in reality they were the pre-1717 Masonic rituals), from the one written in 1585, up to those written before 1717.

So much for the Euclid Masonic tradition. And now let us see how much more reliable the so-called Athelstan tradition is to the Euclid tradition. Our poet ascribes the beginning or origin of Masonry in England to King Athelstan; he says:—

"This good Lord loved the craft well,
And proposed to strengthen it every dell [part],
For divers faults that in the Craft he found,
He sent about into the londe [land].
After all the Masons of the Craft,
To come to him full even straight,
For to amend those defects all
By good Council, if it might fall.
An assembly then he known let make,
Of divers Lords in their state,
Dukes, Earls, and Barons also,
Knights, Squires, and many more,
And the great City burghers of the City,
They were there, all in their degree,
These were there, each one in every way,
To ordain for their Masons' estate;
There they sought, by their wit,
How they might govern it;
Fifteen articles there they sought,
And fifteen points there they wrought."

The reader will notice that no year or date is mentioned as to when the said assembly was held, nor where it was held. Athelstan, and Athelstan alone, is said to have called the said assembly, and all he did was simply to sanction a code of laws, consisting of 15 articles and 15 points, and not a word about a charter or patent is mentioned. And I must here add that all the authority the poet furnishes for the Athelstan story is as follows:—

"This Craft came into England as I—you say,
In the time of good, kind Athelstan, his day."

Which means that the story was derived from hearsay, or, in other words, that it was a tradition, and the said story found its way into a poem about five hundred or more years after Athelstan's death. So much for the poet's story; and now let us see what the author of the Cooke MS. had to say about it. Now, in the first place, our second Masonic author differs from the first or poet in beginning his history of Masonry from Lamech, and the history of Masonry in England he began with Saint Alban. After Saint Alban, he comes down at once to Athelstan, and says:—

"After that was a worthy King in England that was called Athelstan, and his youngest son loved well the science of geometry, and he wist well that handicraft and the practice of the science of geometry, so well as masons. Wherefore he drew him to council and learned [the] practice of that science to his speculative, for of speculative he was a master,* and he loved masonry and masons. And he became a mason himself, and he gave them charges and names, as is now used in England and in other countries. And he ordained that they should have reasonable pay, and purchased a free patent of the King that they should make [an] assembly."

There the story of Athelstan's son's Masonry is interrupted with the story of Euglet, in Egypt, above referred to, after which he resumes the history of English Masonry, thus:—

"After many years, [after Euglet's story], in the time of King Athelstan, which was some time King of England, by his councillors and other great Lords of the land, by common assent, for great fault found among Masons, they ordained a certain rule amongst them: one time of the year, or in 3 years, as need were to the King and great Lords of the land, and all the commonalty, from province to province, and from country to country, congregations should be made by Masters," &c.

At this assembly, instead of 15 articles and 15 points, only nine of each were ordained; and again, we are not informed as to where or when the said assembly was held; the author of the Cooke MS., however, puts King Athelstan in the back ground, and he ascribes all the Masonic glory to Athelstan's youngest son; and, moreover, he informs us that the youngest son of Athelstan bought a patent, or charter, for the Masons, but the name of the youngest son of Athelstan is not given.

The third Masonic author, viz., of the 1585 MS., says about it: "And he [Athelstan] had a soone, that hight Edwin." The name of Edwin was unknown then as a Mason, until 27th December 1585. Besides which, the 1585 Masonic historian further informs us that Edwin "held himself an assembly at York." We see now that neither Edwin nor York was known to have had any connection with Masonry before the end of 1585.

In Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, Prince Edwin figures as the youngest son of Athelstan, and Bro. Anderson further says that the York assembly was held "about 930." Anderson, however, afterwards learned that King Althelstan was childless, but that he had a brother that was named Edwin, and so in the 1738 Constitutions, Anderson quotes, from some unknown authority, as follows:—

"That Prince Edwin, the King's brother, being taught geometry and Masonry, for the love he had of the said Craft . . . purchased a free charter of King Athelstan, his brother."

But Bro. Anderson made another discovery, viz.: instead of dating the York assembly to "about 930," he made it *sharp* A.D. 926.

One would suppose that so many successive Masonic scholars must have brought the history of Masonry to perfection with Anderson's investigations and discoveries. But our Masonic antiquity hankerers must needs try to persuade us that Masonry in England is older than Athelstan's day. This Prince Edwin, who was not Masonized before 1585, was only a Prince, and for the honour of Masonry it should have been a King Edwin, and not a Prince Edwin, that founded Masonry in England. Besides which, the time of Athelstan is not ancient enough for them. Now, our late lamented Bro. Woodford, though he was a very good man, was unfortunately afflicted with an inclination of attributing greater antiquity to everything in Masonry than common sense would allow, hence he said, in Kenning's Cyclopædia:—

"The learned Dr. Drake, in 1726, at York, first gave us, as we hold, the true solution of the difficulty, viz., that the Masonic tradition referred to Edwin or Eadwin of Deira, King of Northumberland, baptized by Paulinus at York, in 627, where he built afterwards a stone church," &c.

I must here again repeat that neither the poet nor the author of the Cooke MS. knew either of "York Masonry," or of Edwin's Masonry, but as our later Masonic antiquity hankerers learned from the MSS., known as "The Old Charges," that Edwin summoned a Masonic assembly at York in the 10th Century; Ah! said they, York is right, but the Edwin that summoned the said assembly did not live in the 10th century, but lived in the 7th century, and that his name was not Edwin but Eadwin. This is all very nice; but, on the other hand, as Eadwin was fatherless when he was Masonized, he could not have purchased a Free Charter from his father, hence, after all, the ancient York Masons could never have had a charter.

And now for the various narratives about the origin of Masonry in England.

1st. The poet knew that Athelstan called the Masons together, and gave them 15 Articles and 15 Points.

2nd. The author of the Cooke MS. knew that the youngest son of Athelstan called the said assembly, and he gave the Masons only 9 Articles and 9 Points.

3rd. The author of the 1585 MS. knew that the youngest son's name of Athelstan was Edwin, and that the assembly was held at York.

4th. Anderson knew, in 1723, that the said assembly was held "about 930."

5th. In 1738 Anderson knew that Edwin was not a son of Athelstan, but his brother, and that the assembly was held in 926.

6th. In 1726, Dr. Drake knew that the traditional Edwin founded Masonry at York, not in 930 or 926, but in 627.

And 7th. I know that there is no truth whatever in the Masonic York legend. I believe no more in the said legend than I believe in the Messrs. Abraham and Euclid legend. In short, no truth can be extracted from the old MSS, and no truth can be infused into them. Nay, more, Anderson's pre-1717 history of Masonry is as unreliable as the legends in the old MSS. Take, for instance, Anderson's list of the pre-1717 Grand Masters, and I venture to

* Bro. Cooke was elated with the word "speculative" in the MS. But a learned friend assured him that *speculative* in olden times meant *contemplative*, and that all the writer of the MS. meant by that word was that Edwin was a designer or architect. See Note K., page 151 of Cooke's MS. And I have no doubt that the learned friend's explanation was correct.

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assert that not one of those worthies was ever connected with Masons or Masonry.

I must add that while I cannot accept Bro. Gould's reason for extending the age of speculative Masonry, I nevertheless thank him sincerely for the vast amount of facts he has collected for our information. How much time all that took him I know not, but this much I venture to *guess*; First, that the number of foot-notes in the book are about four hundred; and second, that he must have consulted hundreds of volumes for collecting his materials. It seems that, for certain reasons, a large number of his collected matter remains unpublished, and a proposition was made by Bro. Hughan to have an enlarged edition issued by Bro. Gould. To this I say,—*I second the motion;* and should that motion be duly carried, I only hope that if Bro. Gould adheres to his opinion about the age of Speculative Masonry that he will, in the next edition, give a better reason for it than he did in his first edition, and that its editor will supply a complete index, and table of contents too, *which the editor of the first edition failed to do.*

BOSTON, U.S., 13th August 1889.

CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

THE half-yearly Report and Balance Sheet of this Company is again of a favourable nature, and the steady working of the concern must be a subject for congratulation to all who are interested in its welfare. The Directors report that the general working of the Company during the half-year has been satisfactory. There has been an increase in the quantity of gas sold, over the corresponding half-year of 1888, of 1·62 per cent. The reductions made in the price of gas from Michaelmas 1888, and from Lady-day 1889, have resulted, in a benefit to the consumers, during this half-year, of over £2000, while a still further reduction, to 2s 6d per 1000 cubic feet, from and after the date of the present Michaelmas Quarter's Accounts, is arranged for. Tar having improved in value, the Directors have discontinued the use of it for fuel, and as a result there is a goodly sum set down in the account of revenue as being realised from the sale of this article. Our readers will be pleased to learn that our esteemed Brother Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D.C., the Secretary of the Company, continues to enjoy the confidence of the Board, and that among the recommendations made by the Directors is one affecting his salary, which they propose to increase to the extent of £50 per annum. This must be most gratifying to Bro. Ohren, and to those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. We hope he may long be spared to continue his work, and that he may at all times meet the encouragement he now receives. The following Dividends are recommended for the half-year ending 30th June last, and they will no doubt be authorised at the General Meeting, to be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on the 13th inst.:—6 per cent. on the Preference Stock, 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock, 10 per Cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock, and 7 per cent on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares, amounting to £13,625 17s 4d, less Income Tax of £340 13s 0d, and that the Warrants for the Net Amount, £13,285 4s 4d, be forwarded by post, on or before the 20th September inst., to the Registered Proprietors on 30th June last.

Obituary.

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BRO. J. J. BRINTON.

MANY of our readers in Southwark and Camberwell will read with regret the announcement of the death of Bro. J. J. Brinton, which occurred on Sunday, the 25th ult., at his residence, 44 Lower Park-road, Peckham. Bro. Brinton, who was in his seventy-first year, was known to a large circle in both localities, and he has been identified with South London life for about half a century. He was originally a Scripture-reader, but subsequently he became attached to a South London journal, now defunct, acting in the capacity of reporter. Many years ago he forsook the Fourth Estate for the less exciting field of parochial service, securing the appointment of vaccination officer to the St. Saviour's Union. After prolonged service in that capacity, he retired, upon a superannuation, about twelve months since. Our deceased brother was an active Mason. He was initiated in the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, and after serving as Steward for several years was installed W.M. in 1885. Bro. Brinton also took great interest in the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, of which he was a member. The funeral took place last Saturday, at Nunhead, several members of the Sphinx Lodge being present to pay the last tribute to our deceased brother. Though his health failed sadly, his spirits never forsook him, and his smiling face will be missed by not a few.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, presided. Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay District Grand Master of Malta acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Hugh Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal as Past Grand Master; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton as Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney as Junior Grand Warden; and among the other brethren present were Bros. Sir Henry Moreland Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, John Cave Orr President of the Board of General Purposes for the Province of Bengal, and John Fenwick District Grand Secretary Queensland. After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 5th June, Major Goldie-Taubman rose, and said the next notice on the agenda paper was one of a motion in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and he (Major Goldie-Taubman) was authorised by the noble Earl that night, and on his behalf, and in his name, to say how very much Lord Carnarvon regretted not being able to be present to make the motion in person. To him (Major Goldie-Taubman) it was a very great source of regret that Lord Carnarvon was not present, as the noble Earl would have done much more justice to the proposition than he (Major Goldie-Taubman) could; but he trusted, and he also knew, the proposition commanded such sympathy among all Masons that it was unnecessary for him to say more than a few words upon it. They recollected that not only the people of England, but all Masons especially, took particular interest in anything in which the Royal House of their Grand Master was concerned. They looked forward to the happiness, not only of himself and the Princess, but of all his family, and this marriage, he thought he might say, on behalf of Masonry, would be not only a good marriage, but a happy one in the future. He begged to propose the motion, which we printed last week, in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay said he had much pleasure in seconding the proposition which the Acting Grand Master had just brought before Grand Lodge. It must be an additional source of gratification to them, as Masons, that the bridegroom, the Duke of Fife, was a member of their Order, and not only that, but that he had attained the high rank of a Provincial Grand Master in the Order. With these few words, he had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition of the Acting Grand Master. The motion was carried unanimously. The recommendations of grants by the Board of Benevolence were, on the motion of Bro. Robert Grey, President, seconded by Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President of the Board, confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes, as given by us last week, was then taken. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, though not making a motion on the subject, referred to that part of the report relating to Charity jewels, and objected to the price, even the reduced price; he had had such articles examined and taken to pieces by manufacturing jewellers, on whose authority he had it that they could be made for 30s. He thought it better that the 10s should be put into the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodges and devoted to some other purpose. He brought the subject forward because, having had his jewel examined, he was assured that the article could be made, with the gold as good, and the rings thicker, for 30s.

Bro. Thomas Fenn said as Bro. Cumberland did not make any motion affecting the report of the Board, he did not know whether it was competent for him (Bro. Fenn) to speak upon the subject; but he thought it was. However, he thought it right to explain that the Board took this matter seriously into consideration, and they thought it was not right that the jewel should be a flimsy one, but that it should be something substantial,-and the gold, instead of being a small ring, should be such that the cost was 12s; the hall marking was 4s; the engraving was considered to be worth 2s 6d, and there were several other items. The metal itself, the silver, should be silver gilt at a cost of 10s 6d. Putting the ribbon on, and putting the jewel together, left very small profit indeed for Mr. Spilling. They thought it was better to continue the hall marking, and that it would be better to have an

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established jewel of some value, and the reduction of 10s was all that they could undertake to have taken off. The report was then adopted. Bro. Thomas Fenn, in the absence of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, next brought up an appeal by Bro. Samuel Adolphus Roach, of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1788, Port of Spain, Trinidad, against a decision of the Colonial Board, upholding his exclusion by the Lodge for improper conduct. The appeal, he said, introduced no new circumstances, though the papers were so voluminous that they would take half a day to read. The real statement on which the Colonial Board formed its decision had never been contradicted in any way. The Master of the Lodge charged Bro. Roach with improper conduct, and destroying the peace and harmony of the Lodge. The result was, that he was excluded the Lodge, by five members voting for the exclusion; one brother was not competent to vote, being in arrear, and another brother being neutral. Under these circumstances, the brother being one who was constantly disturbing the harmony of the Lodge, Brother Philbrick and the Colonial Board said he ought to be excluded. Bro. Philbrick now said that this appeal to Grand Lodge had nothing new in it brought forward by Bro. Roach, and he having recommended to the Colonial Board in favour of the exclusion, the recommendation to Grand Lodge would be the same. He therefore moved that the appeal be dismissed. Bro. Robert Gray, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand.—Lecocq's "Pepita," as represented by Messrs. Van Biese and Lingard's company, is proving a great attraction at Islington. As is almost universally known, "Pepita" is an English version of "La Princesse des Canaries." Although the plot is slight, it is interesting, while the music is taking. All the old numbers are capitally rendered, by an efficient company, headed by Mr. Frank Seymour as the lilliputian General Pataques. We have had occasion to speak of this gentleman in the same character before, and need only add that he is as amusing as ever. Miss Rosie St. George is a bright and tuneful Pepita, while Miss Marie Dorval does justice to the part of Inez. Mr. William Hogarth sings and acts well as Captain Bombardos, and with Mr. Seymour gains several encores for the now well-known duet, "My Excellent Friend." Messrs. J. W. Bradbury and James Danvers cause plenty of fun as Inigo and Pedrillo; however, these gentlemen would do well to remember they are not in the Provinces, and that Londoners do not take so kindly to "gag" as our Provincial friends. Miss Grace Vicat, as the Captain of Cadets, acts with spirit, while Mr. Ernest Cosham (Prince Guzman) and Miss Helen Gwynne (Catterina) are efficient. Mdlle. Topsey Lindon disports herself with good results in the divertissement in the last act. "Pepita" remains at the Grand during next week, while among future engagements already made, we notice that of Mr. W. Bourne's company in "Man for Man," for six nights, starting on the 16th inst.; this will be followed, on the 25th inst., by "Lancelot the Lovely," with Mr. Arthur Roberts in the title rôle.

The new Gaiety burlesque, "Ruy Blas, or the Blasé Roué," was successfully produced at the Grand Theatre, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening. The local papers are high in their praises of the piece, and say the authors, Messrs. Fred Leslie and H. F. Clark, have provided a most amusing burlesque. The music by Herr Meyer Lutz is tuneful and bright, while the mounting of the piece is in the well known Gaiety style. We hear that some startling effects have been reserved for the first night in London. Therefore we restrain from further notice until we have the had opportunity of witnessing the piece in its entirety.

Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree will produce, at the Haymarket, on Thursday, 12th inst., a drama entitled "A Man's Shadow," being an adaptation, by Mr. Robert Buchanan, of "Roger la Honte." Mr. Tree will be supported by Messrs. Fernandez, Kemble, C. Collette, E. M. Robson, C. Allan, E. Gurney, the Misses Julia Neilson, Norreys, Minnie Terry, and Mrs. Tree. We may mention that during the time this theatre has been closed the house has been thoroughly cleaned and re-decorated.

On the 16th inst., at the Avenue, will be produced, for a limited number of nights, "The Brigands," composed by Offenbach, written by Mr. W. S. Gilbert. A powerful company and an efficient chorus has been selected. The piece will be produced under the direction of Messrs. Van Biene and Lingard.

Mr. Augustus Harris announces that he will start his autumn season on Saturday, 21st inst., when he will produce, at Drury Lane, a grand romantic and historical drama, in five acts, entitled "The Royal Oak," by Messrs. Henry Hamilton and Augustus Harris, with the following cast: Miss Winifred Emery, Miss Ada Neilson, and Miss Fanny Brough; Messrs. Henry Neville, Arthur Dacre, Luigi Lablache, E. W. Gardiner, Henry Lorraine, and Harry Nicholls.

GLEANINGS.

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What Freemasonry Teaches.—Freemasonry teaches the things that are true and noble, and offers abundant opportunities for the development of mind and heart. Truths that ennoble, purify and bless our race are strongly impressed upon us. We are urged in the most forcible manner, by every possible lesson, to the performance of such duties as will make good, true and noble men, and earnest workers for the good of society. It teaches us to be better husbands and fathers, more earnest and zealous citizens, and it charges us to be loyal to the country in which we live; it pledges us to the advancement of the civilization of man, and the practice of the cardinal virtues. We should endeavour to maintain and loyally exemplify the tenets of our Order. Let this brotherhood, which has withstood the test of time, the persecution of fire, the attacks of ignorance, bigotry, and superstition; this society, which has survived the centuries and still presses forward with vigorous step; this fraternity, which stands with its face toward the rising sun, ready to hail the light of coming day, receive our most cordial support, our unfailing interest and our fraternal devotion. Thereby we shall enjoy the satisfaction of having fully performed our duty as men and as Masons, and of advancing the interests of an Order devoted to the purpose of elevating man to higher thoughts, nobler pursuits and purer actions. We are gathered together in Grand Lodge here to day, from every section of the State, as the representatives of Freemasonry. It is our duty to review the record of the past two years, and to adopt such measures as shall tend to the advancement of the best interest and substantial prosperity of our beloved Order. We recognise the grandeur of the Masonic Society. Its history is one of which every Mason is justly proud. We recognise the fact, however, that no organisation can live on its past history, however resplendent that history may be. It should always be remembered by Masons that it is the resplendent present that makes the glorious past. It is absolutely necessary that we should use our most untiring exertions, our most earnest endeavours, to do and perform all our duties to the Craft, and so conduct our lives and actions as shall bring no reproach upon our most ancient and honourable fraternity.—*Mortimer Nye, G.M. Indiana.*

Faults.—You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults; still less of others' faults; in every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong; honour that; rejoice in it; and, as you can, try to imitate it; and your faults will drop off like leaves, when their time comes.—*J. Ruskin.*

Practice and profession do not always go together in the Lodge any more than in the church. A Mason is bound by the principles of the Fraternity to which he belongs to be just, generous and true in all his dealings with his fellow men. He is pledged to develop a noble character—to live a useful life—to be in sympathy with his fellow men and helpful to them as their needs shall be disclosed and as there is ability to render desired service. Alas! that the practice of so many but poorly accords with the vows that they have taken and the lessons that they have been taught. Nothing so much interferes with Masonic progress and prosperity as the inconsistencies of its members.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Moral Jewels.—The moral jewels, both moveable and immoveable, are so many silent monitors to convey instruction to the mind. Morality and justice, equality and integrity, are taught by the former, and by the latter we are referred to the First Great Light, and the method of polishing and humanizing the uncultivated mind of man by moral and scientific instruction, till it becomes, after a well-spent life in a career of piety, virtue, and benevolence, so perfect in all its thoughts, affections, and deeds, that it can no otherwise be tried than by the Square of God's Holy Word, and the compass of an approving conscience.—*Book of the Lodge.*

The Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, Lancaster, will complete its Centenary on the 13th November next, the warrant having been granted on 13th November A.L. 5789, A.D. 1789, No. 559. At a Lodge meeting, held on the 14th ult., a circular was read from Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, stating that a Centenary warrant had been granted, and would be ready in November.

The refreshment contractors for the wonderful Elizabethan town which Mr. Henry J. Leslie has constructed in Her Majesty's Theatre are Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and we may expect to see their buffets well patronised during the run of the Promenade Concerts. The refreshments supplied are equal in quality to those offered at the Criterion. There is a wonderful list of Vintage Champagnes, and Schweppe's mineral waters are offered at all the bars. There is a charming smoking room over the opera colonnade, and indeed, the arrangements for supplying the visitors with refreshment are, throughout, on a very complete and luxurious scale.

Messrs. Dean and Son announce for immediate publication the authorised translation of "Souvenirs intimes de la Cour des Tuileries," by Madame Carette, which recently caused such a furore in Paris, and which will be procurable at all the libraries. The translation is called "My Mistress the Empress Eugénie; or Court Life at the Tuileries," and contains most interesting information relative to the Imperial family, including Napoleon III. and the late Prince Imperial. The fact that Madame Carette (née Bouvet) occupied the position of Private Reader to the Empress should be sufficient guarantee of the reliable nature of the 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, 7th SEPTEMBER.

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, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
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
2205—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Lonster 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)
1606—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.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honor , Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Rooms, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1866—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 125 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Shelmerdine Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
85—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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—Jordan, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
256—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
604—Harbour Light, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
705—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. (Instructio n)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
483—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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
698—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 274 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1345—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 76—St. John's, Hayshe 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, Bedford
R.A. 660—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. 76—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardolph-road, N. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 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.)
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mile End, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1983—Duke of Albany, 154 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, 202 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

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
123—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Bytoe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
136—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw Gate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Bruton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
608—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
696—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
768—Kilsmore, Masonic Hall, Rugeley, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Sussex Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
954—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Brierley Hill
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth

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1064—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)
1343—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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—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)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1803—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)
1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1835—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1842—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1873—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

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)
218—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
448—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
546—Etrascan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1096—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1146—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1192—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Room, Sittingbourne
1389—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterloo near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 250—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 276—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. 815—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
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)
1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—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)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
2242—Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Amherst Road, Hackney
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
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)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Greenwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensholme
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th 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, 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 (Instruct)
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 (Instruct)
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
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7. (Instruction)
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Bardett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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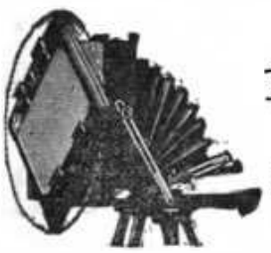
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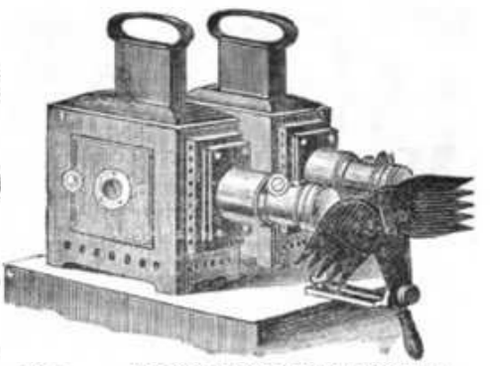
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HASTY CONCLUSIONS.

THE great danger of hasty judgment, based upon the evidence afforded by a brief period of observation, is, says the Grand Master of one of the American Jurisdictions, in his annual address, the great stumbling-block which besets the path of the superficial observer. This danger, we may add, is by no means confined to American Masonry, rather, it may be said to be as universal as the mystic Craft itself. There are many Lodges in this country indeed which have suffered, and are now suffering, from the hasty conclusions of some of their members, although it is not always fair to regard those members as "superficial observers." The best of us are occasionally deceived, even after carefully considering the many points which long and careful observation provides, and it behoves us all to be particularly careful before committing ourselves to any definite line of action. But if the careful among us are liable to err in this respect, how much more likely is it for the casual observer, who does not take the trouble to inquire whether his first impressions are justified or not, to go astray, and, it may be, upset not only himself, but all who are associated with him in a Lodge or other combination.

It is very difficult to form a fair opinion as to the merits or capabilities of a Mason without knowing his peculiarities outside the Lodge of which he is a member, and on that account it would appear all but impossible for the ordinary Craftsman to be able to judge his fellows. Still there is much which time and careful observation will supply, and if we look back and compare our present ideas of men and matters around us with what they were years ago, after our first impressions, we shall be surprised to see how much our hasty conclusions were at fault. Men we once regarded as anything but desirable companions have since proved themselves the staunchest and truest of friends; while, on the other hand, some who at first seemed perfection, or approaching thereto, have turned out to be false and deceitful, if not even much worse.

On the other hand there is much to be said in favour of first impressions, or hasty conclusions, or whatever else we may term them; and there are many about us who boast they are never wrong in the first opinion they form. We imagine that in many cases the members of this particular class have forgotten what was actually their first impression—they have grown to regard a man with favour or disfavour, and really believe their opinion has not altered during the years or months they have been acquainted with him, but in reality their first impressions are as unreliable as those of others who confess to alteration and change in their opinions.

Masonry presents a wide field for the exercise of the faculty of forming hasty conclusions. Its members are spread over all parts of the world, and no matter what part one may visit he is sure there to find brother members of the Masonic Order, and this membership is alone sufficient to ensure an introduction. In most cases of casual meeting, or even where a Mason pays a visit to a Lodge, new faces are met with, and with some it is usual to form an opinion as to the character and other capabilities of those to whom one is introduced. Thus hasty conclusions appear to be inseparable from a Society which enjoins on its members the practice of visiting, and which, by its peculiar organisation brings so many strangers in close commune with each other.

In the words of the American ruler quoted at the head of our remarks, hasty judgment, based upon brief observation, is undoubtedly a stumbling block to the superficial observer, but in Masonry hasty judgments are so essential that it is quite impossible to wholly abolish them. What we should aim at is, to be careful in acting upon first impressions, to be as just as possible to our subjects, and, above all, not too severe one way or the other until we have had ample opportunity of judging whether the first hasty conclusions will bear the test of more mature consideration.

CORN, WINE AND OIL.

An Oration Delivered by Bro. G. H. Carr, of Emmetsburg, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the Temple Block, at Estherville, Iowa, 22nd July 1889.

THE custom of laying the corner-stones of substantial edifices with appropriate ceremonials is universal and time-honoured. Just when and under what peculiar circumstance it had its origin, I am unable to state. But certain it is that the custom has long been in vogue, for we have accounts of the first or corner-stones of buildings of a public character being laid, by eminent men, amid large concourses of people, and with great ceremony, in very early times. It is probable that the only significance which attached to the ceremony, originally, was to give to the begining of great enterprises a striking effect, celebrity, or applause, or to invoke the favourable disposition of the mythological deities towards the undertaking.

This accords with the almost universal habits of the ancients to begin their long voyages, their war-like incursions, and all their great enterprises, with libations and sacrificial offerings to the particular deity or deities who were supposed to take an interest in human affairs of the nature then in hand. In one feature of these ceremonials, as now conducted, we find an innovation upon the ancient usage, and one which to my mind gives to the custom its greatest charm, and from which the greatest benefit to mankind is likely to be derived. I refer to the casket and its contents, and the act of placing it away in the cavity cut into the time-defying granite. The modes of living, the habits of thought, the manners, customs and characters of people of past generations, have a deep interest for all men.

The antiquarian and the historian devote their lives to

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the study of these things, and, by disseminating the knowledge thus acquired, please and interest their fellow men. The desire to acquire knowledge of the past is not the outgrowth of civilization, nor of trained and educated thought, but is one of man's natural propensities, an innate quality. The untutored Indian listens to the legends of his people, as told by the fathers of his tribe, with as deep an interest as ever was manifested by the scholar in reading the pages of the historian. But while the propensity is natural, educated thought and the energies of civilization have directed and developed it so that man, not satisfied with the knowledge that legends and authentic history have furnished him, has supplemented history, and gone beyond it, to seize with avidity such scraps of information as could be obtained from a minute examination of the surface and bowels of the earth. Time and money have been lavishly expended in searching among the alluvial deposits of the earth, among the caves and crevices of the rocks, and among the tombs of the long-forgotten dead, for arms, implements, ornaments and inscriptions which have defied the ravages of time, and remain to us silent, grim, but true exponents of the character and habits of our remote ancestors.

The archæologist, with untiring industry, has delved in the peat-beds and shell-mounds of Denmark, the lake beds of Switzerland, upon whose surface the ancient lake-dwellers once built their huts; the alluvial deposits of the Mississippi and the Nile, the lime-stone formations of England, Wales and other parts of Europe, and in all places, no matter how difficult of access, provided relics of the people who inhabited this globe in prehistoric ages could be discovered.

And such has been the zeal and intelligence with which these men of science have pursued their investigations, that we are not without a very considerable knowledge of our remote ancestors of the so-called Stone Age, when all the arms and implements used for cutting, then possessed by man, were made of stone. From a knowledge that this propensity, which is a part of our being, must descend from us to our remotest posterity, has come the idea of treasuring up in some safe and secure place memorials of the present for the benefit of future ages.

This is a beautiful and generous custom, and may result in great good to the human family. True, this generation abounds in works of history and general literature, but they give only general knowledge of the customs and habits of the people, and contain little or none of that local history so enchanting to the residents of every locality. It is such memorials as have to-day been deposited, which will tell the future generations more of the daily life of the present inhabitants of Estherville than they will obtain from any other source.

Who can tell how many years shall have rolled away before the little casket which we have to-day deposited shall again see the light; what eager eyes shall search its contents, for knowledge of the daily life of the present inhabitants of your city, which it contains; what hearts will thrill with gratitude to those whose generous act has left them this message from the dead and buried past?

Could we, with prophetic eye, but rend the veil of futurity, and, gazing down the long vista of future years, behold this spot, when all-destroying time shall have caused these walls of solid Masonry to crumble and decay, and that stone to fall from its place and expose to view the treasure hidden there, what wonders might greet our prophetic vision! We might behold a great, prosperous metropolis, a centre of commerce, throbbing with the bustle and activity of a great city; its streets thronged with eager thousands, hurrying to this spot to catch a glimpse of the wonderful relic of antiquity. And we might behold, where now stands this fair city, but a mass of unsightly ruins, where now stretches away, as far as the eye can reach, fertile fields green with summer verdure, naught but barren desert waste, with no sound to break the awful, eternal silence. Improbable as this may seem, its possibility will be admitted when we recall Babylon and Nineveh, and the fertile fields that exhausted nature has permitted to become barren deserts. It may be well for us that we do not know what that scene would be, else might its darkness and gloom fall upon us to-day like a pall. But as we have buried these memorials in darkness, with love and faith let us indulge the hope that they will again be brought to light by those whose hearts will throb with gratitude to those whose generosity and forethought has placed them there.

The "corner-stone" has frequently been referred to metaphorically by orators and writers as a symbol of strength and endurance. Without it the building would be incomplete. No matter how perfect the superstructure in both design and execution, without the foundation, the corner-stone, it cannot endure.

That which the corner-stone is to the building, character is to the man. Without that foundation to build upon, his labours are all in vain. He may possess a mind whose comprehensive grasp can reach out after and seize upon lofty and novel ideas, which can readily discover the fallacies in the most subtle logic, explore the mysteries of nature, and hold communion with the savants of all ages and all countries; but without character he is imperfect and incomplete, a building without a corner-stone, without strength to withstand the storms of adversity or the allurements of vice. Hence to attain success in life we must have character.

Whatever attainments we may possess ourselves of, without character we have nothing. Admitting, then, that character is a thing to be desired, is it a thing to be acquired? Are our spiritual beings modelled, formed and furnished by the hand of the Supreme Architect?

Are we given irresistible inclinations towards good or evil? Are we in our moral natures but the result of natural causes? That many facts can be produced tending to prove the affirmative of this proposition I will not deny. We know there are races of thieves, and that the propensities to defy law and commit crime have been transmitted from father to son for generation after generation. On the other hand, we know that high moral qualities found in an individual can be readily traced through a long line of ancestors noted for honesty and integrity. But these facts only tend to prove the affirmative of the proposition; they are not conclusive evidence that it is correct. On the other hand we have at least occasional examples of individuals breaking away from the good or bad tendencies which they have inherited, and the worthy individual blushing with shame for a debased parentage, and the moral leper raising his disgraced head to point with pride to a long line of worthy and honoured ancestors. We do not inherit our moral natures, but only our moral tendencies. The son of a thief is not necessarily a thief, nor the son of an honest man honest. The one may find in his moral nature a tendency to commit crime, but this he may resist and overcome, and by continual resisting finally eradicate. The other, by continual yielding to temptation, soon finds his moral nature changed, and his natural tendency to choose good rather than evil is entirely destroyed.

But in addition to the evidence that man has the power to form his own moral character, to be found in our observations of the lives of others, we have the most convincing proof in our consciences of the power within us to regulate, govern, and form our moral natures. We know in our own experiences that a temptation resisted ceases to be a temptation, and that a duty, the performance of which at first requires self-denial, eventually becomes a pleasure. But while the Supreme Builder has not furnished us with a complete spiritual building, he has furnished us with the plans and specifications, and the material with which to build, and having done that has left us the choice to build as we will. True, some have been furnished with more and better materials than others, and may thus be able to erect an edifice whose towering beauty, strength, and symmetry may be vastly superior to those which surround it, but all are given material of quality and quantity sufficient to enable them to erect their superstructures in accordance with the Divine plan.

If the work be well done, if character, the corner-stone be well laid, if the material in hand be put to the best possible use, if such adornments and ornamentations as the specifications call for have been carefully and properly affixed, if the opportunities for acquiring knowledge, such as they are, have been improved, then, although the spiritual edifice which we have been able to erect may be plain and humble in comparison with others, it will none the less reflect credit on the builder, and will always possess some points of strength and beauty to call forth the admiration of the beholder. As there are different orders of architecture adopted in the erection of edifices by man, so the Supreme Architect of the Universe has not designed all men upon the same plan. But while the order of architecture after which we are formed may be that of Tuscany, simple and solid, rather than the grace, beauty, and strength

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of the Corinthian, we may none the less be the masterpiece of our kind.

Let us, then, receive the rough ashlar of our nature, as furnished us from nature's quarry, uncut and unpolished, and form it into the perfect ashlar, which when tried by the square will show no moral defect, will present no inequalities under the level, and which when tested by the plumb will be found possessed of that uprightness and rectitude of conduct without which we are unfitted for "that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The ancients had a custom of pouring out liquors upon the earth, or upon a sacrificial offering, in honour of or as a propitiation to some of their deities, or as a libation to the earth to invoke its fruitfulness. This custom, like many other customs of our heathen ancestors, has been retained so far as the mere outward form is concerned, and is sometimes used by us, not for any supposed virtue in the means employed, not as an invocation, but simply as an emblem, to symbolize an idea.

You have witnessed in the ceremonials of laying the stone, the act of pouring corn, wine and oil upon it. These emblems are used in our Masonic rituals, to represent the idea of plenty, joy and gladness and peace.

Emblematically, they are not merely confined to the enterprise in hand, but have a much broader and farther reaching significance. The act of scattering the corn is emblematic of the plenty which to-day abounds in our state and nation. If we raise our eyes and gaze abroad upon the fertile fields of Iowa, with their bountiful harvests, already assuming that golden hue which proclaims that the seed-time has passed and that the harvest is here, upon the immense fields of dark rich green corn, proclaiming alike the fertility of the soil and the favourableness of the weather, and upon the vast herds of cattle converting the succulent grasses into the choicest beef and dairy products in [the world, we feel that we are indeed surrounded by plenty. When we reflect upon the fact that Iowa, young as she is, is rich in public buildings, with her elegant Capitol, her universities for those who seek for knowledge, her asylums for the unfortunate, and her penitentiaries for the evil disposed, and without a single dollar of indebtedness, we feel that the material blessings of our State have been rich and bounteous. When we consider the wonderful growth in the material wealth of our nation, its inexhaustible resources and immense mercantile and manufacturing interests, we are convinced that our lot has been cast in a land where prosperity abounds. The libation of wine is emblematic of joy and gladness, and where is happiness to be found if not in this our favoured land? Here liberty has sought and found a home, here the oppressed of all nations come to bask in her smiles, and here no Czar rules to crush his people with the iron heel of tyranny.

Freedom of thought and action, social equality, laws which give redress for the wrongs of all, and which all must obey; free educational institutions where the rich and poor alike may acquire knowledge; freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience; these are the agencies which advance and enlighten mankind and consequently render him happier. The pouring out of the oil is symbolical of peace, and at no time in the world's history could the act have a greater or truer significance. Not only are we at peace with all nations, but the angel of peace is spreading its wings over all lands. How long this condition may continue no human foresight can discern; but certain it is that there is a constant growing tendency among all civilized nations to settle international difficulties by peaceable and intellectual agencies.

The misunderstandings and difficulties between the German and British Empires and the United States in their relations with the island of Samoa, now happily settled by a conference of the powers, would formerly have been deemed a sufficient reason for involving three great nations in a long and bloody war. This growing tendency to settle all disputed questions of international policy and to adjust all matters of dispute between the nations by conferences and arbitrations is in keeping with our advancement in civilization.

War at best is brutal and barbarous, and the tendency of our civilisation is to draw man away from those things which are brutal and barbarous. The savages look to brute force as the only means to which they can resort to obtain redress for any grievances which they may have suffered at the hands of a follow man. The civilised man usually, though not always, resorts to some more rational means to get his wrongs righted.

It is, however, only in moments when the savage, in his nature which he has inherited from a remote ancestry, and which centuries of training has not wholly eradicated, has for the time being control of his nature, that he resorts to brutal methods. Hence nations which are not wholly autocratic, partaking as they necessarily must of the nature of those who constitute its people, are showing the same tendency to adopt the more peaceable and rational method in the settlement of disputes which is to be found among individuals. If our Christian civilisation continues to advance, the day is not far distant when nations shall war no more, and when all conflicts shall be intellectual. When the day comes, what a burden of woe will be lifted from humanity! It is appalling to think of the tears of sympathy, pity and despair that have been made to fall from human eyes, the groans of bodily pain and physical suffering which have been forced from human lips, and the sighs of more than mortal anguish which have been wrung from human hearts by red-handed war. What a blessed day for humanity will be that whose rising sun shall smile down upon a universal and abiding peace!

Our nation has not yet fully recovered from the ravages of that awful storm of civil war which a few years ago swept over the land, leaving death and ruin in its path. The seams and scars to be found all over the land, the maimed and crippled remnants of a once perfect manhood which everywhere greet our gaze, and the desolate hearts all about us sighing out a clouded existence, remain as evidence of the woe and suffering brought upon the people of the nation by that dire calamity. But, thank God, we have many substantial reasons upon which to found the hope that the white-winged spirit of peace which now broods over our land will never again be compelled to flee in terror from the fierce and bloody dragon of civil war.

With a land upon which the horn of plenty has been so lavishly poured out, with a social structure of the highest order, with a government whose Institutions were formed by the sages who founded it, from the accumulated wisdom of all preceding ages, and with the one design of contributing to the happiness of the people which it was to govern, with the sweet spirit of peace and Brotherly Love pervading all the people of the nation, and all the nations of the earth, how fraught with meaning has been the act of pouring out the corn, wine and oil, emblems of plenty, happiness and peace—a triple blessing—which, let us trust will ever remain to gladden the hearts of the sons and daughters of America.—*Voice of Masonry.*

SO-CALLED WEBB'S WORK.

BRO. A. T. PIERSON. of Minnesota, says:—"The American system of lectures was gotten up and arranged by Snow, Hammer, Fowle, Webb, Nye, &c. At the time Webb had been a Mason but three or four years, but as he published a Monitor, and was most active in disseminating the new lectures, the system received the name 'Webb Work.'

"Preston arranged the lectures into six sections in the first degree, four in the second, and twelve in the third. Whoever heard of the term Preston-Webb until it was used to push the fortunes of some lithographic sheets, and afterwards of mnemonics? With equal propriety the term 'Hutchinson-Webb,' or 'Dunckerly-Webb,' or 'Martin Clare-Webb' might be used, as each of them arranged a system of lectures before Preston did.

"Webb taught the system to Gleason, Cushman, Wadsworth, Enos, Cross, &c., who went about the country on lecturing tours. Each had certificates from Webb, but each differed in language, as Webb did himself; but the work was the same, and that was the object of Webb's Monitor, to introduce a uniformity in ceremonial or work, which was happily accomplished, and for which the memory of Thomas Smith Webb deserves more credit than that of either of his coadjutors.

"Masonic lessons are to-day taught all over the country by symbols that Webb knew nothing about, notably, the weeping virgin, introduced by Nye through Cross, first published in Cross's Hieroglyphical Chart, in 1819.

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"We ask for information, when did Webb visit England?

"We remember hearing the story many years since that Webb and two or three other names not given had been deputed to visit England for the purpose of getting the work! There is no written or printed evidence that any body of Masons deputed a Committee to go to England, or that Webb was ever out of the United States. What was the necessity when his intimate friend and tutor, John Hammer, who had been the W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, London, was in possession of both the Preston and Hemming systems."—*Keystone*, 17th August 1889.

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE, BY JACOB NORTON.

As Bro. Pierson (for that is his name) rejects the hearsay story that Webb had visited England because there is no written authority for it, he should surely pardon me for asking him for written authority upon some of the above statements, which are entirely new to me, *at least*. I remember having seen Bro. Gleason, and have also heard about Snow, but have no recollection of ever having seen the names of Nye, Fowle, or Hammer. With regard to Hammer, Bro. Pierson was evidently labouring under a mistake in stating that "John Hammer," the tutor of Webb, "was in possession of both the Preston and Hemming systems," because Hemming's system was unknown before the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, while the first edition of Webb's Monitor was printed in 1797. I would also wish to learn on what evidence (aside from the unreliable Dr. Oliver) Bro. Pierson has for his belief that Martin Clare and Thomas Dunckerly had built up Masonic systems?

BOSTON, U.S., 20th August 1889.

MASONIC HOME OF PENNSYLVANIA.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home, it was stated that in accordance with the requirements of the charter, individual members now have all the rights and privileges of representative members, the only difference being in name.

Life membership has also been established, and those now individual members can become life members by the payment of one hundred and fifty dollars. Master Masons not members can become such by the payment of one hundred dollars, or become life members by the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The fees received for life membership, for the admission of inmates and from donations or legacies, unless otherwise directed by the donor or legatee, are invested as a permanent fund for the maintenance of the Home.

It is expected that those already actively interested by membership in the Home corporation will do their utmost to secure additions to the membership, from both Master Masons and Masonic Bodies, and also annual contributors from those who are not Masons, or from amongst Masons who are not prepared to take an active part in the management of the Home as members of the corporation.

The Board of Managers is composed of twenty-one members, seven of whom are elected annually. The Home, from the commencement until the present, has been a great success. The inmates now number twenty, two of whom were recently admitted—Bro. Wilcox of W. B. Schuider Lodge, No. 419, and Bro. Pawling of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126. All that fraternal love, the mystic tie of brotherhood and a judicious expenditure of the money at their command can do, is being done by the Managers for the comfort and happiness of those who are inmates of the Home, and they all seem to be content, and enjoying themselves as well as any one can with the loss of youth and health.

On Wednesday evening, 14th August, a social and fraternal season was enjoyed. The occasion was a lunch and entertainment given by Bro. Louis Wagner, President, to the inmates and those born in the month of August. They were as follows: Bros. Wagner, Henderson, Steffe (Secretary), and Dr. Yard of the medical staff; inmates Bros. Keck, McCure, Rutter, Knox and Cairns, also the matron, Mrs. Babb.

The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania is a noble Institution. It is doing a glorious work, but the field is a broad one, and much more ought to be now done, and it might and would be done if the Brethren would only heed and respond to the appeals for help according to their ability, for with the number of Masons in Pennsylvania, and their financial ability, the Home never ought to lack a dollar in the accomplishment of its fraternal and beneficent designs.
—*Keystone.*

OPPOSED TO SECRET SOCIETIES.

NEW YORK, 31st August 1889.

IN all the Catholic churches of this archdiocese to-morrow morning will be read a pastoral letter from Archbishop Corrigan and the papal allocution of 30th June, already published. The letter reinforces the admonitions of the allocution, which was based on the erection of the statue of Giordano Bruno in Rome. The Archbishop discusses free thought. The church, he says, maintains that as truth can never contradict truth, true scientific research can never conflict with Divine revelation. But free thought, as advocated by the admirers of Bruno, denies the right of a higher and Divine authority to command the mind's assent and control its speculations, and constitutes human nature the sole supreme judge of all truth, human and Divine; it asserts the absolute independence of the mind of man from all responsibility, even to the Supreme Lord and Master of all; discards His revealed Word and rejects His authority; in a word, it is the deification of human reason. This doctrine is false in philosophy, false in the ology, false in ethics. He says, in conclusion: "And now, dear brethren, the grosser the insults offered to our blessed Lord, the more fervent and devoted in proportion ought to be our love for Him, and our care not to offend Him ourselves. In our day and generation one of the most fatal snares laid for the faithful is the affiliation with secret societies that are based on mere naturalism in exclusion of, and by inference at least, in opposition to our divine Redeemer. The harm that has come to religion in the Eternal city during the past twenty years is attributed mainly to the workings of secret societies. In our land of freedom there is no need of burrowing in the dark. Much less ought Catholics to patronise associations in which the Christian faith and the divinity of Christ our Saviour are ignored. Our sympathy also goes out to the vicar of our Lord on earth. We grieve with Him for the outrages inflicted on religion. We grieve that Rome, sanctified by the blood of myriad martyrs, has seen the standard of the evil one flaunted through her streets in memory of an apostate whose sole merit was to repeat with Lucifer of old: 'I will not serve.' In the pain and insult offered to the head all the members necessarily share. In the wrongs done to the sovereign pontiff the faithful of the whole world are assailed, and against such indignities, continued now for nineteen years, all of us, as Catholics, utter our indignant protest. The reverend clergy are hereby directed to resume in the mass, and to continue until further notice the collect pro papa. They will also please read to the faithful under their charge the allocution of 30th June, and announce a solemn triduum of prayer for the intentions of the holy father, to be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September, the exercises consisting of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament. In accordance with special powers granted by the Holy See, and contained in the faculties of the diocese (No. 9), the faithful who will receive Holy Communion on next Sunday (where the faculty has not already been made use of) may gain a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions."—*Boston Sunday Herald.*

At the ordinary meeting, on the 5th inst., of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Bro. Frank Wacher was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the coming year.

Obituary.

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BRO. W. WRIGHT.

THE remains of the late Bro. William Wright were conveyed to their last resting place, in the Maldon Cemetery, on Monday, the 9th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The funeral was attended by all the principal traders and merchants in the town. The St. Peter's Lodge (of which deceased was a member) and the Blackwater Lodge were represented, the former by Bro. Arthur Barritt I.P.M., F. G. Green Secretary, Bros. R Orttewell and C. R. Gowers, and the latter by Bro. S. H. Ellis. At the conclusion of the burial service the Freemasons present advanced to the grave and threw in a sprig of acacia, according to ancient custom.

BRO. JOHN WATSON.

THE remains of the late Bro. John Watson, of Gourock, of the Lodge Firth of Clyde, No. 626, were interred in the New Gourock Cemetery, on Saturday, the 7th inst. There was a very large turn-out of the brethren from the various Lodges in the district.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of Free and Accepted Masons of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 9th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Hexham. Many of the brethren left the Central Station, Newcastle, by special train, and on arrival proceeded to the Corn Exchange. Amongst those present were the Prov. Grand Master Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Bros. Richard Henry Holmes Past G.D. Deputy Prov. G.M., B. J. Thompson Prov. Grand Secretary, Addison Potter P.P.S.W.; and amongst other Provincial Officers present were Bros. James Deighton Dixon P.G.S.W., J. H. Beckingham P.G.J.W., Rev. H. Bott P.G. Chaplain, John Strachan P.G. Registrar, W. T. Wilson P.G.D., R. H. Dickenson P.G. Supt. of Works, Adam Robertson P.G.D.C., Henry Spittle P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Garland P.G.S.B., J. W. Lambton and James Carmichael P.G. St. B., R. F. W. Liddle P.G.O., William Reed P.G.P., John Barbour P.G.A.P., H. S. Bird P.P.G.R., and Joshua Curry P.G. Tyler. There were also present Bros. Bradley P.G.S.B. England, Matthewman Assistant P.G. Sec. West Yorkshire, John Page P.P.J.G.W., John Duckett P.P.G.J.D., John Wood P.P.G.J.W. Durham, R. Hudson P.G. Sword B. Eng. P.G. Secretary Durham, John Spearman P.P.G.J.W., G. F. Charlton P.P.G.J.W., W. F. Carmon P.P.G.St.B., Charles Roope P.P.G.O., J. Calvert P.P.G.S. of W., John Grey P.P.G.A.P., Thomas Douglas P.P.G.S., R. G. Salmon P.P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., Thomas Dinning P.P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., Wm. Percy P.P.G.A.P., G. Robinson P.P.G.C., Jos. Hogg P.P.G.S.B., P. H. Gibson P.P.G.A.P., Thos. Ellis P.P.J.D., John Purvis P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Gibson P.P.G.S.D., William Cooper P.P.G.J.D., Robert Jackson P.P.G.P., Thos. Gillespie P.P.G.Reg., W. Davidson P.G.S.W., Rev. John Walker P.P.G.C., G. Spain P.P.G.D., W. M. Bell P.P.G.A.D.C., J. H. Benson P.P.G.S.W., G. E. McCarthy M.C.P.G.R., W. J. Ward P.G.J.W., J. Straker Wilson P.P.G.W., J. Barker P.P.G.O. Durham, J. C. Moor P.P.G.D. Previous to transacting the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren formed in procession and marched to the Abbey Church, where they attended Divine Service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Bott, M.A., P.G.C., from Genesis, 1st chapter, and 3rd and 4th verses, "And God said let there be light, and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness." Bro. John Nicholson P.P.G.O. officiated as choir master, whilst Bro. Seaton presided at the organ. Bros. J. Walker, D. Whitehead, J. Nutton, and Leatham of Durham Cathedral, along with the choir boys, sang the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," by Brother Baker, from the Masonic service. At the close of the service a collection was taken, amounting to £10 17s. The brethren then proceeded to the Corn Exchange, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Worshipful Grand Master Sir M. W. Ridley. After the transaction of business, the R.W. Grand Master stated that the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting that day had been specially marked by the attendance of members at the old church of Hexham. It was one of the most interesting specimens of mediæval church architecture that existed in Northumberland, and possibly in the United Kingdom. He thought the visit to the church must be a matter of satisfaction and gratification, not only to those members who were able to be present, but to many who were not so fortunate. The basis of their constitution and their teaching was from the volume of the sacred law, as they had heard in the excellent and eloquent sermon that day. Their object was to seek the glory of God and the good of mankind. Therefore, it could but be a matter of satisfaction to them, as Masons that in Hexham they had the opportunity of attending in a numerous body divine service in the old Abbey Church. And it gave him great pleasure on their behalf to show how much they appreciated the good services and good will of Canon Barker and his Churchwardens, who had placed the Abbey at their disposal, and assisted the Officers of the Lodge there at Hexham in making adequate and careful provision for the service which had just been held. They were also indebted to their brethren for the arrangements which had been made, as they had been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. He then referred to the affairs of the Province, and said he was happy to see that the Lodges were in such a good state, numerically and financially. A charter had been granted for the consecration of another Lodge at North Shields. Before sitting down, he must, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, thank the P.G. Chaplain for preaching the sermon just referred to, and, in conclusion, to announce that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Blyth, under the Blagdon Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed according to antient form. In the evening the brethren partook of dinner, at the Town Hall.

PROV. G. LODGE WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held on the 11th instant, at Stourport, when the Assembly Room of the Town Hall was converted into a temple for the occasion. A Craft Lodge was opened by the W.M. and the Officers of the Vernon Lodge, No. 560, shortly after noon. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.), together with the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, past and present, shortly afterwards entered the Lodge, and were received by the assembled brethren with the accustomed honours. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.), and there were also present the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire (Bro. Colonel Foster Gough), Bro. Rowland G. Venables (the Deputy Grand Master of Shropshire), and Bro. George Taylor (Past Grand Standard Bearer of England), who is also Secretary to the Province. These brethren were saluted according to their office. P.G. Lodge was opened by the P.G. Master at one o'clock, when the muster roll of the twelve Lodges which comprise the Province was called over, and it was then seen that there were 128 brethren present, as well as several visitors from other Provinces. The Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges made statements concerning the work of their Lodges during the last twelve months, from which it was gathered that Masonry is in a very flourishing condition in Worcestershire. The reports of the various benevolent and charitable funds were received and adopted, and various sums of money were voted to the several purposes of Masonry. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the City of Worcester as the *locale* of next year's Provincial Grand Lodge. The following brethren were appointed to the Grand Offices of the Province for the next year, and duly invested and installed.

Bro. Abraham Green	... ...	Senior Warden
T. Lamb Smith	... ...	Junior Warden
Rev. W. J. Down	... ...	Chaplain
W. S. Davies	... ...	Registrar
J. Joseland	... ...	Treasurer
Geo. Taylor P.G.St.B. England	...	Secretary
W. Thomas	... ...	Senior Deacon
G. F. Grove	... ...	Junior Deacon
F. Frederick Hoult	... ..	Superintendent of Works
John Mossop	... ...	D.C.
George Houldsworth	... ...	A.D.C.
George Hodgkiss	... ...	Sword Bearer
William Merrick Ward	...	Standard Bearer
H. M. Jackson	... ...	Organist
W. H. Talbot	... ...	Pursuivant
Septimus Bagott	... ...	Assistant Pursuivant

The Grand Lodge was afterwards "called off," and a procession was formed, the Junior Lodges leading, and all marched to the Stourport parish church. The brethren wore their Masonic clothing, and the Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by his Grand Officers. As the brethren assembled in the church Bro. H. M. Jackson Provincial Grand Organist played a voluntary on the organ. There was afterwards a processional hymn, during the singing of which the clergy and clerks, preceded by a cross bearer and a banner, marched up the centre aisle and took their places in the stalls and within the sanctuary. The prayers were read by the Rev. Bro. J. W. Down (Provincial Grand Chaplain) and the Vicar of Stourport (the Rev. B. Gibbon). The first lesson was read by the Rev. Bro. J. Knight-Law P.P.G.C., and the second by the Rev. F. O. Gascoigne. The anthem was Sullivan's "I will sing of Thy power," in which the tenor solo was excellently sung by Bro. Lay. The organ was presided over by Bro. F. J. Griffiths. The Rev. Bro. J. W. Wilshaw P.P.G.C.

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preached a highly appropriate sermon, from the words, "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God."—2 Chronicles ii. 4. Masons, he said, differed very materially from many societies with which they might have some things in common. The rules of other societies took in only that which concerned the material and the physical. Articles of faith were unknown, and so it came to pass that those of any creed or of no creed at all, were eligible for membership. But with Masons it was far otherwise. There was written down indelibly in every man's creed, "I believe in the existence of God." It was quite true they did not pledge each other beyond that, for they were Catholic in the widest sense in which the term might be employed. As such, there was much that was spoken and written in this 19th century with which they could not sympathise. They could have little in common with those who boasted in agnostic phrase that we come "whence we know not, and that we are hurrying whither we know not." At the conclusion of the service the procession was formed in reversed order, and the brethren returned to the Lodge room, where, after the transaction of formal business, Grand Lodge was declared closed. The brethren afterwards banqueted together at the Swan Hotel.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE installation meeting took place at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green Tottenham, on the 25th ult., and there was a large attendance of Past Masters and Visitors. The business of the day was commenced by Bro. J. Linzell P.M. taking the chair, and passing Bro. C. Crewsler. The installation of Bro. Lovell and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Major H. Stephens P.M. presented Bro. Lovell, and the ceremony of installation was well and clearly rendered by Bro. Linzell the installing Master. The newly-appointed Worshipful Master then appointed his Officers, as follow: Bros. L. E. Wilson S.W., T. P. Clark J.W., W. Dance Treasurer, J. Linzell Secretary, M. J. Barnes S.D., F. Voller J.D., A. Reeves Inner Guard, W. Wort Director of Ceremonies, W. J. Bastick Steward, and James Very Tyler. Later on, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served by the new proprietor of the hotel, in a manner to be highly praised. The usual toasts were given and received with enthusiasm. Bro. Oddy I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel for his services during last year, and he responded in feeling and suitable terms. The health of the Installing Master was next submitted, and received with general favour. Bro. Linzell, in responding, said he was very glad to receive such a display of feeling on his behalf. He was at all times ready and willing to assist in every way that would enhance the pleasure and happiness of the brethren. It was some years since he had performed the ceremony of installing a new Master, and had on the present occasion been called upon at very short notice. However, he thought it his duty to comply. He sincerely trusted the Worshipful Master would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Brother Knightley responded in eloquent language for the Masonic Charities, and other toasts followed, the intervals between them being devoted to harmony.

FERMOR-HESKETH LODGE, No. 1350.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 9th inst., Bro. R. Norris Jones was duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Officers of the Lodge present were:—Bros. F. A. Staedeli W.M., C. P. Titherley P.M., R. Norris Jones S.W., C. C. Robin J.W., H. B. Browne Treasurer, D. Connor S.D., W. Taylor J.D., T. Graham Cox I.G., J. Stowell Chaplain, and W. Hudson Organist. The Visiting Brethren present included Bros. Robert Foote P.P.G. Treas. and J. Brotherton P.M. 241. After his installation the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. A. Staedeli I.P.M., C. Coker Robin S.W., Capt. D. Connor J.W., H. B. Browne Treasurer, W. Taylor Secretary, Rev. T. Graham Cox S.D., G. M. Richardson J.D., W. Hudson Organist, W. Swift I.G., D. E. M'Cracken S.S., and Rev. John Stowell Chaplain. Subsequently a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. F. A. Staedeli the retiring W.M.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 10th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro J. H. Wills, was installed by Bro. John Lane, in a very able and impressive manner, and the Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. T. W. Morgan I.P.M., T. Prust, John Chapman, John Dodge, W. Wakeham P.P.G. Standard Bearer, and J. Grant 328, N. Hopson, John Wheaton W.M., and G. Barry 249, R. H. Benson W.M., and F. Adams Dawson 797. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. T. W. Morgan I.P.M., J. W. McKellar S.W., John Taylor J.W., T. Prust Chaplain, J. Dodge Treasurer, J. Chapman Secretary, T. J. Crossman S.D., S. Wills J.D., W. Wingett D.C., T. Brooks Organist, W. Hersey I.G., George West S.S., J. R. Risdon J.S., and J. E. Newton Tyler. Bro. J. Lane was re-elected Charity Steward and Representative on Committee of Petitions. A letter of regret at non-attendance was read from Bro. Gould, the distinguished historian and honorary member, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. F. S. Hex P.M. for his services as Secretary during the past six years. Bro. John Taylor J.W., the Librarian, announced the receipt of several books, including the Constitutions of 1784, with the plate by Bartolozzi, from Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.S.D. England, and T. Prust, and T. J. Crossman and J. D. Beer. The thanks of the Lodge were accorded to these brethren, and Bro. Taylor stated that the recently formed library numbered nearly one hundred volumes. There was a large attendance, and the visitors included, besides those already named, Bros. John James S.W., James Sparke J.W. 248, C. Clark D.C., G. Burt Tyler 248, H. J. Way S.W., H. Medway J.W. 797, F. Crowe S.D. and Organist 2189, W. Thomas 189, and J. Long 1125. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the annual banquet, served in the French style, took place. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and the W.M. Bro. T. H. Wills, in the course of his remarks, said he should follow the precedent recently established, and give a donation of five guineas to the Charities.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THE first after-holiday meeting of the members of the above Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when there was a large attendance of the Fraternity, the visitors including several brethren of note. The yearly two months' vacation in connection with the Lodge is invariably followed by election day of Worshipful Master, and this event gave increased interest to the gathering. The principal position was occupied by Bro. Harry Round, the W.M., and the Tyler's list also included Bros. O. W. Sanderson P.M., J. B. Mackenzie P.M., W. Savage P.M., W. W. Sandbrook P.M., Lindo Courtenay P.M., Jas. Finceberg J.W., J. L. Shrapnell P.M. and Treasurer, H. Heard Secretary, J. H. Light S.D., A. Mein J.D., Eaton Batty I.G., Barry Stuart and Jas. Heginbotham Stewards, W. H. Ball Tyler, J. Farrell, Charles Macdona, Eustace Baxter, Edward Graham, Fred. D. Punchard, G. Douglas Clarence, Geo. W. Dobson, Henry C. Arnold, W. J. Lancaster, Samuel King, T. J. Irvine, Albert Smith, Peter F. Buck, John Holker, W. A. Whittle, W. Coates, Harris Fineberg, John E. J. Holmes, Walter Bramley, D. S. Davies, F. B. Atkinson, T. Mawdesley, Lewis Reake, and S. Mattison. The visitors were Bros. J. Maccabe, F. M. Maccabe, I. Jacobs, James Elmore, Lawrence Phillips, B. Holgate, W. Sanderson, J. Roberts, Henry De Frece, Wm. Rawsthorne, W. F. M'Donnell, J. Archdeacon, W. Follows, James P. Bryan, T. C. Fargher, and Thomas Bush. After the transaction of the ordinary and preliminary business, the ballot was taken for Messrs. H. J. R. Round (son of the W.M.), G. E. Garlic, and T. W. Armstrong. They were unanimously elected, and subsequently initiated by the W.M. At a later period of the proceedings Bros. W. J. Lancaster and Charles Macdona were duly raised to the degree of M.M. Then followed the annual elections. By the death during the year of the S.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Allen, to whose loss touching reference was made by the W.M., the voting for the Worshipful Mastership was more open than usual. The ballot resulted as follows:—Bros. W. W. Sandbrook P.M. 23, J. Fineberg J.W. 7, and H. Round W.M. 4. It should be stated, however, that both Bros. Round and Fineberg had intimated their withdrawal in favour of Bro. Sandbrook. Bro. J. L. Shrapnell P.M. was re-elected Treasurer; Brothers J. Reay and W. Savage Auditors; Brothers H. Round, J. Cantor, J. Bell, J. B. Mackenzie, W. Savage, and O. W. Sandereon, members of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, attached to the Lodge; Bros. Mackenzie, Cantor, and Light, representatives of the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Committee; Bro. Mackenzie, representative to serve on the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bros. Mein and Canter to serve on the Casual Relief Committee. Bro. Round W.M. then retired, and Bro. Mackenzie proposed a vote of a substantial sum from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring Master, Bro. Round, with a P.M.'s jewel and apron, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had performed his exacting duties, and the geniality and courtesy which had characterised the whole of his conduct during his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s chair. This was seconded by Bro Shrapnell, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and, after the usual banquet, a choice and interesting musical and recitative programme was carried out by Bros. Lindo Courtenay, E. Baxter, the Two Macs, Eaton Batty, T. C. Fargher, H. C. Arnold, S. King, F. Punchard, W. Savage, C. Macdona, and H. J. R. Round.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Monday, the 9th inst. The brethren assembled in the Lodge-room, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, at 4 p.m., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. M. W. Meade. The ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. Wm. Rudrum S.W., was impressively performed by Bro. Arthur Barritt I.P.M. of the sister Lodge, St. Peter's, No. 1024. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. M. W. Meade I.P.M., J. Grout S.W., G. Davis J.W., George A. Eustace Secretary, W. Strutt Treasurer, E. A. Basham S.D., W. A. Hunt J.D., G. Brown I.G., John Turner, J. Tucker, F. Davies, and G. Clifford Stewards, Rev. Thomas Lloyd Chaplain, W. R. Hance D.C., E. Pearman Tyler. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Joseph Sadler W.M. 1024, A. Barritt I.P.M. 1024, F. G. Green 1024, C. F. Rush Organist 1024, C. Dibben J.W. 1024, T. J. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex, J. G. Renshaw 697, W. Lawrence 1798. After Lodge the brethren and visitors, to the number of 28, sat down to an excellent banquet at the Blue Boar Hotel, under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Rudrum. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. T. J. Ralling replying for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Joseph Sadler for the Provincial Officers. During the evening Bro. Arthur Barritt gave one of his well-known recitations, in his usual inimitable manner, and was vociferously applauded. Bros. S. H. Ellis and S. Shawyer, and Bros. Rush, Hunt, Clifford and Davies contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From time to time I have read in your columns very eulogistic and glowing accounts of certain so-called Holiday Haunts, Health Supplying Resorts, and Emporiums for Nerve Invigoration. Now, Sir, I am one of the "Old School," and have lived in the days when business men did not feel it incumbent on them to run away five or six times during the season to get "braced up" for the exigencies of their toil. I like to enjoy myself—and that all who know me will readily admit. I am not a rich man, but I can keep the wolf from the door, and am in such a position that if I ask half a dozen friends to dine at my own table I am well aware that those associated with me will be able to do all that is necessary, and I need be under no apprehension as to the ability of my cook, or that there will be any complaint to make as to the cheer that will be placed before my guests. I am a domesticated man, and dislike being absent from my own home when the night comes on. Well, Sir, perhaps you will say,—What has this to do with Holiday Haunts? I will endeavour to answer you. I set my face against so-called popular resorts; where I have to pay double charges for my requirements, and, in nine cases out of ten, have to put up with every inconvenience. With some of my friends the bare announcement that there is not a bed to be had in any given place is sufficient for them to go there at once. From such pleasant places keep me at a distance. What I do if I have a few hours leisure is to look out for some enchanting little nook near home, where the rendezvous can be reached by a short railway journey from any of our Metropolitan stations; where a quiet chop or steak can be had, with, perhaps, the adjunct of a plump partridge, to be followed by a bottle of sound, wholesome wine, that will instil healthy vitality into the most jaded system. There are numberless such places round about London, and if they were better known I feel convinced they would be more generally appreciated.

I am led to trouble you with this communication from the fact that a few days since I was in company with some friends who seemed to be in perfect agreement with me on this score. One stated that he spent the better part of his holidays on the top of the tram cars; another that tram cars were not to be sneezed at, but that his idea of enjoyment was a short railway trip, then something in the way of refreshment, to be followed by a two or three hours' drive. He assured his companions that he could introduce them to some of the best scenery to be found in England if they would give him the opportunity of taking them for a fifteen miles' outing. Most of those present took part in the discussion; the Surrey Hills were reviewed, the northern heights discussed, and the glories of Father Thames' domain set forth in their brightest colours. Hadley Wood, Totteridge, Hatfield Park, Epping Forest, the Rye House and neighbourhood, were all points that received consideration, and it was astonishing how unanimous we all became on the question that such locales as Margate, Ramsgate and other places, where the masses congregate, could not compare as regards natural beauty with any of the pretty little nooks we had descanted on. In the end one of our party was reminded that he was owner of "a little bit of land," at Mill Hill, and the question was asked—Have you commenced to build the family mansion? The reply was a negative one, but, our friend added, the grass crop had been secured, and the money realized by its sale was waiting for him to fetch it. Well, go for it, and we'll all keep you company; you've just stated that the surroundings of your estate are of an essentially charming character, and you cannot do better than escort us thither. With all my heart. As a consequence, very soon after the above conversation, we took train by Midland Railway from Moorgate Street Station, and in due course found ourselves deposited at Mill Hill. For myself, I can endorse the eulogiums our friend had indulged in. His "bit of land" is charmingly situated, and, moreover, is bounded by some well grown trees that will make residence within their umbrageous shade endurable on the hottest day in summer. Having completed our inspection, we enjoyed a further half-hour's stroll, and then dropped in for a little refreshment at the "Three Hammers," a quiet little hostelry, situate at the top of the Hill. Here we partook of claret and lemonade, a glass of grog, or a cup of tea, according to the whim or caprice of each, and then a cosy chat and quiet cigar under the shadow of the trees. Time passed rapidly, reminiscences of the days when it was not considered an regle to spend an hour in a skittle alley were indulged in. This conversation naturally induced the inquiry, Have they a skittle alley here? Well, Sir, it will scarcely be credited, but we, five staid old fogeys, later on were recalling our endeavours to secure a "floorer," and by dint of a little assistance from the "sticker up" this much to be desired consummation was achieved by—we'll say—Stephen the Stalwart, who was heartily congratulated by the other members of our party on his prowess. This business over, we were at once brought to a "charge," and here Mr. Anstee, mine host, gave evidence that his cellar could produce a bottle or so of something fit to drink. The question of how to get back now cropped up, but before this can be considered, is there a chance of having something to eat? said our guide and philosopher. The attendant was summoned, and in a very short time the cloth was laid, and a dish of broiled ham and eggs was placed before us. This was freely partaken of, and when the call for the reckoning was made, we found that we had had the maximum of enjoyment at the minimum of cost.

When we were about to take leave of our host, I for one must say I was surprised to hear him say he thought it would be more agreeable for us to ride to the Station than to walk, so he had told his man to bring round the wagonette; it would be here in five minutes. Good old host, thoughtful ever!

The moral of all this is, Dear Brother Editor, we who are resident in smoky London can, if we take the trouble, find many and many a quiet nook for a holiday ramble without travelling any given number of miles in search of that which, however desirable it may be to meet with, we so often fail to secure.

Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

MR. WILKINSON, on behalf of Lord Leigh and others, trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, applied to Mr. Baron Pollock, sitting as Vacation Judge, on the 11th inst., for an injunction extending over next Wednesday, restraining the defendants from constructing a road otherwise than in accordance with an agreement of 1887, and from placing any girder, parapet, or pedestal on any portion of the plaintiff's land in such a manner as to prevent access to the Institution. The defendants, according to the statement of counsel, are about to erect girders, and make the road contrary to terms, and this interferes with the access to the Institution provided by the agreement. Mr. Baron Pollock granted the injunction, with leave to serve notice of motion for next Wednesday.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. Jabez Hogg occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Saml. Brooks, James Brett, Wm. Clarke, J. Newton, G. Bolton, W. B. Daniell, C. J. Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Garrod, W. Pierpoint, B. E. Blasby, Wm. Smith, John H. Matthews, Charles Daniel, G. E. Fairchild, H. Cox, Alex. Mullord, Charles Lacey, Hugh Cotter, W. J. Murlis, Joseph Freeman, A. Durrant, T. Cubitt, J. S. Cumberland, C. F. Hogard, C. Kempton, Clifford Probyn, S. Haslip, William Masters, C. G. Dilley, L. G. Gordon Robbins, Charles E. Keyser, H. M. Hobbs, Alexander Forsyth, John Roberts, W. J. Crutch, W. Belchamber, W. A. Scurrah, John E. Dawson, Geo. Mickley, J. Strugnell, R. T. Fennell, J. A. White, W. H. Making, E. M. Money, and James Terry Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one female annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read. Bro. J. S. Cumberland's motion that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Secretary's office was then discussed, and a Committee duly appointed. Four petitions were then taken into consideration—three male and one female, those of two male and one widow were accepted, and one male deferred. A report from Mr. Smith the accountant, upon the manner in which the accounts were kept, was read.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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A new and original drama, by Messrs. Geo. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, entitled "London Day by Day," will be produced at the Adelphi, to-morrow (Saturday), at 7·45 p.m. The following are in the cast:—Messrs. George Alexander, Marius, J. D. Beveridge, J. L. Shine, Lionel Rignold, W. L. Abingdon, Theo. Balfour, S. Wilfred, H. Russell, James East, W. Northcote, J. Northcote: Mesdames Alma Murray, Mary Rorke, Clara Jecks, Kate James Charlotte Elliot.

The Gaiety, which is at present closed for complete redecoration, will reopen on Saturday, 21st inst., with a new burlesque, by Messrs. A. C. Torr and H. F. Clarke, music by Meyer Lutz, entitled "Ruy Blas and the Blasé Roué." In this the Gaiety Company will make their reappearance in London. Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie are both in the cast, and will be supported by the Misses Marion Hood, Letty Lind, Sylvia Grey, Linda Verner, and Messrs. Charles Danby, Fred Storey, Ben Nathan. The scenery is by Walter Hann, T. E. Ryan, and C. Perkins. Properties by Skelly and Kent. Dresses executed by Miss Fisher, Mons. Barthe, and J. A. Harrison, from designs by Percy Anderson. The wigs are by C. H. Fox, while the dances are specially arranged by John D'Auban. The whole produced under the direction of Walter Raynham.

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GENTLEMEN,

As a candidate for the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Election will take place at the first regular meeting of the General Committee, in October.

During the past month I have had the pleasure to publish in the Masonic journals copies of some of my testimonials. Should any member of the General Committee desire to see the full account of my professional career I shall be glad to forward same on receipt of request.

As a Life Subscriber to the Institution, and as a Craftsman, I shall be glad to receive your support; promising that if elected it will be my greatest endeavour to guard the health of the pupils, and to work in harmony with those who may have the conduct of the Institution.

Yours faithfully,

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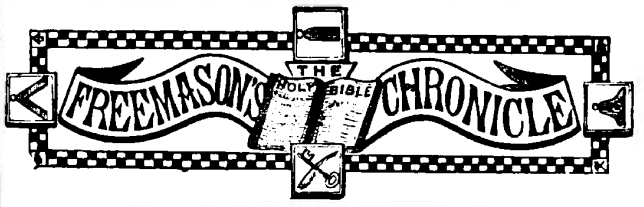
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SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER 1889.

NORTHAMPTON NEW MASONIC BUILDINGS; LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

WITH appropriate Masonic ceremony and honours, the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, D.L., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, on Friday, the 6th inst., laid the foundation stone of Northampton's New Masonic Buildings, which promise to be a most valuable and acceptable addition to the architectural beauty of the borough. Situate on part of the site of the ancient priory of Grey Friars, comprising about 5700 feet, the handsome erections "that are to be" will have an exceedingly fine frontage to Princes' Street. The buildings will be placed somewhat back from the line of this thoroughfare, an open space in front being surrounded by a tasteful wrought iron paling. The front elevation will illustrate a phase of our English Renaissance, and will be built mainly of Bath stone. The windows looking on to Princes' Street will be magnificent bays, and an attractive feature of the front will be profuse carvings in stone. There will be two entrances from Princes' Street. The central and principal doorway will have coupled three quarter columns of the Doric order on either side; and the foundation-stone is to form part of the left pedestal to these columns. Through a second pair of folding-doors access is to be gained to the entrance hall—30 feet by 22 feet and 16 feet high—a spacious and delightful apartment, lighted by one of the lofty bay windows before referred to. A nice reception-room over 20 feet square is to occupy the remainder of the front "run"—to be supplied with light in a similar way to the entrance hall. Double folding doors separate the reception-room from the supper-room—of handsome proportions, enriched by a panelled wood dado around the walls, and a panelled and moulded plaster ceiling decoratively embellished. Here especial attention will be given to arrangements for ventilation and illumination. To the supper-room, "the servery" adjoining will be found a most convenient adjunct, and it will be in direct communication with the steward's department. The "club" premises will be entered by the smaller door previously indicated—at the east end of the frontage in Princes' Street. They will be ornate and elaborately fitted. There will be a billiard-room accommodating two full sized tables and ingeniously and charmingly illumined by a large lantern in the roof. A refreshment bar will be in close proximity. There will also be a spacious but comfortable reading-room. The first floor of the buildings will contain three

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rooms—the "robing" room, 30 feet by 22 feet, a small "convenient" room, and the "Lodge" room. Large bay windows will be requisitioned again to light the first-named of these rooms, and also the landing at the top of the grand staircase. It is intended to glaze these windows with especially designed stained glass. The Lodge room will be an extensive one—50 feet by 25—and will measure 21 feet from floor to ceiling. It will have wall arcades of triple pilasters, supporting semi-circular arches, from which will spring a circular carved ceiling, ornamented with moulded ribs and panels. Small circular windows of glazed stained glass will cast a pleasantly subdued light upon the mysterious transactions of the Masons here assembled. Warmth will be supplied by high pressure hot-water pipes in the larger rooms; but in the smaller ones there will be open fire-places. Mr. J. T. Ingman, of Hazelwood Road, is the architect, and Mr. Edwin Archer, of Abington-Street, is the contractor, the contract price being £3344 10s. The ceremony was a novel, brilliant, interesting, and impressive one. Prior to its commencement, at four o'clock, there was a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Old Masonic Hall, Abington Street. An adjournment was made to Bro. Brook Sampson's, Beethoven House, the Market-square, where a procession was formed at the rear, and proceeded by the garden to the site of the new building. Here the scaffolding had been gaily trimmed with vari-coloured flags and bunting, whilst over the stone was an awning, along the front of which was the inscription, "The Queen and Craft," in silver letters, surmounted by a symbolical shield. Other symbols of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons were visible around, and in the rear centre of the awning, brightly tinted, was a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. On a raised platform to the left of the site was a large company of ladies, and a few gentlemen unconnected with the Craft. On arrival at the site the Masons formed two lines, which respectively faced left and right inwards, and between them the R.W. Provincial Grand Master advanced to a position on the right of the stone. Clustered around him were the principal Officers Past and Present of the Province, the Standard Bearers occupying prominent positions. The fine regalia of the Order, the ladies' dresses, the beautiful bannerettes, and the clusters of flags on the scaffold towering above, gave the scene a singularly attractive and pleasing aspect. When the Masons had properly ranged themselves there was perfect silence for a few moments, and then the following hymn was sung:—

Hail, Eternal! by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

May our work, begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be;
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.

By thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

The Provincial Grand Master then moved forward a few paces, and addressed the Masons. He said that day would in the future be looked back upon as a notable one in the history of the Craft in this Province. The fact that they were there laying the stone of new Mason buildings was of itself evidence that since the opening of the old hall the Order had progressed in Northampton, and more accommodation for the Masons was needful. It was with the greatest pleasure he laid the stone, hoping that in days to come they would increase their numbers in the same ratio as in the past; and that the Order would continue to do thoroughly well in the town and Province. Whilst the preparations for the actual laying of the stone were being made by the contractor and his men, Bro. T. P. Dorman, Past Provincial Grand Superintendent Works, addressed a few words to the Provincial Grand Master. He, as Chairman of the Directors of the Masonic Club and Buildings Company, Limited, on their behalf, welcomed the Provincial Grand Master to the spot where they hoped to erect a superstructure worthy of the great institution to which they belonged. They thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the performance of the work he had so kindly undertaken that day. As to the need for the new hall, it was manifest to all belonging to the Order in Northampton. In handing a new silver trowel to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dorman said he would read the inscriptions on the old Masonic trowel, which was also there. This he did. It appeared that Earl Spencer used it to lay the Northampton Lunatic Asylum foundation stone, on 26th May 1836; that it was used when the first stone of St. Katharine's Church, Northampton, was laid, on 11th August 1837, by the Marquis of Northampton; that the foundation stone of St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, was laid with it by Sir Charles Knightley, Bart., M.P., on 20th October 1840; that the corner stone of St. Giles's Parochial Schools, Northampton, was laid with it on the 24th May 1861, by Earl Spencer. The same trowel was used by H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales in laying the foundation stone of the new Jubilee Wing of the Infirmary in October 1887. But as there was no room to record that fact on the old trowel, the Directors had purchased a new trowel, whose face is to be divided into equal spaces for future inscriptions. Proceeding, Bro. Dorman said they hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe might long spare the Provincial Grand Master's life to carry on the great work of Masonry in the Province; and that he might be called upon to use that new trowel so often that the divisions might soon be filled up with the record. As to Masonry in the town, they had every reason to be thankful that they had a new Provincial Grand Master to lay with a new trowel the foundation stone of new Masonic buildings, which should engender new life in the old brethren, and lead to an extension of knowledge Masonic to many new candidates in their ancient and honourable Order. At the close of Bro. Dorman's address, all reverently bowing, the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. F. S. Thornton) prayed, as follows:—"O Almighty Architect of the Universe, who didst hallow the gates of Jerusalem with the glory of jewels, and Who by the mouth of Thy peoples hast said: 'Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, for He hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.' We beseech Thee, help this work about to be begun, and grant that Thy word running on the swiftest may fill us with the flour of wheat, and that the unction of the Holy Spirit may defend us, that all who meet in this house may dwell together in peace, and praise Thee in voice, heart, and work, knowing that great is Thy power and infinite Thy wisdom, who reignest over all for ever and ever. Amen." The Chaplain's prayer ended, the Prov. Secretary, Bro. F. J. Buckle, read out the following inscription, which was that on the stone:—

This stone was laid, with Masonic honours, by
The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts,
Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.L.,
September 8th, A.L. 5889, A.D. 1889.

The Provincial Treasurer Bro. A. Eames Parsons, afterwards walked to the stone and deposited beneath it a vial containing copies of the last week's *Mercury*, and *Herald*, and Tuesday's *Daily Reporter*, and *Chronicle*. The plans of the buildings, programmes of the day, names of members of the Province, and the coins of the realm. The Provincial Grand Master then tested the laying of the stone by the usual Masonic processes, with plumb-rule, level, and square, delivered to him by Bros. Smith Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Emery Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and Butler Wilkins Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, said in succession, and after brief intervals: "I find this stone perfect and trustworthy." "I find this stone well founded." "I find this stone perfect and true." "I declare this stone to be well and truly laid. May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity on this our work. May He crown the edifice, the foundation of which we have just laid, with every success." Bro. J. Snow W.M. of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, having handed to the Provincial Grand Master corn; Bro. R. Croft W.M. of the Eleanor Cross 1764 wine; and Bro. J. Eunson W.M. of the Delapré 1911 oil; the Prov. Grand Master placed these in turn on the stone, declaring as he did so—I scatter corn upon this stone, the emblem of plenty and abundance. May we eat the bread of peace and live in harmony with our neighbours. I pour out wine upon this stone, the emblem of joy and gladness. May we rejoice in the revelation of the truth and may virtue flourish as the vine. I pour oil upon this stone, the emblem of peace and unanimity. May that peace which passeth all understanding descend upon us and remain with us for ever. The architect was, later on, presented by the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Butler Wilkins to the Provincial Grand Master; and the Provincial Grand Master having inspected the plans of the intended buildings, delivered the same to the architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans, which he commended. The Chaplain after this offered up the Lord's Prayer, and

"Now the evening shadows closing
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rites reposing
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of light, whose love unceasing
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing;
Build,—sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect, be Thine."

was sung. The Chaplain's pronunciation of the Benediction closed the ceremony. But prior to the procession re-forming the gathering was photographed by Mr. Charles Law, of Bridge Street, Northampton, and also by another gentleman. A list is appended of those participating in the afternoon's proceedings:—Present and Past Officers of the Province of Norths and Hunts: Bros. Lord Euston P.G.M., Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., H. T. Smith W.M. 373 P.G.S.W., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.M. 1764, 1911 P.P.G. Chaplain, George Osborn P.P.G.S.W. No. 445, Towcester; Thomas Oldham P.P.G.R. No. 445 and W.M. Fidelity, Alfred Cookerill P.P.J.D. P.M. 360, C. E. Thorpe I.G. 360, T. G. Buckle P.G.S., F. D. Thornton P.G.C., Thomas Merry S.S. 360, George Ellard P.M. 360 1764 P. Prov. S.G.W. Prov. G.D.C., C. T. Emery I.P.M. 1764 Past Prov. J.G.W., John Eunson Prov. G. Standard Bearer, G. H. Percival P.P.G.J.W. P.M. 1911. Pomfret Lodge, 360: Bros. John Snow W.M., Henry A. Robinson S.W., Edwin B. Fletcher J.D., John Jas. Hart P.M., Frederick James Airs P.M., G. F. E. Wilkinson Standard Bearer, Thomas Wetherell, Joseph Sadler, Joseph Jeffery, Charles Sanders, F. O. Wallis, S. C. Beel, S. B. Wilkinson Steward, F. H. Mardlin, W. H. Peirce, Edwin Archer, John T. Green P.M., Thomas Franks J.D., F. J. Barnett, G. L. Michel, Evan C. Ashford, Samuel Frisby, and Samuel Barber. Eleanor Cross Lodge, 1764: Bros. Charles Cooke, Richard Croft W.M., George Butcher S.W., Harry Hodges S.D., T. P. Dorman J.W., W. J. Neil Whitfield, Arthur Palmer 1953 (visiting), James Currall Treasurer, Alfred Wiseman, W. F. Tipler, W. H. Tarry, Sam S. Campion, J. Gold I.G., R. H. Boycott, T. H. Vialls, J. Aves Jowett J.D., Alfred Jones Secretary. De la Pré Lodge, 1911: Bros. S. J. W. Sanders P.M., Frederick Willoughby W.M., Brook Sampson P.M., John Wheeler. Bros. H. T. Smith W.M. 373, R. McAuslin 449, R. Ayres 373, George C. Caster S.W. 442, Ernest Parsons Chicheley 607, Captain G. P. Airey 1635 340, John Mason 98, Charles Day 905, R. A. E. Weston, M. W. Packer P.M. 466, W. R. Emmals 466, S. Salmon 1017. At the close of the ceremony the brethren returned to the Lodge-room at the Old Masonic Hall. Lord Euston announced that he had originally fixed upon Wellingborough for next year's Provincial

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Grand Lodge, but in view of the completion of the New Masonic Buildings he had decided to hold the next meeting at Northampton, the time to be fixed according to the completion of the buildings—which he hoped would be by the middle of June. His Lordship's decision gave great satisfaction to the brethren.—*Northampton Mercury.*

The following eloquent address was delivered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. E. E. Morris on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the new Town Hall for Bakewell :—

My Brethren,—It is with feelings of the deepest pleasure that I welcome to this grand old church to-day, you, my brethren in Freemasonry of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, as well as my brethren of the comparatively newly-formed Lodge in this town of Bakewell. You have done well to embrace this opportunity of presenting yourselves in true Masonic form before the Great Architect of the Universe, and of seeking at His hands a blessing upon your labours in the interest of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is written in the Sacred Volume of the Law (which as true Masons we revere), that "What God blesses is blest" indeed, and it is in recognition of that truth, and not from any desire for ostentatious display that you are gathered here to-day. You come to seek a blessing, and may God grant that you may not be disappointed of your hope. The time at my disposal to-day is limited—very limited—it would be useless, therefore, for me to attempt to enlarge at any length upon your duties to your God, or to the ennobling and supremely philanthropic Society to which you have, unbiassed by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by unworthy or mercenary motives, allied yourselves. I will content myself, therefore, with reminding you (in the first place) of the responsibility which rests upon you, not only as a body, but individually, of preserving intact, unblemished and spotless, the reputation of your Order. The past, the glorious past, of Freemasonry I must leave almost untouched, but I must remind you that our Order presents to the world to-day, the spectacle of an universal Brotherhood, which has stood the test of time and criticism, and ridicule, which has numbered amongst its members all conditions of the various nations, and yet stands out to-day acknowledged freely by all as the most charitable body in the whole world. It is based upon the grand fundamental doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man, and teaches you truths which you have good need to lay at heart. It teaches you truths which you—my Masonic brethren—who have heard that charge which was delivered to you at that impressive moment when you first took upon yourselves the vows of Truth, Relief, and Brotherly Love, can never have effaced from your memories. Let me very briefly again urge upon you then—what Freemasonry must ever urge upon you—the three great duties, viz., to your God, your brethren, and yourselves. As regards your duty to God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, Freemasonry teaches you never to make mention of His name without that reverence which is due from the creature to his Creator. It teaches you to study carefully and reverently the Sacred Volume of the Law, and to read therein in every written word the living voice of the great God speaking to you words of counsel and of guidance. It teaches you to go to Him with your daily supplications, and to seek at His hands blessings which no other power can give. It teaches you (as you, my brethren, know) in times of doubt and difficulty to place your whole trust in Him as well as in your times of ease and plenty. Do not fall short of this teaching—it is good and right—it is comfort and strength to every true hearted Mason. And while you thus are taught to remember your duty to God you are urged never to forget your duty to your brethren—your brethren at large, and especially to the brethren with which you have allied yourselves in the Masonic Bond. "Live as brethren." Let the posture of your daily supplication ever remind you of a brother's wants. Be ever ready to stretch forth a helping hand. Let the deepest promptings of benevolence have full sway, and remember that true Brotherhood consists not in word but in deed, and above all remember that the truest help is that accompanied by heavenly sympathy in the time of trial and bereavement. One other duty too—and that a most important one—Freemasonry urges upon you. I mean duty to yourselves. It urges upon you the duty of self-discipline without which the other law can never be properly performed. See then that you impose upon yourselves such discipline as will keep your corporeal and mental faculties in such vigour as will enable you to perform (and perform aright) such duties as you may be called upon to perform in that state of life into which it has pleased God to call you. I must dwell no longer (though I would fain do so) upon these truths, but I would in conclusion remind you of one other fact. *Freemasonry is not a perfect system of religion.* It is not—it was never intended to be a system of religion at all. When I state this fact I am, I know, stating only a trite truth as far as you, for the most part, are concerned. I speak, however, to some who are young in the Craft, and my remarks will be heard by many to whom the secret charges of Freemasonry are unknown. For the sake of both, therefore, I say Freemasonry, though founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, is not a system of religion. Religion is a thing we leave to the individual soul and its Creator. We cannot, we will not, intrude upon the solemn ground of a brother's faith. That is a matter for himself and God. All that we require, all that we insist upon, is that a man shall revere and adore the great God of Heaven and earth and that he shall love the universal Brotherhood. We bid him, it is true, offer his petitions at the throne of God. We bid him read the Holy Scriptures. We bid him practise every moral and social virtue, and we tell him, though not perhaps in these very words, that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." All who can accept this definition of true religion may join us, and as a matter of fact we number amongst us members of almost all religious bodies. We close our doors only against "the fool who has said in his heart there is no God" and the libertine. The former could find no home where every meeting for the transaction of business is opened with solemn prayer and closed in like manner, and where the Sacred Volume of God's law is ever open. The latter could only disgrace a Society which teaches its members "To love as brethren" and "To do unto others as we would they should do unto us and ours." Go forth then, my brethren, and ever remember that the true Mason is the true man. Remember where you were first made a Mason. Labour for the highest objects of your Order, in dependence upon your God, and remember that wherever you are and whatever you do *He* is with you, and His all-seeing eye observes you, and whilst you continue to act in accordance with the principles of the Craft see that you fail not to discharge your duty to Him with fervency and zeal, then may you hope when the summon shall come to call you from this sublunary abode to ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the Great Architect of the Universe lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SCOTLAND.

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PLANTATION LODGE, No. 581.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place in its hall, 465 Paisley-road, Glasgow, on Monday, the 2nd inst., Brother James Ormiston Struthers R.W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. Thomas Stobo, W. Ferguson and John Clark P.M.'s of the Lodge, Bros. Charles Marshall D.M., James Ritchie S.M., John Cardle S.W., James Ross J.W., James Smith Treasurer, John Pardie B.F. Treasurer, Alexander Purdie Secretary, and Councillor John Ure, Primrose, Glasgow. There were also on the dais the following brethren from sister Lodges:—Bros. Richard Barnwell D.P.G.M., Major F. W. Allan R.W.M. 617, James M'Gregor Malloch R.W.M. 437, Provost Ferguson 437, Captain Hamilton 437, Councillor Thomas C. Guthrie 257, Bailie Kirkwood, W. Inglis P.M. 117, J. C. H. M'Naught R.W.M. 556, Andsew Cochrane R.W.M. 419, W. Phillips P.M. 566, John Gordon I.P.M. 4, John M'Innes P.M. 405, T. G. Jamieson P.M. 4, Alex. Mackie R.W.M. 592, James Currie R.W.M. 729, James M'Lellan Blair 607, and numerous deputations. Altogether over 200 signed the sederunt book. The minutes of the last regular and two special meetings having been read and confirmed, and other routine business being disposed of, the R.W.M. called upon Bro. Campbell R.W.M. of Lodge Clyde to take the chair, when the Lodge was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. Twenty-nine Master Masons had that Degree conferred on them in a very able and efficient manner by Bro. Campbell. Bro. Struthers having again taken the chair, the Lodge was reduced to that of E.A. Degree, when a hearty vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Campbell, which was duly acknowledged. Bro. Struthers intimated that Lodge Plantation was under considerable obligations to several of the brethren present, and that this was a most suitable time for acknowledging these favours. He then proposed the following brethren for honorary affiliation, that being the highest honour they had in their power to bestow—Bros. Provost Ferguson, Bailie Kirkwood, James M'Lellan Blair, Major F. W. Allan, Councillor T. C. Guthrie, J. M'Naught Campbell, Andrew Cochrane, Lodge Neptune, and Bro. Denholm S.W. 553. Bro. Ferguson duly acknowledged the honour that had been conferred on the brethren affiliated. The Lodge was then transferred to harmony, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. A most enjoyable concert followed, when the following, amongst others, took part—Bros. Ritchie, Gideon Duncan, Thomas R. Young, Alexander Mooney, John T. Buchanan, James Dunlop, James Houston, James Lyon, T. Mabon, Andrew Rodie, John Rhodes. There was quite a superabundance of talent. Bro. Cochrane R.W.M. then proposed the toast of Lodge Plantation in a very able manner, which was responded to by Bro. Struthers R.W.M. of the Lodge. The Lodge was then called to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

The annual Masonic sermon was preached on Sunday, the 1st inst., to the brethren of Dalmuir St. John's Lodge, No. 543, in St. James's Parish Church, Clydebank, by the Rev. Bro. Robert M'Lellan, of Inchinnan. There was a very large turn out of Freemasons in the Masonic Hall, Dalmuir, and the Lodge being duly opened by Bro. Samuel Crawford, R.W.M., the brethren marched to Clydebank, accompanied by deputations from Prince of Wales Lodge, Renfrew, Paisley, Patrick, and Whiteinch Lodges. There was a handsome retiring collection towards the Benevolent Fund.

We have been requested to announce that the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, has resumed its labours after the vacation, at the Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney. Bro. Richardson is the Preceptor, and Bro. E. Dignum P.M. 1524 the Secretary.

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FLETCHER LODGE, No. 213.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Whitehaven on Friday, the 30th ult., Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson W.M. in the chair, supported as follows:—Bros. W. D. P. Field S.W., W. J. Tyson J.W., H. Burns M.O., G. Dalrymple as S.O., J. Casson J.O., W. H. Bowlay Secretary, J. M. Clarke S.D., T. Brakenridge as J.D., D. H. Cook Organist, T. Mitchell I.G., R. D. Metcalf Tyler, T. Atkinson, W. Gaffney, S. Broadbent, and J. Lawson. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Brother G. Starkie, who was accepted and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, in an able manner by the W.M. With hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned a short time for refreshments.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 293.

THE labours of this Lodge were resumed, after the Midsummer Holidays, on the 2nd inst., at Gateshead on Tyne, with the prospect of plenty work until the end of the present year. The W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, presided, and was supported by Bros. John Wood, W. P. Carmon I.P.M., and M. H. Dodd. The Officers in attendance were Bros. W. Brown S.W., W. M. Lyon as J.W., Robt. Wilson M.O., W. Richardson S.O., A. Simpson J.O., J. A. Armstrong R.M., T. R. Short Secretary, T. R. Jobson S.D., A. Dodds J.D., R. Ferry Organist, J. A. Black and C. P. Laidler Stewards, and Joshua Curry Tyler. The ballot was successfully taken for Bros. Thomas Lambert and C. A. Joel. Bro. George Craigbill (previously elected) being in attendance, was duly advanced by the W.M., who explained the tools and gave the charge. Another candidate was proposed, after which the proceedings closed, and an adjournment made to the refreshment board.

LEWES LODGE, No. 391.

A MEETING was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst., when Bro. S. R. Legg was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The usual business was transacted, and several new members were elected. Subsequently the brethren and several visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Bear Hotel, provided by Bro. Whitcomb.

Star Chapter of Instruction.—On Friday, 6th inst, at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. and Preceptor, T. Grummant P.Z. H., J. Warren Z. 1348 J., Stone S.E., North S.N., Stone P.S., Patrick, Woods, Addington Z. 1275, Marché, Powell P.Z., H. Martin, and Towers. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Patrick candidate. Comp. Warren was elected a member. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 13th inst.

Bro. Thomas Vincent, who is spending the vacation at Broadstairs, met with a nasty accident on Saturday. While driving through Ramsgate in a dog-cart the horse shied and dashed into a vehicle standing by, Bro. Vincent with a friend who was with him being thrown out. Both gentlemen were severely bruised and shaken. Bro. Vincent has of late been in bad health, and consequently to sustain an accident was particularly unfortunate. However, he is making satisfactory progress, and it is hoped that in the course of a week he will be able to be moved to his suburban residence.

On Friday, the 6th inst., a large meeting of the local Freemasons was held at the New Cross Public Hall, with a view to form a company to erect a Masonic Temple and Hall for the South-Eastern district. Bro. J. G. Thomas presided. A freehold plot of ground has been purchased on Deptford-bridge for £1600, on which it is proposed to erect the building. The capital will probably be £5000, in £1 shares.

Nothing more effective or more touching as a spectacle can be imagined than a Masonic funeral, more especially when the officiating clergyman happens to be a member of the Craft, as was the case on Thursday, the 4th inst., when the obsequies of the late Mr. Dickinson, of Church-street, were performed at the Blackpool Cemetery. Having finished a short oration at the grave side, the surpliced minister took from his breast a sprig of acacia—so pregnant of meaning as the emblem of love, truth, and simplicity—and cast it sadly upon the coffin of the deceased brother; and then the large assemblage of Masons filed past the grave and affectionately followed the example of their clergyman. Thus the world moves on, and our friends and brothers live in memory.—*Blackpool Times.*

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.

GLEANINGS.

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THE THREE STEPS.—As delineated upon the Master's carpet the three steps point to the three all-important periods in human existence—Youth, Manhood, and Age. Aside from the Master's lesson or dissertation, when he explains the symbols to the initiate, three others could be added that would naturally incline the mind of a young Mason towards thoughts that are truly Masonic in character and form—Honour, Industry, and Fidelity. In the every day associations of business and social life we find these essentials of a true manhood held in high valuation by all men, and by none are they more dearly prized than by those who have learned to treasure Masonic truths at their full valuation. Honour holds its votaries with a silken cord as rich in texture as it is precious to its possessor. Honour leads men to the palace of the king and exacts full homage from him to his subjects. Industry climbs mountains and subdues the most formidable fortress. It guides the traveller from poverty to riches; it dispels gloom from sad places, and it replaces thorns with flowers; it unites oceans and seas across dry lands, and it brings lightning subservient to the hand of man. Fidelity is a divine attribute. Without it honour and industry could not exist among men. Fidelity makes us true to ourselves and to our Creator. It makes life safe and protects the rights of property. Combined, these three jewels are essential to the three steps of Youth, Manhood, and Age. With them no Mason, no man, need fear to battle in the struggles of this life, or to accept a summons for that which is to come in the unknown hereafter.—*New York Sunday Times.*

In the sight of God no man is poor but he who is wanting in goodness, and no man is rich but he who abounds in virtue.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—When Reginald Heber read his prose poem of "Palestine" to Bro. Sir Walter Scott, the latter observed that one striking circumstance had escaped him, namely, no tool of man was used in its erection. Heber retired for a few minutes to the corner of the room, and returned with these beautiful lines:—

No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung,
Like some tall palm the mystic fabric sprung.

FAIL TO SEE.—Thousands of persons tread the earth and behold the sky without discerning any of the beauties or wisdom they display. They look upon a landscape, beautifully ornamented with trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers, but receive no definite impression of any part of it, and could not name or describe any object thereon. They behold the starry canopy above them, but see there no constellations, no planets, and no movements indicating the wisdom, the power, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So it is with many who are admitted into Freemasonry. They observe the forms, the ceremonies, the emblems, and the jewels, and they hear the lectures and charges, but fail to discern the ethics and philosophy thereof. They hear the enunciation—"Freemasonry is a science of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," but do not fathom its meaning, and consequently do not solve the allegories nor discern the signification of the symbols. They are in the temple, but do not get the temple idea. They are among the workmen, but do not see that they are all to be master builders for time and eternity. They are in the light, but do not receive and apply it as the great means of fitting themselves as living stones for the temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens. The ritual is beautiful, and should be mastered and impressively communicated; nevertheless, it is but the burr, the hull, the husk to the wisdom, the strength, and the beauty to Freemasonry. It conceals gems of unparalleled richness and beauty, which must be searched for diligently and faithfully if they shall be found and enjoyed. Oh! that all the Craft would realise this fact and act accordingly, as thus they would be better panoplied with truth, better animated with faith, hope, and charity, and better build the temple of the soul.—*Voice of Masonry.*

A Brother discussing ritual with another of maturer membership, urged that certain words and passages therein were not grammar, or found in the dictionary; the other replied, "I want you to know that Masonry existed before there was a dictionary or grammar."

In Constantinople there are two English Lodges, one Irish, and one Italian, besides several French, which are, of course, unrecognised by the others. The Sultan looks favourably upon Masonry.

The P.M.'s drop out inside of two years, as a general thing, but we hear of a P.D.G.M. who lost all interest in Craft work the moment his successor was elected. There must be something wrong with the Institution when prominent brethren refuse to take an active interest in its affairs once they have attained the height of their ambition. Perhaps office was what they "jined" for.

MASONIC CHARITY.—A Masonic organization does not fulfil the highest purpose of its establishment unless it renders some actual service of benevolence. It should do a subjective work among its members in the way of intellectual and moral teaching, and by social ministries, for which it ought to make due provision; but beyond this line of expression it must go if it is to justify its existence according to what are the distinctive objects of the Institution. It must practise a noble and far-reaching charity. It must help to supply the needs of the sick and poor who are within its reach, and have some claim to its benefactions. It must do a humane work in the community no less than that which is technical and of a ceremonial and business character.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Freemasonry powerfully develops all the social and benevolent affections; it mitigates without and annihilates within the virulence of political and theological controversy; and it affords the only natural ground on which all ranks and classes meet in perfect equality, and associate without degradation or mortification, whether for purposes of moral instruction or social intercourse.—*Earl of Durham.*

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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 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, 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 (Instruct)
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 (Instruct)
1695—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1696—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
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Ern, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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, 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.)
1685—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.
2265—Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
389—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 734—Loughborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmeresdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (In)
85—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
706—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Cotton 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.
861—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Hackney, 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, Mona Hotel, Harrow-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1343—Friars, Livery of Arms, Chancery Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Isington, Hampton Arms, Upper Holloway, at 8. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Thomas Rowles, 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, Bramley Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1910—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
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.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Purley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
873—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden
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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8
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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lamb's Conduit Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
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.)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Walthamstow
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gilgrall Road, Clapham 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.)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1722—Karl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1903—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2200—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)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Calthathwa
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
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
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, East End
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Free masons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
705—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warsle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worksop
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-terrace, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1230—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255—Pundas, Hoy-the Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1461—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-st., Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1441—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsey, N.
1531—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1608—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
1612—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8. (Instruction)
1838—Mawdsack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barnsley, S. Yorks
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Dornoch
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 663—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726—Royal Charley of Portitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1080—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1260—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor, Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
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)
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)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1658—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)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1633—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 Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Sonthgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Buralem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
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600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1339—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1357—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, North Allerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
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, 20th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
834—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, Builders Arms, 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
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
2184—Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

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)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
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R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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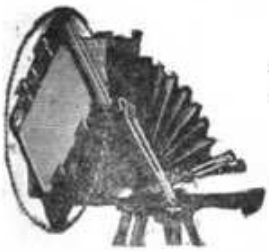
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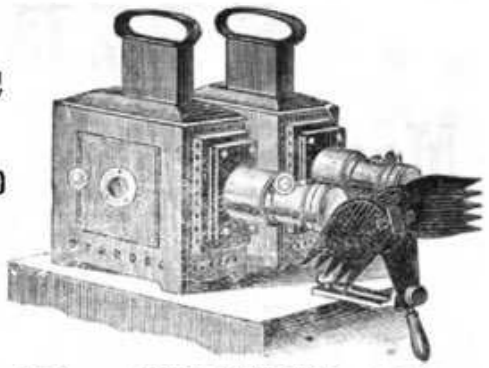
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LODGE ACCOMMODATION.

THE desire on the part of Lodges to possess a home of their own, which is rapidly extending in this country, and in the colonies and other British possessions abroad, as well as in the United States of America, is a sign of the advancement of the Masonic Order, and promises well for the future, both from a financial as well as a moral point of view. Financially it must be apparent that the possession by Lodges and members of the Craft of a number of Halls in various parts of the world is a valuable acquisition, while the moral effect on the growing generation of buildings devoted to the purposes of Freemasonry—really to the alleviation of distress and the advancement of the human race—must be advantageous to the community at large, and redound to the credit of members of the Craft. Besides all this, the provision of special accommodation for the regular meetings of the Order, distinct from the outside influence of public buildings, is well worthy the careful consideration and hearty co-operation of every Mason who desires to elevate the surroundings of Freemasonry, and keep it, as it always has been, foremost among the many and varied friendly societies of the universe.

Admitting all the benefits which accrue from the ever increasing number of Masonic Halls which are being erected, we must not be led away in our enthusiasm to ignore the ample, and in many cases really splendid accommodation, which is provided for the purposes of Freemasonry by those whose business it is to cater for the public. All things being equal, it is of course preferable for the ceremonies of the Craft to be worked in halls or other buildings specially built or adapted to the requirements of Freemasonry, but there are so many matters to be considered in this respect that it is almost impossible to argue in any general way, so as to meet all the requirements of the case. In large towns, where a number of Lodges can combine and erect for themselves a home, and can afford a sufficient outlay year by year to keep the building habitable and in proper repair; or even in small towns, where a Masonic Club can be associated with independent Lodge quarters, Masonic Halls can, and often are, successfully conducted, but difficulties present themselves, especially in medium sized places, where perhaps only one Lodge is located, as to what is to be done with the Masonic Hall, its furniture and fittings, during the long periods which elapse between the monthly or other stated meetings. Financial considerations must step in here, as being of paramount importance. In the case of towns such as we have referred to, represented by one Lodge, the expense of building and fitting a Masonic Hall would fall very heavily on the thirty, forty, or perhaps fifty members of the Lodge, but supposing the first outlay to be satisfactorily met, there is still the question of repairs and general maintenance to be provided for, year by year, and these would form no inconsiderable tax on the local members. Of course the Masonic Hall might be built in such a way as to be available for other purposes, and this is often done, but unless something outside of Freemasonry can be introduced to bear some part of the outlay it is impossible to believe that Masonic Halls will ever become the rule, rather than, as they now are, the exception, and on this account we think those who now regard the accommodation of a Lodge month by month, and the provision of the refreshment which usually follows labour, as a part of their business, need have little fear of losing their customers.

We have recently referred to the action of certain American Grand Lodges who are pushing the crusade against the drink question, and all who are associated with it in any shape or form, in the most severe manner, even introducing Freemasonry into the struggle, and using it and its strong associations to further their own particular ideas. These enthusiasts in the cause of total abstinence exclude saloon keepers and every one associated with the drink traffic from Freemasonry, they enjoin all Masons to keep intoxicating liquors away from the Lodges and the ante-rooms, and, it may well be imagined—with such severe limits as are here shown—they do not allow their Lodges to meet at public houses. In such quarters Masonic Halls become a necessity, or at least some suitable building must be available, apart from the usual public resorts, in which to hold the meetings of the Lodge. But we cannot imagine such severe restrictions ever becoming universally popular, and hence it may be out of place to even consider what would be the possible result if it did happen, but it is useful to take all such matters into consideration when discussing such a subject as that before us. America is very young in many respects, and perhaps the experience of our transatlantic cousins on the subject of private clubs and organizations is one of the matters in which they have little experience. In England there are many who feel that much more evil may be worked in the privacy of a Club than is possible in the publicity of an hotel or other licensed premises, and if the drink question were the only consideration which could be put forward in favour of a general adoption of private Masonic Halls it would soon defeat itself, but happily such considerations do not have much weight with the ordinary Mason. As we said a few weeks back, severe measures may be necessary in certain quarters, to remedy certain evils, but the general body of the Order does not wish or require such exclusiveness as that to which we have referred.

The question of providing Masonic Halls for Lodge purposes has, and must continue to have, other and more noble points to recommend it. The beautiful ceremonies of the Order can be made much more impressive in a building especially adapted to the requirements of the Craft than is possible in any

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room roughly put in shape for Lodge purposes, and yet how much, even in this respect, depends upon the Master, Officers and other members of a Lodge. We have been as much impressed in the quiet Lodge room provided at a provincial Hotel as in the most elaborate Masonic Hall it has been our fortune to visit, and no doubt our readers have had similar experience. Still, we should always give the preference to the provision of a separate home for Masonic Lodges should we be consulted on the point, and we should do so believing it to be possible to make stronger impressions in a home specially provided for Freemasonry than in one devoted to general purposes.

After all, the question of Lodge accommodation is a very insignificant one in comparison with that of deciding who shall be admitted to avail themselves of such accommodation. The quarters of a Lodge may be everything that can be desired, and yet the Lodge may not prosper; its Temple may be among the grandest, but at the same time its membership may be of the blackest; so that in this respect Masonic Halls are little or nothing to judge by. Indeed, we are inclined to the belief that the elaborate displays we sometimes hear of in connection with special Lodge accommodation are made rather in the hope of creating envy or admiration than with the idea of promoting the true principles of Freemasonry. Let us remember that, wherever we are the All-seeing eye beholds us, and let us so conduct ourselves before the world as to prove worthy of the name of Freemason, no matter what may be the accommodation provided for our particular Lodge.

FROM LOW TO HIGH TWELVE.

An Address at a Lodge of Sorrow at Macon, Georgia, by Rev. James R. Winchester, 32°.

WHENCE came ye? What came ye here to do? Having finished your work, what are the wages? These are the practical questions which Speculative Masonry asks us at the hour of low twelve to answer for our departed brothers, and then with all available light apply to ourselves. On such an occasion as this memory is personified, and appears as a beautiful Virgin free from evil, bending in grief over a broken column, some noble life prematurely cut off, while opportunities for usefulness were spread before it. With a sprig of Acacia in her right hand she seems to forget, while lingering with fond devotion, that it must be planted on the loved one's grave and viewed henceforth as an emblem of hope beyond death's power. With her bridal hand she clings to the sacred urn in which are deposited the ashes of cherished associations. Turning fully to the broken column, and bowing with more lowly grief over the spot in which sleeps the mortal part of her beloved, she catches sight of a book resting on the upright fragment of stone. There white pages present themselves, and it is here permitted to write the virtues and forget the human frailties of her dead. Suddenly the urn is transformed into a casket of golden records, and the Acacia becoming rooted above the life that was folded up and laid away in the keeping of its God, points upward to immortality, where the soul dwells in the full light of its Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In this world of disappointment, memory must weep until catching reflections of glory beyond the grave, and learning that death does not end all, rejoices with exceeding great joy. While these opposite emotions spontaneously spring from the same source and exhaust the life, Time tenderly touches the flowing ringlets and each head whitens for his sickle. Thus, standing face to face with death, Masonry scorns the appearance of atheism that writes on the gates of her cemeteries, "Gone for ever." She detests infidelity, which gives no consolation to dry sorrow's tears when the desire of the eye has been removed, laid low by the setting maul and covered beneath the clods of the valley. But she hearkens to the true word which points to a ladder reaching from earth beyond the clouds into the stars, and waits with patience while a voice comes in tones of tenderness, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Therefore we can meditate upon our brethren who faithfully carried out the designs on life's trestle-boards as happy, for the Master has simply called them from labour to refreshment. We are taught to watch their bright spirits, enveloped in light, entering the pearly gates of that temple which needs no sun, for the Lord God is the light thereof. Bowing upon the tessellated pavement, clothed with the badge of innocence, the righteousness of Him who was, and is, and is to come, they shall gain admission into the presence of the everlasting King and behold the beatific vision. Such a thought should turn the Lodge of sorrow into a banquet of joy. There the great multitude of souls will be gathered—"All the innocent little ones that have passed away like a breath of vernal air since time began; all the souls which the great, and the wise, and the aged, have sighed forth in pain and weariness after long and noble lives; all the souls of the wild races of hunters and fishermen in the boundless prairies or the icy floes; all the souls that have passed, worn and heavy laden, from the roaring city streets; all the souls of those whose life has ebbed away in the red tide of unnumbered battles, or whose bodies have been dropped into the troubled waves unkelled, uncoffined, and, save to their God, unknown." We take the liberty of adding to the picture, painted above, that all with implicit trust in God, who seek His assistance in every duty are blessed when dead. Their hope has been well founded, and there is nothing to fear.

Reviewing the lives of our faithful brethren, we see through the night of sorrow their virtues shining as constellations in the firmament of glory. Pain and disappointment are insignificant compared with eternal bliss.

Since the human heart yearns for a more serene home than this earth affords, why should we not brush away the rising tear when another soul has gone to join the white-robed throng? The attempt to better one's condition is the absorbing thought of life; yet trouble enters each door immediately behind pleasure; the hearse follows closely the bridal carriage. The merry bells have scarcely sent their joyous echoes into surrounding space before they begin to give forth their solemn notes; and in response the living come to plant the acacia upon another grave. Generation succeed generation like waves of the restless sea; army after army of strong men are swept as forest leaves into the cemetery of the past to mingle with mother earth, impressing the comforting thought that this world is not the home of the soul. Again, Speculative Masonry has taught her initiates that it is not the final resting place for the body. Though laid in the grave, where the dim light of nature allows the skin to slip from the flesh, and where Pagan Philosophy and the shadowy mists of ancient religions cannot prevent the flesh cleaving from the bones, yet as Masons we believe the body shall be *raised*—made to stand upright. The only power that can make the dead alive, and meet us at every point of human fellowship, is in the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Whoever accepts this power shall therefore be raised bodily from the sleep of death to a sublime condition. Though our departed brethren have fallen under the hand of some evil disease and lie buried in temporal ruins, let us believe they died true to their word, and are but sleeping in the love of One who can raise the decomposed body to life; for "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." There can be no terror associated with the grave when the everlasting arms are underneath and around it. With this realisation each faithful man can say, with one of old, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

Whereas, the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body are subjects so comforting, let us leave this Lodge of Sorrow full of rejoicing with the consoling thought that He who is for us is greater than all against us. The setting maul, the spade and coffin, only speak of refreshment after labour.

In view of the attainable, and as true Masons, we have constraining motives urging us to the faithful discharge of duty. Here ceaseless activity, exhausting labour, daily unrest, appear in every life, and the work assigned by the Worshipful Master slowly approaches completion; yet each one must go forward, diffusing light, though men refuse to see it; heeding the cry of distress, even if the charity is never appreciated during this earthly pilgrimage, and give sympathy to the heavy laden, albeit the motive is miscon-

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strued by the profane. So long as the world has destitute and suffering humanity so long will true Masonic feet bleed in the path of duty. Like the poor red man, we may sometimes think a place of rest is found and call it Alabama; but a moment's reflection reveals a false name, and we push towards the setting sun; or, like that Abyssinian prince described by a Master's pen, may listen with credulity to the whispers of fancy and pursue with eagerness the phantoms of hope, but will find, as he found, that age does not perform the promises of youth, and that the deficiencies of the present day are not supplied by the morrow. When our work is finished, like the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we can call the time thereafter a day of rest, and that is what we understand by the transition from labour to refreshment.

Let us gather new hopes and strength at this time from the lives of our faithful brothers. They are not dead, but we trust have just begun to enjoy the true life. We view their death as a sunset, and rest is the afterglow which leaves the evening glorious, making the still hours of bereavement holy.

Rest, the word so sweet to toiling men, is music to the weary ear, cordial to the fainting heart, and joy to the sin-tossed soul. Such, we trust, is the endless state of all our faithful workmen who have been called from labour to refreshment. "They are happy now, and we soon their happiness shall see."

But until our summons comes, let us be faithful in the discharge of duty, remembering our privilege of living at a time when civilisation, in its broadest sense, is at meridian splendour. The glory of intellectual worth and the beauty of moral merit adorn our homes and sanctify our domestic relations. What heathenism left vague and dark, our three lights have made manifest. Revelation, natural science and conscience tell us that happiness here consists in faithfully using our working tools. Then, hereafter, let the twenty four-inch gauge divide our time, the gavel divest our hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life, and the trowel cement our secret thoughts with charity. These are the instruments that can polish the rough ashlar of human character, after it is brought from darkness to light. Every Mason should, therefore, strive to make his life symmetrical; his Entered Apprentice degree, like rightly spent youth, should be stored with useful knowledge; his Fellow Craft, as vigorous manhood, should be the practical application of that acquired learning, and then, as a Master Mason, like honoured old age, he should possess the consciousness of a well-spent life, faithful discharge of duty to his God, his neighbour and himself. Such a man, as a heavy sheaf of wheat or rounded ear of corn, reproduces himself through the germinal virtues composing his character, and lives again in succeeding generations. Thus there is a resurrection of each noble act in the life that received it. Then let us think of our departed brothers as having believed in God, and that no plumb-line can sound the depths of His mercy. They believed in God, and no compasses can circumscribe His omnipotence. They believed in God, and no human mathematics can ever explain the incomprehensible triangle contained within His eternal existence. Profane wisdom can never define the limits of love which passeth knowledge. Let us again trust that the souls of our brothers are in joy and felicity, and their bodies will be raised at the last day. While resting from labours they are refreshed with a certain hope that what once was subject to dissolution shall soon rise a harmonious and strong temple, whose beauty no ruffian hands can mar, and whose glory will be noontide splendour. Perfect consummation and bliss will be the day when the material and spiritual elements are reunited:

"Each waiting soul must claim his own, when the archangel soundeth,
And all the fields and all the hills shall move a man of life;
Bodies numberless, crowding on the land and covering the trampled sea,
Darkening the air precipitate, and gathered scathless from the fire;
The Himalayan peaks shall yield their charge, and the desolate steppes of Siberia,
The maelstrom disengulf its spoil, and the iceberg manufit its captive;
All shall teem with life, the converging fragments of humanity,
Till every conscious essence greet his individual frame;
For in some dignified similitude, alike, yet different in glory,
This body shall be shaped anew, fit dwelling for the soul;
The hovel hath grown to a palace, the bulb hath burst into the flower;
Matter hath put on incorruption, and is at peace with spirit."

—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the August meeting, to the amount of £140. There were only fifteen new cases on the list. One of these was relieved with £60, and one with £50, two were relieved with £30 each, four with £20 each, and one with £10; total £260. Four cases were deferred, and two dismissed.

We have pleasure in being able to announce that Bro. John Lane's new work, "A Handy Book to the study of the Engraved, Printed, and Manuscript Lists of Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England ('Moderns' and 'Ancients'), from 1723 to 1814, with an Appendix and Valuable Statistical Tables," will be ready in October. The book will be sent post free to subscribers for 7s 6d, and orders for the same should be forwarded to Bro. Jno. Lane, Bannercross, Torquay.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on Thursday, of Brother Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Past Grand Registrar, &c., &c. A full record of Bro. McIntyre's Masonic career will be found in the First Series of our Masonic Portraits.

Mr. R. L. Stevenson's new story, "The Master of Ballantrae," will be issued in a few days, by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

Messrs. Cassell and Company announce a new serial publication, to be called "The Cabinet Portrait Gallery." Each monthly part will contain three cabinet-sized photographs of eminent men and women of the day, with accompanying biographical sketches. The photographs are taken by Messrs. W. and D. Downey, and are reproduced by the Woodbury-type process.—*Academy.*

In view of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor to India this winter, Messrs. Cassell and Company are issuing a new serial edition of their "Illustrated History of India," with the first part of which a large portrait of Prince Albert Victor will be given.

On Saturday evening, the 28th inst., Mr. Henry Irving will produce "The Dead Heart." Elaborate scenery has been painted by Messrs. Telbin, Harker, and Hawes Craven, while the costumes, designed by Mr. Joseph Grego, Mr. Margeston, and Mrs. Comyns Carr, are sure to be picturesque and absolutely accurate. The taking of the Bastille is the great scene of the play. Mr. Jacobi has written the incidental music. Mr. Irving will appear as Robert Landry, and he will be supported by Mr. Bancroft (Abbé Latour), Miss Ellen Terry (Catherine Duval), Miss Kate Phillips (Cerisette), Mr. Edward Righton (Toupet), Mr. Arthur Stirling (Legrand), Mr. F. Tyars (Rebeal), Mr Haviland (the Comte de St. Valerie), Mr. Gordon Craig (Arthur de St. Valerie), &c. We may mention that the curtain will rise at eight o'clock.

The Opera Comique will be re-opened, under the management of Mr. George Cockle, on Saturday, the 28th instant, when there will be produced a new romantic opera, in three acts, entitled "The Castle of Como," (founded on Lord Lytton's "Lady of Lyons"), by Mr. Geo. Cockle, Mus. Bac. Oxon; libretto by the late Charles Searle, with additions by the composer. The principal artistes in the caste are:—Mdlle. Rosina Isidore, the Misses De Vernet, Verity, Vito, and Amy Martin; Messrs. Richard Clarke, Cadwalader, Macarthy, Donnell Balfe, Henry Pope, and Leo Stormont. The acting manager is Mr. J. H. Grattan, while the stage management is in the hands of Mr. William Parry. New scenery by Mr. Banks; new costumes by Mrs. May. The orchestra will consist of 40 performers, under the direction of Sig. Cav. Coronaro (deputy-conductor of La Scala, Milan). The opera will be preceded by a comedietta, entitled "The Dancing Master," by Max Pemberton, with incidental music by Milton Wellings, in which Miss Praeger, Miss Wallis, Mr. Calvert, and Mr. Fleming Norton will take part.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 13th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Grummant P.Z. M.E.Z., Warren Z. 1348 H., Wingham 25 J., Charlie Woods A.S. 1275 S.E., Addington Z. 1275 S.N., George Powell P.Z. Z. 1185 P.S., Osterstock A.S. 1185, H. Martin 1275. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals. The ceremony of installation of Z. was rehearsed by Comp. Warren. The Companions were admitted. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Osterstock was elected a joining member. Comp. Warren was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent to the widow of our late Comp. Bumstead. Comps. Hilton and Grummant, who had attended the funeral on the previous Wednesday, spoke of the very great loss that the Order had suffered. Not only was Comp. Bumstead a splendid Mason and perfect gentleman, but he had aimed at teaching the beautiful R.A. ritual in its purest state. His work as Preceptor of the Pythagorean Chapter could never be forgotten. Notice was given that the installation ceremony would be rehearsed on Friday, the 20th inst., at 7·30 p.m. It is to be hoped that South London Principals will try to be present.

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"GREATEST BROTHERHOOD QUARREL EVER KNOWN."

ALTHOUGH labour has been suspended for the season by almost every one of the City Lodges, the Masons are in a prodigious excitement in consequence of the receipt of intelligence that, following in the wake of the Grand Masters of Ohio, Iowa, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, M.W. Harrison Dingman, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, has issued, 25th July, his decree pronouncing the "Cerneau organisation" to be a body of Clandestine Masons, and ordering Master Masons to withdraw from it, under penalty of expulsion from the Order. A similar decree in Ohio, fulminated some two years since, has led to one of the bitterest internal fights shaking the Fraternity for the past fifty years; Lodge warrants have been arrested, and some revoked; many Masons have been suspended, and others expelled on suspicion of being Cerneauites; while more than half a dozen law suits were awaiting trial, in which the Grand Lodge Officers are defendants from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The proclamation mania has spread to other States, threatening "chaos to come again," but this final decree of Grand Master Dingman, charging the "Cerneau organisation" with having made alliance with the proscribed Grand Orient of France, must culminate into a serious complication, morally certain to embroil the entire Fraternity in an internecine quarrel to be waged to the death.

All American Masons are aware that fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France have been severed for many years past, still ninety-nine in every hundred are in blissful ignorance as to the causes leading to this dissolution of friendly ties and to practical rupture of boasted Masonic unity, a condition of affairs which can be best illustrated by stating that were Lafayette alive and visiting us, as in 1824, the guest of the nation, any Masons entertaining him as a brother would be expelled from the Order for treason to a Grand Lodge [that is, in those jurisdictions where the anti-Cerneau mania rages]. This French difficulty finds its origin in the distant State of Louisiana, as far back as 1857, and was the sequence of a Scotch Rite quarrel. At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana there was but one English-speaking Lodge in the jurisdiction working with the York, or rather American, Rite, the other Lodges practising the French Rites. After the close of the Mexican war, hundreds of Americans, unaffiliated Masons, settled in New Orleans, who disliked foreign Masonic rule, and conspired against the Grand Lodge, which had recognized the Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret Thirty-Second, or Cerneau creation, as of concurrent jurisdiction. Obtaining dispensations from Grand Master John A. Quitman, of Mississippi, for some nine or ten York Rite Lodges, the Americans then organised an Ancient York Grand Lodge in opposition to the one formed in 1812 and then in existence.

The two Grand Lodges combated for a time, but finally united and worked in harmony until the creole population [meaning the descendants of the old French settlers] became irritated at a passage of a resolution by the Grand Lodge, declaring that it would henceforth grant no warrants except to Lodges working the York Rite. There was organised, by the Marquis Santangelo, at New Orleans, in 1836, a Supreme Council for the United States, which was declared to be illegitimate by the Supreme Council of France, which recognised the Supreme Council [Cerneau's] at New York, bearing a similar title, which the Marquis had appropriated. Santangelo's Council was recognised in 1857 by James Foulhouse as the Supreme Council for the Independent Sovereign State of Louisiana, under whose jurisdiction the French and Scottish Rite Lodges placed themselves after their withdrawal from the Grand Lodge. Persecuted by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, Foulhouse went to France, and gained recognition for his Supreme Council and its subordinates from the Grand Orient. To break up this Council, the Southern Council, under Albert Pike, induced the Louisiana Grand Lodge to declare the Lodges under its obedience [that is, under Foulhouse's Grand Council] to be clandestine, and to demand of the Grand Orient of France a severance of fraternal relations with those of the Foulhouse Council. With this demand the Grand Orient refused to comply, and thereupon the Grand Lodge of Louisiana cut off her communications with French Masons, on the ground of invasion of her territory, and requested her sister Grand Lodges to imitate her example, which [of course] they did, although the Grand Orient had committed no trespass upon their rights and prerogatives.

Although Foulhouse had abjured [Masonry] and returned to the Roman Catholic Church, of which he had formerly been a priest, and his Grand Council and its Lodges have disappeared over a quarter of a century since, the inhibition of the Grand Orient of France by the American Grand Lodges still remains in full force, so that when M. Dermous, one of its high dignitaries, visited this country, as a representative of the Chamber of Deputies, he received a cold shoulder from the Masons of high and low degrees. Still during this long period of suppression the Grand Orient has committed offences which in American eyes justify its own expulsion from Masonry. It has decreed a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being not to be necessary to insure initiation into the Craft, while York Masons contend such a belief to be the corner-stone of the Temple. Again, the Grand Orient has recognised the coloured Grand Lodges [but which the God-believing pious Christian] American Masons claim to be bogus in the extreme, inasmuch as the Prince Hall (or African Lodge) Charter was originally obtained through fraud, and afterwards revoked for non-payment of dues. Finally, there are in this city four Lodges, meeting in Bleeker-street Buildings, working at present under the Grand Orient of France.

Somewhere about 1870 Harry I. Seymour, actor and costumier, [was] Grand Master of Ceremonies for the United States of America [meaning the Cerneauites], whence he had been expelled. Finding himself impecunious, he conferred the thirty-third and last degree upon a number of Master Masons, whom he formed into a Supreme Council, which he claimed as being a continuation of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, founded by Joseph Cerneau, in 1807, in this city, although expelled from the Scottish Rite Masonry by the self-same body, whose name he, like his fellow impostor Santangelo, appropriated. Despite its unmitigated illegitimacy, Seymour's creation has at the present moment a large following, particularly in Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland, who have been ingeniously entrapped through fraudulent assumption of the title and history of another New York Supreme [Cerneauite] Council, still extant, [which was] declared by the treaty of Paris, at which it was represented by Lafayette, to be the only legitimate Council in America, of which Judge John I. Gorman is present Grand Commander. In April 1888, Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas Grand Commander of the [Seymourite] Cerneau Grand Consistory visited Paris, saw Frederick Dermous and other officers of the Grand Orient, established fraternal relations with it, and appointed Alpha O. Munro, of Paris, his representative, "in guarantee of friendship." Strange to say, this same Gorgas was chairman of the Maryland Grand Lodge Committee, [and] recommended perpetual severance of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient, as a promoter of infidelity.

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I copied the above from a newspaper slip, I know not the name of the paper. I infer, however, from its contents that the said paper was printed in New York, in August last. As the writer mentions the visit of Lafayette, I thought of something I have read and of something Dr. Folger, the historian of the A. and A. Rite, told me about Lafayette. I must, however, preface the anecdote, viz.:—

From 1807 to 1813 the Cerneauites alone had a 33rd concern in New York. In 1813 a Charlestonian came to New York and established a rival Scotch Rite concern by the name of Gorgas and Co. This new concern, however, soon disappeared: it remained right down dead until 1844, when Gorgas and Co. was revived by Bostonians. When Lafayette came to New York, in 1824, the Cerneauites there at once *thirty-thirded* him. The New York Cerneauites had a branch, in 1824, in Charleston, South Carolina, which was then the *sanctum sanctorum* of the earliest Scotch Riters in America, and of course there existed the fiercest hatred between the *originals* and the

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new comers; each denounced the other as bogus, illegitimate, &c. Now, the City of Charleston, of course, invited a visit from the distinguished guest, and the day was known when General Lafayette would arrive at Charleston The dignitaries of the Scotch *originals* there made up their minds to capture Lafayette. So, on the day of the General's arrival, they held a grand assembly, dressed themselves in their grand robes, bedecked themselves with grand jewels, seated themselves in their grand chairs, and sent a Committee to General Lafayette, to invite him to come there and be at once *thirty-thirded*. The Committee, however, soon returned and, with downcast looks and woful countenances, reported that the Cerneauites had already captured the General and *thirty-thirded* him; and he, of course, was made to believe that the Cerneauites were all right, and the *originals* were all wrong; but as there was no help for it, the poor *originals* had to disrobe themselves and return *disappointed to their respective homes*.

The history of the former troubles in New Orleans is clearly given in the above narrative; but I must add to the writer's remarks about the new fire kindled among the Scotch Riters in Maryland, that within two or three years the Baltimore high degreers rejected some one from being a Scotch Riter. Sovereign Albert Pike thereupon chartered another high degree concern in Baltimore, where the "rejected stone" was inserted into the Scotch Rite arch. This gave mortal offence to the rejectors, who immediately rebelled against Sovereign Pike, and enrolled themselves under that branch of Cerneauites which was originally started by Harry Seymour, and of which Bro. Peckham was the Grand Sovereign. Subsequently Bro. Gorgas, of Baltimore, succeeded Bro. Peckham as Grand Sovereign. Scotch Riters *are great splitters*—so as soon as a Scotch Rite concern was established anywhere, it immediately split itself into two or more factions. Now, as a fundamental rule exists amongst them, that each concern must be acknowledged by another, Sovereign Gorgas visited several parts of Europe, and his concern was of course acknowledged in many jurisdictions by those concerns that are hostile to Sovereign Albert Pike's pretensions; and among these the Grand Orient of France acknowledged Bro. Gorgas's exclusive Sovereignty over the whole United States of America. Of course, the Grand Orient had offended our American Scotch Riters by acknowledging Foulhouse at New Orleans; it offended the American negro haters by acknowledging the coloured Grand Lodges, and it offended the pious ones, because it asks no questions of candidates about belief in God; all these points are utilised by the anti-Cerneauites. So, what between the two branches of the Cerneauites and the self-declared *orthodox* Northern and Southern *Jurisdictioners*, no less than about a dozen pamphlets have been fired off within two years by the various factions, besides any amount of talk in Grand Lodges.

But, strange to say, the Grand Lodge of New York seems to entertain the utmost contempt for the *maniac crew* of anti-Cerneauites, for at its last annual meeting it elected Bro. John I. Gorman, Sovereign Grand Commander of a Cerneauite concern, for Grand Treasurer. What the anti-Cerneauites will say remains to be seen.

Finally I shall say something about the coloured Masons. About forty odd years ago a report was circulated by a *very pious* Boston brother that the charter for the African Lodge in Boston was obtained by Prince Hall, from England, by fraud; but when the fraud was discovered the Grand Lodge of England requested the negroes to return the Charter, for inserting something therein. Accordingly, Prince Hall copied it and sent the Charter back to England, which the Grand Lodge of England never returned. Bro. Findel's History exploded that story. I myself saw the original Charter in Boston; the late Bro. Hervey also showed me some documents that Prince Hall sent to the then Grand Secretary of England. From the above New York paper I learn that the story of having obtained the Charter by fraud is still circulated, with the addition that the coloured or African Lodge was erased from the English Lodge list because it did not pay its dues to the Grand Lodge of England. But that *is also untrue*, for the American Lodges paid no dues to the Grand Lodge of England. The truth is, the African Lodge was erased from the English Lodge list in 1813, when all other American Lodges were erased, and all were erased for one and the same reason. Now, on comparing the conduct of the "infidel" Grand Orient of France towards the American coloured Masons, with that of our American *pious Masons*, I cannot help thinking that the French "infidels" acted more in accordance with Masonic teaching than our American pious Masons did.

BOSTON, U.S., 3rd September 1889.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A MEETING of the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, which was very numerously attended, took place on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie. Recommendations for grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, to the amount of about £70, for distressed brethren and widows of deceased Freemasons, were adopted, and the votes of the Province for candidates at the forthcoming Charity Elections were also arranged. A most interesting and exhaustive synopsis of the Masonic Charities of West Lancashire has been prepared by Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182. In the course of his admirably prepared statement Bro. Tyson says that the Educational Institution (established 1850), for the education and clothing of children of deceased Freemasons, was recently amended to also include, in certain cases, the maintenance of children. The sub-division of the Province shows that from the year 1850 to 1888 the Liverpool Lodges have provided funds to the extent of £18,162 7s 10d, and the benefits to that section have been 12,971 16s 9d. During the same period the outer section of the Province (49 Lodges) has provided the sum of £5268 11s 10d, while the sum of £5863 10s 4d has been granted for children on account of the same Lodges. Taking separately the latter portion—the last nine years of the time (1880 to 1888 inclusive)—it shows that Liverpool has supplied £7282 12s 10d, and the payments for children have been £7954 9s 10d, while the outer section has provided only £2755 13s 9d, and has had for children grants amounting to £4502 16s 9d, showing that, while the demands on the institution on account of the outer section are increasing very much, the subscriptions and donations are on a smaller scale. The nearest obtainable account of the total receipts of the institution is £38,782 12s 9d, of which about £18,835 7s 1d has been disbursed for aid to children, while there remains a capital of £20,308 18s. The interest received on the capital of this institution has been £13,816 18s 7d. The entire working expenses (being merely printing, stationery, stamps, &c.) for the whole period of 39 years have been only £1355 5s 4d. Prior to 1876 fees were paid to this Institution on account of each Lodge through the Provincial Grand Lodge; up to that date such fees amounted to £2114 11s 6d, viz., on account of Liverpool Lodges £1472 15s 6d, and the outer section £641 16s. Since that time, there have instead been sundry special grants from Provincial Grand Lodge, amounting in all to £1417 10s (an average of £118 2s 6d per year). The Hamer Institution, established in 1874, for annuities to aged Freemasons, has made very pleasing progress. For this charity Liverpool provided the sum of £1701 17s 5d, and the outer section £113 10s 6d. The interest on capital has amounted to £678 8s 8d; the annuities paid out amount to £479 3s 2d. The capital of the institution at the close of the period named was £3032 12s 4d; the total working expenses (consisting of printing, stationery, stamps, &c.) for the 15 years being only £191 19s 4d. The Alpass Institution was established in the year 1886 for annuities to widows of Freemasons. The object of this Institution has so commended it to the brethren as to ensure very considerable success during its short existence; but the number of candidates for its benefits show the urgent need of increased support. The interest received on capital has been £110 9s 6d; the annuities paid out have amounted to £232 10s; the capital of the Institution being £2273 7s 1d; the total working expenses for the three years have been £145 4s 4d. Bro. Tyson adds—It is only fair to remember that the working of these Charities is carried out by brethren, without any cost to the institutions for their constant labours in the cause.

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MOUNT GRACE PRECEPTORY.

ON the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Stockton, an encampment of this Preceptory was held, with Sir Knight H. B. Olsen E.P., when Sir Knight Hill-Drury P.E.P. installed Companion Sinclair. The Visitors were Sir Knights Henry Maddison and S. Bowesfield.

The St. Michael Mark Lodge, No. 175, Holston, has unanimously elected Bro. W. Trevenan W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. M. Richards was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. James Tyler. The installation of the W.M. will take place on 16th October.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has wrecked persons previously and at the prime of life.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

BROTHER JOSIAH HUGHES, a P.M. of this Lodge, on the 9th instant, entertained the W.M., the Officers, and the P.M.'s, at a banquet at the Castle Hotel, Bangor, on the occasion of his leaving for a tour through the Australian Colonies. In the course of the evening Bro. Hughes was presented with a P.M.'s jewel.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S LODGE, No. 696.

MR. S. EVERSHED, M.P., the owner of the Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury, has, at the request of the members of the above Lodge, defrayed the cost of carrying out a series of improvements in the Assembly Room in order to make it suitable for a Masonic hall. Mr. W. H. Bodin, from designs prepared by Mr. E. M. Scott, carried out the improvements, and the hall is now pronounced to be one of the best in the district. The Lodge-room has been furnished by Mr. Joseph Dicken. The installation of Bro. Bodin as W.M. will take place in October.

THE BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

THE members of this popular Lodge must be heartily congratulated on the success that attended their installation meeting, on Wednesday last. The work of the day was efficiently performed; there was a strong body of Visitors present, and one and all went away satisfied with the arrangements made for their entertainment by the Worshipful Masters—both outgoing and incoming—who, in this regard, received every assistance from their Officers. In order to provide ample accommodation for those who desired to attend, the members made arrangements for the meeting to be held at the Albany Hall, a convenient building adjoining the Railway, and for this change of locality a dispensation had been granted by the Prov. G. Lodge. The proceedings commenced at 3·30, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The dispensation giving authority for holding the meeting away from headquarters was next recited, and then the auditors presented their report. The presentment was satisfactory, and now Bros. Fortescue, Whittaker, Mann, and Heaton, candidates for raising, declared themselves. They gave evidence of their worthiness for preferment, and were introduced in pairs, and instructed in the mysteries of the third degree, the outgoing W.M. conducting the ceremonies in a perfect manner. Bro. Abel Laurence next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. William Drewett, who has already passed the chair of a Surrey Lodge, the Dobie, No. 889, and is well recognised throughout the Craft as an experienced and enthusiastic Mason. Bro. Humphreys accepted the presentation, and at once proceeded with the ceremony. In due course a strong Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Drewett took his place as ruler, and was heartily congratulated on his attainment of so honourable a position in the Lodge. On the readmission of the brethren who as yet cannot mount the levels, the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and he then invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Montague S.W., Willis J.W., Oldridge P.M. Treasurer, Abel Laurence P.M. Sec., Taylor S.D., Rumbelow J.D., Treverton I.G., Baltz Dir. of Cers., Gibbons and Pennington Stewards, and W. Lane Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Humphreys, now completed the installation ceremony, rendering the addresses in an effective manner, that was highly appreciated by all present. The W.M. presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., and referred to the excellent work done by Bro. Humphreys during his year of office. Bro. Humphreys briefly responded. During the past year he had only done what he previously told them he should do, viz., endeavour to maintain the prestige of the Brownrigg Lodge. Whatever he had done was to promote its interests, and he was glad to find his efforts were appreciated. After some other business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Sun Hotel, Kingston, where a capital banquet was supplied, and the usual toast list carried out, the W.M. suggesting that as there was an excellent programme of music, the speeches should be as brief as possible. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis P.G.W. responded for the G. Officers; it was a toast which Englishman should be proud to acknowledge. The Grand Officers were appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, and were honoured by their appointments. H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had shown so much talent and ability that he believed the nation looked forward to the time when he would rule over them, and naturally they, as Masons, felt proud of the interest he had taken in Freemasonry. He (Bro. Ellis) had very often been asked what Freemasonry was; he had always summed it up in a few words—Charity to all men, truthful and honourable conduct, a kindly and generous feeling, a sympathetic desire to advance the interests of all around, and a disregard of themselves when others were in want. His occupations had been various, and what with the other demands on his time he had been prevented from being so actively concerned in Masonry as he could have desired. He begged to assure them that no one felt more deeply than he did the important services which their great Institution had rendered to the country. It had bound men together for good, and he had never heard that Freemasons had ever banded together for a wrong purpose. He thanked the W.M. for his kind invitation, and for so kindly allowing him to respond. The next toast was the health of the Provincial Grand Master in charge, Bro. Frederick West. The W.M. said that in that brother's absence he could say much, but in his presence he was not going lavishly to praise him. Bro. West's name was not only known in their Province, but in other Provinces—in fact, wherever Masonry had obtained a foothold—as one of the most experienced guiders they had in the Craft. He should like to say on behalf of this Lodge that they felt it an honour that Brother West should visit them, and he was personally glad, for it gave him an opportunity of seeing the way in which their Immediate Past Master Brother Humphreys had done the work. Their Lodge was called after the name of one who was revered wherever Masonry was known, and had only to be mentioned to be received with respect, and Bro. West had shown how fit he was to carry on the work. Bro. West said it afforded him, as the present ruler of the province, great pleasure to be present at the installation meeting of a Lodge named after one who was beloved in Surrey. It was also a double pleasure to see the W.M. installed in the chair, because he felt confident that the Lodge would not only be maintained, but kept in that state of Masonic feeling and work which would have pleased him whose name it bears. The rendering of the installation ceremony was a treat to all who appreciate a ceremony properly done. He considered that the principles which Bro. Sir W. Ellis had stated were the foundation of Masonry, and such as every true Mason should have at heart. He was very pleased to find the Lodge so prosperous as regards numbers, but he thought that a Lodge might become too large, and that the number they now had should not be increased very much. They knew that Masonry was making great strides, and a great number were anxious to become brethren, but from some little experience he thought that he was not wrong in saying that the true Masonic feeling was not always promoted by having a large Lodge. In conclusion he wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office. In proposing the Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M. said there were many distinguished brethren present, but there was one he was proud especially to refer to—Bro. A. C. Greenwood Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary—a brother of their esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, who, unfortunately, was prevented from attending. In the brother present they had an excellent representative of a family which would always be remembered, for the kindly words of the late Bro. Greenwood were always acceptable in the Province. Bro. Alfred Greenwood was a candidate for the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he made bold to say that if they meant anything by Masonry they ought to stick together whenever they had an opportunity, and if any brother who was a Life Governor of that School thought that a member of the Greenwood family was worthy to hold that office, he should give him his vote. Bro. A. C. Greenwood, in reply, said he scarcely knew how to express his sincere thanks for the toast so ably proposed and so heartily received. On behalf of the other Prov. G. Officers he thanked them. The W.M. had been good enough to mention the fact that he was a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School,—should that appointment become vacant. It was a subject of extreme delicacy, as the present Secretary had not yet intimated his intention to resign. However, he assured them that if Brother Binckes did so, and he should be appointed, he held a sacred trust from his late father to hand the name of Greenwood down as pure and unsullied as he had received it. Brother Humphreys Immediate Past Master, proposed the health of the W.M. They all knew Bro. Drewett, and the way in which he had worked in the Lodge. It was owing to the fact that he was W.M. of another Lodge that he did not reach the chair last year. It must be palpable to them, as it was to him, that they had a good W.M. at the present time, and therefore it behoved them to give him the support he deserved. Brother Drewett responded, it gave him great pleasure to stand there in the capacity of W.M. of his mother Lodge. Although he had served the office in another, this Lodge had always been a good friend to him, and he could look round and see P.M.'s who had assisted at his initiation nine years ago. It was not given to every Mason to make such rapid strides, but it was his pleasure for some years to work through the various offices, although not holding a collar. He thanked them very much for all their kindness, and the new members for the way in which they had always received him. He hoped he should have a pleasant year of office, and trusted it would be said of him, as of his predecessor, that he tried to do his best, and did it well. His heart was in Masonry, and would always be in the prosperity of their Lodge. Several other toasts followed. The musical arrangements of the evening were conducted by the veteran Bro. John Hodges, who was assisted by Brothers J. Gawthrop, D. Strong, and Sutton Shepley. Their united efforts gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. In addition to those we have already mentioned, the following Past Masters of the Lodge were present:—Bros. W. Youldon, W. Lane, John Drewett, and George Moorman. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Sir John Whittaker Ellis P.G.W., Frede. West Prov. G.M. in charge, E. J. Williams I P.M. 1539, W. Vans 88, B. Colbrough S.W. 889, T. Raggs P.M. 160, A. Greenwood Assist. Prov. G. Sec., George Porter P.P.G.S.B., Jno. Mayo 1614, W. W. Lee 1897, A. Grundy 1585, A. M. Levy S.D. 889, J. B. Stevens P.M. 16.7, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Colebourn P.M. 1381, R. Sebastian Hart P.P.G.S.D., F. J. Hayward S.D. F. P. Heal W.M. 2146, H. J. Shelley S.W. 1981, R. T. Ebsen P.P.G.D.C., W. T. P. Montgomery P.M. 1475, G. G. Straw 1601, D. Hughes P.P.G.D.C., J. 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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

DURING the past week the sound of the gavel has again been heard in many of our popular Masonic resorts, and the enforced silence of the recess has given way under the nimble fingers of the Tylers, whose special duty it is to see the jewels are bright and the regalia of the various Officers in a neat and trim-like fashion. The members of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge assembled in full strength on Saturday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, and the gathering was one of the most successful that has attended the efforts of this popular Lodge. Bro. Walter B. Marcus opened the Lodge, when he was supported by Past Masters J. W. Brooke, A. Williams, T. C. Corpe (Treasurer), H. Cattermole, J. W. Dewsnap (Secretary), A. Stokes, W. G. Batt; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., D. Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, A. J. Dixie P.M. 153, A. H. Jakins (Senior Warden and Worshipful Master elect), with the following Visitors:—Bros. C. G. Marcus 1595, J. C. Wilkins, Walter Martin P.M. 879, F. Corbett 1612, M. Docking 569, E. T. Edwards P.M. 2201, J. W.

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Breeze 2264, W. Cook P.M. 1597, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, N. P. Valentine P.M. 1017, F. W. Ogg J.D. 1604, H. G. Martin S.D. 1622, T. T. Dibley S.W. 180, F. M. Sutler S.D. 354, Lennox Browne P.M. 2108, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, E. A. Whittemore 1507, E. Styles J.D. 704, S. B. Harris P.M. 538, &c. Lodge having been formally constituted, the minutes of the last meeting, held on the 13th April, were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Walter Thomas Perrins, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. J. F. Perrins and seconded by the W.M. Bro. Marcus. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who later in the day was initiated by the outgoing Worshipful Master, who also installed Bro. Jakins, the W.M. elect. The following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Walter B. Marcus I.P.M., C. H. Cox S.W., J. T. Williams J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, J. Bladon S.D., John Calver J.D., H. S. Trego I.G. and Organist, M. Keith-Frith Director of Ceremonies, W. H. Foot and W. H. Lowry Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Marcus I.P.M. Assistance was voted to the widow of a deceased former member of the Lodge, and her petition to the Board of Benevolence was duly signed in open Lodge. The following letter was received by the W.M. from the Lodge in Auckland, under the Irish Constitution, in which he was initiated:—

"Ara Lodge, No. 348, I.C.
"Freemasons' Hall, Auckland.
"July 12, 1889.

"Alfred Jakins, Esq., W.M. No. 1839, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

"WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—The *Freemason* you so kindly posted to the W.M. of 'Ara' was duly received, and the portion which particularly concerned yourself and 'Ara' was read to the Lodge. All present were exceedingly pleased at the exalted position you have obtained as a 'ruler in the Craft,' and hope you will have a successful and prosperous year of office. I was also directed by the W.M. to post to you the *Herald*, containing a brief account of the 50th installation in our Lodge. I also enclose therein a programme, balance sheet, and a circular which will easily explain itself. Bro. P.M.'s Russell, Rees, Pierce, and several of the brethren tender you congratulations, which are heartily endorsed by,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE H. POWLEY P.M. Sec. 348 I.C.

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The brethren, before closing the Lodge, discussed a motion for reducing the number of meetings each year by one, but ultimately adjourned that business till next meeting. An excellent banquet was then partaken of, at Freemasons' Tavern, and the list of toasts was subsequently honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said that loyalty to Her Majesty was spread over the four quarters of the Globe, like the Craft. Wherever we went loyalty sprang forth, and so did members of the Craft. He had had the honour of drinking Her Majesty's health in Norfolk Island, which was as far south as one could go. The W.M. next proposed the M.W.G.M. Those members of the Craft who had had the pleasure of meeting the Prince of Wales had been struck with his attention to all that concerned the Craft. Those who met him in the Albert Hall the year before last came to the conclusion that the Prince of Wales was the best speaker they had that day. The W.M., in proposing the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., said this toast was always well received in the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, as they always had some Grand Officer at their meeting. They regretted that the Grand Secretary was not present, but he wrote to say he had a previous engagement. They had, however, a Grand Officer with them in the person of the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain. Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, in responding, said this was certainly not the first time—and as far as he was concerned he hoped it would not be the last—he had had to return thanks for this toast. Sometimes he had returned thanks for it alone, and borne on his own shoulders the accumulated weight of the thanks of others, combined with his. But sometimes he had had more distinguished brethren present to return thanks. To-night, however, he was as the last rose of summer, left blooming—not blushing—alone. But there were other friends equally blooming as himself who were not present, and it was their regret that they were not here. On their behalf and on his own, he returned thanks. Bro. Marcus I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said the way in which Bro. A. H. Jakins had conducted the work that night in the Lodge, in investing his Officers, had won general favour. He had been in hopes to see him initiate the candidate, but the W.M. considered it was the duty of the I.P.M. to do it, as the ceremony came in his year of office, before the installation. He acceded to this wish, but he should have preferred to see the W.M. do it. He had seen him do the work most successfully in the Lodge of Instruction he was so regular an attendant at, and where he was trying to qualify himself to discharge those duties which every Master was proud to perform. As a good social brother they knew him well. He had been with them several years, and every one in the Lodge respected him. At the end of his year of office he would feel that he had done his duty, as the other P.M.'s had done. It was a pride to all P.M.'s to know that they had fulfilled their duty, to the satisfaction of the Lodge. He (Bro. Marcus), as the I.P.M., felt he had done his duty as best he could, and he could not do more. When Bro. Jakins left the chair he would feel the same with regard to himself. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren very heartily for the warmth with which they had received the toast, so gracefully proposed by Bro. Marcus, who had stuck to him all the time he (Bro. Jakins) had been in office in the Lodge. Without Bro. Marcus's good fellowship and instruction he should never have been able to attain the high office of W.M. He thanked the brethren one and all. Bro. Brooke P.M., who comes to England every year from Vienna to attend the installation meeting of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, proposed the health of the Installing Officer, the I.P.M., and said he need not assure the brethren that it was with great pleasure he rose to say, because it was simply due to his old friend Bro. Marcus. The words "Installing Officer" he felt quite sure were enough to commend themselves to the acceptation of all the brethren, for the simple reason that during Bro. Marcus's year of office he had well and ably performed his duties. His ability had culminated that evening in his performing the office of Installing Master. The way he had performed it they had all witnessed, and he felt that Bro. Marcus was the man of the future, and that he had made his mark in Masonry. Bro. Marcus said, in response, that he thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial way in which they had received the toast proposed by Past Master Brooke, the first Master of the Lodge. Bro. Brooke was "the observed of all observers;" they all looked on Bro. Brooke with the greatest affection; he never failed to come once a year to propose the health of their Installing Officer. It was a great honour for that toast to be proposed by such a brother, who came so many hundred miles to propose it. He had spoken in the Lodge with respect to himself, and he could not say more. He had tried to do his duty as W.M., and he felt in going out of office, with the Past Master's jewel on his breast, he had the affection and the respect of the brethren. Brother Perrins, responding to the toast of the Initiate, said he felt very much impressed with the ceremony he had gone through, and he gave his very best thanks to the brethren for their kind and cordial reception. He trusted as he grew older in the Craft, and was initiated in all its ways, he might be a credit to it. Bro. Walter Martin, as one of the respondents to the toast of the Visitors, said he had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. and the P.M.'s in Lodges of Instruction, and in the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction. Under Bro. Valentine they had made progress in Masonry, and performed their duties with great credit to themselves. Bro. Valentine P.M. 1017 impressed upon the brethren the duty of attending Lodges of Instruction. No matter under what circumstances any Preceptor might be connected with any other Lodge of Instruction, never would he find a body of men more willing to do their best to receive the tuition of the Preceptor than those members of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction he had come in contact with. It was the only way to improvement; there was no royal road to the position of W.M. Bro. Lennox Browne also responded, and congratulated the Lodge on having a member who could sing so beautifully as their Initiate, Bro. Perrins. Brothers Marcus, Brooke, and Bott responded to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Bott remarking on the very happy evening they had spent. It reminded him of years gone by, when the Lodge was not so numerous as now, and those very happy and convivial evenings they used to spend together in September. When he heard in Lodge that it was proposed to take out the September meeting, he much regretted it. Bro. Corpe, as Treasurer, and Bro. Dewsnap, as Secretary, in the briefest terms, responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, both stating they willingly did all they could for the Lodge, which they were happy to find was a great success. Bros. Morgan and Massey responded to the Musonic Press, and the Senior and Junior Wardens replied to the toast of the Officers. Bro. Bowler gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated, after enjoying a most delightful evening, the harmony of which was contributed to by some beautiful singing by Bros. C. Mussared, W. B. Marcus, W. H. Foote, C. Styles, H. Stafford Trego, W. T. Perrins, J. Calver, J. T. Williams, and W. H. Lowry.

THE BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THE installation meeting, and celebration of the anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge, took place on Monday, at the Highbury Station Hotel. There was a very full gathering, and on all hands the members were congratulated on the position the Lodge had already made for itself. Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. by Bros. C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B. as W.M., M. J. de Leeuw S.W., Lion Kool J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, M. J. Jessop Secretary, T. Honey S.D., E. J. Acworth J.D., M. Bash I.G., S. B. Joel and J. B. Joel Stewards, W. Wright Organist. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. the Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G. Chaplain, Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B., J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., F. Binckes P.G.S.B., A. K. Cooper Secretary 1246, W. C. Pinchbeck 913, L. Schuler 1601, Geoffrey C. Herbert Secretary 2108, S. Lancaster W.M. 1668, J. P. Fitzgerald W.M. 2168, W. W. Lee 1897, S. V. Abraham P.M 1017, A. Quadralstein 205, S. Bons jun. P.M. 185, R. F. Seaton S.W. 1965, L. Walter 185, P. Walter 185, W. G. Smart 145, G. Toft 97, Jno. Barnett jun. J.W. 2192, A. G. Henschsberg D.C. 15, D. Walter 185, B. J. Boyle 197, J. Marks 185, R. Jessop 1261, I. White 205, A. S. Marks 185, W. Usher, Jas. Salmon P.M. 2077 P.P.G. Reg. Essex, C. M. Mitchell 181, M. Marks D.C. 185, C. L. Thompson J.D. 185, L. Abraham, David James P.M. Maybury, A. Michael 177, D. Marks 185, T. G. Perkins P.M. 1382, W. G. Dorey 231, P. L. Warner 1987, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. The business on the agenda included the working of the three degrees, in addition to the installation ceremony. After preliminaries, the reports of the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund Committee were received and adopted. Bro. Morris Hyman 188 was elected a joining member. Bro. F. B. Phillips was passed, Bros. S. Fox and Smart were raised, and Mr. Z. Goodman was initiated. The installation ceremony was now proceeded with. Bro. Matthew J. Jessop was presented and duly installed as the W.M., Bro. J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C. acting as D.C. The Officers were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Lion Kool S.W., S. B. Joel J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, M. J. de Leeuw Secretary, T. Honey S.D., E. J. Acworth P.P.G. Steward Essex J.D., A. Levy D.C., W. Wright Organist, J. B. Joel I.G., I. H. Glackstein and M. Bash Stewards, and J. A. Walkley Tyler. In investing Bro. Acworth, the W.M. said he should not congratulate that brother so much on his appointment as he could the Lodge, that so well tried a brother should condescend to take an inferior position. It augured well for this young Lodge that Brother Acworth had acted so nobly.

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SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire held its annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute, Hyde, on the 18th inst. Lord Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by Bros. his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M., John Chadwick P.G. Stand. B., Thomas George Sheldon P.G.S.W., Major Francis Preston P.G.J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G. Sen. C., Rev. W. C. Martin P.G. Jun. C., Thomas Pattinson P.G. Reg., R. Nowhouse P.G. Secretary, Charles Booth P.G.S.D., James Needham P.G.S.D., W. Ramsden P.G.J.D., George H. Browne

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P.G.D.C., Walter Kenworthy P.G.D.D.C., John Coxhill P.G.A.D.C., William Chadwick P.G.S.B., Richard Walker P.G. Std. B., John Barnes P.G.S.B., William H. Maxfield P.G.O., Sampson Booth P.G.P., William Barker P.G.A.P., William Pears P.G.S., Alfred Ingham P.G.S., J. H. Turner P.G.S., Stephen Smith P.G. Tyler, and a large number of Past Provincial Officers. Between 400 and 500 brethren assembled, all the Lodges in the Province, with one exception being represented. In the course of his address, the Provincial Grand Master alluded with regret to the loss the Province had sustained by the death of Bro. E. H. Griffiths, who was Provincial Grand Secretary for nearly 50 years, Bro. John Wood P.G.S.W., Bro. James Arthur Birch, Bro. W. C. Fleming, and Bro. Steward, who was a Mason 60 years, and attended at 50 Provincial Grand Lodge meetings in succession. On the other hand he congratulated them on the large attendance, and had pleasure in stating that there had been a steady increase of numbers, from 1533 to 1683. He had had excellent reports from nearly every Lodge in the Province. His feeling was that if the principles of Masonry were to be furthered they should do their best to make it a reality in the Province. His distinguished predecessor initiated an excellent work in the way of educational charities, but he thought they ought to have power to spread the benevolent fund over a variety of purposes and for general objects, such, for instance, as in a great colliery disaster, which might happen in that populous district. He thought he should be supported by a majority of the brethren in endeavouring to show that Masonry was a living and progressive thing, and that they were ready to lend a helping hand, and show that in cases of distress they were not confined to their own body. The Provincial Grand Master referred with satisfaction to the marriage of the Princess Louise, and concluded by moving that a congratulatory address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, on the auspicious marriage of the Princess Louise to Bro. the Duke of Fife, Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire. This was seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried with acclamation. On the motion of Bro. W. Booth, seconded by Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinson, the Provincial Grand Lodge placed on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Brother Griffiths to the Freemasonry of the Province, and its sorrow and regret at his decease. Bros. James Salmon, Major Preston, and John Clayton were elected auditors. The Provincial Grand Master, amid applause, announced his intention to contribute, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of 50 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The following Officers were then invested :—

Bro. His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd	Deputy Master
Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson ...	Senior Warden
Captain Gilbody	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Hodgson	Senior Chaplain
Rev. James Grant Bird ...	Junior Chaplain
Thos. A. Mason	Treasurer
Frederick Broadsmith ...	Registrar
R. Newhouse	Secretary
William Pritchard	Assist. Secretary
R. Andrew	Senior Deacons
Samuel Wm. Ramsden ...	
Charles S. Dean	Junior Deacons
Horace T. Newman	
A. Parkes	Inspector of Works
George H. Browne	D. of C.
Edward G. Mason	Deputy D. of C.
George Richardson	A.D. of C.
George L. Collier	Sword Bearer
Owen Jones	Standard Bearers
J. Wagstaffe	
William H. Maxfield	Organist
Robert Bebbington	Pursuivant
George Holland	Assist. Pursuivant
Walter Jas. Cotsworth ...	Stewards
Thos. Martin Cairns	
Richard Stevenson	
Jonathan Bailey	
Frederick G. Thomas ...	
E. Dibley...	
Stephen Smith	Tyler

Stockport was selected as the place of meeting next year. Bro. Salmon was elected Chairman of the Board of Benevolence, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Platt for his past services. The brethren attended divine service at St. George's Church, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. Jas. G. Bird P.G.J.C., and a collection made in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Maxfield P.G.O., assisted by Bros. W. H. Kershaw, Mark Stafford, J. T. Clarke, Stephen E. Jupp, J. Hamilton, and A. Lowtas.

CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 271.

IN the past month of August 1889 occurred an event unique in the annals of Sussex Freemasonry—the first Centenary of a Masonic Lodge indigenous to the county, viz.: the Royal Clarence Lodge, Brighton, the warrant for which was dated 8th August 1789. We propose, therefore, to take this opportunity of giving a brief history of the Craft in Sussex, basing our remarks to some extent on the excellent *History of Freemasonry in Sussex* by Bro. Thomas Francis. It is not our purpose to pry into the hidden secrets and mysteries of the Craft, although a Masonic poet observes :—

"The world is aflame
Our secrets to gain."

The Order, no doubt, is ancient, though it is not clear whether the Masonic poet is correct when he says of the "mystic apron" that it is

"The badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe
Which Noah he did wear, when in the ark he stood,
When the world was destroyed by a deluging flood."

But Sussex Freemasonry claims a considerable antiquity, and it is alleged, and probably correctly, that the College of Smiths (Collegium Fabrorum) referred to in the noted Chichester Roman inscription, now preserved at Goodwood, was of a Masonic character. It is a curious coincidence that the second of the extinct Sussex Lodges, St. Rook's Hill, Chichester (dating from 1730), is described in an early list of Lodges as "from the time of Julius Cæsar." The marks of the fishermen and landsmen of Brighton attached to the curious "Book of all the Ancient Customs" of Brighton, in 1581, bear a strong affinity to some of the early Masons' Marks, though it is true they may be partly derived from the marks of the early wool shippers. The first distinct mention of Sussex Masonry is in Mr. William Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," which states that in 1697 the Duke of Richmond, who was elected Grand Master, was Master of a Lodge at Chichester. But no records of this Lodge are preserved. In 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was formed, and in 1724 issued a warrant for a Lodge at Chichester, which first met at the Swan Inn, and afterwards at the Dolphin; but it became extinct before 1770. The second Duke of Richmond, son of the before-named Duke, seems to have belonged to this Lodge, and it may be observed that the Dukes of Richmond have always taken a deep interest in Sussex Freemasonry.

The first Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Freemasons was Captain F. G. Minshall, of the Horse Guards, appointed by Lord Petre in 1774, but he disappeared from the lists after 1782, and the office was vacant, until, on 20th May 1788, the Duke of Manchester (then Grand Master) appointed Mr. (after Major-General Sir) Samuel Hulse to the post. He was Treasurer to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Previously (in February 1788) the Prince himself had been initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall. The Royal approbation thus bestowed upon the Craft seems to have given it a great impetus in Sussex, as the Prince had settled at Brighton in 1784, and this no doubt led to the formation of the Royal Clarence Lodge, the warrant for which was granted on 8th August 1789, being named from his Royal brother, Prince William Henry (afterwards William IV.), shortly before created Duke of Clarence, who in October wrote approving of the Lodge's title. The first meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge took place on 26th August 1789, at the White Horse Inn, East Street (now the site of Brill's Baths), but in 1800 the headquarters were at the Old Ship, being moved to the Pavilion in 1863. As the first Brighton Lodge, the Royal Clarence has always taken the lead in Sussex Freemasonry. In 1881 the late Mr. J. H. Scott Deputy Provincial Grand Master stated that "since its formation the Lodge had initiated 636 brethren, and admitted 216 joining members, amongst them many of Brighton's oldest, best known, and most respected inhabitants, and, independently of the benefactions of its members, it had expended from its funds more than £2000 in works of charity and public usefulness. In November 1793 the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Masons, laid the foundation stone of the Chapel Royal, in North-street, Brighton, but whether with Masonic rites is not expressly stated, though it may be assumed.

The next eldest indigenous Sussex Lodge (for the actual oldest is the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," Arundel, founded in London in 1736) is the South Saxon, Lewes, dating from 1796, and in April 1797 Major-General Hulse, with the aid of the South Saxon and Royal Clarence Lodges, laid the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall at Lewes for the former Lodge, and this still remains the only one in the county. Public Masonic functions have been rare in Sussex, but in 1817 the Royal Clarence Lodge assisted in driving the first pile of Shoreham Harbour; in 1824 the first stone of St. Peter's Church, Brighton; and in 1831 laid the first stone of the Norfolk Bridge, Shoreham. On 27th May 1836 the late Mr. Daniel Mantlorp Folkard, as W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, laid the foundation-stone of the fine Viaduct in New England-hill, ten thousand persons assembling on the neighbouring hills to witness the ceremony. The brethren walked in procession from the Old Ship Hotel. In 1840 the same Lodge laid the first stone of the Adelaide wing of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. The next similar undertaking was the foundation-stone-laying of the Sick Children's Hospital, Brighton, in 1881, laid by the late Sir Walter W. Burrell,

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Bart., who, in 1885, also laid the foundation-stone of St. Saviour's Church, Ditchling-road, Brighton.

The greatest Masonic event in the history of the Province of Sussex was undoubtedly the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearne, Earl of Sussex, as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, which took place in the Dome, Brighton, in 1885, in the presence of about 1500 Masons. The ceremony at this brilliant gathering was most impressively performed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, supported by his son Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Lord Chancellor being G.S.W., and Lord Charles Beresford G.J.W. In 1814 Sir Samuel Hulse was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and Charles, fourth Duke of Richmond, was placed in charge of the Province of Sussex, which he held until 1819, when his death occurred, while holding the important position of Governor General of Canada. The office continued vacant until 1823, when his Grace's son and successor, the late Duke of Richmond, was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and held the office until his death in October 1860. He never took any active part in the duties of his office, but left it to the management of his Deputy. From 1830 to 1844 the latter office was filled by Mr. Thomas Read Kemp (the well-known founder of Kemp Town, Brighton), who lived abroad for some years before his death (in 1844). In consequence of this neglect the Provincial Grand Lodge never met from 1827 until 1854, when it was resuscitated, meeting at the Old Ship, Brighton. From 1860 to 1865 the Province was placed in charge of the Grand Registrar, but in the latter year the late Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. Dalbiac (of the Brighton Volunteer Artillery) was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and held the office until his death, in 1867, being succeeded by Lord Pelham (now Earl of Chichester), who resigned on account of ill-health, and was followed by the late Sir Walter W. Burrell, who continued Provincial Grand Master until his death in 1886, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was appointed. In recent years Freemasonry has made rapid progress in Sussex, the total of members of Lodges having increased from 263 in 1857 to 754 in 1877, and 1100 in 1882. Sussex occupies a high position in its support of the Masonic Charities, and it was stated at the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1881 that in the previous seven years the Province contributed as much as £3749 to the Charities.—*Sussex Daily News.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—Mr. Buchanan's adaptation of "Roger la Honte," with which Mr. Beerbohm Tree opened his autumn season, promises to become a greater success than its original, as the story set forth in "A Man's Shadow" is more compact, and the various dramatic situations are more skilfully brought on. Lucien Laroque and Roland De Noirville have been comrades during the Franco-German war, during which the former has saved the latter's life, so that a firm friendship has been formed between them. At the opening of the play, Laroque, now a banker, is in business difficulties, and visits De Noirville, an advocate, for advice and assistance. To his astonishment he recognises, in his friend's wife, a woman who betrayed and left him eight years previously. Julie De Noirville wishes to renew their former intimacy, but being indignantly spurned by Laroque, vows vengeance. Whilst writing a last appeal to her old lover, she is visited by Luversan, a scoundrel who bears an extraordinary resemblance to Laroque, and, deceived by the likeness, gives him the compromising letter. Luversan was formerly a German spy, and as such had been condemned to death by Laroque, but escaped, and the wretch eagerly enters into the plans of vengeance proposed by Madame De Noirville. Owing to a peculiar combination of circumstances, Luversan murders a M. Gerbier, Laroque's principal creditor, robs him of 100,000 francs, and sends the money, with a fac simile of Julie De Noirville's letter, to Lucien. At the same time Laroque's wife and child believe they have seen him commit the murder. The third act takes place in the assize court, where little Suzanne becomes one of the principal witnesses against her father, as was the case in "Proof." De Noirville is counsel for his old comrade, and vainly endeavours to induce him to reveal the source from which he received the bank notes, the chief evidence against him; but Laroque, rather than betray the perfidy of his friend's wife, prefers to suffer. During an interval of the trial, Luversan sends Julie's letter to De Noirville, who then learns that Laroque must be innocent; but to state the truth is to publish his own dishonour, and a terrible moral struggle ensues. He, however, resolves to do his duty, and is on the point of stating that it was his wife who sent the notes when he drops dead on the floor. This is a grand scene, and would alone make the fortune of the play. The burst of applause that resounded through the house at the termination of the act sufficiently bespoke the feelings of the audience, and thrice had the curtain to be raised before the actors were allowed finally to retire. The last act is entirely original, and shows how Laroque's innocence is proved, and how retributive justice overtakes Luversan. There are a few improbabilities in the play, but where so much is excellent it would be ungracious to refer to them, especially as the adaptor had to overcome many difficulties in presenting the piece to an English audience. It will be perceived that the burden of the play rests with three characters, and two of these—Laroque and his "Shadow"—are cleverly doubled by Mr. Tree. The necessary resemblance is thus maintained while the actor makes the distinction between the two ever perfectly clear to the audience. Thus the high minded gentleman enlists our sympathy as much as the crafty scoundrel deserves our detestation; the change is complete, and both contrasts are perfectly rendered. Mr. Fernandez gives a sublime performance as De Noirville; in the trial scene he becomes the principal attraction, even the unfortunate Laroque is forgotten, and the audience are enthralled by the talent of the artiste. Mrs. Tree enacts the devoted Henriette with genuine pathos, and Miss Minnie Terry plays the child with considerable intelligence, while Miss Julie Neilson is satisfactory as Madame De Noirville. The humour of the piece consists of a lively waiting-maid, Victoire, who being married to Tristol, is in love with Picolet; she obtains a divorce from the former and marries the latter, when her affection is transferred to her former husband. Very French, certainly! These characters are amusingly sustained by pretty Miss Norreys and Messrs. Collette and Robson. The drama is elegantly placed on the stage, and the theatre having been newly decorated presents a very brilliant appearance.

Adelphi.—The first night of an Adelphi drama resembles nothing so much as a Drury Lane pantomime on Boxing Night. The audience come perfectly prepared to enjoy themselves, and they know exactly what they are to expect. Indeed, a dramatist who fails to comply with the requirements of an Adelphi audience had better take his work elsewhere. There must be the persecuted heroine, the manly, ardent hero, the egregious villain, and a pair of low comedy lovers. The audience must be able to applaud the heroine and her sweetheart throughout their struggles, to hiss and howl at the villain, and to roar at the stupidity of the comic pair. With these ingredients the plot is of secondary importance, but it must be confessed that in "London Day by Day," Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt have furnished an exciting work, which fully realises the expectations of the audience, and will doubtless prove an attraction for some time to come. It is, however, rather a startling novelty to find that the heroine is an ex-convict, and hiding from the police, with a ticket-of-leave. Of course Violet Chester is innocent of her alleged crime, a fact that is quite apparent to Frank Granville long before he hears her secret, but Frank's worldly father does not seem to see it, and forbids the marriage bells to ring. The poor girl's tribulations are caused by Patrick O'Brien arriving to prove her innocence, and her an heiress. Unfortunately, he goes to Marks and Co. with his news, and, instead of assisting him, one partner seeks to marry the girl for the sake of her fortune, while another puts O'Brien off the search by showing him London life. Henri de Belleville is however married, but has deserted his wife, who, left to her own resources, becomes a concert singer, and through her instrumentality the villains are foiled, and Violet is finally united to Frank. The play is full of character sketches, for which the authors are so celebrated, and the various scenes are skilfully linked together so as to form a continual round of excitement. A capital company has been engaged for its representation, foremost of whom is Mr. George Alexander, who, as Frank Granville, speedily won the approbation of the audience by his manly bearing and graceful love-making. Miss Alma Murray is the beau ideal of a persecuted heroine, and Mons. Marius, specially engaged, makes a very strong minded villain. The comic lovers, Dolly Blossom and Tom Galloway, are represented by those experienced players Miss Clara Jecks and Mr. J. L. Shine, who make the most of their opportunities. Mr. L. Rignold gives a humorous rendering of a money lending Jew, and Miss Kate James deserves mention for her clever sketch of a street Arab. Her idea of passing off the *War Cry* as a sporting paper is very droll. From the first note of the overture to the final fall of the curtain the audience vociferously expressed their satisfaction, and the success of the piece was achieved. As usual, the marvellous mechanical scenery was greatly applauded, and the incidental music, composed by Mr. H. Sprake, is well adapted for the occasion.

Avenue.—The production of "The Brigands," on Monday evening, failed to bring any striking feature before playgoers, and although the opera is at times amusing, and the music always bright and pretty, we are afraid it will not prove very attractive. The libretto is by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, who adapted it, from the French of Meilhac and Halevy, many years ago. Mr. Gilbert's well-known style can be traced throughout the book, but it lacks the spirit of some of this gentleman's later works. Offenbach's pretty music is excellent—it is spirited, tuneful, and easily catches hold of the audience. Several of the numbers deserve special mention, particularly the "Beggar's Chorus," and the Princess's solo in the second act, and Fiorela's descriptive song to the young Duke of Mantua in the first act. It is not our intention to give the story of the opera; we must frankly admit that we failed to clearly make it out. From what we gathered, however, a Brigand chief contrives to make his daughter impersonate the Princess of Grenade, by which means he will get hold of a large sum of money from the Palace of Mantua. How the Brigands get to the Palace, only to find that the money is not forthcoming, how they are found out, and then pardoned, is shown, but not clearly. We may mention that the Brigand's daughter marries a young farmer, who has joined the band out of devotion to her. The rendering is good on the whole, the chorus being efficient, and but in one instance acquitted themselves admirably. As the Brigand chief, Mr. Hallen Mostyn did capital service. His strong voice is just suited to the character, but it would be even more effective in the vocal part if it was trained a little more. Miss Agnes Delaporte, as the Brigand's daughter, scored a great success. She sang and acted with plenty of spirit, and kept the piece going whenever she was on the stage. Mr. Frank Wemsley has a capital voice, and in his part of the farmer had opportunities of which he was not slow to avail himself. Mr. Horace Lingard was quaint and amusing as a Lieutenant, while a special word of praise is due to Messrs. Pollard, Ambrose, and Morand for their rendering of Brigands' parts. Miss Marie Luella sang exceedingly well, and gained a double encore for her song in the second act. Mr. George Honey was most amusing as a Captain of a band of Carbineers, whose marching caused immense fun. Mr. Sam Wilkinson scored well in his scene with the Brigand Chief, while Miss Geraldine St. Maur did herself credit in a minor part. Miss Millie Marion danced a tarantella in the third act, for which she gained an encore. The opera is prettily mounted, while a strong orchestra renders the music perfectly.

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The Installing Master then completed the ceremonial work by a forcible delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren. Before taking his seat, however, Bro. Hogard said that on occasions like the one they were assembled upon it was usual for the W.M. to present to the outgoing Master a jewel, but some months back, when Brother Da Silva left, the Lodge undertook that duty. Some of the Officers and Brethren had considered that, as the first Secretary of the Lodge, upon whom a large amount of labour had fallen, they could not do otherwise than ask Bro. Jessop to accept a jewel as Past Secretary, and as a slight token of the esteem and respect in which they held him. He had, therefore, much pleasure in pinning on Bro. Jessop's breast this jewel, and hoped he might long be spared to wear it. In reply the W.M. said he was utterly taken by surprise, although he felt he need not be surprised at any token of good will and good fellowship displayed from the Barnato Lodge. During the past year there had been emanating nothing but good will. One resignation, and several propositions for new membership having been received, Bro. Acworth proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Hogard for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the work of the day, including the installation ceremony. He wished it could be expressed in some more tangible form, and hoped that during the coming year this idea would be carried into effect. The Secretary seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Hogard, in returning thanks, remarked that it had been a labour of love to do all he could for the Lodge. This completed the heavy labours of the day, and Bro. Hogard was heartily complimented on the way he had conducted the proceedings. The brethren now repaired to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was served. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Jessop, the W.M., proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and Prosperity to the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem, the solo given by Miss L. White. The toast of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales came next, and was followed by that of the Pro Grand Master. With the toast of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, was associated the names of Bros. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, Richard Eve, and Col. S. H. Clerke. In introducing the toast the W.M. said, as a young Lodge they had been most unusually honoured by the presence of Grand Officers. At the consecration meeting there was a grand array. On the present occasion there was a meeting of La France Lodge, and many of the Grand Officers were there. Still they had several well known and tried members of Grand Lodge with them. Freemasonry without a Grand Lodge would be a train without an engine, a body without a mind—in fact, chaos. The Grand Officers were an able body, and did all they could for Freemasonry. He asked the brethren to drink heartily and sincerely to the Grand Officers. Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G. Chaplain said in response, on such an occasion as the present he occupied a double position. It was quite true he was a Grand Officer, but whenever he found an initiate on his left he liked, as a Past Grand Chaplain, to say one or two words for his benefit, and to point out that Freemasonry was not what the outer world thought it. If it was not a religion, it was worth living for. He did not know that there was any system of religion at the present moment which could collect so many heterogeneous elements as Freemasonry, in brotherly affection, and utterly regardless of caste or creed. Freemasonry brought together in one grand brotherhood men who, in point of politics as well as in religion, entirely differed, and this could not be done in any other known system with which he was acquainted. Freemasonry, was simply a universal brotherhood. All who could acknowledge the existence of one true God, and the continuity of life after death, were eligible to be enrolled amongst its ranks. Having travelled a good deal, he had had the opportunity of finding, in various parts of the earth, men quite opposed to each other with regard to creed and politics, and yet who could give the right hand of fellowship simply on the broad basis of the universal brotherhood of man. Whether it be Jew or Gentile, they all met on a common ground, and showed each other brotherly kindness and charity. He should not occupy their time, but simply say that so long as they met together on those lines they were carrying out the true spirit of the founders of the Craft, however far back their origin, viz., that Freemasonry should be a power to cement, by the tie of universal brotherhood, men who would not otherwise be brought together. He was glad to think he was privileged to be with them, and was also glad to see so many present. He thanked them in his own name, and as an honorary member of their Lodge, for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, also returned thanks. It was not the first time he had been present; he attended the consecration of the Lodge, when a deep impression was made upon him. He was glad to hear Bro. Weldon say he realised the fact that Freemasonry was more than a social Institution, and that it was worthy of far higher consideration; it tended to enlarge the mind, scope, and ability of all who joined the Order, and gave a higher view of things generally. He appreciated that striking lesson which had been dilated upon—the brotherhood of man; and they must bear in mind that higher principles could not be expressed by any Institution than the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Whether it be in the East or West, it mattered not; of whatever colour or creed, it embraced all those who were believers in a God. He realized that Masonry itself had a high capacity and a strong reach, and had a mighty claim on every well regulated mind; for it brought under its banners the Christian and the Jew, Mahommedan and Parsee, red, yellow, and black men. He gloried in Masonry, from the fact that it could draw under its banners all phases of opinion and thought, and that all colours and creeds of men could meet upon terms of brotherhood and fellowship. Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary said he would simply confine himself to remarking that he had had the honour of consecrating the Lodge, but he had not since then visited it. He was delighted to find that the Lodge had fulfilled the expectations expressed, and was proud to feel that it had justified its existence. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B., acting as I.P.M., in rising to propose the next toast, said he found himself in a unique position. He was, at the consecration, invested as acting I.P.M., and owing to circumstances which they all know, he was again in possession of the gavel to propose the health of their W.M. He need not say much of Bro. Jessop's qualities, because, since June 1888, he had been the Secretary of their Lodge. They all knew the duties devolving upon him in looking after the arrangements, and those duties did not end in coming to the Lodge, for since the consecration Bro. Jessop had always had heavy duties to perform. That he had carried out those duties to their satisfaction had been proved by the manner in which he had been elected as W.M. That their Lodge had prospered, they had heard from the Consecrating Officer; and that it had prospered in a marvellous degree was proved by the gathering that evening. A great deal of the success had depended upon their late Secretary, and he was sure that now the Lodge was on its pinnacle, Bro. Jessop, as their W.M., would see that it did not retrograde. As they had a long programme he would not detain them; it required no further words to propose the health of their W.M., and to find the brethren receiving it in an enthusiastic manner. Bro. Jessop, in reply, again thanked them. They had treated him better than he deserved. During the past year he had done his best as Secretary, but business had prevented him doing all he could have wished. They had treated him in an exceedingly kind manner. Every brother was proud of a jewel, but there were various ways by which they were obtained. As a Steward for the Charities he received a jewel, and to a W.M. it was customary to pay such a compliment. Still, what the members of the Barnato Lodge had done he thought was almost unique. It had been to him a pleasant surprise, and was the greatest mark of appreciation they could pay him. If he had 50 jewels, there would be none he should value so much as the one presented to him that evening. Bro. Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. responded for the Visitors. He also was present at the consecration of the Lodge, which was a noble function; he was also present at its next meeting, but the present meeting was a still larger one. The manner in which the Visitors were treated left nothing to be desired, and they could hardly thank the members sufficiently for their kindness. There were few Lodges which had sprung up to the position now held by this Lodge in so short a time. Brother S. V. Abrahams P.M. 1017 also replied. Divinity and eloquence had already claimed their attention, and he felt that one who would follow those able speakers ought to add something that would not only interest, but at the same time claim their attention. Whilst he did not pretend to any eloquence, or want of eloquence, he had the qualification of having to speak to them on a subject dear to the hearts of the members present. He alluded to the Visitors. He had to thank the members for the cordial reception accorded to them, which had been considerably enhanced by the kind expressions used by the W.M. in proposing the toast. Whilst he felt they owed a debt in acknowledgment for what they had received, they were ready to admit that their visit had not been one of an ordinary nature. They had heard the ceremonies performed in a manner that could not be excelled in many older Lodges; they had had the opportunity and pleasure of hearing Brother Hogard deliver the ritual of installation in a manner that showed how worthy he is to hold a high position in the Craft. Whilst they had been deeply impressed with his delivery of the addresses, they could not but help thinking of the lessons which they contained, and which, if followed out by the members, could not fail to make a lasting and deep impression, and make them better and more worthy citizens and Masons. However few his remarks, let it be understood that they were sincere, and as the representative of a Lodge that was held in some little esteem by the Barnato Lodge, he thanked them for the compliment paid him. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master, said it was the toast of the evening. They all knew Bro. Hogard, and knew him to be one amongst a million, ever ready to do anything for them at any time. He had done his (the W.M.'s) Secretarial work when he had been away, and if he (Bro. Jessop) talked for a month he could not say one-tenth of what he felt and the brethren felt towards Bro. Hogard. Bro. Hogard, in reply, said he really knew not how to thank them for the extremely enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk the toast. Anything he could do, either working in the Lodge or outside it, he should be only too pleased to do to the best of his ability. It was only about 15 or 16 months since the Lodge started, and they had had a most prosperous career. He could only hope that what had happened in the past would recur in the future; his best exertions should be devoted to the interests of the Lodge. A few other toasts were given. A capital musical programme was carried out by Bro. W. Wright, Organist, who was assisted by Miss L. White, Bros. R. Jessop and T. Houey, Messrs. S. de Sola, J. Barker, and J. Rogers.

TEES CHAPTER, No. 509.

ON the 12th inst. the annual installation took place in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Comp. C. Spencer installed Comp. J. F. Craggs M.E.Z., the following Companions being subsequently appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. Burns H., T. F. Pearce J., T. Bradley Treasurer, I. H. Hart S.E., G. F. Allan S.N., A. S. Fowler P.Z. as D.C., W. Thorman P.S., and B. R. Smith Janitor. The Companions subsequently dined, in the banqueting hall.

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, 21st SEPTEMBER.

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)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
R.A. 2048—Henry Lovander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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, 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, 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.)
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)
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.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
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)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham

TUESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (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)
880—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, Mona Hotel, Harrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1640—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1696—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.)
1912—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Mooregate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
252—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Barnard
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
443—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shepstone Hotel, Holyhead
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1344—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instructio
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1379—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1386—Islington, Town Hall, Maid n
1969—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2116—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, Holme, Manchester
R.A. 1064—Maple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnesbury, at 8. (Instruction)
26—United Mariners', The Leopard, 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)
169—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.
539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
757—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—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, 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, Cross 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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1038—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
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1033—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 606—Segontium, Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instructio
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (In
706—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1393—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In.)
1921—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1554—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)
1592—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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1711—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charles Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Cremorne, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1986—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2108—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264—Clough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 177—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
110—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
202—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
276—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
342—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
691—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
857—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Dover
967—Cubitt, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
994—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
995—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
998—St. Edward, Attorney Institute Club, Stratford
1336—Formby, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1350—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1462—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1482—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1577—Lincoln, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1[illegible]—Caledonian, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1884—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2151—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 302—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth

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R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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
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)
1329—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1329—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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
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. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1831—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magnalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at —. (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penicuik
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Knatoe, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2049—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND (S.C.)

ABOUT 150 brethren were present at the Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., on 27th July, for the installation of Bro. E. T. Gillon as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North Island. In the absence of Bro. Sir Frederick Whitaker, Bro. Nicoll, of Auckland, Substitute Provincial Grand Master presided, and conducted the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The District Grand Master of Wellington, E.C., was present, also the District Grand Master of Auckland, Bro. Graham, E.C., and the Past Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, Bro. Pyke, S.C. All the Craft Lodges in Wellington were represented, and Brother Hamilton represented the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand I.C. The ceremony was a choral one, Bro. Warren acting as Director of Music. After the Lodge closed there was a banquet, at which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Altogether the proceedings were a great success, and passed off without a hitch. Brother Gillon was presented for installation by Bro. Warren, Past Master of the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, as Master of which, some twenty-five years ago, he initiated Bro. Gillon. Parliamentary proceedings prevented the attendance of Sir Harry Atkinson, and a large number of members of the House of Representatives, from whom apologies were received.

A "smart" writer in the *Northern Weekly Leader* gives us the following:—

The Masonic procession to and from Hexham Abbey Church on Monday, the 9th inst., was witnessed by a considerable number of the townsfolk, to whom the spectacle had the merit of novelty. Beaumont Street was swarming with children, and at first it was thought that the compulsory clauses of the Education Acts had in some mysterious fashon become null and void. Before the starting of the procession two of the brethren had the temerity to appear upon the scene in Masonic costume, and as the sword of the Order had not then been unsheathed, these irreverent youngsters made a precipitate rush for them. But for the strategic dispositions of a stalwart policeman, who showed great presence of mind, the movement would have spread, and I am afraid that the dignity of Hexham would have suffered in consequence. After this small but portentous episode the youngsters maintained an attitude of becoming gravity and decorum. One of the older generation summed up his impressions of the spectacle with the remark that such a collection of tall hats—all in a row—had never been seen in Hexham before.

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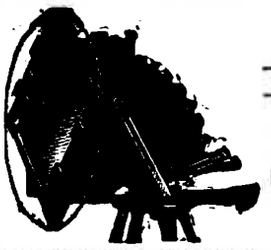
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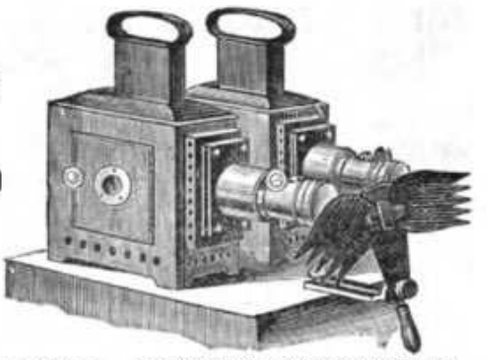
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE ballot paper issued for the next election of this Institution, which will take place on Saturday, the 26th prox., contains particulars of forty-nine candidates, and announces that there are but nine vacancies. This is but a poor proportion of prizes for the large number of applicants, but we must not forget that at the half-yearly election in April last no less than thirty-seven girls were taken on to the funds of the Institution, which is now pledged to the maintenance and education of two hundred and sixty-four children. This, it must be admitted, is a very large number to be provided for from the free-will-offerings of the Craft, especially when we bear in mind that there are two other large Charities to be kept up, in addition to numberless minor calls to be answered, and all in the cause of Masonic Benevolence. The two hundred and sixty-four girls at present on the funds of this Charity compare most favourably with the hundred who were reaping the benefits of the Institution in December 1872, and it is but necessary to consider the wide difference in the total then and now—a period of less than seventeen years has elapsed—to fully appreciate the very rapid strides which have been made in connection with this Institution.

Among the forty-nine candidates now appealing for the sympathies of the Craft are six, whose age will preclude them from taking part in another election if they are unsuccessful at the coming contest. We will not attempt to say these six are the most deserving cases on the list, but with all of them it is now or never. The circumstances of each case have been inquired into, and all have been found worthy of being admitted to the benefits of the Charity. Under such conditions then it would seem imperative that all of them should be elected next month even if one or two more deserving cases have to be put aside for half a year—until the next election—to make room for them; otherwise they will be for ever excluded from the benefits which their friends have been led to expect, and which on all hands it is admitted they are fully entitled to receive. Unfortunately, it seldom happens that all of the last application cases at one of the elections are successful, but we hope this occasion will prove an exception to the rule, and that the six girls now taking their last chance of securing a home in the School will not be permanently excluded from its benefits. Of these six candidates two now apply for the third time; No. 1, Dorothy Parnell Anthony, who is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother, brings forward 4 votes from the two elections in which she has taken part. Her father was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Devonshire, in 1871, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, in 1887. We hope this case may receive the support of the father's Province, and that the brethren thereof may receive sufficient outside support as to render the election a certainty. No. 19, Emily Frances Griffiths, has not had much better fortune in the past, her total of votes in hand being but 47, but this lack of support at the last two elections must not be considered as any augury of what is in store for the child next month; the friends may have been busy on other cases, and may now intend to help this one in its proper order. There are five children dependent on the mother of this girl, the father of whom was admitted to Masonry in the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477, North Wales, in December 1875, remaining a subscribing member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in 1886. No. 27, Isabella Mildred T. Lane, would appear to stand a tolerably good chance of success, for she comes forward on this occasion with 1138 votes to her credit, that number having been polled on her behalf in April. She is one of four children left to the care of a widowed mother. The father died in 1888, after a membership of 17½ years in the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Middlesex, of which Lodge he was a Past Master. No. 35, Ethel Mary Poore, had 370 votes polled on her behalf last election. Both her parents are living. The father was initiated in the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Middlesex; has subscribed to his Lodge for 16 years; risen to the office of Past Master therein, and has had the collar of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies conferred on him. There are two children entirely and three partially dependent on him, and although we have no particulars of his condition we are convinced the case is worthy of assistance, else it would never have been allowed on the list. We may add that the father has served the office of Steward for the Girls' School, and has qualified as Life Governor of all three of the Institutions. No. 49, Mary Glover Wood, has 106 votes to her credit. She is one of ten children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Isle of Man, and passed the chair therein. He was a subscribing member for 12 years. No. 44, Mabel Elizabeth Warren, now makes a first application. She is the daughter of a brother made in the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, London, and is one of four children dependent on their mother. We again hope she and these other last application cases will be successful at the coming contest.

No. 25, Bertha Johnston, is another case deserving special notice, she having neither parent living. She is one of three children dependent on friends, and now makes her third application for admission to the Girls' School. She brings forward 28 votes from the two last elections, and has a chance of competing in four others, in addition to that of next month. Still, that is no reason her claims should be overlooked, provided there is room for her in the Institution, without excluding others who are in greater

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need. Of course, it is quite impossible to decide on this point, and all we can therefore hope is that she may receive as much support as the merits of her case deserve. Her father was initiated in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, became a Past Master thereof and G.S.B. of the Province. He subscribed for 15¾ years and, we trust, made a sufficient number of friends to ensure the early admission of his daughter to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The remaining cases we shall leave, as usual, to speak for themselves. We are sure all are deserving of support, and our principal regret—as it is the regret of many others—is that they cannot all be admitted at once to the full enjoyment of the benefits they are seeking.

An alteration has been made in the arrangement of the ballot papers which does not strike us as being any improvement, rather the reverse. We have been accustomed to see the list of candidates in order according to the date of their being passed as eligible to compete. Then it was possible to at once judge how long a candidate had been before the subscribers; now the list is given in alphabetical order, and, except that it may be somewhat easier for reference, we cannot see any advantage in the change, as it appears to make the list very confusing. For instance, No. 1 on the list is a third application case, No. 2 a first, No. 3 a fourth, No. 36 a fourth, No. 37 a first, No. 38 a third, and so on throughout. Unless there is some manifest advantage in the the new arrangement which is not as yet apparent to us, it would be much better to revert to the old system, which at least has the merit of showing the candidates in regular sequence, no small consideration to those who make a point of studying the lists issued from time to time, as the elections come round.

A MISUNDERSTANDING EXPLAINED.

By Bro Jacob Norton.

WHILE pondering over the Ashmole question some time ago, that is, whether he was *our* brother Mason? the old adage came into my mind, "Tell me what company you keep, and I will know what you are;" hence, as Ashmole told us, that he was "the senior fellow" of a Masons' organisation which met at Masons' Hall, and as I knew that the Masons that met at the said Hall were not *our* kind of Masons, I concluded that Ashmole was not *our* brother Mason.

A short time after I came to the above conclusion, I happened to see an article in the *Freemason*, by Brother Hughan, headed "Ashmole as a Mason," and seeing therein the well known extracts from Ashmole's diary, I supposed that the article was a mere repetition of the oft-told Ashmole story, I therefore neglected to read it, but merely copied from it the said extracts, and made my comments on the question I had in view. To my surprise Bro. Hughan's reply was mainly confined to finding fault with my misquoting the said extracts, and to a stranger it must have appeared that I was charged with misquoting for the purpose of misleading the reader. I endeavoured to correct Bro. Hughan's mistake, but this did not conciliate him, so I submitted the whole question to an impartial friend, and begged him to discover in what way I have sinned against Bro. Hughan. In due time my friend said, "You have not read carefully Bro. Hughan's article, and consequently you did not know what his aim was for writing it. Bro. Hughan merely wished to call attention to the fact that Ashmole's MS. diary varies somewhat in spelling from the printed copies of the said diary." Now while begging Brother Hughan ten thousand pardons for my carelessness, I must still insist that he has exaggerated greatly my sin, for either version of the said diary does not at all influence the main question as to which kind of Masonry Ashmole received in 1646. To make the subject clear I herewith place the two versions side by side:—

Printed version.

1682, Mar. 10. About 5 Hor. post merid., I received a summons to appear at a Lodge to be held next day at *Masons Hall*, in London.

11. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasons, by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Woodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise.

I was the *Senior* Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were present besides myself the Fellows after named:—Mr. Thomas Wise Master of the *Masons' Company* this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Waidfford Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, a noble dinner prepared at the new accepted Mason.

MS. version.

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Mr. Tho. Wise Mr. of the Masons' Company this p'sent yeare, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt,—Wainsford, Esq., Mr. Nich. Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Will. Stanton,

We all dyned at the Half Moone Taverne, in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the new-accepted Mason.

Now, no one appreciates Bro. Hughan's services to the Craft more highly than I do, and those who know me, know that I am not apt to flatter; but for all that I firmly believe that Bro. Hughan can make a mistake as well as I can. I pointed out that there were two disconnected Masonic Societies in the days of Ashmole, and gave my reason why I supposed that Ashmole's Masonry would not have entitled him to enter a Lodge of *our* predecessors; but instead of proving that the Lodge at Warrington of 1646, or the London Lodge, which Ashmole visited in 1862, imparted secret modes of recognition. My good friend, Bro. Hughan, replied by asking "How does our brother know that in order to gain admission to St. Paul's Lodge (Antiquity), in or about 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word? We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this old Lodge in 1717," &c. And after asking me to send him evidence that the pre-1717 Masons had secret modes of recognition, he went again at me for not reproducing the improved version of Ashmole's diary. Now, with all due respect to Bro. Hughan, he ought to have known by this time that such kind of reasoning would not convince me that he was right.

In his last brief reply Bro. Hughan called my attention to Ashmole's using the word "Lodge" both in 1646 and 1682. Hence, he must have meant by it, what we now call *a Lodge*. I beg, however, to remind my good brother—1st. There can be no doubt that the first Mason's Guild organised by the Lord Mayor of London in 1356 were altogether Operative Masons. 2nd. There is no doubt that perhaps for two hundred years after 1356 the London Guild called themselves "Freemasons." It is not unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that the word "Lodge" may also have been retained for many years by the London Mason's Guild, and although the said Guild discarded the old words, yet, who knows, whether the Mason's Guild at Warrington in 1646 did not retain the old words and phrases of the early Operative Masons? Besides which, Ashmole was an antiquary, and men of his proclivity are very apt to make use of antiquated phrases. Indeed, Bro. Gould seems to look upon Ashmole in the same light he does upon Aubrey. "As a rule (says Bro. Gould) Ashmole's Diary is trifling where it is not simply nauseous." I do not, therefore, attach much importance to the words "Lodge" or "Freemason," which Ashmole incidentally used in his Diary.

Another argument in behalf of the old belief of Ashmole's Masonry is that Ashmole was not a member of the London Masons' Guild. But suppose he was not? Cannot a Master of a Guild invite to-day a distinguished gentleman to the Guild's feast, and could not the Master of the London Masons' Guild have invited Mr. Ashmole, who was Mazonised in a similar Guild at Warrington in 1646? And as the Guild had no secrets to conceal, I cannot see why any friend of an influential member could not have been invited upon that occasion.

Curious stories have been circulated about Ashmole's manufacturing Masonic rituals, Brother Gould (vol. 2, page 136), says:

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"The argument usually brought forward in behalf of the Ashmolean theory is an admirable specimen of the kind of reasoning too often employed on such matters. Certain observances and ideas which did not exist before are found, or are supposed to have been found, and prevalent amongst Masons towards the commencement of the eighteenth century. Ashmole was known to have been a Mason, and to have been fond of wasting his time upon all sorts of queer out of the way and unprofitable pursuits. Therefore [say they] these new conceits were taught by Ashmole to the Freemasons." A New York editor of a Masonic magazine told me recently that Ashmole remodelled the Masonic ritual, and while I remonstrated against the absurdity, a literary old brother Mason happened to come into the office, who confirmed the other's statement without an *if* or a *but*, and referred me to Anthony Wood's "Athenæ" for his authority. I have thus far been unable to consult the "Athenæ," but supposing there is something in the book to that effect, as Anthony Wood was not a Mason, I would hesitate to pin my faith on his statement about Ashmole's Masonry.

But here is another point which should not be lost sight of, viz.: in Ashmole's diary of 1646 he mentions Richard Penket as the *Warden* at Warrington. Now, that title may mean either a Master of a Lodge or a Master of a Guild; but in his 1682 diary he mentions "Mr. Tho. Wise, Master of the Masons' Company," thus intimating that he visited a Masons' Guild and not a Masons' Lodge. Besides which, I find that even Brother Gould doubts whether the Masonic Society did meet in Masons' Hall (p. 136, vol. 2nd). A brother, however, informed me that Bro. Hughan has the best of the argument on the question at issue. His theory is that the most prominent members of the London Masonic Company in 1682 were *true blue* Masons, and that it was through their influence that their Masons' Hall was allowed to be used for the meeting of a *true blue* Lodge, to which Ashmole was invited to visit, as stated in his diary of 1682. To which I reply that when the said good brother has proved *satisfactorily* that the twelve gentlemen mentioned by Ashmole as having partaken with him of the "noble dinner" at the "Half Moone Taverne," were all Masonised in *true blue* Lodges before the 11th of March 1682 I will at once not only submit without a murmur, but will thank him for his information besides.

BOSTON, U.S., 13th September 1889.

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.—As we are none of us free from faults, it is the duty of every brother to bear with the infirmities, to pardon the errors, and to be kind and considerate towards those with whom he is intimately connected. There are few tempers so depraved but a sincere endeavour to please will excite in their bosoms a corresponding sentiment of love and gratitude. We are under peculiar obligations, and it is equally our duty and our interest to discharge them faithfully, and to the letter. Amidst the various dispositions of mankind we must not expect to meet with all we could wish in every brother who is linked with us in the indissoluble chain of Masonry; but if we resolve to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, our happiness and mental satisfaction will usually be amply gratified. Every relative and social duty is founded on reciprocal obligations; and where the seeds of love and friendship are not sown, or where that which springs from them is not cultivated and improved, it will be but "as the grass growing on the housetop, wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves in his bosom."

"Illustrations," Mr. Frances George Heath's Magazine of Amusement, Art, Biography, Economy, Invention, Literature and Science will commence its fifth volume, in October, with a new pictorial cover, and its forthcoming issues will include, besides fiction, illustrated papers, embracing drawings of the month, reproductions of National Gallery pictures, pretty places, art studies, eminent artists, pen and pencil portraits of celebrities, public and private schools, Tyrolese winter resorts, popular flowers, farm gossip, and miscellaneous "sketches" of men, things, places, art, literature, and science. "Illustrations" will be published by the firm about to amalgamate as Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During the autumn months, when the atmospheric changes are alike sudden and extreme, it is subject for grave and serious consideration how the health can be best preserved. An occasional alterative, like these pills will be the surest preventive of disease, because it overcomes all derangements of the system, purifies and regulates the circulation, and gives that needful energy to the nervous structures which carries the frame triumphantly through trials to which the weak and sickly would succumb. Neuralgic pains and rheumatic agonies derive present and permanent relief from diligent friction with Holloway's ointment, which, acting as a derivative, relieves the gorged and irritated blood vessels from the congestion and the nerves from pressure.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE EDWARD BENNETT.

THIS brother died suddenly at his residence on the 18th inst. During the last few months Bro. Bennett has not felt well, but on Tuesday was apparently in good health, and was very cheerful. He went to bed the same as usual, but about 6·15 in the morning became very ill. Dr. Young was called in, but his services did not avail, Bro. Bennett expiring shortly after eight o'clock. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was well known in the district of Sheffield as a Freemason, having joined the Britannia Lodge about the year 1864. In 1868 he founded the Wentworth Lodge, which is now flourishing. Deceased was an energetic worker for the good of the Order, and was much liked and respected by all the members, to whom his death came as a great shock. He has held various offices, having been the Master of the Wentworth Craft Lodge, Provincial Officer for West Yorkshire, Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, and Master of a Mark Lodge. Since the formation of the Masonic private theatricals, in 1878, he has successfully occupied the position of stage manager. Deceased leaves a widow and three children. The interment took place last Saturday, at the General Cemetery.

BRO. FREDERICK SLEIGHT.

THE remains of the late Bro. Frederick Sleight, I.P.M. of the Ancient Britons Lodge, No. 1675, who died suddenly on Monday, the 9th inst., were interred in Toxteth Cemetery, on the 17th inst., in the presence of a large number of Masonic brethren and friends. The *cortége* left deceased's late residence, Upper Parliament-street, about 2·30 o'clock, and on arrival at the Cemetery gates it was joined by the following brethren, representing the Lodge:—Bros. Samuel John Hughes W.M., William Hawkins J.W., O. J. Rowlands S.W., R. M'Gee Secretary, Hugh Jones P.M., J. H. Peake, J. G. Frederick Gillet, John Pimlett, William Skinner, George Porter, John Long, John Price, Thomas J. Smith, Horace Van Gruisen, John Morris, J. J. G. Little, R. W. Manning, R. H. Bullen, and Captain Topley. Other Lodges were represented by Bros. J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., Jonathan Parry P.M. 1547, F. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, H. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, Thomas Morgan 241, John Holker 1609, and G. N. Hawke 823. The coffin, which was of French polished brown oak, with handsome brass furniture, bore the following inscription:—"Frederick Sleight, died 16th September 1889, aged 35 years." The interment took place in the Church of England portion of the cemetery, the Rev. R. F. Herring, M.A., St. John the Baptist Church, Toxteth Park, officiating.

The Domatic Chapter of Instruction will remove to St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 2nd October. The meetings take place every Wednesday evening, at eight p.m.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the session on Tuesday, the 1st October, at the White Hart, corner of Aldeburch Lane and Cannon Street, E.C., at 6·30 o'clock, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May. We may mention that Comp. F. Brown is the Preceptor.

On Monday, the 16th instant, a serious accident happened off Southsea Beach, which very nearly terminated fatally. It appears that an old gentleman with a lady and a little boy, visitors, hired a pleasure boat and went out for a row. As they were returning, they met the sailing boat whose canvas for the last few weeks has advertised the virtues of Beecham's Pills, and in manœuvring to get out of her way placed themselves across the bow of the Vesta, another rowing boat, which was coming along at a considerable speed. In vain the occupants of the Vesta tried to stop her; it was too late, and she ran right into the other boat, almost cutting off her stern. The occupants were merged into the water, and their chance of life seemed a bad one, as none of them appeared able to swim. "Beecham's Pills," however tacked and picked them up.—*Portsmouth Evening Mail.*

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Province of West Lancashire was held at Barrow-in-Furness on the 18th inst., the Earl of Crawford Provincial Grand H. presiding. After the transaction of the usual business the following Officers were invested for the year:—

Comp. Earl of Crawford	...	H.
S. G. Sinclair	...	J.
W. Goodacre	...	S.E.
Rev. H. G. Vernon	...	S.N.
J. H. Walker	...	Treasurer
H. Cook	...	Registrar
H. Magee Ormsby	...	Sojourner
Rev. L. R. Ayre	...	1st A. Soj.
T. Sutton	...	2nd A. Soj.
Alfred D. Hesketh	...	Sword Bearer
T. K. Hughes	...	D. of C.
J. L. Houghton	...	A.D. of C.
William Platt	...	Organist
Charles Bargery	...	Assistant S.E.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting was held on the 20th instant, at Clevedon, under the banner of the Adair Chapter, No. 1750, when there was a large gathering of Companions from all parts of the Province. Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, presided, having for his second and third Principals Companion Captain Homfray (Province of Monmouth) and Companion Rev. J. A. Lloyd (Grand Chaplain of England). Among those present were the following Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter:—

Comps. R. C. Else, B. H. Watts Treasurer, W. Bidgood S.N., W. Long Scribe E., T. G. Williams Assistant Scribe E., W. J. Nosworthy P.S., G. Glossop 1st Assist. Soj., A. J. Salter Janitor, S. Bigwood Assist. Janitor, and the following Companions:—C. W. Radway, C. F. Marshall, A. W. N. Weatherly, J. Randle Ford, J. A. Sawyer, G. K. Foster, A. F. Ross, F. Glover, W. Montague, J. Rubie, J. C. Moncrieff, T. Meyler, J. Westlake, H. B. Farington, W. M. Rice, J. B. Marwood, E. D. Barnes, E. Noke, W. F. Langworthy, T. Lloyd Norris, L. Howe, W. B. Gregory, G. H. Perrett, S. R. Baskett, F. T. Elworthy, J. Gill, L. Ringer, E. J. B. Mercer, E. Winter, W. T. Male, J. A. Bright, W. Reece, J. Burnett, J. Allan Tucker, J. A. Timmins, W. F. Gould, G. Baskett, J. Knight, T. J. Sedones, W. H. Fisher, A. L. Wade, E. Bath, E. A. Hington, J. Cornwall, T. B. Montrie, T. Hearne, E. Fry Wade, &c.

The Treasurer's account, showing a balance of £110 in favour of the Prov. Grand Chapter, was adopted. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke then installed Comp. R. C. Else as Grand Superintendent of the Province in the place of the late Brigadier-General Adair, and complimented him upon the distinguished position to which he had attained, and the patent appointing Comp. Else to that position having been read, all offices were declared vacant, and the following were elected and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year by the Provincial Grand Superintendent:—

Comp. Colonel Long	...	1st Principal
T. Barnes	...	2nd Principal
Noke	...	S.E.
Rev. J. A. Lloyd	...	S.N.
Glover	...	Registrar
W. Wright	...	P.S.
A. Law-Wade	...	1st A.S.
E. F. Wade	...	2nd A.S.
H. G. Crowe	...	Sword Bearer
W. Reece	...	Standard Bearer
J. Gill	...	D.C.
T. G. Williams	...	Assistant Scribe E.
Salter	...	Janitor
Bigwood	...	Assistant Janitor
Nosworthy	...	Organist

On the motion of Comp. Colonel Long, seconded by Comp. R. C. Else (Grand Superintendent) the Provincial Grand Chapter recorded their grief at the loss to Royal Arch Masonry and the Province of Somerset through the lamented death of their Grand Superintendent, the late Brigadier-General Adair, after whom the entertaining Chapter was named. The alms taken were given to Clevedon Cottage Hospital. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form. Subsequently the Companions dined together, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, in the Town-hall, when the usual Masonic toasts were gone through.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z. 169 M.E.Z., T. Grummant P.Z. H., Captain Vincent P.Z. J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., Woods P.S., and Addington. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of H. was rehearsed by Comp. Moore. The Companions were admitted. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp Grummant promised to work the ceremony of installation of J. on Friday evening next (27th inst.)

DEDICATION OF THE KIMBERLEY MASONIC TEMPLE.

WHAT is probably the handsomest and most complete Masonic Temple in South Africa was recently dedicated at Kimberley, where an excellent site was secured in the Du Toits Pan-road. The Temple occupies two full stands extending from the front boundary north, in Du Toit's Pan-road, to the roadway running parallel at the south end, in rear, and covers an area of 7000 superficial feet, exclusive of the Tyler's house, which will be detached from the tempel. The *facade* is from the Roman-Corinthian order of architecture, and the details of the window, dressings, entrance, doorway, portico (which is a very handsome feature of the structure), and the entablatures and pendiment of the front and side *facades* are elaborately and effectively designed. The stained-glass window, which is noticeable as soon as the visitor enters the building, is a splendid piece of artistic workmanship, appropriate in design, and showing a most tasteful combination of delicate colouring. The hall measures thirty feet in length by twenty in breadth, having at one end two spacious semi-circular-headed doorways opening into an inner vestibule to be occupied by the Tyler in guarding the Temple and degree-rooms on each side. Two sets of preparation and degree-rooms flank the main building, and at first storey height there are four additional degree-rooms for conducting ceremonies in the higher degrees of Freemasonry. The lighting, ventilating, and sanitary arrangements are all that could be desired, and the work reflects great credit on the architect, Mr. H. A. Reid, of Port Elizabeth; the contractors, Messrs. Beckett and Morgan; Mr. Mills, the clerk of works; as well as upon Mr. Coombes, of De Beer's-road, for the exceedingly creditable manner in which he has turned out the ornamental iron railings in front of the building. The building, the foundation-stone of which was laid in October last, will probably cost about £7000. The members of the Committee, who have indefatigably worked on behalf of this important project, some of whom are at present absent from the Diamond Fields, are the following:—Bros. D. J. Haarhoff (Chairman), George Richards (Honorary Treasurer), John Hampton (Honorary Secretary), H. F. E. Pistorius, C. A. Aburrow, J. Lawrence, A. Bayne, H. W. Peters, A. Yockmonitz, B. Klisser, W. M. Willis, and W. H. Craven. The dedicatory ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. D. J. Haarhoff, in the presence of about 400 brethren from all parts of the colony, including Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Barkly West, King William's Town, East London, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form in the three degrees by Bro. Richards, Bro. Haarhoff took the chair of K.S. The Ven. Archdeacon Gaul having offered up prayer, the dedicatory ceremonial was proceeded with, the Ven. Archdeacon Gaul S.W. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge ably assisting in the impressive service. The hymns sung were "Behold, how good a thing it is," "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," and "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah!" The solemn procession round the interior of the Grand Hall, accompanied by music, vocal and instrumental, was witnessed in awe-inspiring silence. The brethren taking part in the procession were Bros. Yockmonitz, Beaton, Lawrence, Peters, Gaul, and the dedicating Officer, Bro. D. J. Haarhoff. The appropriate gifts of corn, wine, and oil were supplemented by the parading of a censor containing incense three or four times round the hall, by Bro. Archdeacon Gaul, Bro. Tregarthen meanwhile playing a ceremonial march specially composed by him for the occasion. Bro. D. J. Haarhoff then addressed the brethren, giving a sketch of the negotiations connected with the Temple since the first inception in August 1887, the difficulties which those engaged in its promotion had to contend with, and the pleasing, though arduous, work of the Building Committee since its formation up till the previous evening, when their labours were so grandly consummated. Bro. Richards was then presented with an address, handsomely engrossed and framed, expressing the profound regret of the brethren at his intention shortly to take his departure from Kimberley, and adding, "We deem this important occasion in the history of Freemasonry on the Diamond Fields a fitting opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of your qualities as a citizen, friend, and brother, and our deep sense of the manifold services you have rendered to our beloved Craft." Brother Richards, in responding to the remarks of Bro. Lawrence, delivered an eloquent and telling oration, and his words of gratitude and farewell were characterised by a ring of genuine sincerity and depth of feeling which went to the heart of every brother present. It was announced by Bro. Richards that telegrams of congratulation and apology for unavoidable absence had been received from District Grand Masters in various parts of South Africa, and from other leading brethren who had from the first taken a warm interest in the progress of the work, so that, as Bro. Richards expressed it, "We have now ended as we began, with the hearty good wishes of the whole of the Craft in South Africa." Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and refreshments were partaken of in the side-rooms, the health of Bros. Richards and Haarhoff being cordially toasted in brimming bumpers.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE members of this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Brixham, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., on a very interesting occasion. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., in the course of a few appropriate remarks, alluded to the departure of Bro. the Rev. Elrington, whose acceptance he asked, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, of a P.M.'s jewel and address. The latter, which was illuminated, read as follows :—

"Presented to W. Bro. the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain of Devon, by the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the True Love and Unity Lodge of Freemasons, No. 248, Brixham, on the occasion of his leaving the town, as a mark of esteem and fraternal regard for his valuable services to the Lodge and to Freemasonry generally, heartily wishing him health, long life, continued prosperity, and happiness. Signed, on behalf of the Lodge, by W. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., Bros. John T. James S.W., James Spark J.W., and the Officers and Brethren."

The jewel was a very pretty design, and bore an appropriate inscription besides the crest of the recipient, a stork, in gold, on the ribbon. Bro. Elrington cordially thanked the brethren for their expression of good feeling and interest in his welfare, and spoke of the sincere regret with which he left Brixham after residing in it for so many years. Bro. Rev. Elrington leaves Lower Brixham, of which he has been the vicar for 35 years, this week for Leamington, on his retirement from active service. He was W.M. of True Love and Unity for two years, in 1886-7, when the new hall was consecrated, and was initiated into Masonry 42 years ago, at the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 143, Dublin, the Chaplain of which at that time was Dr. Magee, now the Bishop of Peterborough. Bro. Elrington is also a M.M.M. and third Principal of Torbay Chapter, No. 1358, Paignton. During the evening Bro. J. W. Matthews was raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being most efficiently performed in a very excellent manner by Bro. N. Hopson, P.G.J.W. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who was afterwards accorded a vote of thanks. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. T. J. Cressman S.D., West S.S., and E. J. Pratt, all of 1402.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 323.

A LARGE meeting was held at the Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., to celebrate the fact that this Lodge had become a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. The following Officers and members attended :—Bros. John Smith W.M., James Breen I.P.M., W. Merrison S.W., J. O. Wylde J. W., W. Pritchard Treasurer, Thomas Brookes Secretary, E. Stevens S.D., A. Horton J.D., Henry Newton I.G., John Scott Tyler, with Past Masters Bros. Samuel Lowe, Thomas Whalley, John Knott, Christopher Atkinson, Joseph Slack, George Boothby, and John Slack; also Bros. Charles J. Cheetham, Joseph Wood, E. Edmondson, William Walmsley, Joseph Broadhurst, W. Johnson, Thomas Roberts, William Wood, E. Taylor, James E. Penny, and Joseph D. Kain. The W.M. was also supported by the following visiting brethren :—Bros. Thomas W. Weathered 365 (New York), Charles Clarkson W.M. 104, George Gaskill S.W. 104, Joseph Hollingworth W.M. 758, J. Beresford P.M. 104 and P.P.G.S.D., Geo. McClelland I.P.M. 287, Alfred Taylor P.M. 287, H. H. Royle W.M. 322, William Loose 645, James Paget 314, G. W. Cookson 1030, George Sam Smith P.M. 1134, Charles Booth 287, James Cookson I.P.M. 287 and 1030, and William Booth P.M. 104. After the Lodge had been duly opened and the ordinary business concluded, the announcement was made that there had been paid to the Aged Freemasons' Fund a further sum of 100 guineas in addition to the fifty guineas within six months to the same Institution, and thus the Lodge became a "Patron" in perpetuity. The Lodge was previously a "Vice-Patron," and subsequently, after the usual duties of "Masons" and "citizens" had been performed, a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Thomas Brookes P.M. for his able services in having, by his action, put the Lodge in so honourable a position, and which was very heartily supported, particularly by the respective visiting brethren. Bro. Brookes, in reply, deprecated so very much honour being showered upon him personally. It was quite true that he had originated the idea, but had he not had the very generous band of brethren in the Lodge to work with, and without their noble and spontaneous responses he himself could not have done it. The credit was due to all the members of the Lodge, as 41 out of a total of 44 had subscribed to this fund, and when it was remembered that only six months ago there were voluntary contributions to a considerable amount to make up the previous 50 guineas, he was sure the visitors would see that it was the members of the Lodge, and not he, who had accomplished the object with which he had set out. This was true "Masonic Charity," nothing done for personal laudation, but large and small subscriptions were blended in the one object, in the united name of the Lodge. The Lodge now possesses 154 votes for this Charity, nor had the members confined its benevolence to this alone, but stood high in the other, both local and general, Masonic Charities, and though the Lodge was not numerous, he believed the position it now had attained was unique, and the Lodge remembered it was only fulfilling the principles at the very foundation of Masonry. The evening was enjoyed by every brother, and was enlivened by songs from Bros. Smith, Thomas Whalley, William Booth, James Breen, &c.

STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday, 6th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. F. Crook W.M., who was supported by Bro. R. Pringle S.W. elect, J. Long, Major Williams Treasurer, Major C. W. Williams Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bros. Moyes and Dorey were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Reid and Kipps, who being duly elected were initiated as E.A.'s by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Pringle S.W. was then presented by Bro. Kipps to the W.M., and duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, for the ensuing year. The Officers were then appointed and invested, and the Installing Master delivered the usual addresses. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. W. F. Crook. Bro. Pringle had, he said, advanced step by step through the various offices until he reached his present high position. He asked the brethren to cordially join him in drinking the health of their Master, wishing him prosperity throughout his year of office. Bro. Pringle, in replying, said he could assure them that during his year of office he should do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned to carry out the work properly. All he desired was the support of the brethren, which he was sure he should have. The I.P.M. was then complimented by the W.M., who said that Bro. W. F. Crook had to be congratulated upon a successful year of office. Whatever he had done he had done well, and there was no doubt he would use the same endeavours in the future to benefit the Lodge as he had in the past. The members had signified their appreciation of his services by voting him a jewel, which he had placed upon the breast of Bro. Crook with much pleasure. He had thoroughly deserved that mark of their favour, and the brethren would heartily drink his health and wish him success in the future. Bro. W. F. Crook briefly returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the beautiful jewel, which he should wear, he hoped, for many years to come. The health of the Initiates, the Visitors, Past Masters, Officers, &c., were given and duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a close. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Briggs, Blanchard, Williamson, &c., Bro. Kipps, E.A.M., organist, presiding at the pianoforte.

CATOR LODGE, No. 2266.

THE second installation meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Amongst those present at the installation ceremony, or at the banquet, were the following :—Bros. James Hill W.M., J. E. Fox S.W., R. C. Davis J.W., Edward Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, C. W. Gribble S.D., J. C. Osterstock J.D., S. V. Duren Anley D.C., J. W. Newell Steward, W. Lovelock Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Visitors :—Bros. L. A. Pearce, E. E. Miderston, E. Van Putten, A. Thompson, W. Cooper, R. Voisey, G. Powell, J. L. Lewis, G. Church, M. J. Dickens, D. Grinsted, J. H. Francis, H. J. Lansbury, H. Cooper Willis, H. Kebble, G. Wining Organist 1963, A. E. Scorer, R. Elgar Secretary 1329, G. T. Rait Secretary 2017, W. Briant, T. Reed, T. L. Nye, &c. The Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonial the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. J. E. Fox, was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. James Hill P.G.S.B, the first W.M. of the Cator Lodge, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Fox then proceeded to invest the following Officers :—Bros. R. C. Davis S.W, C. W. Gribble J.W., Dr. Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, J. C. Osterocck S.D., R. C. Scrivner J.D., L. V. D. Anley I.G., J. W. Newell S., R. C. Kline A.S., W. J. Hewett D.C., Wm. Lovelock A.D.C. In the course of the ceremony jewels were presented to Bro. Dr. Carpenter and Bro. G. B. Carlton for the valuable service rendered in their respective offices during the past year. The banquet was well served in the large room of the Railway Hotel, and reflects great credit on the host, Bro. Cakebread. After the cloth had been removed the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft, he warmly eulogised the virtues of Her Majesty, and said the Craft was spread over the entire surface of the globe, and if they acted up to its principles it would extend still more. As its principles and practice extended, the world at large would see that to be a Freemason was to be a better man, a better citizen, a better father, and a better son. If they saw anything wrong in Freemasonry it was no fault of the Craft, but of the individual members themselves. He was quite sure that he spoke their sentiments when he said that to be a good Freemason was to be a good man. The toast was received with honours, and the National Anthem was sung. Next came the toast of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers Past and Present, followed by God bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Hill I.P.M. responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, giving an account of how he had risen in the Craft, and how he had become Provincial Grand Standard Bearer—a small office which he was thankful to receive and hold until he got a better one bye and bye. If those present wanted to rise in the Craft, they must put their shoulder to the wheel. They must do something extraordinary, when they would sure to be noticed and rewarded; but if they jogged slowly along in a quiet pleasant sort of way they would end pretty much as they began. Bro. Grinsted responded on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, tendering his heartfelt thanks for having his name coupled with the toast. He alluded in a facetious way to the hard work of the Provincial Grand Officers, remarking that since he had been in office he had gone to three dinners, attempted to make one speech, and now he was attempting to make another. However, whatever duties he had to perform, he would perform them to the best of his ability. Bro. Hill proposed the health of the W.M., which he characterised as the principal toast of the evening. The brethren had seen a little of their Worshipful

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Master's work that night, but when they came next time they would see how well he would perform the duties devolving upon him. They had seen how well and hospitably the W.M. had laid out the table, and they as Masons, prided themselves upon having such an excellent fourth degree. Sometimes the first, second and third came very quietly, but the fourth degree was a great success. If what they had witnessed that night was a specimen of the Master's work, he thought they might look forward to a very happy year. Knowing what their W.M. was and what he would be, he asked them to drink to his very good health. The W.M., in responding, begged to return his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt it a great privilege to be installed into the chair of King Solomon in the Cator Lodge, and he would endeavour as far as possible to imitate all that was good in the example of the I.P.M., who had had a very heavy year and gone through his work remarkably well. During the whole time it had been their pleasure and privilege to serve under their I.P.M. they had found that he had acted from the best motives and used the best possible efforts for the welfare and success of the Cator Lodge. He was sure that the Immediate Past Master's effort had been fully appreciated by one and all, and during the coming year he (the W.M.) would do his best to imitate his good example, and if at the end of the year they were as well satisfied with his poor efforts as those of their I.P.M. he should feel himself well recompensed. The W.M. then proposed the Installing Master—Brother Jas. Hill, remarking upon the impressive manner in which he had performed his duties that day. His virtues were so well known that it was quite unnecessary for him (the W.M.) to say more upon the subject. He had also to carry out one of the greatest pleasures of the day in presenting Bro. Hill with an Immediate Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge as some slight mark of the appreciation in which they held his services during the past year, and the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. Jas. Hill thanked them very much for the jewel and the way they had received the toast of his health. It was true the work had been arduous during the past year, and they had had many difficulties to overcome, but he had endeavoured to meet them with all the love, harmony and charity he could possibly use. There would be difficulties in all new Lodges, and the W.M. had to consider what was best to be done. He was glad to say that they had as good a set of men in their Lodge as any Master could possibly wish for. He was sorry to hear of the resignation of Bro. Adams, who promised to be as enthusiastic a worker as almost any man in the Lodge. They had grown enormously in the course of the year, having now 39 members as against 19 initiates and ten founders last year. He hoped it would long continue to grow at the same pace, and in after years, when younger members took their place, let them hope that the Cator Lodge would be noted for the good it had done in the cause of charity and love. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. If there was one thing more than another upon which a Mason prided himself it was that he was always ready to give a hearty welcome to the Visitors. Instead of looking upon them as being the obliged party, they were always looked upon as conferring an obligation on the Lodge they visited. There were several Past Masters present, several visiting brethren, several personal friends of his own, and several whom he hoped would become personal friends. As they would not all respond he coupled the toast with the names of Brothers Martin, J. Dickins W.M., F. Cooper Willis, G. T. Rait and Scorer. Brother Dickens, in responding, warmly complimented the W.M. upon the way in which the work had been done that night. Bro. G. T. Rait said it afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present that night. As Secretary of the Beckenham Lodge he need scarcely say that every member of that Lodge took a warm interest in the progress of the Cator Lodge. He could not but remark the wonderful strength, not only numerically, but in the working of the Lodge, which they possessed. It proved to him and to every other member in Beckenham that there was ample room for two Lodges, and he only hoped that the same good feeling which existed at present should exist to all time. He hoped that many members of the Cator Lodge would favour the Beckenham Lodge with their company, and he could not say how much pleasure it would give him and all the other members to extend their brotherly love not only to the Cator Lodge but to all other Lodges throughout the world. Their W.M. had been a personal friend of his own and it was to him that he (Bro. Rait) was indebted for witnessing the ceremonial and being present that night. He thanked them very cordially for the way in which they had received the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Cooper Willis said when he entered that hospitable banquet he looked around and saw so many brethren holding high rank that he flattered himself he should not be called upon to make a speech. But he had laid a flattering unction to his soul, to which he was not entitled. He thought all had been said that could be said by the Visitors who had already replied. It afforded him great pleasure to be able to state that he had known their W.M. for a considerable time, and he fully appreciated not only his ability but his true manliness and kindly disposition. To those who knew their W.M. but slightly he would say, "the more you know him the more you will like him." It was always a great pleasure to himself, and must be to every Mason, to have an opportunity of attending on an occasion of that kind, because it was by such occasions as those that one saw what was meant by a true Mason. He appreciated the admirable manner in which the work had been done by the I.P.M., and he was sure they would have equal pleasure next year when their worthy W.M. installed his successor. Brother Scorer also responded. The next toast was the Past Masters, proposed from the chair, to which Bros. Rose, Hilton, Poysey, and Powell replied. The W.M. next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary of the Cator Lodge. Bro. Carpenter, in responding for himself, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, occupying the position of Treasurer. He could only say that he would carefully take care of any funds which might be placed in his hands, and he hoped that at the close of the ensuing year they would have even a better balance at the banker's than they had at present. During the past year they had had to incur many expenses which would not be incurred again. It would give him much pleasure to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. As they knew he was connected with the other Lodge in Beckenham, and anything he could do in the future to bring the two Lodges closer together he should be pleased to do it. Bro. G. P. Carlton said he felt it a great honour to occupy the position of Secretary, and the work during the past twelve months had been a source of pleasure to him. He believed the Cator Lodge would be a great success. At the beginning of the year they started with a deficiency of £50; this year they started with a balance in hand of £33, and had paid for their furniture and other sundry expenses. He hoped during the coming year there would be a considerable influx of new blood, and that their present balance would be considerably increased. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast, which were duly honoured.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE annual installation meeting of this young but successful Lodge took place on Thursday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the interesting ceremony. Bro. G. T. Edwards W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Marcus S.W., J. J. Judge J.W., Saxelby Treasurer, J. A. Dewsnap Secretary, C. Mussared S.D., W. H. Tomsett J.D., W. J. Noad D.C., E. Piggott I.G., Turle Lee Organist, and Bros. Dr. Lennox Browne P.G.S.W., Rev. W. H. Casely P.P.G.C., Dr. Cook P.G.S., W. J. Crump P.G.S., and Past Masters Walter Martin, J. M. Smith, A. Watson, A. H. Jakins, W. H. Hook, Dr. Richardson, W. Heagerty P.G.S., F. Bevan, C. Sturgeon, W. Price, also the following brethren:—W. C. Smith, W. F. Jules, G. Scott Miller, A. Haynes, J. W. Breeze, T. W. Noad, John Almond, Charles Curtis, E. S. Miller, A. Strugnell, Branley, F. Williams, E. Banfield, W. J. Baker, H. J. Sturgeon, C. H. Cox, A. Thompson, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the installation ceremony was immediately proceeded with, the W.M., Bro. G. T. Edwards, acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Henry Massey as Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. John Almond P.P.G.D.C. temporarily acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Walter Martin P.M. occupied the chair of Junior Warden. Bro. Walter B. Marcus having answered the usual questions and signified his adherence to the obligations of the Craft, was duly installed into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. J. J. Judge S.W., Charles Mussared J.W., W. H. Tomsett S.D., E. Piggott J.D., W. J. Noad I.G., Turle Lee Organist, T. W. Noad and S. Scherer Stewards, E. T. Edwards, the first initiate of the Lodge, being appointed D.C. Bros. H. Saxelby and J. W. Dewsnap were invested as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Bro. Coles was unanimously accepted as a joining member. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large room of the hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Edwards, rose, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and called attention to the installation ceremony of twelve months ago, when he, the speaker, was elected the first Master. He trusted that he had upheld the high standard of Masonic work, whereby great results may be obtained. The office had now passed into worthier hands. He was quite sure the interests of the Lodge were perfectly safe. He now gave way to a worthy Mason and esteemed Brother, and he heartily wished him health, wealth, and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, said that if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and do as well as he had done during the past year, he would do very well indeed. He had the honour of being one of the founders, and might well be supposed to have the interests of the Lodge at heart, and it would not be his fault if he did not add somewhat to its popularity, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. Marcus then gave the Installing Master, and said that it was necessary that the Officer who performed this duty should be a worthy Mason, and after the manner in which Bro. Edwards had worked the ceremony no one could doubt but that he had been most successful. He had much pleasure in investing Bro. Edwards with the first Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which on account of the valuable services rendered was of exceptional value, and he trusted the Chough Lodge would soon make its way in the Craft. Bro. Edwards modestly responded, and attributed his success to the great assistance he had received from the whole of the brethren. The thought of his year of office would linger long in his memory, bright as the jewel with which he had been adorned. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, who would be always welcome guests to the Chough Lodge, and their best talent would always be forthcoming for their delectation. Bros. Dr. Richardson, Dr. Cook, and W. Martin responded. The Past Master's of the Lodge were then honoured, to which Bro. Saxelby, the acting I.P.M., and Bro. Edwards replied. The next toast was the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Dewsnap stating the great pleasure it was for him to lend assistance; it was a labour of love, and he was deeply gratified to find that his work had given satisfaction. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The musical entertainment, for which the Chough Lodge is so celebrated, was undertaken by Bros. A. Thompson, Albert James, A. Strugnell, F. Bevan, H. Lester-Brown, and Turle Lee, who very ably presided at the piano.

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THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an admirer of Bro. Binckes, and one who desires to show appreciation of the valuable services rendered by that Brother in the cause of Masonic Benevolence, I am delighted to hear that a meeting of his friends is proposed, in order to arrange that the course of events shall be watched on his behalf. I have long felt it to be very unfair that Bro. Binckes should be left single handed to cope with the numerous committees and organizations springing up all over the country for the one object of attacking him, or at least attacking the principles of which he has long been the responsible head. It appears to me, Bro. Binckes is expected to discharge the duties of his office as efficiently as he has hitherto done, to show the same amount of interest in the affairs of the Institution of which he is Secretary as in years gone by, and all in face of severe opposition, personal insults, and a lack of sympathy which is far from creditable on the part of the Masonic Order.

It is not for me, perhaps, to cast the first stone, but I think that a protest should be offered, even if something stronger is not attempted, to put an end, for the present, to the canvass which is going on on behalf of one or other of the brethren who have decided to offer themselves as candidates for the office now held by Bro. Binckes. I consider it most unbecoming, even indecent, to canvass for an appointment still held by a Mason who, although, perhaps, misunderstood by a few, has won, and still retains, the esteem and regard of the English Craft; and I would suggest that the Committee of the Institution, who, it must be remembered, are availing themselves of Bro. Binckes's services and experience, should spare him the annoyance he must feel in hearing of the "vultures" eager for his post, by announcing that any one canvassing for the appointment before the office is declared vacant shall be ineligible to compete for it. This would not be an illegal proceeding, for in many Charities canvass at *any* time is a disqualification, and surely this little consideration for the feelings of an old and tried servant is not much to ask. Besides this, there are the interests of the Institution to be considered, and is it reasonable to expect that its present Secretary can properly discharge his duties, in face of the annoyance and worry these premature attacks must occasion him? Is it fair to ask a man to make his own coffin, or dig his own grave, when he is yet in the enjoyment of health, strength and energy? and yet this is what the Craft is forcing upon Bro. Binckes. He is retained in his position as Secretary, expected to put every thing in order and make all easy and comfortable for a successor; and it must indeed gall him to hear on every side the claims or the qualifications of this or that candidate for his office. Surely there is enough of decency and love of fairness left in the ranks of the Craft to check the unnecessary, ill-advised, and ill-timed proceedings of these reformers (?)

I am afraid I am digressing from my original intention in writing to you, but while I was thinking what I should say in this letter I read what may be described as the "electioneering address" of one of these candidates, and I felt considerably annoyed at the bad taste such an early publication displayed. But to return, I am informed a preliminary meeting is proposed to be held at the Holborn Restaurant next Thursday, to settle what steps are necessary to be taken by the friends of Bro. Binckes to "watch the case on his behalf." The action of these "friends" need not, nor is it at all likely, to in any way affect the interests of the Institution; on the contrary, it is likely to strengthen it, by putting a check on some of the unseemly riot now indulged in. At the present time the wildest statements may be put forth as truth, and they usually go unanswered, simply because there is no organisation to reply on behalf of the brother principally interested. This, I imagine will be one of the questions to be considered, but beyond it there is another field open for labour—I consider that some steps should be taken to meet the legal and regular resolutions passed in various quarters, in regard to the retiring allowance to be given to Bro. Binckes, if his removal is decided upon. For instance, at a numerously attended meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of West Lancashire, recently held, it was unanimously agreed, so says the *Liverpool Mercury*, "that a sum not exceeding £200 should be suggested to the brethren at the approaching P.G. Lodge meeting, as the retiring allowance of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' Institution."

I do not know on what basis these West Lancashire brethren fix £200 as an adequate pension, but I think that such valuable services as have been rendered by Bro. Binckes should be fairly and properly recognised, and, personally, I do not consider the sum here decided upon is enough. Perhaps a committee of Bro. Binckes's friends might be able to correspond with the West Lancashire representatives, as well as other Provinces where the matter has been officially noticed, and arrange an amicable and unanimous understanding, which would be far better than a severe and stormy discussion when the matter comes forward for actual settlement. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Binckes has many supporters, and if he is not treated properly they will resent it, just as some of the opposition threaten to do if his services are, in their estimation, over valued. In either case, if disagreement is carried to extremes, the Institution will suffer; but if an amicable settlement, in which both sides concede something, is arrived at, all may be well, and the future prosperity of the Charity assured.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

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We have been asked to insert the following circular notice:—

THE OLD MASONIANS

AN ASSOCIATION OF EX-PUPILS OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to enclose you our Third Annual Report and Financial Statement, and at the same time desire to draw your attention more particularly to the objects we have in view.

The Committee cannot but feel that were these objects more fully known among the general body of Freemasons, assistance in furthering the main purpose of the Association would not be wanting, and they would therefore solicit your kindness in submitting these matters to the members of your Lodge.

It is the aim of the Association to extend the works of those whose energies have hitherto been devoted to the efficient maintenance of the School. The education provided being of a sound and practical character, we are naturally solicitous of seeing that education rightly directed and applied.

As there are several lads who, from time to time, leave the Institution without friends to counsel and aid them, we, as an Association, are desirous of assisting in placing them in good and permanent situations, for which by their education they are eminently fitted, and in furtherance of this object, the Committee feel that they cannot do better than to apply to their first friends, and ask them to remember the lads they have assisted to educate, should any opportunity occur, or any vacancy in their respective businesses arise.

I have confidence that this appeal will not be made in vain, and I shall be pleased to correspond with any gentleman on the matter.

On Saturday, 2nd November, a dramatic performance will be given by the members, at St. George's Hall, Regent Street, W., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the formation of a "Benevolent and Grant Fund." The object of this Fund will be (firstly) to assist any Old Boy, who, through no fault of his own, may be in temporary distress; (secondly) to make grants, returnable or otherwise as the Council may determine, to members situated in such circumstances as it is felt would warrant such a course and be deemed advisable and (thirdly) *it is hoped in time* to realize such an amount as will enable the Association to set apart a sum for an annual Scholarship to a pupil of the R.M.I.B., which sum could be used either as a means of further education or for purposes of apprenticeship.

Several members of the Craft have expressed a desire to be more closely connected with the Association, and as the office of Vice-President is open to all Freemasons on payment of a donation of £3 3s, and any Freemason may be elected as Hon. Associate on payment of an annual subscription of 10s 6d, it is hoped that many of our well-wishers will show by practical sympathy their interest in the affairs of the Association.

Trusting we shall receive the support of your Lodge, and feeling sure that our aims will be considered worthy of your encouragement,

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED WATKINS, Hon. Sec.

21 Belgrave Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.
September 1889.

GLEANINGS.

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Ambition, restrained within due limits, may seem to be a wholesome property of life. A desire to excel, to be foremost in the race for earthly honours and rewards, may stimulate exertion and lead to large enterprises. Ambition is a passion, however, which is very likely to break away from control and get the mastery. It is very apt to unite the elements of envy, pride, vanity, covetousness, and other base qualities, so developing a character by no means worthy of commendation, and leading to results that are most repulsive. Well has it been said:—"The nature of ambition is to make men liars and cheats, and hide the truth in their breasts, and show, like jugglers, another thing in their mouths; to cut all friendships and enmities to the measure of their interest, and to make a good countenance without the help of a good will or an honest heart." When this sort of ambition is let loose in the community, and when men thus influenced become prominent in the affairs of any organization, only the worst results can ensue. The root principle of an unhallowed ambition is selfishness.

There is a growing feeling in Toronto that it is about time to call a halt in decorating the walls of the Toronto-street hall with portraits, life-size, of Past Grand Masters. In this democratic country, and in such a democratic Institution as Freemasonry should be, men are often the idols of a passing hour, and then drop into obscurity. There are, however, men of such noble qualities that their names will long be revered, but such men would prefer being remembered for their sterling qualities than by being portrayed on canvas. The portraits may be historical in a way, but when the honest Masonic historian of the future does his duty more than one of the illuminated scraps of history will be objects of contempt.

The length of a Mason's cable-tow is measured by his own standard, and he alone is responsible for that test of judgment.

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To the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

GENTLEMEN,

As a candidate for the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Election will take place at the ensuing meeting of the Quarterly Court, on 25th October.

During the past month I have had the pleasure to publish in the Masonic journals copies of some of my testimonials. Should any member of the Quarterly Court desire to see the full account of my professional career I shall be glad to forward same on receipt of request.

As a Life Subscriber to the Institution, and as a Craftsman, I shall be glad to receive your support; promising that if elected it will be my greatest endeavour to guard the health of the pupils, and to work in harmony with those who may have the conduct of the Institution.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.
Ewell Lodge, No. 1851.

Wood Green, N., 10th Sept. 1889.

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OLD MASONIANS

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ST. GEORGE'S HALL, LANGHAM PLACE, W.

On SATURDAY EVENING, 2nd NOVEMBER 1889,

IN AID OF THE

BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

ELECTION, 25TH OCTOBER 1889.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 7 YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chiselhurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.
The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.
Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.
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Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.
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Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
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Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 180, 431 Brixton Road, S.W.

Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.

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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Province was held on the 18th inst., in the Drill Hall, Barrow-in-Furness, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master. The meeting, which was held under the banner of Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, was largely attended by brethren, all the Lodges in the Province being represented, with the exception of Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, Liverpool. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the accounts of the Provincial G. Grand Treasurer were presented. Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182 objected to the confirmation of these minutes, on the ground that the fund of the Lodge of Benevolence had not been applied according to the bye-laws. He stated that half of the printing charges, and half of the Grand Secretary's salary, amounting to £125, had been appropriated from the Benevolent fund, whereas he argued, these payments ought to have come out of the Provincial Lodge Fund. He objected to the passing of the minutes, because latter on he had a resolution to the same effect to submit, and he could not, therefore, allow the Treasurer's report to pass without entering his protest. It was agreed, however, after some conversation, that the account be passed, and that Bro. Tyson's motion be heard latter on. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Goodacre) submitted his report, and said that a great increase had taken place in the number of new candidates, and six new Lodges had been added to the roll of the Province. The actually initiated numbered 619, as against 556 during the past year, and warrants had been granted for three new Lodges; these being at Horwick, Southport, and Wigan. The appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers was then proceeded with, the following being the list :—

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Crawford	Deputy Master
Edward Cookson	Senior Warden
W. B. Richardson	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Kirby Turner ...	Chaplain
J. R. Johns P.M. 113	Treasurer
T. Clarke	Registrar
W. Goodacre	Secretary
T. Adams 613	Senior Deacon
Richard Walker	Junior Deacon
Geo. S. Willings	Junior Deacon
J. Brindle	Superintendent of Works
Edwards George	D. of C.
J. N. Patterson	Deputy D. of C.
John Robinson	A.D. of C.
Joseph Queen	Sword Bearer
James Pilling	Standard Bearers
Joseph Turnbull	Standard Bearers
Joseph Cantor	Organist
Ralph Batley	Assist. Secretary
Peter Yates	Pursuivant
Thomas Westwood	Assist. Pursuivant
J. E. Boden	Stewards
Herbert Kidson	Stewards
John M. King	Stewards
J. Cruddleton	Stewards
George Nelson	Stewards
W. Turvey	Stewards
Peter Ball	Tyler

On the motion of Bro. Wylie a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Prov. G. Senior Warden, Bro. Shuttleworth. Charity jewels were presented to Bros. A. Smiley, A. Henochsbergs, E. Segar, J. de Bell-Adams, S. Sock, T. Banner-Newton, T. Whitehead, and J. Brindle. On the motion of Bro. Wylie it was agreed that the sum of 25 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the West Lancashire Orphan Benevolent Institution, also the sum of 25 guineas to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. Broadbridge it was agreed that the sum of 50 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute. Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182 moved: "That the following clause be added to bye-law 7—'A printed copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to the W.M. of each Lodge seven days at least before each annual meeting, in addition to the general distribution of the accounts at the Provincial Grand Lodge;' that the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge having for a number of years been made up in a manner not in accordance with bye-laws, by reason of various sums being wrongly charged to the funds of benevolence, the accounts in future to be kept in accordance with the bye-laws, so as to show the true position of each fund; and that a committee be appointed to take into consideration forthwith the financial position, and to report as to what may be necessary in order to reduce the expenditure, and to keep the expenditure of the Provincial Grand Lodge within the limits of its income." It was ruled that this notice of motion could not be heard at the present meeting, and accordingly it was deferred till the next meeting of the Province. It was stated that the legacy left by the late Bro. Crossfield of 2000 guineas had been appropriated, 1100 guineas being given to the West Lancashire Charities, and the other to the Cosmopolitan Charities belonging to the Order.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held on the 24th instant, at the Victoria Hall, Sunderland. There was a large attendance of brethren. The Fund Committee of the Charities Committee met prior to the Lodge meeting to transact the usual business at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir H. Williamson, Bart., presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was supported by Bro. Victor Williamson, acting in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Thomas Bradley P.P.G.S.W. acting as P.G.S.W., Alderman J. Potts P.G.J.W., Rev. James Haworth P.G. Chaplain, John Stonehouse P.G. Treasurer, W. M. Pybus P.G.R., R. Hudson P.G. Secretary, D. P. Huntley P.G.S.D., W. Mayson P.G.J.D., R. Singleton P.G.J.D., W. Logan P.G.D.C., J. Heppell P.G.D. D. of C., S. Chadwick P.G.S.B., J. G. Greener and G. Rutherford P.G. Standard Bearers, Jos. Lax P.G.O., J. Robson Pattison P.G.A.S., John Reed P.G.P., T. Hartig P.G.P., Thomas Potter P.G. Tyler. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the following brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland were received as visitors:—Bros. R. H. Holmes D.P.G.M., Addison Potter, C.B., P.G. Superintendent, Rev. T. B. Nicholls P.P.G.S.W., Faraday Spence P.G.S.W., John Strachan P.P.G.R., H. S. Bird P.P.G.R., T. Gillespie P.P.G.R., J. Straker Wilson P.G.S.W., G. F. Charlton P.P.G.J., W. A. Hepburn P.G.S.D., W. Mares Lyon P.P.G.S.D., R. H. Dickinson P.P.G.S. of Works, J. W. Lambton P.P. Standard Bearer, J. Carmichael P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Richard Seaton P.G.O., G. Elphick and T. Waters P.P.G. Stewards. Bro. J. Stonehouse Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £251. The report was adopted. Bro. Victor Williamson P.G.W. read the report of the Fund Committee, which made several recommendations respecting grants in response to applications for relief. These in the aggregate amounted to £75; in addition to which it was proposed that the sum of £25 be given to the Durham Education Fund, besides the fees of honour; that the sum of 25 guineas be given to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; that 50 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and that £62 13s 7d be donated to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother R. Luck moved that the last named sum be 50 guineas. Brother Babington Boulton seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. G. Bradley P.P.G.S.W., Secretary of the Durham Masonic Education Committee, read the report of the Charities Committee of the Province. It showed that the cost of the Boys' School of the Order, of the Girls' School, and of the Men's Benevolent Institution was £553 6s 4d per annum. Seventeen children were now being educated and provided for out of the Durham Education Fund. The

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invested capital of the Fund was £971 16s 7d. Subscriptions during the year amounted to £95 7s 2d, and donations to £140 1s 7d. The balance in hand on the 30th June was £160 12s 6d. Bro. C. S. Lane P.P.G.J.D., Chairman of the Charities Committee, moved the adoption of the Report, and had pleasure in announcing that the Durham Masonic Education Fund would have, with the grant of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, a capital fund of £1000. Bro. D. P. Huntley P.G.S.D. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The roll of Lodges was then called, when the Worshipful Masters of the respective Lodges responded. The Provincial Grand Master said, after hearing the very satisfactory record of the Lodges of the Province, it became his duty to offer a few observations to them with respect to the Province of Durham during the past year. But before doing so, he was sure he would be expressing the opinion of all brethren of the Durham Prov. G. Lodge when he called attention, with the utmost satisfaction, to the presence on that occasion of the Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of Northumberland and Officers of the Northumberland Provincial Grand Lodge. He had received a letter from their old friend, Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was unable to be present with them. He had to thank once more Bro. Holmes very warmly for the kind way in which he had visited them that day. He was glad to find that Brother had been paying due attention to what had taken place in the Lodge, especially to the satisfactory report of the Charities Committee, for he heard him express his opinion on the very good report which had been presented. It would be a satisfaction to the brethren of the Province of Durham that their report had met with the approval of so expert a Mason as Brother Holmes. He thought that was not the first or only time that Bro. Holmes had visited one of their Lodges, because he believed in November last he visited St. Hilda's Lodge, and he was quite certain if they had the opportunity they would reciprocate the kindness of their Northumberland brethren. He felt sure that nothing was so encouraging as these visitations to various Lodges, and it was particularly desirable to meet together in that way in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He then proceeded to allude with very deep regret to the losses they had suffered both in the Province and in the Craft during the past year. He specially alluded to the lamented death of Bro. J. J. Clay, who for some time had acted as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies of Durham, and who was present at their last annual meeting. He was quite sure everybody would miss Bro. Clay. He also regretted the death of Bro. Lazenby, of Stockton, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. Another hard-working Mason at Stockton, Bro. Knowles P.G.D., who was appointed many years ago by Bro. Fawcett, who never appointed a man unless he was perfectly worthy, had also passed away. Masonry in general had also suffered a severe loss in the death of Bro. Æneas MacIntyre, Queen's Counsel, who rendered valuable services to the Grand Master for some time as Grand Registrar of England. He begged to pay that simple tribute to his memory. He referred to the fact that during his absence the Province had been under the direction of their most esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Canon Tristram), who attended Monkwearmouth at the foundation stone laying of their Hall there. On that day Canon Tristram caught a very severe cold, and was obliged to go abroad. During his absence, his excellent and good friend the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, was left in charge, and under his able guidance everything had been going on well. When he (Sir Hedworth) came back to England in due course, one of the first things he did was to go and attend the ceremony of installing his brethren of the Williamson Lodge in their new habitation—a convenient and excellent Lodge room. There had been no new Lodges formed, but two Lodges had got in their own premises during the year, the Williamson Lodge at Monkwearmouth, and the Crook Lodge. He also found that they were keeping up their numbers in spite of deaths and resignations. Their numbers were in 1886, 2,127; in 1887, 2,188; and in 1888, 2,181. He congratulated his Province on having had, though not a very eventful year, yet a year of steady prosperity. If they only continued such years as that, he would be able to congratulate the Grand Lodge on having to rule over a contented, happy, and prosperous Province. Bro. R. W. Halfnight, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. J. Sedcole P.M. 1119, W. A. Priestly W.M. 2039 were elected auditors for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. Canon Tristram 124 ...	Deputy Master
J. G. Wilson 375 ...	Senior Warden
J. M. While 1379 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. Harry Becher 2039 ...	Chaplains
Rev. H. Jennings 1230 ...	Chaplains
R. W. Halfnight 949...	Treasurer
G. W. Bain 949 ...	Registrar
R. Hudson 2039 ...	Secretary
G. Renton 2135 ...	Senior Deacons
M. Harrison 531 ...	Senior Deacons
H. H. Pinkney 1389 ...	Junior Deacons
H. B. Olsen 764 ...	Junior Deacons
C. M. Wake 97 ...	Superintendent of Works
W. Logan 124 ...	D.C.
M. J. Wheatley 1970...	D.D.C.
T. Atkinson 80 ...	A.D.C.
R. Hawxwell 1334 ...	Sword Bearer
J. Robinson 1650 ...	Standard Bearers
A. E. Cowling 240 ...	Standard Bearers
J. E. Harworth 764 ...	Organist
J. Robson Pattison 97	Assist. Secretary
John Todd 1374 ...	Pursuivant
Wm. Dawson 94 ...	Assistant Pursuivant
B. R. Smith 940 ...	Tyler
G. Craven 94 ...	Stewards
F. Toogood 651 ...	Stewards
W. Hodge 764 ...	Stewards
J. Fowler 940 ...	Stewards
J. Chisholm 1643 ...	Stewards
A. M. White 1862 ...	Stewards

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, after which a large number of the brethren proceeded to the Palatine Hotel, where they partook of dinner.

Devon Freemasons will hold this year's Provincial Grand Lodge at Seaton, on 6th November. The annual report of the London representative for the Province, Rev. William Whittley P.G.D. of England and P.P.G.S.W. of Devon has been forwarded to the members of the Committee of Petitions. Two candidates from the Province have during the year been elected on the London Masonic Charities—Mrs. Godtschalk to the Institution for Widows, and Fanny Clarke Campbell to the Girls' School. The votes polled from the Province were 4105, those polled at the elections 4957—an excess of 852, which was received from other sources. The representative was, however, able to inform the brethren that the Province was quite free from debt. As a member of the Provincial Committee for the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, he also could assure the brethren that everything possible was being done to render that Institution worthy of their continued and increased support.

We regret to hear that complications have arisen in the state of Bro. Gerard Ford's health, and that he is still lying ill at Berne. His condition caused grave anxiety last week, but he is now out of danger, and will be removed so soon as is possible, for it is thought the air of Brighton will do more than anything else towards restoring him to health. All Bro. Gerard Ford's Masonic engagements must of course be foregone, and he was unable to attend the Provincial meeting of Mark Master Masons on the 27th instant, at which meeting he was to have been installed Provincial Grand Master.

It will interest Freemasons to hear that Dr. Kynaston has been appointed by the Bishop of Durham to succeed the late Canon Evans in the Greek Professorship at Durham University, to which a Canonry is attached. The new Canon will find a Deputy Provincial Grand Master in one of his brother Canons, Canon Tristram.

Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. has consented to deliver a lecture "On the Antiquity of Masonic Symbolism," before the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, at St. Mark's Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 30th September, at 8 p.m. At the conclusion of the lecture, a collection will be made on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—That romantic period of English History which is embraced by the middle of the seventeenth century has frequently been presented both on the dramatic and operatic stage, and it is seldom that the adventures of King Charles the Second fail to enlist the sympathies of an audience. This knowledge has probably induced Messrs. Henry Hamilton and Augustus Harris to select the subject for their autumn attraction at the National Theatre, and in "The Royal Oak" the authors have presented a series of stirring scenes, illustrating the hair breadth escapes of the unfortunate Prince following Cromwell's "crowning mercy" at Worcester. It cannot be said that Charles is represented as a very gracious or dignified personage, though it hardly matters as the character is subservient to the charming love story of Mildred Clavering and Dorian Cholmondeley. The disturbing element eminates from Colonel Anckstell, a Puritan officer, also in love with Mildred, who uses his power in order to force her to marry him, but of course in the end the lovers are united, though not until Mildred rescues Dorian from the shadow of the block. A strong company has been brought together for its representation, chief of whom is Miss Winifred Emery, who brings all the resources of her talent to pourtray the unfortunate heroine. Mr. Arthur Dacre makes a picturesque cavalier and quickly enlisted the sympathies of the audience on his behalf. It was not Mr. Henry Neville's fault that he failed in this respect, though he rendered the "merry monarch" as rollicking as possible, and obtained an excellent reception. Mr. Harry Nicholls affords considerable amusement as Walk-in-the-Way-Dear love—a Roundhead, whose conversion to Royalism is due to the vivacious Patty Woodroffe, capitally played by Miss Fanny Brough. These two throw a pleasant contrast on their gloomy surroundings, and meet with corresponding appreciation. Mr. Luigi Lablache gives an admirable sketch as the passionate Puritan, and Miss Ada Neilson represents the aristocratic Lady Cholmondeley with much dignity. The play will doubtless be greatly compressed and some of the scenes eliminated—on the first representation it was too long. No praise could be too great as regards the stage management, which reflects the highest credit on Mr. Harris—the exterior and interior of the old hall, the grand scene of Boscobel Wood, with its "royal oak," its horsemen and soldiers passing through the leafy glades, and the final tableau of the execution on Tower Hill are most artistic pictures. The theatre itself, newly redecorated, presents a brilliant appearance, and the lobbies and refreshment rooms are now enriched by some finely executed frescoes by Mr. J. M. Boekbinder. The entrance hall has been converted into a magnificent crush room with stained glass doors, and in a short time the whole theatre will be lighted by electricity.

Comedy.—The good old farce of "The Area Belle" has been set to music by Mr. Edward Solomon, and re-christened "Penelope," after the heroine, and on Tuesday evening the little operetta was favourably welcomed by a critical audience. The lyrics by Mr. Geo. P. Hawtrey admirably narrate the story in humorous verse, while the music itself is brimful of fun, and causes unbounded merriment. The faint suggestion of well-known songs with which some of the *morceaux* commence is exceedingly droll, and proves the composer an apt pupil of Sir Arthur Sullivan's school. The songs contain some sweetly pretty airs, and the orchestration is altogether of an high order. Mr. W. S. Penley is irresistibly funny as the Policeman Pitcher, and is ably assisted by Mr. W. Sugg as the military Tosser. Miss Alma Stanley develops considerable humour as Penelope, and the smaller parts of Mrs. Croker, "the Misses," and Chalks the milkman were agreeably rendered by Miss Zerbini and Mr. R. Stockton. Mr. Edward Solomon, who conducted, was called before the curtain at the termination, and was assured of the success of his composition. The trifle is likely to have a long run and will prove a capital addition to the lively farce "Æsop's Fables."

Monday, the 7th October, has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition (the Nineteenth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

In Bengal there is a Masonic Educational Association doing good service. Since it was started 61 children have been, or are being, educated, and its progress is reported to be satisfactory and steady, the contributions in aid being most liberal, and amounting for the half-year, up to the end of December last, to 3920 rupees. The invested funds amount to 65,000 rupees, the interest annually derivable therefrom being some 2700 rupees, and the expenses of management are extremely moderate.

It appears from an extract from a private letter from a prominent Mason at Johnstown, which appears in the *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, for July, that the Masonic Hall at Johnstown withstood the floods which destroyed that city, and was the means of saving about 150 people of all classes, and religions, &c. Among the incidents which occurred is one, which, even under the terrible circumstances of the moment, must have been somewhat ludicrous. One Denny Mitchell, a Roman Catholic and a tough citizen, floated into the hall, clad only in the wristband of his shirt, nearly every one else being in apparently the same plight. He and the others obtained from the chests and wardrobes in the hall whatever they could find in the way of garments, and on the Sunday following the catastrophe, when these people were rescued, Denny Mitchell turned out in the High Priest's robe, remarking, as he went out, that he was the "only Mick initiated into the Masonic Lodge during the flood." It is added that the various Lodges in Johnstown have held no meetings since the flood, but that they have not lost heart, and will recommence shortly.—*Leeds Times*.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was held at Carnarvon Castle, on the 25th instant, when Colonel Hunter Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by his Deputy, Brother Colonel Gordon Warren. There was a good attendance of brethren from the northern part of the Principality. The Elphin Mark Lodge was opened at half-past two, when Bro. Hardman, the College, Carnarvon, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master and his Provincial Grand Officers were received at four o'clock. Colonel Hunter, after going through the matter of business of Provincial Grand Lodge, alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the Province had sustained in the death of their much valued friend and brother, Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., who was formerly Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but who resigned on account of declining health. A vote of thanks was passed by the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. G. L. Woodley, Llandudno, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, for his unremitting attention to the duties of the office, which he has held for many years. The Officers for the Provincial Grand Lodge were appointed, as follow :—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren	...	Deputy Master
H. Hardman	...	Senior Warden
D. Wynn Williams	...	Junior Warden
N. Bunnell	...	M.O.
R. H. Pritchard	...	S.O.
J. W. Poole	...	J.O.
Rev. Hugh Thomas, M.A.	...	Chaplains
Rev. Ll. Ll. Nicholas, M.A.	...	
R. S. Chamberlain	...	Treasurer
G. Challinor	...	Registrar of Marks
W. D. Henderson	...	Secretary
S. Hargreaves	...	Senior Deacon
Owen Evans	...	Junior Deacon
T. T. Sarson	...	Supt. of Works
Owen Thomas	...	D.C.
A. M. Dunlop	...	A.D.C.
H. Evans	...	Sword Bearer
J. Williams	...	Organist
A. L. Clear	...	Standard Bearer
W. A. Nott	...	I.G.
W. Farren	...	Senior Steward
Allan Sumner	...	Junior Steward
Vincent ...	...	Tyler

The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Hunter, presiding, Bro. Hardman W.M. St. Elphin being the Vice President. A splendid *carte* was provided by Bro. E. Humphreys.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE action by Lord Leigh and others, Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, against the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, was again in the Vacation Court paper of Mr. Justice Denman on Wednesday, to which day it had been adjourned by the consent of the defendants from that day week. Mr. Wilkinson, who with Mr. Lionel Mookton appeared for the plaintiffs, informed his lordship that his friend, Mr. Chubb, who appeared for the defendants, asked that the motion might again stand for a week, the injunction being continued, and the defendants to give their affidavits to the plaintiffs on Monday if they could. Mr. Justice Denman acceded to the request, and the motion was postponed till next Wednesday.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
188—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 (Instruct)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at . (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Cavesc, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1162—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1581—Chiselhurst, Pull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
48—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
179—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.)
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, 302 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1589—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—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.
1893—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.)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Tarbarough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
783—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
785—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—City of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
849—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, St. Queen-street, W.C.
1269—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1321—Kaleidoscopic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1341—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.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1914—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton Street, at 8.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Canonbury, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1326—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Goldhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1611—Earl of Carnarvon, Lothbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
109—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
155—Asaph, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Friary-road, Inverness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
300—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
310—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Caledonian, Masonic Hall, South.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
464—East Surrey (Concord), Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
485—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
538—Temple, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
686—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strond, 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, Lindrick, Worksop Buzzard
960—Rute, 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, Retford
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1349—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 4 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1538—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road North, Brighton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Station Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveleys.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2134—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, 2nd OCTOBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (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 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
534—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.)
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1288—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1556—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Jews Harp-hill, S.W.
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, Mayfair, at 8. (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—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. 1329—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.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palcat, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Aberystwith, Cardiganshire
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
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)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Worsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
839—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bolton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1266—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1278—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Park Row, Leeds
1303—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1330—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1380—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.
1514—Salisbury, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1609—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Hexham
1756—St. Leonard, Cobert Rooms, St. Leonard's
1905—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 High Street, Hull
R.A. 98—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham St., Rochdale
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Keighley
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Falmouth
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 377—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Ulverston
R.A. 1248—Lennox, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Harrington Hotch, Dukesfield, Barrow-in-Furness

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THURSDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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
227—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.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
743—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—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)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1434—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1548—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1565—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 Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Ho , Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldgate, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Westmouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 196—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
308—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
354—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
366—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
389—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
395—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
476—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
487—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
489—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
494—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
496—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
500—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
506—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
517—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
537—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
541—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
544—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Colne, Lancashire
580—Pomfret, Abington St., Northampton
619—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
625—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
646—Benevolent, Town Hall, Glastonbury, Somersetshire.
659—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
669—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
686—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
687—Portland, Masonic Room, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
689—Brighton, Ridley Arms Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, Bishopsgate
792—Lion and Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bearing-lane, Great Grimsby
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Boar, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—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, 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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 58 —Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ashwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1010—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Hective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 24—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 55—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
813—Ranelagh, Sir Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1077—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1343—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Station Institution, Tulse Hill Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1142—E. Carnarvon, Lathom's Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 335—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, Tolmer-lea.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Stroud
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, Berkeley
903—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1153—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1153—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1337—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.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (I.)
193—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)
1361—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
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2014—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A. 8—Star, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 173 Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1224—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Rivershall, near Sevenoaks
1455—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1507—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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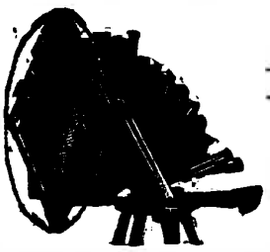
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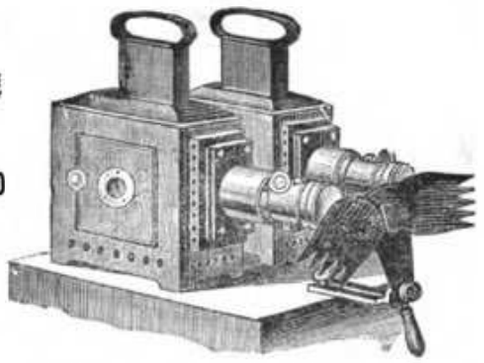
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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

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CHAPTER V. of Bro. Crossley's History of this Lodge embraces the period from 1780 to 1801, and, as we said at the conclusion of our last notice, the Lodge started at that time with a balance in hand of £20, a state of affairs far different to what was experienced during the preceding period, which was one of the most troublesome in the career of the Lodge. About the year 1780 the number of members was but seven or eight, so that the balance mentioned above was no inconsiderable sum for so small a company. During the preceding two years more than the average number of candidates had been initiated into the Lodge, but these do not appear to have permanently made the "Probity" their home. Some of these initiates came from Keighley and Huddersfield, so that, considering the trouble of travelling in those days, it could hardly be expected they would become settled members. There is a record in 1780 (September) that the brethren visited both Huddersfield and Keighley, by invitation of the Craftsmen of those towns, and in reference to these visits Brother Crossley remarks they could not have been made to Lodges, as there is no record of any being established at the time in either place. Possibly, says the historian, there may have been unattached Lodges there, but we should rather think not, else why need the local candidates journey to Halifax to be initiated, as we have just recorded they did do. The initiation fee was now £2 2s, and 2s 6d for registration, this increase having been ordered by Grand Lodge. The first payment to Provincial Grand Lodge is noted towards the close of 1782, while in the following year the Lodge purchased two books, the one the "Use and Abuse of Masonry," the other "Preston's Illustrations," both of which, however, have been lost to the Lodge.

About 1790 the fees for visiting were for those attending on St. John's Day 5s each, subsequently altered to 7s 6d if they remained the day, but if attending at supper then only 2s 6d was the fee. From this it would seem that our ancient brethren of Halifax used to honour their St. John's Festival in royal style, evidently devoting the whole day to their ceremonies and rejoicings. At the celebration in 1792, twenty-three members signed the roll, while the Treasurer had a balance in hand of £15 odd. Several references of interest occur about this time, which appears to have been a prosperous one for the Lodge. Members were received from various towns in the neighbourhood where Lodges were subsequently established, and it is but fair to give credit to the "Probity" for having been the means of extending Freemasonry in its district. We must not omit to mention, too, the establishment of a second Lodge in Halifax (the Lodge of *Harmony*, 12th November 1789) as evidence of the *Masonic* spirit prevailing there. These two Lodges worked most amicably together, some of the brethren belonging to both, and all appearing to strive to make the work of Masonry progress satisfactorily.

In October 1793 a Lodge of Emergency was held, at which it was decided to expel a Brother Wilson, who, it seems, had been guilty of "breathing disaffection towards the Government" under which the country then "so happily lived." In January 1794 some brethren of "Probity," together with representatives of other Lodges in the neighbourhood, attended the funeral of the late Bro. Miles Rushworth, and the minutes contain full details as to the order of procession, ceremony, &c., the same being reproduced in the book before us. In 1795 a resolution was passed which has intimate association with matters lately referred to in these columns. It was to the following effect:—"That no landlord keeping the house at which the Lodge is kept be admitted a member." We suppose there must be some good and sufficient reason for this exclusiveness, which, as here shown, was practised in 1795, just as it is to-day. We, however, fail to see its necessity; in this particular case it appears to have resulted from a disagreement with the landlord of a house at which the Lodge met, and therefore we think its severity is self evident—all landlords are made to suffer because in one case a disagreement arose. Truly, the Craft has not changed much—it was just as arbitrary in the last century as it is now, when it suited the members to be so. How is it we have won the distinction of being wholly "Free" Masons? It certainly does not appear to be a right designation for a body which at all times has had the power—and has often exercised it—of making itself most "exclusive."

The next few entries refer to losses sustained by the Lodge, through the death of members, the Lodge being ordered into mourning, and Masonic funerals occurring from time to time. On such occasions it was ordered that the brethren appear "in black with clean white stockings and white gloves," while on another occasion the order was "white gloves, black stockings, and black buckles or shoe strings."

In 1797 the Lodge received an invitation from the Royal Brunswick Lodge, Sheffield, to attend a grand Masonic procession, on the occasion of the opening of the Sheffield Infirmary. Two members were appointed to attend, and the expenses (£2 0s 2d) were paid out of the Lodge funds. In the following year it is recorded that the Lodge "very liberally contributed towards the defence of the country in aid of the government," the sum of £64 2s being subscribed (in sums ranging from 2s 6d to £10), and regularly handed over. In January 1800 there were only three members and the Tyler present, so that the members can hardly be said to have started the new century with enthusiasm, unless perhaps their enthusiasm found vent outside the Lodge. Later on in the same year (April) we find the Master directing attention to the finances of the Lodge, there being a debit balance, which led to the abolition of "expenses" for a time, it being recorded on several occasions that "all present paid their own bill." This question of arrears was again reverted to in August, when it was agreed that "whenever the Treasurer is in advance, the Brothers pay their own expenses." The matter is not again referred to until January 1801, when it is recorded "the members present defrayed the expenses." The close of this year found the Lodge with a balance on the right side. In September 1800 Mr. Charles Whiteley was initiated, and he became a great acquisition to the Lodge. It is mentioned that it was through his advocacy that the idea of the division of the Province of Yorkshire was first promulgated. With the close of this period we are told another minute book of the Lodge is completed.

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need. Of course, it is quite impossible to decide on this point, and all we can therefore hope is that she may receive as much support as the merits of her case deserve. Her father was initiated in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, became a Past Master thereof and G.S.B. of the Province. He subscribed for 15¾ years and, we trust, made a sufficient number of friends to ensure the early admission of his daughter to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The remaining cases we shall leave, as usual, to speak for themselves. We are sure all are deserving of support, and our principal regret—as it is the regret of many others—is that they cannot all be admitted at once to the full enjoyment of the benefits they are seeking.

An alteration has been made in the arrangement of the ballot papers which does not strike us as being any improvement, rather the reverse. We have been accustomed to see the list of candidates in order according to the date of their being passed as eligible to compete. Then it was possible to at once judge how long a candidate had been before the subscribers; now the list is given in alphabetical order, and, except that it may be somewhat easier for reference, we cannot see any advantage in the change, as it appears to make the list very confusing. For instance, No. 1 on the list is a third application case, No. 2 a first, No. 3 a fourth, No. 36 a fourth, No. 37 a first, No. 38 a third, and so on throughout. Unless there is some manifest advantage in the the new arrangement which is not as yet apparent to us, it would be much better to revert to the old system, which at least has the merit of showing the candidates in regular sequence, no small consideration to those who make a point of studying the lists issued from time to time, as the elections ocme round.

A MISUNDERSTANDING EXPLAINED.

By Bro Jacob Norton.

WHILE pondering over the Ashmole question some time ago, that is, whether he was *our* brother Mason? the old adage came into my mind, "Tell me what company you keep, and I will know what you are;" hence, as Ashmole told us, that he was "the senior fellow" of a Masons' organisation which met at Masons' Hall, and as I knew that the Masons that met at the said Hall were not *our* kind of Masons, I concluded that Ashmole was not *our* brother Mason.

A short time after I came to the above conclusion, I happened to see an article in the *Freemason*, by Brother Hughan, headed "Ashmole as a Mason," and seeing therein the well known extracts from Ashmole's diary, I supposed that the article was a mere repetition of the oft-told Ashmole story, I therefore neglected to read it, but merely copied from it the said extracts, and made my comments on the question I had in view. To my surprise Bro. Hughan's reply was mainly confined to finding fault with my misquoting the said extracts, and to a stranger it must have appeared that I was charged with misquoting for the purpose of misleading the reader. I endeavoured to correct Bro. Hughan's mistake, but this did not conciliate him, so I submitted the whole question to an impartial friend, and begged him to discover in what way I have sinned against Bro. Hughan. In due time my friend said, "You have not read carefully Bro. Hughan's article, and consequently you did not know what his aim was for writing it. Bro. Hughan merely wished to call attention to the fact that Ashmole's MS. diary varies somewhat in spelling from the printed copies of the said diary." Now while begging Brother Hughan ten thousand pardons for my carelessness, I must still insist that he has exaggerated greatly my sin, for either version of the said diary does not at all influence the main question as to which kind of Masonry Ashmole received in 1646. To make the subject clear I herewith place the two versions side by side:—

Printed version.

1682, Mar. 10. About 5 Hor. *post* merid., I received a summons to appear at a Lodge to be held next day at *Masons Hall*, in London.

11. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasons, by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Woodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise.

I was the *Senior* Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were present besides myself the Fellows after named:—Mr. Thomas Wise Master of the *Masons' Company* this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Waidford Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, a noble dinner prepared at the new accepted Mason.

MS. version.

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Mr. Tho. Wise Mr. of the Masons' Company this p'sent yeare, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt,—Wainsford, Esq., Mr. Nich. Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Will. Stanton,

We all dyned at the Half Moone Taverne, in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the new-accepted Mason.

Now, no one appreciates Bro. Hughan's services to the Craft more highly than I do, and those who know me, know that I am not apt to flatter; but for all that I firmly believe that Bro. Hughan can make a mistake as well as I can. I pointed out that there were two disconnected Masonic Societies in the days of Ashmole, and gave my reason why I supposed that Ashmole's Masonry would not have entitled him to enter a Lodge of *our* predecessors; but instead of proving that the Lodge at Warrington of 1646, or the London Lodge, which Ashmole visited in 1862, imparted secret modes of recognition. My good friend, Bro. Hughan, replied by asking "How does our brother know that in order to gain admission to St. Paul's Lodge (Antiquity), in or about 1717, it was necessary to show a sign, to give a grip, and to whisper a word? We are quite ignorant of the esoteric character of this old Lodge in 1717," &c. And after asking me to send him evidence that the pre-1717 Masons had secret modes of recognition, he went again at me for not reproducing the improved version of Ashmole's diary. Now, with all due respect to Bro. Hughan, he ought to have known by this time that such kind of reasoning would not convince me that he was right.

In his last brief reply Bro. Hughan called my attention to Ashmole's using the word "Lodge" both in 1646 and 1682. Hence, he must have meant by it, what we now call *a Lodge*. I beg, however, to remind my good brother—1st. There can be no doubt that the first Mason's Guild organised by the Lord Mayor of London in 1356 were altogether Operative Masons. 2nd. There is no doubt that perhaps for two hundred years after 1356 the London Guild called themselves "Freemasons." It is not unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that the word "Lodge" may also have been retained for many years by the London Mason's Guild, and although the said Guild discarded the old words, yet, who knows, whether the Mason's Guild at Warrington in 1646 did not retain the old words and phrases of the early Operative Masons? Besides which, Ashmole was an antiquary, and men of his proclivity are very apt to make use of antiquated phrases. Indeed, Bro. Gould seems to look upon Ashmole in the same light he does upon Aubrey. "As a rule (says Bro. Gould) Ashmole's Diary is trifling where it is not simply nauseous." I do not, therefore, attach much importance to the words "Lodge" or "Freemason," which Ashmole incidentally used in his Diary.

Another argument in behalf of the old belief of Ashmole's Masonry is that Ashmole was not a member of the London Masons' Guild. But suppose he was not? Cannot a Master of a Guild invite to-day a distinguished gentleman to the Guild's feast, and could not the Master of the London Masons' Guild have invited Mr. Ashmole, who was Mazonised in a similar Guild at Warrington in 1646? And as the Guild had no secrets to conceal, I cannot see why any friend of an influential member could not have been invited upon that occasion.

Curious stories have been circulated about Ashmole's manufacturing Masonic rituals, Brother Gould (vol. 2, page 136), says:

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"The argument usually brought forward in behalf of the Ashmolean theory is an admirable specimen of the kind of reasoning too often employed on such matters. Certain observances and ideas which did not exist before are found, or are supposed to have been found, and prevalent amongst Masons towards the commencement of the eighteenth century. Ashmole was known to have been a Mason, and to have been fond of wasting his time upon all sorts of queer out of the way and unprofitable pursuits. Therefore [say they] these new conceits were taught by Ashmole to the Freemasons." A New York editor of a Masonic magazine told me recently that Ashmole remodelled the Masonic ritual, and while I remonstrated against the absurdity, a literary old brother Mason happened to come into the office, who confirmed the other's statement without an *if* or a *but*, and referred me to Anthony Wood's "Athenæ" for his authority. I have thus far been unable to consult the "Athenæ," but supposing there is something in the book to that effect, as Anthony Wood was not a Mason, I would hesitate to pin my faith on his statement about Ashmole's Masonry.

But here is another point which should not be lost sight of, viz.: in Ashmole's diary of 1646 he mentions Richard Penket as the *Warden* at Warrington. Now, that title may mean either a Master of a Lodge or a Master of a Guild; but in his 1682 diary he mentions "Mr. Tho. Wise, Master of the Masons' Company," thus intimating that he visited a Masons' Guild and not a Masons' Lodge. Besides which, I find that even Brother Gould doubts whether the Masonic Society did meet in Masons' Hall (p. 136, vol. 2nd). A brother, however, informed me that Bro. Hughan has the best of the argument on the question at issue. His theory is that the most prominent members of the London Masonic Company in 1682 were *true blue* Masons, and that it was through their influence that their Masons' Hall was allowed to be used for the meeting of a *true blue* Lodge, to which Ashmole was invited to visit, as stated in his diary of 1682. To which I reply that when the said good brother has proved *satisfactorily* that the twelve gentlemen mentioned by Ashmole as having partaken with him of the "noble dinner" at the "Half Moone Taverne," were all Masonised in *true blue* Lodges before the 11th of March 1682 I will at once not only submit without a murmur, but will thank him for his information besides.

BOSTON, U.S., 13th September 1889.

MASONIC FORBEARANCE.—As we are none of us free from faults, it is the duty of every brother to bear with the infirmities, to pardon the errors, and to be kind and considerate towards those with whom he is intimately connected. There are few tempers so depraved but a sincere endeavour to please will excite in their bosoms a corresponding sentiment of love and gratitude. We are under peculiar obligations, and it is equally our duty and our interest to discharge them faithfully, and to the letter. Amidst the various dispositions of mankind we must not expect to meet with all we could wish in every brother who is linked with us in the indissoluble chain of Masonry; but if we resolve to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, our happiness and mental satisfaction will usually be amply gratified. Every relative and social duty is founded on reciprocal obligations; and where the seeds of love and friendship are not sown, or where that which springs from them is not cultivated and improved, it will be but "as the grass growing on the housetop, wherewith the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves in his bosom."

"Illustrations," Mr. Frances George Heath's Magazine of Amusement, Art, Biography, Economy, Invention, Literature and Science will commence its fifth volume, in October, with a new pictorial cover, and its forthcoming issues will include, besides fiction, illustrated papers, embracing drawings of the month, reproductions of National Gallery pictures, pretty places, art studies, eminent artists, pen and pencil portraits of celebrities, public and private schools, Tyrolese winter resorts, popular flowers, farm gossip, and miscellaneous "sketches" of men, things, places, art, literature, and science. "Illustrations" will be published by the firm about to amalgamate as Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During the autumn months, when the atmospheric changes are alike sudden and extreme, it is subject for grave and serious consideration how the health can be best preserved. An occasional alterative, like these pills will be the surest preventive of disease, because it overcomes all derangements of the system, purifies and regulates the circulation, and gives that needful energy to the nervous structures which carries the frame triumphantly through trials to which the weak and sickly would succumb. Neuralgic pains and rheumatic agonies derive present and permanent relief from diligent friction with Holloway's ointment, which, acting as a derivative, relieves the gorged and irritated blood vessels from the congestion and the nerves from pressure.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE EDWARD BENNETT.

THIS brother died suddenly at his residence on the 18th inst. During the last few months Bro. Bennett has not felt well, but on Tuesday was apparently in good health, and was very cheerful. He went to bed the same as usual, but about 6·15 in the morning became very ill. Dr. Young was called in, but his services did not avail, Bro. Bennett expiring shortly after eight o'clock. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was well known in the district of Sheffield as a Freemason, having joined the Britannia Lodge about the year 1864. In 1868 he founded the Wentworth Lodge, which is now flourishing. Deceased was an energetic worker for the good of the Order, and was much liked and respected by all the members, to whom his death came as a great shock. He has held various offices, having been the Master of the Wentworth Craft Lodge, Provincial Officer for West Yorkshire, Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, and Master of a Mark Lodge. Since the formation of the Masonic private theatricals, in 1878, he has successfully occupied the position of stage manager. Deceased leaves a widow and three children. The interment took place last Saturday, at the General Cemetery.

BRO. FREDERICK SLEIGHT.

THE remains of the late Bro. Frederick Sleight, I.P.M. of the Ancient Britons Lodge, No. 1675, who died suddenly on Monday, the 9th inst., were interred in Toxteth Cemetery, on the 17th inst., in the presence of a large number of Masonic brethren and friends. The *cortége* left deceased's late residence, Upper Parliament-street, about 2·30 o'clock, and on arrival at the Cemetery gates it was joined by the following brethren, representing the Lodge:—Bros. Samuel John Hughes W.M., William Hawkins J.W., O. J. Rowlands S.W., R. M'Geo Secretary, Hugh Jones P.M., J. H. Peake, J. G. Frederick Gillet, John Pimlett, William Skinner, George Porter, John Long, John Price, Thomas J. Smith, Horace Van Gruisen, John Morris, J. J. G. Little, R. W. Manning, R. H. Bullen, and Captain Topley. Other Lodges were represented by Bros. J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., Jonathan Parry P.M. 1547, F. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, H. D. Foulkes Chap. 292, Thomas Morgan 241, John Holker 1609, and G. N. Hawke 823. The coffin, which was of French polished brown oak, with handsome brass furniture, bore the following inscription:—"Frederick Sleight, died 16th September 1889, aged 35 years." The interment took place in the Church of England portion of the cemetery, the Rev. R. F. Herring, M.A., St. John the Baptist Church, Toxteth Park, officiating.

The Domatic Chapter of Instruction will remove to St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 2nd October. The meetings take place every Wednesday evening, at eight p.m.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the session on Tuesday, the 1st October, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, E.C., at 6·30 o'clock, and will continue to meet every Tuesday until the end of May. We may mention that Comp. F. Brown is the Preceptor.

On Monday, the 16th instant, a serious accident happened off Southsea Beach, which very nearly terminated fatally. It appears that an old gentleman with a lady and a little boy, visitors, hired a pleasure boat and went out for a row. As they were returning, they met the sailing boat whose canvas for the last few weeks has advertised the virtues of Beecham's Pills, and in manœuvring to get out of her way placed themselves across the bow of the Vesta, another rowing boat, which was coming along at a considerable speed. In vain the occupants of the Vesta tried to stop her; it was too late, and she ran right into the other boat, almost cutting off her stern. The occupants were merged into the water, and their chance of life seemed a bad one, as none of them appeared able to swim. "Beecham's Pills," however tacked and picked them up.—*Portsmouth Evening Mail.*

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Province of West Lancashire was held at Barrow-in-Furness on the 18th inst., the Earl of Crawford Provincial Grand H. presiding. After the transaction of the usual business the following Officers were invested for the year:—

Comp. Earl of Crawford	...	H.
S. G. Sinclair	...	J.
W. Goodacre	...	S.E.
Rev. H. G. Vernon	...	S.N.
J. H. Walker	...	Treasurer
H. Cook	...	Registrar
H. Magee Ormsby	...	Sojourner
Rev. L. R. Ayre	...	1st A. Soj.
T. Sutton	...	2nd A. Soj.
Alfred D. Heskett	...	Sword Bearer
T. K. Hughes	...	D. of C.
J. L. Houghton	...	A.D. of C.
William Platt	...	Organist
Charles Bargery	...	Assistant S.E.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting was held on the 20th instant, at Clevedon, under the banner of the Adair Chapter, No. 1750, when there was a large gathering of Companions from all parts of the Province. Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, presided, having for his second and third Principals Companion Captain Homfray (Province of Monmouth) and Companion Rev. J. A. Lloyd (Grand Chaplain of England). Among those present were the following Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter:—

Comps. R. C. Else, B. H. Watts Treasurer, W. Bidgood S.N., W. Long Scribe E., T. G. Williams Assistant Scribe E., W. J. Nosworthy P.S., G. Glossop 1st Assist. Soj., A. J. Salter Janitor, S. Bigwood Assist. Janitor, and the following Companions:—C. W. Radway, C. F. Marshall, A. W. N. Weatherly, J. Randle Ford, J. A. Sawyer, G. K. Foster, A. F. Ross, F. Glover, W. Montague, J. Rubie, J. C. Moncrieff, T. Meyler, J. Westlake, H. B. Farington, W. M. Rice, J. B. Marwood, E. D. Barnes, E. Noke, W. F. Langworthy, T. Lloyd Norris, L. Howe, W. B. Gregory, G. H. Perrett, S. R. Baskett, F. T. Elworthy, J. Gill, L. Ringer, E. J. B. Mercer, E. Winter, W. T. Male, J. A. Bright, W. Reece, J. Burnett, J. Allan Tucker, J. A. Timmins, W. F. Gould, G. Baskett, J. Knight, T. J. Sedones, W. H. Fisher, A. L. Wade, E. Bath, E. A. Hington, J. Cornwall, T. B. Montrie, T. Hearne, E. Fry Wade, &c.

The Treasurer's account, showing a balance of £110 in favour of the Prov. Grand Chapter, was adopted. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke then installed Comp. R. C. Else as Grand Superintendent of the Province in the place of the late Brigadier-General Adair, and complimented him upon the distinguished position to which he had attained, and the patent appointing Comp. Else to that position having been read, all offices were declared vacant, and the following were elected and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year by the Provincial Grand Superintendent:—

Comp. Colonel Long	...	1st Principal
T. Barnes	...	2nd Principal
Noke	...	S.E.
Rev. J. A. Lloyd	...	S.N.
Glover	...	Registrar
W. Wright	...	P.S.
A. Law-Wade	...	1st A.S.
E. F. Wade	...	2nd A.S.
H. G. Crowe	...	Sword Bearer
W. Reece	...	Standard Bearer
J. Gill	...	D.C.
T. G. Williams	...	Assistant Scribe E.
Salter	...	Janitor
Bigwood	...	Assistant Janitor
Nosworthy	...	Organist

On the motion of Comp. Colonel Long, seconded by Comp. R. C. Else (Grand Superintendent) the Provincial Grand Chapter recorded their grief at the loss to Royal Arch Masonry and the Province of Somerset through the lamented death of their Grand Superintendent, the late Brigadier-General Adair, after whom the entertaining Chapter was named. The alms taken were given to Clevedon Cottage Hospital. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form. Subsequently the Companions dined together, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, in the Town-hall, when the usual Masonic toasts were gone through.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z. 169 M.E.Z., T. Grummant P.Z. H., Captain Vincent P.Z. J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., Woods P.S., and Addington. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of H. was rehearsed by Comp. Moore. The Companions were admitted. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp Grummant promised to work the ceremony of installation of J. on Friday evening next (27th inst.)

DEDICATION OF THE KIMBERLEY MASONIC TEMPLE.

WHAT is probably the handsomest and most complete Masonic Temple in South Africa was recently dedicated at Kimberley, where an excellent site was secured in the Du Toits Pan-road. The Temple occupies two full stands extending from the front boundary north, in Du Toit's Pan-road, to the roadway running parallel at the south end, in rear, and covers an area of 7000 superficial feet, exclusive of the Tyler's house, which will be detached from the tempel. The *facade* is from the Roman-Corinthian order of architecture, and the details of the window, dressings, entrance, doorway, portico (which is a very handsome feature of the structure), and the entablatures and pendiment of the front and side *facades* are elaborately and effectively designed. The stained-glass window, which is noticeable as soon as the visitor enters the building, is a splendid piece of artistic workmanship, appropriate in design, and showing a most tasteful combination of delicate colouring. The hall measures thirty feet in length by twenty in breadth, having at one end two spacious semi-circular-headed doorways opening into an inner vestibule to be occupied by the Tyler in guarding the Temple and degree-rooms on each side. Two sets of preparation and degree-rooms flank the main building, and at first storey height there are four additional degree-rooms for conducting ceremonies in the higher degrees of Freemasonry. The lighting, ventilating, and sanitary arrangements are all that could be desired, and the work reflects great credit on the architect, Mr. H. A. Reid, of Port Elizabeth; the contractors, Messrs. Beckett and Morgan; Mr. Mills, the clerk of works; as well as upon Mr. Coombes, of De Beer's-road, for the exceedingly creditable manner in which he has turned out the ornamental iron railings in front of the building. The building, the foundation-stone of which was laid in October last, will probably cost about £7000. The members of the Committee, who have indefatigably worked on behalf of this important project, some of whom are at present absent from the Diamond Fields, are the following:—Bros. D. J. Haarhoff (Chairman), George Richards (Honorary Treasurer), John Hampton (Honorary Secretary), H. F. E. Pistorius, C. A. Aburrow, J. Lawrense, A. Bayne, H. W. Peters, A. Yockmonitz, B. Klisser, W. M. Willis, and W. H. Craven. The dedicatory ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. D. J. Haarhoff, in the presence of about 400 brethren from all parts of the colony, including Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Barkly West, King William's Town, East London, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form in the three degrees by Bro. Richards, Bro. Haarhoff took the chair of K.S. The Ven. Archdeacon Gaul having offered up prayer, the dedicatory ceremonial was proceeded with, the Ven. Archdeacon Gaul S.W. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge ably assisting in the impressive service. The hymns sung were "Behold, how good a thing it is," "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," and "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah!" The solemn procession round the interior of the Grand Hall, accompanied by music, vocal and instrumental, was witnessed in awe-inspiring silence. The brethren taking part in the procession were Bros. Yockmonitz, Beaton, Lawrence, Peters, Gaul, and the dedicating Officer, Bro. D. J. Haarhoff. The appropriate gifts of corn, wine, and oil were supplemented by the parading of a censor containing incense three or four times round the hall, by Bro. Archdeacon Gaul, Bro. Tregarthen meanwhile playing a ceremonial march specially composed by him for the occasion. Bro. D. J. Haarhoff then addressed the brethren, giving a sketch of the negotiations connected with the Temple since the first inception in August 1887, the difficulties which those engaged in its promotion had to contend with, and the pleasing, though arduous, work of the Building Committee since its formation up till the previous evening, when their labours were so grandly consummated. Bro. Richards was then presented with an address, handsomely engrossed and framed, expressing the profound regret of the brethren at his intention shortly to take his departure from Kimberley, and adding, "We deem this important occasion in the history of Freemasonry on the Diamond Fields a fitting opportunity of expressing our high appreciation of your qualities as a citizen, friend, and brother, and our deep sense of the manifold services you have rendered to our beloved Craft." Brother Richards, in responding to the remarks of Bro. Lawrence, delivered an eloquent and telling oration, and his words of gratitude and farewell were characterised by a ring of genuine sincerity and depth of feeling which went to the heart of every brother present. It was announced by Bro. Richards that telegrams of congratulation and apology for unavoidable absence had been received from District Grand Masters in various parts of South Africa, and from other leading brethren who had from the first taken a warm interest in the progress of the work, so that, as Bro. Richards expressed it, "We have now ended as we began, with the hearty good wishes of the whole of the Craft in South Africa." Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and refreshments were partaken of in the side-rooms, the health of Bros. Richards and Haarhoff being cordially toasted in brimming bumpers.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE members of this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Brixham, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., on a very interesting occasion. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., in the course of a few appropriate remarks, alluded to the departure of Bro. the Rev. Elrington, whose acceptance he asked, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, of a P.M.'s jewel and address. The latter, which was illuminated, read as follows :—

"Presented to W. Bro. the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain of Devon, by the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the True Love and Unity Lodge of Freemasons, No. 248, Brixham, on the occasion of his leaving the town, as a mark of esteem and fraternal regard for his valuable services to the Lodge and to Freemasonry generally, heartily wishing him health, long life, continued prosperity, and happiness. Signed, on behalf of the Lodge, by W. Bro. John Wheaton W.M., Bros. John T. James S.W., James Spark J.W., and the Officers and Brethren."

The jewel was a very pretty design, and bore an appropriate inscription besides the crest of the recipient, a stork, in gold, on the ribbon. Bro. Elrington cordially thanked the brethren for their expression of good feeling and interest in his welfare, and spoke of the sincere regret with which he left Brixham after residing in it for so many years. Bro. Rev. Elrington leaves Lower Brixham, of which he has been the vicar for 35 years, this week for Leamington, on his retirement from active service. He was W.M. of True Love and Unity for two years, in 1886-7, when the new hall was consecrated, and was initiated into Masonry 42 years ago, at the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 143, Dublin, the Chaplain of which at that time was Dr. Magee, now the Bishop of Peterborough. Bro. Elrington is also a M.M.M. and third Principal of Torbay Chapter, No. 1358, Paignton. During the evening Bro. J. W. Matthews was raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being most efficiently performed in a very excellent manner by Bro. N. Hopson, P.G.J.W. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who was afterwards accorded a vote of thanks. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. T. J. Cressman S.D., West S.S., and E. J. Pratt, all of 1402.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 323.

A LARGE meeting was held at the Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., to celebrate the fact that this Lodge had become a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons. The following Officers and members attended :—Bros. John Smith W.M., James Breen I.P.M., W. Merrison S.W., J. O. Wylde J. W., W. Pritchard Treasurer, Thomas Brookes Secretary, E. Stevens S.D., A. Horton J.D., Henry Newton I.G., John Scott Tyler, with Past Masters Bros. Samuel Lowe, Thomas Whalley, John Knott, Christopher Atkinson, Joseph Slack, George Boothby, and John Slack; also Bros. Charles J. Cheetham, Joseph Wood, E. Edmondson, William Walmsley, Joseph Broadhurst, W. Johnson, Thomas Roberts, William Wood, E. Taylor, James E. Penny, and Joseph D. Kain. The W.M. was also supported by the following visiting brethren :—Bros. Thomas W. Weathered 365 (New York), Charles Clarkson W.M. 104, George Gaskill S.W. 104, Joseph Hollingworth W.M. 758, J. Beresford P.M. 104 and P.P.G.S.D., Geo. McClelland I.P.M. 287, Alfred Taylor P.M. 287, H. H. Royle W.M. 822, William Loose 645, James Paget 314, G. W. Cookson 1030, George Sam Smith P.M. 1134, Charles Booth 287, James Cookson I.P.M. 287 and 1030, and William Booth P.M. 104. After the Lodge had been duly opened and the ordinary business concluded, the announcement was made that there had been paid to the Aged Freemasons' Fund a further sum of 100 guineas in addition to the fifty guineas within six months to the same Institution, and thus the Lodge became a "Patron" in perpetuity. The Lodge was previously a "Vice-Patron," and subsequently, after the usual duties of "Masons" and "citizens" had been performed, a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Thomas Brookes P.M. for his able services in having, by his action, put the Lodge in so honourable a position, and which was very heartily supported, particularly by the respective visiting brethren. Bro. Brookes, in reply, deprecated so very much honour being showered upon him personally. It was quite true that he had originated the idea, but had he not had the very generous band of brethren in the Lodge to work with, and without their noble and spontaneous responses he himself could not have done it. The credit was due to all the members of the Lodge, as 41 out of a total of 44 had subscribed to this fund, and when it was remembered that only six months ago there were voluntary contributions to a considerable amount to make up the previous 50 guineas, he was sure the visitors would see that it was the members of the Lodge, and not he, who had accomplished the object with which he had set out. This was true "Masonic Charity," nothing done for personal laudation, but large and small subscriptions were blended in the one object, in the united name of the Lodge. The Lodge now possesses 154 votes for this Charity, nor had the members confined its benevolence to this alone, but stood high in the other, both local and general, Masonic Charities, and though the Lodge was not numerous, he believed the position it now had attained was unique, and the Lodge remembered it was only fulfilling the principles at the very foundation of Masonry. The evening was enjoyed by every brother, and was enlivened by songs from Bros. Smith, Thomas Whalley, William Booth, James Breen, &c.

STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

THE installation meeting was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Friday, 6th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. F. Crook W.M., who was supported by Bro. R. Pringle S.W. elect, J. Long, Major Williams Treasurer, Major C. W. Williams Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bros. Moyes and Dorey were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Reid and Kipps, who being duly elected were initiated as E.A.'s by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Pringle S.W. was then presented by Bro. Kipps to the W.M., and duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, for the ensuing year. The Officers were then appointed and invested, and the Installing Master delivered the usual addresses. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. W. F. Crook. Bro. Pringle had, he said, advanced step by step through the various offices until he reached his present high position. He asked the brethren to cordially join him in drinking the health of their Master, wishing him prosperity throughout his year of office. Bro. Pringle, in replying, said he could assure them that during his year of office he should do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned to carry out the work properly. All he desired was the support of the brethren, which he was sure he should have. The I.P.M. was then complimented by the W.M., who said that Bro. W. F. Crook had to be congratulated upon a successful year of office. Whatever he had done he had done well, and there was no doubt he would use the same endeavours in the future to benefit the Lodge as he had in the past. The members had signified their appreciation of his services by voting him a jewel, which he had placed upon the breast of Bro. Crook with much pleasure. He had thoroughly deserved that mark of their favour, and the brethren would heartily drink his health and wish him success in the future. Bro. W. F. Crook briefly returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the beautiful jewel, which he should wear, he hoped, for many years to come. The health of the Initiates, the Visitors, Past Masters, Officers, &c., were given and duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a close. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Briggs, Blanchard, Williamson, &c., Bro. Kipps, R.A.M., organist, presiding at the pianoforte.

CATOR LODGE, No. 2266.

THE second installation meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Amongst those present at the installation ceremony, or at the banquet, were the following :—Bros. James Hill W.M., J. E. Fox S.W., R. C. Davis J.W., Edward Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, C. W. Gribble S.D., J. C. Osterstock J.D., S. V. Duren Anley D.C., J. W. Newell Steward, W. Lovelock Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Visitors :—Bros. L. A. Pearce, E. E. Miderston, E. Van Putten, A. Thompson, W. Cooper, R. Voisey, G. Powell, J. L. Lewis, G. Church, M. J. Dickens, D. Grinsted, J. H. Francis, H. J. Lansbury, H. Cooper Willis, H. Kebble, G. Wining Organist 1963, A. E. Scorer, R. Elgar Secretary 1329, G. T. Rait Secretary 2047, W. Briant, T. Reed, T. L. Nye, &c. The Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonial the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. J. E. Fox, was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. James Hill P.G.S.B, the first W.M. of the Cator Lodge, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Fox then proceeded to invest the following Officers :—Bros. R. C. Davis S.W, C. W. Gribble J.W., Dr. Carpenter Treasurer, G. B. Carlton Secretary, J. C. Osterccck S.D., R. C. Scrivner J.D., L. V. D. Anley I.G., J. W. Newell S., R. C. Kline A.S., W. J. Hewett D.C., Wm. Lovelock A.D.C. In the course of the ceremony jewels were presented to Bro. Dr. Carpenter and Bro. G. B. Carlton for the valuable service rendered in their respective offices during the past year. The banquet was well served in the large room of the Railway Hotel, and reflects great credit on the host, Bro. Cakebread. After the cloth had been removed the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft, he warmly eulogised the virtues of Her Majesty, and said the Craft was spread over the entire surface of the globe, and if they acted up to its principles it would extend still more. As its principles and practice extended, the world at large would see that to be a Freemason was to be a better man, a better citizen, a better father, and a better son. If they saw anything wrong in Freemasonry it was no fault of the Craft, but of the individual members themselves. He was quite sure that he spoke their sentiments when he said that to be a good Freemason was to be a good man. The toast was received with honours, and the National Anthem was sung. Next came the toast of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers Past and Present, followed by God bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Hill I.P.M. responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, giving an account of how he had risen in the Craft, and how he had become Provincial Grand Standard Bearer—a small office which he was thankful to receive and hold until he got a better one bye and bye. If those present wanted to rise in the Craft, they must put their shoulder to the wheel. They must do something extraordinary, when they would sure to be noticed and rewarded; but if they jogged slowly along in a quiet pleasant sort of way they would end pretty much as they began. Bro. Grinsted responded on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, tendering his heartfelt thanks for having his name coupled with the toast. He alluded in a facetious way to the hard work of the Provincial Grand Officers, remarking that since he had been in office he had gone to three dinners, attempted to make one speech, and now he was attempting to make another. However, whatever duties he had to perform, he would perform them to the best of his ability. Bro. Hill proposed the health of the W.M., which he characterised as the principal toast of the evening. The brethren had seen a little of their Worshipful

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Master's work that night, but when they came next time they would see how well he would perform the duties devolving upon him. They had seen how well and hospitably the W.M. had laid out the table, and they as Masons, prided themselves upon having such an excellent fourth degree. Sometimes the first, second and third came very quietly, but the fourth degree was a great success. If what they had witnessed that night was a specimen of the Master's work, he thought they might look forward to a very happy year. Knowing what their W.M. was and what he would be, he asked them to drink to his very good health. The W.M., in responding, begged to return his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt it a great privilege to be installed into the chair of King Solomon in the Cator Lodge, and he would endeavour as far as possible to imitate all that was good in the example of the I.P.M., who had had a very heavy year and gone through his work remarkably well. During the whole time it had been their pleasure and privilege to serve under their I.P.M. they had found that he had acted from the best motives and used the best possible efforts for the welfare and success of the Cator Lodge. He was sure that the Immediate Past Master's effort had been fully appreciated by one and all, and during the coming year he (the W.M.) would do his best to imitate his good example, and if at the end of the year they were as well satisfied with his poor efforts as those of their I.P.M. he should feel himself well recompensed. The W.M. then proposed the Installing Master—Brother Jas. Hill, remarking upon the impressive manner in which he had performed his duties that day. His virtues were so well known that it was quite unnecessary for him (the W.M.) to say more upon the subject. He had also to carry out one of the greatest pleasures of the day in presenting Bro. Hill with an Immediate Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge as some slight mark of the appreciation in which they held his services during the past year, and the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. Jas. Hill thanked them very much for the jewel and the way they had received the toast of his health. It was true the work had been arduous during the past year, and they had had many difficulties to overcome, but he had endeavoured to meet them with all the love, harmony and charity he could possibly use. There would be difficulties in all new Lodges, and the W.M. had to consider what was best to be done. He was glad to say that they had as good a set of men in their Lodge as any Master could possibly wish for. He was sorry to hear of the resignation of Bro. Adams, who promised to be as enthusiastic a worker as almost any man in the Lodge. They had grown enormously in the course of the year, having now 39 members as against 19 initiates and ten founders last year. He hoped it would long continue to grow at the same pace, and in after years, when younger members took their place, let them hope that the Cator Lodge would be noted for the good it had done in the cause of charity and love. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. If there was one thing more than another upon which a Mason prided himself it was that he was always ready to give a hearty welcome to the Visitors. Instead of looking upon them as being the obliged party, they were always looked upon as conferring an obligation on the Lodge they visited. There were several Past Masters present, several visiting brethren, several personal friends of his own, and several whom he hoped would become personal friends. As they would not all respond he coupled the toast with the names of Brothers Martin, J. Dickins W.M., F. Cooper Willis, G. T. Rait and Scorer. Brother Dickens, in responding, warmly complimented the W.M. upon the way in which the work had been done that night. Bro. G. T. Rait said it afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present that night. As Secretary of the Beckenham Lodge he need scarcely say that every member of that Lodge took a warm interest in the progress of the Cator Lodge. He could not but remark the wonderful strength, not only numerically, but in the working of the Lodge, which they possessed. It proved to him and to every other member in Beckenham that there was ample room for two Lodges, and he only hoped that the same good feeling which existed at present should exist to all time. He hoped that many members of the Cator Lodge would favour the Beckenham Lodge with their company, and he could not say how much pleasure it would give him and all the other members to extend their brotherly love not only to the Cator Lodge but to all other Lodges throughout the world. Their W.M. had been a personal friend of his own and it was to him that he (Bro. Rait) was indebted for witnessing the ceremonial and being present that night. He thanked them very cordially for the way in which they had received the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Cooper Willis said when he entered that hospitable banquet he looked around and saw so many brethren holding high rank that he flattered himself he should not be called upon to make a speech. But he had laid a flattering unction to his soul, to which he was not entitled. He thought all had been said that could be said by the Visitors who had already replied. It afforded him great pleasure to be able to state that he had known their W.M. for a considerable time, and he fully appreciated not only his ability but his true manliness and kindly disposition. To those who knew their W.M. but slightly he would say, "the more you know him the more you will like him." It was always a great pleasure to himself, and must be to every Mason, to have an opportunity of attending on an occasion of that kind, because it was by such occasions as those that one saw what was meant by a true Mason. He appreciated the admirable manner in which the work had been done by the I.P.M., and he was sure they would have equal pleasure next year when their worthy W.M. installed his successor. Brother Scorer also responded. The next toast was the Past Masters, proposed from the chair, to which Bros. Rose, Hilton, Poysey, and Powell replied. The W.M. next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary of the Cator Lodge. Bro. Carpenter, in responding for himself, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, occupying the position of Treasurer. He could only say that he would carefully take care of any funds which might be placed in his hands, and he hoped that at the close of the ensuing year they would have even a better balance at the banker's than they had at present. During the past year they had had to incur many expenses which would not be incurred again. It would give him much pleasure to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. As they knew he was connected with the other Lodge in Beckenham, and anything he could do in the future to bring the two Lodges closer together he should be pleased to do it. Bro. G. P. Carlton said he felt it a great honour to occupy the position of Secretary, and the work during the past twelve months had been a source of pleasure to him. He believed the Cator Lodge would be a great success. At the beginning of the year they started with a deficiency of £50; this year they started with a balance in hand of £33, and had paid for their furniture and other sundry expenses. He hoped during the coming year there would be a considerable influx of new blood, and that their present balance would be considerably increased. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast, which were duly honoured.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE annual installation meeting of this young but successful Lodge took place on Thursday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the interesting ceremony. Bro. G. T. Edwards W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Marcus S.W., J. J. Judge J.W., Saxelby Treasurer, J. A. Dewsnap Secretary, C. Mussared S.D., W. H. Tomsett J.D., W. J. Noad D.C., E. Piggott I.G., Turle Lee Organist, and Bros. Dr. Lennox Browne P.G.S.W., Rev. W. H. Casely P.P.G.C., Dr. Cock P.G.S., W. J. Crump P.G.S., and Past Masters Walter Martin, J. M. Smith, A. Watson, A. H. Jakins, W. H. Hook, Dr. Richardson, W. Heagerty P.G.S., F. Bevan, C. Sturgeon, W. Price, also the following brethren:—W. C. Smith, W. F. Jules, G. Scott Miller, A. Haynes, J. W. Breeze, T. W. Noad, John Almond, Charles Curtis, E. S. Miller, A. Strugnell, Branley, F. Williams, E. Benfield, W. J. Baker, H. J. Sturgeon, O. H. Cox, A. Thompson, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the installation ceremony was immediately proceeded with, the W.M., Bro. G. T. Edwards, acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Henry Massey as Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. John Almond P.P.G.D.C. temporarily acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Walter Martin P.M. occupied the chair of Junior Warden. Bro. Walter B. Marcus having answered the usual questions and signified his adherence to the obligations of the Craft, was duly installed into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. J. J. Judge S.W., Charles Mussared J.W., W. H. Tomsett S.D., E. Piggott J.D., W. J. Noad I.G., Turle Lee Organist, T. W. Noad and S. Scherer Stewards, E. T. Edwards, the first initiate of the Lodge, being appointed D.C. Bros. H. Saxelby and J. W. Dewsnap were invested as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Bro. Coles was unanimously accepted as a joining member. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large room of the hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Edwards, rose, and in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and called attention to the installation ceremony of twelve months ago, when he, the speaker, was elected the first Master. He trusted that he had upheld the high standard of Masonic work, whereby great results may be obtained. The office had now passed into worthier hands. He was quite sure the interests of the Lodge were perfectly safe. He now gave way to a worthy Mason and esteemed Brother, and he heartily wished him health, wealth, and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, said that if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and do as well as he had done during the past year, he would do very well indeed. He had the honour of being one of the founders, and might well be supposed to have the interests of the Lodge at heart, and it would not be his fault if he did not add somewhat to its popularity, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. Marcus then gave the Installing Master, and said that it was necessary that the Officer who performed this duty should be a worthy Mason, and after the manner in which Bro. Edwards had worked the ceremony no one could doubt but that he had been most successful. He had much pleasure in investing Bro. Edwards with the first Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which on account of the valuable services rendered was of exceptional value, and he trusted the Chough Lodge would soon make its way in the Craft. Bro. Edwards modestly responded, and attributed his success to the great assistance he had received from the whole of the brethren. The thought of his year of office would linger long in his memory, bright as the jewel with which he had been adorned. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, who would be always welcome guests to the Chough Lodge, and their best talent would always be forthcoming for their delectation. Bros. Dr. Richardson, Dr. Cock, and W. Martin responded. The Past Master's of the Lodge were then honoured, to which Bro. Saxelby, the acting I.P.M., and Bro. Edwards replied. The next toast was the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Dewsnap stating the great pleasure it was for him to lend assistance; it was a labour of love, and he was deeply gratified to find that his work had given satisfaction. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The musical entertainment, for which the Chough Lodge is so celebrated, was undertaken by Bros. A. Thompson, Albert James, A. Strugnell, F. Bevan, H. Lester-Brown, and Turle Lee, who very ably presided at the piano.

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THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an admirer of Bro. Binckes, and one who desires to show appreciation of the valuable services rendered by that Brother in the cause of Masonic Benevolence, I am delighted to hear that a meeting of his friends is proposed, in order to arrange that the course of events shall be watched on his behalf. I have long felt it to be very unfair that Bro. Binckes should be left single handed to cope with the numerous committees and organizations springing up all over the country for the one object of attacking him, or at least attacking the principles of which he has long been the responsible head. It appears to me, Bro. Binckes is expected to discharge the duties of his office as efficiently as he has hitherto done, to show the same amount of interest in the affairs of the Institution of which he is Secretary as in years gone by, and all in face of severe opposition, personal insults, and a lack of sympathy which is far from creditable on the part of the Masonic Order.

It is not for me, perhaps, to cast the first stone, but I think that a protest should be offered, even if something stronger is not attempted, to put an end, for the present, to the canvass which is going on on behalf of one or other of the brethren who have decided to offer themselves as candidates for the office now held by Bro. Binckes. I consider it most unbecoming, even indecent, to canvass for an appointment still held by a Mason who, although, perhaps, misunderstood by a few, has won, and still retains, the esteem and regard of the English Craft; and I would suggest that the Committee of the Institution, who, it must be remembered, are availing themselves of Bro. Binckes's services and experience, should spare him the annoyance he must feel in hearing of the "vultures" eager for his post, by announcing that any one canvassing for the appointment before the office is declared vacant shall be ineligible to compete for it. This would not be an illegal proceeding, for in many Charities canvass at *any* time is a disqualification, and surely this little consideration for the feelings of an old and tried servant is not much to ask. Besides this, there are the interests of the Institution to be considered, and is it reasonable to expect that its present Secretary can properly discharge his duties, in face of the annoyance and worry these premature attacks must occasion him? Is it fair to ask a man to make his own coffin, or dig his own grave, when he is yet in the enjoyment of health, strength and energy? and yet this is what the Craft is forcing upon Bro. Binckes. He is retained in his position as Secretary, expected to put every thing in order and make all easy and comfortable for a successor; and it must indeed gall him to hear on every side the claims or the qualifications of this or that candidate for his office. Surely there is enough of decency and love of fairness left in the ranks of the Craft to check the unnecessary, ill-advised, and ill-timed proceedings of these reformers (?)

I am afraid I am digressing from my original intention in writing to you, but while I was thinking what I should say in this letter I read what may be described as the "electioneering address" of one of these candidates, and I felt considerably annoyed at the bad taste such an early publication displayed. But to return, I am informed a preliminary meeting is proposed to be held at the Holborn Restaurant next Thursday, to settle what steps are necessary to be taken by the friends of Bro. Binckes to "watch the case on his behalf." The action of these "friends" need not, nor is it at all likely, to in any way affect the interests of the Institution; on the contrary, it is likely to strengthen it, by putting a check on some of the unseemly riot now indulged in. At the present time the wildest statements may be put forth as truth, and they usually go unanswered, simply because there is no organisation to reply on behalf of the brother principally interested. This, I imagine will be one of the questions to be considered, but beyond it there is another field open for labour—I consider that some steps should be taken to meet the legal and regular resolutions passed in various quarters, in regard to the retiring allowance to be given to Bro. Binckes, if his removal is decided upon. For instance, at a numerously attended meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of West Lancashire, recently held, it was unanimously agreed, so says the *Liverpool Mercury*, "that a sum not exceeding £200 should be suggested to the brethren at the approaching P.G. Lodge meeting, as the retiring allowance of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' Institution."

I do not know on what basis these West Lancashire brethren fix £200 as an adequate pension, but I think that such valuable services as have been rendered by Bro. Binckes should be fairly and properly recognised, and, personally, I do not consider the sum here decided upon is enough. Perhaps a committee of Bro. Binckes's friends might be able to correspond with the West Lancashire representatives, as well as other Provinces where the matter has been officially noticed, and arrange an amicable and unanimous understanding, which would be far better than a severe and stormy discussion when the matter comes forward for actual settlement. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Binckes has many supporters, and if he is not treated properly they will resent it, just as some of the opposition threaten to do if his services are, in their estimation, over valued. In either case, if disagreement is carried to extremes, the Institution will suffer; but if an amicable settlement, in which both sides concede something, is arrived at, all may be well, and the future prosperity of the Charity assured.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

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We have been asked to insert the following circular notice:—

THE OLD MASONIANS

AN ASSOCIATION OF EX-PUPILS OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to enclose you our Third Annual Report and Financial Statement, and at the same time desire to draw your attention more particularly to the objects we have in view.

The Committee cannot but feel that were these objects more fully known among the general body of Freemasons, assistance in furthering the main purpose of the Association would not be wanting, and they would therefore solicit your kindness in submitting these matters to the members of your Lodge.

It is the aim of the Association to extend the works of those whose energies have hitherto been devoted to the efficient maintenance of the School. The education provided being of a sound and practical character, we are naturally solicitous of seeing that education rightly directed and applied.

As there are several lads who, from time to time, leave the Institution without friends to counsel and aid them, we, as an Association, are desirous of assisting in placing them in good and permanent situations, for which by their education they are eminently fitted, and in furtherance of this object, the Committee feel that they cannot do better than to apply to their first friends, and ask them to remember the lads they have assisted to educate, should any opportunity occur, or any vacancy in their respective businesses arise.

I have confidence that this appeal will not be made in vain, and I shall be pleased to correspond with any gentleman on the matter.

On Saturday, 2nd November, a dramatic performance will be given by the members, at St. George's Hall, Regent Street, W., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the formation of a "Benevolent and Grant Fund." The object of this Fund will be (firstly) to assist any Old Boy, who, through no fault of his own, may be in temporary distress; (secondly) to make grants, returnable or otherwise as the Council may determine, to members situated in such circumstances as it is felt would warrant such a course and be deemed advisable and (thirdly) *it is hoped in time* to realize such an amount as will enable the Association to set apart a sum for an annual Scholarship to a pupil of the R.M.I.B., which sum could be used either as a means of further education or for purposes of apprenticeship.

Several members of the Craft have expressed a desire to be more closely connected with the Association, and as the office of Vice-President is open to all Freemasons on payment of a donation of £3 3s, and any Freemason may be elected as Hon. Associate on payment of an annual subscription of 10s 6d, it is hoped that many of our well-wishers will show by practical sympathy their interest in the affairs of the Association.

Trusting we shall receive the support of your Lodge, and feeling sure that our aims will be considered worthy of your encouragement,

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED WATKINS, Hon. Sec.

21 Belgrave Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.
September 1889.

GLEANINGS.

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Ambition, restrained within due limits, may seem to be a wholesome property of life. A desire to excel, to be foremost in the race for earthly honours and rewards, may stimulate exertion and lead to large enterprises. Ambition is a passion, however, which is very likely to break away from control and get the mastery. It is very apt to unite the elements of envy, pride, vanity, covetousness, and other base qualities, so developing a character by no means worthy of commendation, and leading to results that are most repulsive. Well has it been said:—"The nature of ambition is to make men liars and cheats, and hide the truth in their breasts, and show, like jugglers, another thing in their mouths; to cut all friendships and enmities to the measure of their interest, and to make a good countenance without the help of a good will or an honest heart." When this sort of ambition is let loose in the community, and when men thus influenced become prominent in the affairs of any organization, only the worst results can ensue. The root principle of an unhallowed ambition is selfishness.

There is a growing feeling in Toronto that it is about time to call a halt in decorating the walls of the Toronto-street hall with portraits, life-size, of Past Grand Masters. In this democratic country, and in such a democratic Institution as Freemasonry should be, men are often the idols of a passing hour, and then drop into obscurity. There are, however, men of such noble qualities that their names will long be revered, but such men would prefer being remembered for their sterling qualities than by being portrayed on canvas. The portraits may be historical in a way, but when the honest Masonic historian of the future does his duty more than one of the illuminated scraps of history will be objects of contempt.

The length of a Mason's cable-tow is measured by his own standard, and he alone is responsible for that test of judgment.

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The death of the Tyler, Bro. Wilkinson Pool is recorded in 1802, his funeral being attended by the Lodge, and great respect paid to his memory. He was for 31 years Tyler of the Lodge. A fac-simile copy of an inscription on his tomb-stone is included in Bro. Crossley's book. About this time the Lodge suffered other losses through the death of members, among others being Bro. Samuel Lord, who had been a subscriber over thirty-nine years (1763-1802). In 1804 the members attended, with those of other Lodges, the funeral of Bro. Robert Sutcliffe, special services being arranged for the occasion. In 1807 various "lectures" are recorded, and from the minutes they appear to have been appreciated. Several emergency meetings are recorded about this time, at many of which members were "passed the chair," so as to qualify them for the Royal Arch Degree, which appears to have been in favour at the time. It is remarked that "the Lodge at this period was in a most flourishing condition; its members were constantly increasing; and the persons who were admitted were members of society held in high esteem by their fellow townsmen, and who to this day have left their mark in the town and neighbourhood."

As senior Lodge of the district "Probity" appears to have exercised a close supervision of the Lodges at a distance from the Provincial Grand Lodge centre, reporting to that authority on difficulties as they cropped up in the vicinity. A question of selling the warrant of the Loyal Halifax Lodge to some brethren of Heptonstall was one of the matters to which special reference is made under this heading. The members of Probity called an emergency meeting, and summoned the brethren interested in the transfer to attend, calling upon the members of the Loyal Halifax to refund the money paid for the transfer. The whole proceedings were duly reported to the Provincial Lodge, and a petition for the regular removal of the warrant was forwarded. There does not appear to be any record of the result of these proceedings, except that on 11th July 1809 a brother attended as a visitor from the Prince Frederick Lodge, Heptonstall, from which it is inferred the prayer of the petition was granted. An emergency meeting of Probity was held on the 17th July 1809, at Heptonstall, when it appears the local Lodge was regularly established. On this occasion there was an attendance of 113; 57 as Craft Masons, 23 as Royal Arch Masons, and 33 as Knights Templar. A procession was formed, and the whole company attended church, returning therefrom to a "plentiful dinner" at the Stag's Inn. A collection, which amounted to £4 5s 3d was made, 20s of which was given to a poor Mason's widow, while the balance was given to the Minister of Heptonstall, to distribute to such poor persons as he thought proper.

(To be continued).

MAN'S PRE-EMINENCE.

FREEMASONRY emphasizes the dignity of man. It inculcates respect for human nature. It enforces the lessons of Bible revelation that man was appointed to hold pre-eminent position, having both an original capacity and a natural power of development which indicate his masterful relation towards the rest of the animal creation, as well as to material forces and products. David asks the significant question: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that Thou visitest him?" The response comes at once and is most assuring: "Behold Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hand. Thou hast put all things under his feet."

Experience attests the truthfulness of this declaration. It shows man to be a masterful being, who grows more and more so with every passing age and generation. His supremacy over all material things and over all forms of the animate creation becomes more evident as the years go by. Already he has found out many of the secrets of Nature, has laid his strong hand on her laws and forces, to compel these to do his bidding, until he has well nigh conquered the world of matter. He has proven his power in various ways and given clear evidence of the fact that he was created to bear rule.

Much of man's pre-eminence, however, is acquired; he obtains power from a variety of sources—it is not all a birthright gift. His masterfulness depends upon numerous helps and ministries of which he must avail himself if he would take the foremost position to which he may of right aspire. Freemasonry affirms this proposition, while of itself it is a means of culture toward the desired end. It encourages man to strive to make his being robust and productive, and it points to special helps and agencies that are most potent in contributing to fullness of life.

Freemasonry recognises the value of Nature's teachings. It directs attention to the sun, moon, and stars, to the glory of the heavens above, and the order, the movements, the life, the beauty of the earth below, that so there may be both an enlargement and a quickening of human thought. Dull are we, indeed, if we are not constant learners of those material instructors that are all about us—if we do not realise that there are

> "Tongues in trees,
> Sermons in stones,
> Books in the running brook,
> And good in every thing."

Imagination, the poetic feeling, moral sensibility, reverence toward God, faith and kindred qualities, are awakened and strengthened by communion with the outward world, by study of the things that are over our heads and beneath our feet—by contact with the "sweetness and light" of Nature. To learn to see is one of the chief objects of education and life. A man that is insensible to the beauty of the world about him—who hears not its voices of wise suggestion, of delightful harmony and of sweet consolation—will most likely be blind to great facts, and will lack power to reason and to do. Natural scenery and forces—the miracle of beauty that so often repeats itself on this fair earth—hills and mountains, lands and seas, forests and rivers—all are serviceable in educating and in enriching human nature, thus helping man to a noble and more productive existence than else he would have.

Freemasonry appreciates the worth of books, schools, and all the well defined appliances of instruction, in helping man to that larger life which she commends. The liberal arts and sciences find recognition in the Masonic system. Knowledge is recommended to every Mason, not only as being a means of power, but for its own sake. Members of the Fraternity are exhorted to think and study, making use of the best helps that may be within their reach. All this is well. Books and institutions are conducive to that culture of mind which helps a man to assert the masterfulness for which he is designed, and to be useful on the earth. There is a training essential to the largest honour and usefulness, and a part of this culture comes from books, schools, and institutional ministries. The really strong man is grateful for the helps thus afforded.

But this is not all of education or power. The broadest culture of life does not come from books and schools. Men must be instructed in other ways to have the best training, and to gather in their hands the elements of largest power and usefulness. They must touch the pulses of humanity and be quickened thereby; they must open their hearts to the inflowing of generous sentiments, and be sympathetic with the world of life about them, in order to get the best education and acquire that regal power which is most grand and blessed. It is by close fellowship with other hearts and lives that the most of individual strength is developed, that the character becomes symmetrical and attractive, and the life charged with usefulness. It is in the same way, by mixing in the world, bearing a hand in its work, entering into human joys and sorrows with a sympathetic feeling, that the zest of present living is augmented, while the best that is in human nature comes into expression. Blessed is the mission of Freemasonry that it makes some provision for this higher, better life, of the affections and the soul! It recognises man's pre-eminence, and seeks to help him to live nobly and well, according to what are the prerogatives of his being and the trend of his most exalted thought.

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Obituary.

BRO. GERARD FORD.

SOME few weeks back we published particulars of an accident that had befallen this worthy brother, and it is with deep regret we have now to record his death, which occurred at his residence, 58 Marine Parade, Brighton, on Saturday last. Bro. Gerard Ford was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, in succession to Bro. John Henderson Scott, who died in the year 1886, and during the absence of the Provincial Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught may be said to have controlled the destinies of the Province of Sussex. Bro. Ford entered the Masonic Order in 1870, he was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton, and therein he served the office of Worshipful Master. He afterwards joined the Bayons Lodge and the St. Matthew's Lodge in Lincolnshire, and for services rendered to that Province the Provincial Grand Master conferred on him, in the year 1878, the office of Prov. G.S.D. Two years later Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, conferred on Bro. Ford the office of Grand Registrar of the Province, a post which he held until the death of the late Bro. John Henderson Scott, when the Duke of Connaught appointed him his Deputy in the ruling of the Province. Bro. Ford was also associated with several other Craft Lodges. In 1887 he had conferred on him the honour of a Past Grand Deaconship of the Grand Lodge of England. In the Royal Arch Bro. Ford was a member and Past Officer of the Lennox and the Hova Villa Chapters, in Brighton, and the St. Matthew's Chapter, in Lincolnshire. He filled the office of Grand Registrar of Sussex until, on the death of Sir Walter Burrell, he received the appointment of Grand Superintendent of the Province. In the Mark Degree Bro. Ford was a member and Past Master of the Hova Lodge, in Brighton, and was, for some time, Grand Registrar of the Province. On the expiration of Lord Arthur Hill's term of office, Bro. Ford received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the appointment of Provincial Grand Master.

His mortal remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Extra-Mural Cemetery, Brighton, on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral cortège, consisting of a car, five mourning coaches, and several private carriages, left the residence of the deceased at a quarter-past three. At the gates of the Cemetery, which were reached shortly before a quarter to four, a large assembly of Freemasons fell in and headed the funeral procession. The chief mourners were Mrs. Gerard Ford and sister, General Ford and Mr. Wharton Ford (brothers), Rev. Gerard J. Ford, Mr. Thomas Ford, Mr. Letchworth, Mr. C. C. Bailey, Mr. Willoughby Farner, Mr. Cooper, and the Reverend Canon Waugh (Vicar of Saint Mary's, Brighton). The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Waugh. The Psalms were chanted by the choir of St. Peter's Church, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Stanley Cooke, who presided at the harmonium. Previous to the Lesson, the hymn "Gracious spirit, Holy Ghost," was sung; and, after the Lesson, "God moves in a mysterious way." While proceeding to the family mausoleum, which is situated near the church, and contains the remains of the deceased gentleman's first wife, the choir sang the hymn, "For thee, O dear, dear country," and terminated the service with "Lead, kindly light." The coffin, which was of polished mahogany with gilt fittings, was covered with choice wreaths of flowers, and bore the following inscription: "Gerard Ford, born 20th May 1830, died 28th September 1889." Wreaths were sent by the following Masonic bodies: Mark Master Masons of Sussex, Royal Clarence Lodge, Pelham Lodge, South Saxon Chapter, Hever Mark Lodge, Stanford Lodge, Hova Villa Chapter, Earl of Sussex Lodge, St. Cecilia Lodge, Royal Brunswick Lodge, Ockenden Lodge, South Saxon Lodge, and Jerusalem Lodge. Wreaths were also sent by relatives and personal friends. Passing the mausoleum the Freemasons dropped sprigs of acacia on the coffin.

The Lord Mayor elect, Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, is a distinguished Freemason, and Past Master of several Lodges. He now fills the chair of Senior Warden in the Drury Lane Lodge.

MARK MASONRY.

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ELLIOTT LODGE, No. 169.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic-rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, to instal Bro. G. Wilson S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. J. J. Facey the retiring W.M., and H. Langmead P.M. 16. Among the board of installed Masters were Bros. R. Dickson P.M. 76, T. J. R. Chalice P.M. 169, James Gidley P.M. 383, A. Trout P.M. 76, J. Holland P.M. 76, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 35 P.G. Chaplain Eng., S. Jew P.M. 50, J. B. Gover P.M. 50, J. R. Lord P.M. 50, E. J. Knight P.M. 16, W. Allsford P.M. 16, W. Coath P.M. 91, E. Aitken Davies P.M. 96, and Thomas Worledge W.M. 48. The board of installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follow: Bros. J. J. Facey I.P.M., George Gwiney S.W., A. W. King J.W., H. T. C. Tucker M.O., John Williams S.O., A. E. Maddock J.O., Thomas Reynolds Chaplain, D. Cross Treasurer, J. Phillips Reg. of Marks, James Godley Secretary, C. Holmes S.D., W. Powell J.D., N. Page I.G., J. H. Swanton D.C., H. M. C. W. Graham A.D.C., W. H. Bowman Organist, W. H. Chanter, F. Sharpe, John Maunder Stewards, and J. Gidley Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W. G.M.M.M., 1st July 1886, also a tracing board of the Mark Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Dickson, seconded by Bro. J. J. Facey, that Bro. Lemon's presents be accepted. At the close of the Lodge, the brethren—about thirty—adjourned to the refreshment room to an excellent supper, prepared by Bro. Dickson, and under the presidency of the W.M. a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was passed. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to.

DOVE VALLEY LODGE, No. 353.

A VERY interesting ceremony in connection with the above Lodge took place on Monday, the 16th ult., when Bro. Stone W.M. of the Hartington Lodge, Derby, was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The Lodge having been opened in due form by Brother G. M. Bond W.M., the ceremony of advancement was very impressively performed by Bro. A. Woodiwiss. The following Officers assisted in the ceremony:—Bros. W. Prince I.P.M., P. Wallis S.W., J. H. Cooke J.W., W. Davenport M.O., J. T. Marple S.O., W. J. Piper J.O., A. Stubbs S.D., H. Brambles J.D., Wheeldon I.G., and Brown Tyler. In addition to the above, the following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Howell Secretary, T. O. Farmer Treasurer, T. Roe, M.P., G. Fletcher, B. Webster, and Walker. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Green Man, where an excellent supper was provided, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent in connection with Masonry in Ashborne.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 27th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Captain R. J. Vincent P.Z. H. 1329 M.E.Z., G. L. Moore M.E.Z. 169 H., Schadler J., Stone S.E., C. H. Stone S.N., T. Grummant P.Z. P.S., Wingham A.S., Addington M.E.Z. 1275, Warren M.E.Z. Ebury Chapter, H. Martin, Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1369 Treasurer. The Chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of J. was rehearsed by Comp. Grummant, with his usual excellence. The Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, when Comp. Vincent was heartily congratulated for the able way in which he rehearsed the work of M.E.Z., for the first time in this Chapter. Comp. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor announced that he would rehearse the ceremony of installation of Z. (by request) at the next meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE motion for an injunction in the action of Lord Leigh and others v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, to restrain the Defendants from erecting the bridge over the railway at St. John's Hill in such a way as to interfere with the access of the Plaintiffs to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, came on again before Mr. Justice Denman, in the Vacation Court, on Wednesday, but as the parties had not come to terms, as it had been suggested on the former Wednesday they probably would, Mr. Justice Denman refused to fully hear the case, as it would interfere with the other business before the Court, and he, therefore, adjourned the arguments of counsel till Friday.

On Friday, before Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Wilkinson informed his Lordship that both parties in the action of Lord Leigh v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, had come to terms as to the Bridge and Road to be made adjacent to the Institution, and that the Defendants would pay the Plaintiffs fifty pounds and costs.

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BRO. GOULD IN SCOTLAND.

WE must congratulate Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, on the enterprise shown by its esteemed M.E.Z. Comp. Edward Macbean, in carrying on the series of Lectures, now in its third year of unbroken continuity. For the address which inaugurated the cause the Chapter was indebted to no external aid, as it was delivered by the Third Principal; nor, indeed, has it been found necessary to call in outside assistance, for there is still an ample supply of available material for at least the remainder of this session.

Our highly respected Bro. W. J. Hughan (who was exalted in this Chapter, 1865) while on a visit to Bro. Macbean, last summer, was requested to put himself more fully *en evidence* with the Masons of Glasgow, which he most obligingly complied with, and spoke on "Five Centuries of Freemasonry" to an appreciative audience, which completely filled the spacious room secured for the occasion. This Lecture acted as an incentive to Bro. Edward Macbean, who had already done good suit and service on many points of independent Masonic inquiry—notably with regard to our ancient symbolism, a subject on which his colleagues of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge consider he has clearly established a right to figure as an authority—and was thereby encouraged to still greater efforts than those by which he had already been locally distinguished. Among the several subjects treated by Bro. Macbean in his various addresses are the following:—"Notes on the History of Freemasonry;" "Explanations of Masonic Ceremonials;" "Mark Degree versus Mark Custom;" "Early Symbols; "Students' Addresses; "Instructions on the Royal Arch," &c., and numerous discourses at installation and other special meetings.

Following in the footsteps of Bro. Hughan, our equally well-known Bro. R. F. Gould has also paid a visit to the north, as the guest of Bro. Macbean, and in a like manner yielding to the persuasive eloquence of his host, delivered, on the 30th September, an address, of which the following is a brief epitome.

Bro. Gould said, that the period of time, 1717-23, had been termed "the epoch of transition," because in the opinion of many leading authorities, the system of Masonry now possessed (or, in other words, the three degrees of the Craft as they were commonly styled), was then manufactured or concocted. Against this, however, was arrayed the conviction of another set of authorities, who were firm believers in the antiquity of Masonic degrees, and discredited the notion that any alteration had been made by the Grand Lodge of England in the secrets of Masonry, except in what might be termed non-essentials—or, to use words of greater precision, in the method adopted of imparting them.

Thus there were two theories, or schools of thought with regard to the degrees, or as he preferred to call it, the Symbolism of Freemasonry, a wider term, and one which would cover everything done or practised in the Lodges from 1723 onwards, for which (it was alleged) no equivalent was to be found in the doings and practices of the Lodges in existence prior to 1717.

Each of those views or theories had its supporters, and to whichever side the argument might for the moment seem to preponderate, he (Bro. Gould) thought they could not be too careful in recollecting that there was evidence to the contrary.

The time at their disposal would only admit of one side of the question being discussed at that sitting, and he could therefore merely put before them one branch of the case, viz., the arguments that might be adduced in favour of the antiquity of Masonic Symbolism.

The point for their consideration was the following one:—

Was the Symbolism of Masonry an inheritance derived from the old Masons who flourished before the era of Grand Lodges, or had it been borrowed from the Rosicrucians, or others, after 1717?

Or to illustrate still more clearly the line of argument he should pursue:—

Was there ground for supposing that the Symbolism of our present Freemasonry existed in Mediæval times, and that it had decayed, *pari passu*, with the operative Masonry of that period, and come down to them divested of much of its real significancy, as a legacy or inheritance from the working Masons of those early times?

The period of origin assigned by common repute to the institution of Freemasonry was the 13th century, which synchronized with that of the rise of Gothic architecture. The latter, indeed, was for a long time considered as being under the exclusive charge of the Freemasons, though latterly the tide had turned, and the old and popular belief, in any connection between the two, was regarded as the high water mark of credulity.

But a paper by Professor Hayter Lewis—"Scottish Masons' Marks compared with those of other countries,"—read before the British Archæological Association, at its recent session in Glasgow, would be deemed by many persons to have gone a long way towards reinstating the old belief or tradition.

Among the conclusions formulated by the Professor were the following:—

1st. "That certain definite methods of marking the general surfaces of the stones, characterised the Masonry of the style which we call Norman, and that this had apparently a *Western* origin.

2nd. That in the 13th century there was introduced with the Early Pointed Style [a phase of Gothic], an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparently from the *East*.

3rd. That Masons' marks do not appear to have been commonly used in Europe until late in the 12th century.

4th. That some of the most prominent of these marks appear to have been used continuously, from very early times, in Eastern Countries."

It was not too much to say that Masons' Marks which had long been regarded by advanced students as possessing a sentimental value, out of all proportion to their serviceable worth, were now, owing to the research of Bro. Hayter Lewis, shown to be a very important factor in the complicated problem of Masonic history.

After the Early Pointed, came the Middle, or Perfect Pointed Style, known in England by the name of Decorated. After this the finest age of Gothic Architecture was at an end, and it might be said to have gone out in a blaze of glory under the Tudors.

Here was, he thought, a greater probability of the present Masonic Symbolism having existed during the splendour of mediæval operative Masonry than of its having been introduced at any period after its decline.

This was borne out to some extent by the written traditions of the Society, the earliest of which—Regius MS.—dating from about 1425, contained inculcations which were very far removed from the mental range of the operative brethren to whom the Manuscript Constitutions were rehearsed at a later era.

Between the Regius MS. and the earliest of the MS. Constitutions there was a gap of a century and a-half, and both before and during this period there were influences at work which left their mark on the civilisation of the era.

In England, down to the War of the Roses, the hand of the English sculptor had grown still, and the arts had lost their vigour and beauty. But in Scotland, the relapse into comparative anarchy was even greater, owing to the War of Independence.

It was, therefore, a plausible conjecture, and might account to some extent for the simplicity of the Scottish ceremonial, that while in the one instance—Scotland—the ancient symbolism of Masonry had descended to the level of the ordinary artisan; in the other instance—England—more of the old framework still existed?

It was contended by those writers who opposed the view, for which he (Bro. Gould) was supporting, that virtually the symbolism of Masonry as they then had it, was the invention of the "newcomers" into Masonry, *circa* 1721-30. But it was a curious fact that not only did the actual ceremonial of those early days bear witness to its own antiquity, but the fact in question was so accepted by all contemporary critics of the Society.

That point, indeed, he would not favour, but left each brother to determine for himself. It was clear, however, that if the symbolism which prevailed during the first decade of the Grand Lodge of England could be carried back beyond or behind the so-called revival of 1717, an important point—to those who believed in its great antiquity—would have been attained.

Upon the whole, he thought it was very far removed from being an arbitrary hypothesis that the existing symbolism of Masonry had come down, in all its main features, from very ancient times; and that it originated during the shadows of mediæval operative Masonry and not in its decline. Also

That at a period of time, now very remote from our own, much knowledge of all kinds was embodied in mystical figures and schemes, such as were deemed appropriate emblems for its preservation, and that many of these figures and schemes are preserved in Masonry, though their meaning is no longer understood by the fraternity.

At the conclusion of Bro. Gould's address, which was listened to with marked attention, occasionally interrupted by outbursts of applause, the M.E.Z. Bro. Macbean invited a discussion on the many new points advanced by the able lecturer in the thesis which he presented as the result of his most recent contemplations. Among those who responded to the invitation of the M.E.Z. may be noticed more particularly, as space forbids us entering into the *minutiæ* of inquiries which were abundantly presented and as fully disposed of by the lecturer, were Bro. James Crichton Grand Sword Bearer and M.E.Z. No. 1 (Edinburgh), and R. S. Brown Grand Scribe E.

A vote of thanks was warmly acclaimed by the meeting, to which a suitable response was made by Bro. Gould. The proceedings terminated by conferring honorary affiliation on Bro. Gould, as a token of the estimation in which his labours were regarded by the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, the oldest in the Province. When retiring from the Temple the brethren had an opportunity of contributing to the Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, an appeal which was liberally responded to.

LIGHT FROM DARKNESS.

THE REV. HERBERT BOTT, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Northumberland, delivered the following oration at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, held at Hexham, on the 9th ultimo, selecting as his text the words:—"And God said, let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."—Genesis i. 3, 4.

"Without form and void," are the elements of the natural world. They sleep as yet without motion, silent and in disorder.

> "Chaos umpire sits
> And by decision more embroils the fray
> By which he reigns. Next him, high arbiter,
> Chance governs all. Into this wild abyss
> The womb of nature and perhaps her grave,"

—the spirit of God moved—the fiat of the Divine word went forth, and lo! sudden light burst in mid-day splendour o'er the void and formless infinite. Fit and striking emblem of man's spiritual darkness before illumined and quickened by the grace of God. The preacher proceeded to impress upon his hearers the high value they ought to set on that more ineffably glorious and eternal light which comes from the bright and morning Star of redemption, which only could expel the darkness from our souls in which sin and corruption had marked them. To them, as members of their ancient and honourable fraternity, whose predominant wish must ever be for light, and whose eyes must be ever lifted to that bright morning star, whose rising should bring peace and salvation to the faithfu

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and obedient of the human race, this their subject was of peculiar interest. For from what they were taught and instructed in the valued tenets of their Order they saw that Masonry in the most sacred sense was a science of light—a bright beam, a noble and holy system of practical religion which derived its excellence from and would ever direct its children to the first grand lesson of all light—the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. What then, he would ask, was the attitude which they, as Masons, assumed towards their society? Did they embrace and did they estimate it as a mere bond of brotherly union without concern about its internal excellencies, which, if duly practised and studied according to their time and abilities, must help them to be better men? Did they unite themselves with it, or did they behave as if they united themselves with it as a mere society to be desired and followed solely for its exclusive Charity and peculiar mysteries? God forbid! At their initiation they professed to believe, and in the course of their regular advancement they had been subsequently taught and made to know that the principles of their Order were founded upon the never-failing base of revealed light of true religion. And they could not moreover forget how imperatively it insisted upon and prized the daily practice of every moral, social and religious virtue. It was consequently their most serious duty, as professors of this light, to endeavour undeviatingly to comply with its important and solemn obligations. The more indeed they considered and entered into the true spirit of the Craft which had, let him most emphatically repeat it, for its aim the glory of God and the good of mankind, the more will their minds be illumined and their hearts improved by the holy wisdom and virtue which it delighted to cherish and diffuse throughout its members. Nor was it over-colouring the moral beauties of the Order, nor raising it on too elevated a pedestal of superiority, to say of it, in relation to those who enrolled themselves under its banner, that Christianity and infidelity were not more incapable of union than a good Mason and a bad man. The combination of such contradictory characters was as impossible as the agreement of light with darkness. It might be said by the scoffer in the outside world that in claiming so exalted a position for Freemasonry they made it almost a religion, or sought to put it in the place of one. Not so, they made it what the brotherhood who had preceded them in the long vista of ages gone by had made it—the handmaid of religion and the guardian of civilization, and that only. At one time perhaps religion, when persecuted, might have found shelter beneath her handmaid's robe, as false faiths had made themselves identical with the spurious imitations of the science but he would fain wish that the distinction was as carefully drawn by the outer world as it was fully understood and preserved by the brotherhood. And, on the other hand, did they hear the cry that Masonry was subversive to a certain extent of all true religion. How fallacious, when they knew that its object had been from of old to lead men to look to the one great Architect of the Universe—the Author and Giver of all good things. When they could point to the fact that men whose piety and sound faith had been without question, had been found within its ranks, when the good and the holy, the pious and learned bishop, the loved and God-fearing pastor had declared themselves honoured by being addressed as brother. Ages had rolled away after ages, and still the ancient landmarks had never been removed. Persecution in almost every land and every era had been visited, aye, brothers, even as against Christianity itself, upon the brotherhood, and its members had borne the storm bravely,—yes, even to the death by axe and fire. Calumny had been permitted to shoot her many barbed and poisonous shafts against it, but they had fallen blunted before the only weapon presented to their flight—the shield of integrity and truth; and it stood before the world acquitted by universal acclamation of all the grosser charges that had been hurled against it. True it was they were enshrined in an atmosphere of secresy and mystery, but these were sanctioned by the divine author of all light in the religion of their most holy faith. They embraced in the laudable objects of Masonry the promotion of virtue and the increase of human happiness. They rested on the broad altar of Christian principles and devoted loyalty. Masonry, around the reputation of her children, cast a consecrated robe which she forbade her followers to touch, much less tear off with ruthless violence, and when compelled by honour and justice to do so she bade them with a tear of pity, and not a smile of malice, to be merciful, and was not that echoing back the very voice of the Gospel which taught them to speak evil of no man. So the immortal poet and greatest moralist this world beheld instructed mankind—"The quality of mercy is not strained." And no one who was not dead to the nobleness of the human character or insensible to the finest feeling of his nature could hear of or see without just anger and indignation the Christian command and Masonic obligation of unspeakable consequence so wantonly violated as was often witnessed. For the sake, therefore, of all that was lovely and of good report let them as much as laid in them have a conscience void of offence toward man and God. In conclusion, the preacher said:—"Thus walking in the light as 'children of the light,' let us not forget the Mason's moral to go unto perfection; o'er the tesselated pavement of this fleeting and chequered existence, we are fast hastening to the common end of all men, and along the downward track of time we are descending, some more smoothly than others, but all with no less sure and quick transition. Let us, therefore, be not unmindful of the merciful ends of our creation and redemption, to shine as the stars for ever and ever, when raised in glorified bodies from the darkness of the tomb of transgression, we shall be presented by our all-sufficient Conductor before the throne of the Almighty Eternal Master of the Grand Lodge above. If heretofore irresolute and wavering, begin we at once to strive for the mastery and in earnest to ascend the ladder of hope, by the regular and progressive steps of obedience, faith, and love, our Christian as our Masonic course must be steady, gradual, and measured, or an advancement in virtue and godliness will be irregular, uncertain and unsuccessful. Thus we have been already taught in the creation of light and the perfecting of the visible works of God, and even so it is in the spiritual creation of the soul anew. Our increase in holiness if we would grow 'in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,' unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, is step by step, higher and higher, as we are enlightened, strengthened, and improved, until the door of the Grand Lodge of everlasting life opens to receive us in the glorious abodes of immortal light. Oh, that we may all of us, my Masonic brethren, be the blessed partakers of that unspeakable and never-fading glory, and to this end may we remember that we are not our own but bought with a price, and thus mindful that our duty is to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, and let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE 104th anniversary of the above Lodge (the mother Lodge of the Province of Derbyshire) was held on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and was attended by seventy brethren of the town and neighbourhood. The W.M. elect Bro. J. H. Clarke was duly installed by Bros. R. L. H. Mole (the outgoing Master) and T. Carter Wigg, M.D. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. R. L. Horner Mole I.P.M., A. J. Flint S.W., Rev. H. Price J.W., Rev. T. B. Munday Chaplain, W. Naylor Treasurer, E. M'Innes Secretary, H. V. Edmunds S.D., E. H. Claye J.D., M. F. Smith Dir. of Cers., W. H. Marsden Organist, F. E. Taylor I.G., W. H. Wheeldon and J. T. H. Richardson Stewards, W. Stone Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, in the lower hall.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 272.

ON Thursday evening, the 19th ultimo, the brethren partook of a dinner, at Bro. Eloy's, Red Cow Hotel, Boston, to celebrate in an informal manner the granting of the charter by the Grand Lodge of England in August 1779. Bro. C. Lucas W.M. presided, and Bro. W. Appleton occupied the vice chair. The usual Loyal Masonic and complimentary toasts were honoured.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 324.

ON Thursday, 12th ult., at the Wellington Hotel, Stalybridge, a most pleasing ceremony took place after the usual business of the Lodge had been completed. This was the presentation of an illuminated address, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Brother Wm. Robert Batchelor. Bro. Henry Hall, who is now the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, made the presentation, and in doing so spoke of Bro. Batchelor's sterling worth, of his past labours for the Lodge, and of his strict devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, for a period of more than 25 years. After having spoken at some length Bro. Hall concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour done him in asking him to make the presentation. Bro. Batchelor, who had received no hint of what was to take place, thanked the members for their goodwill towards him.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 345.

ON Thursday, 19th instant, at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, Mr. W. H. Burnett was formally initiated a member. Bro. T. W. Gregson is the W.M. of the Lodge, and Mr. Burnett was elected on the proposal of Bro. Scott P.M., seconded by Bro. Holt P.M.

DE OGIE LODGE, No. 636.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, when Bro. Jacob Barker was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Ralph Crawford. After the installation the following were invested by the W.M. as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Crawford I.P.M., T. W. Middlemiss S.W., C. H. M. Robson J.W., Rev. G. Robinson Chap., A. M. Loades P.M. Treas., R. H. Dickenson P.M., Secretary, T. Appleby S.D., J. R. Turner J.D., W. Davidson P.M., Director of Ceremonies, J. R. Barker Organist, J. Wormald I.G., Thomas Dick and A. Foster Stewards, E. Ashton Tyler. In the evening the brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Queen's Head Hotel (Mrs. Bowman's), the W.M. Bro. J. Barker presiding. Bros. Barker, Whitehead, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

ON Tuesday, 24th ult., in the presence of a numerous assembly of members of the Lodge and visitors, Bro. W. W. Sandbrook was, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The retiring Master of this flourishing Lodge, which ranks fifth amongst the whole of the 95 Lodges of the Province of West Lancashire in the amount contributed to the cause of charity, is Bro. H. Round, who has discharged his duties with ability and tact, and was on Tuesday presented by his brethren with a Past Master's jewel and two diamond rings—one for himself and one for Mrs. Round—as a token of their esteem and regard. His successor in the chair should have been the late Bro. E. H. Allen, who fulfilled the duties of Senior Warden with marked success, and whose accession to the chair was looked forward to as an event which would ensure as efficient a discharge of the duties as could be desired by the most exacting. However, Dr. Allen was removed by death, in May last, and the appointment of a successor became necessary. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, who is a Past Master of the Lodge, was at the last assembly of the brethren nominated and duly elected to the chair, and the ceremony of installation was performed

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by Bro. H. Round I.P.M., the presenting Officers being Bro. J. B. M'Kenzie and Bro. Lindo Courtenay. The visiting brethren present included Bros. Foote P.P.G. Treasurer, H. H. Smith P.P.A.G.D.C., T. H. W. Walker P.P.G. Treasurer, J. I. Callow P.P.G. Treasurer, B. W. Rowson P.P.G.S.W., T. Clarke P.G.R., J. Gordon P.M. 448 S.C., S. Mattinson P.P.G.S., Lawton W.M. 220, Edward R. Latham W.M. 594, F. A. Withey P.M. 1299, H. Hatch P.M. 220, F. F. Foulkes P.M. 292, J. Humphreys P.M. 724, J. Ashley P.M. 1356, W. Lamb P.M. 979, B. M. Bannatyne S.W. 216, T. Lowton J.W. 2042, and H. H. Smith S.D. 1730. After his installation the Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. H. Round I.P.M., J. Fineberg S.W., J. H. Light J.W., H. Heard Secretary, J. L. Shrapnell Treasurer, A. Mein S.D., A. E. Workman J.D., Eaton Batty I.G., Josef Cantor Organist, Barry Stuart S.S., J. Heginbotham J.S., George Clarance A.S., E. Graham A.S., W. Savage P.M. Director of Ceremonies, and W. H. Ball Tyler. The ceremony of installation and investiture concluded, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. Vines. The usual toast list was gone through, but an especial feature was made of that pledging the health of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, on account of the fact that the Dramatic Lodge was on Wednesday of last week honoured by the appointment of one of its Past Masters for Provincial Grand honours at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Barrow-in-Furness, and presided over by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. In proposing the toast and coupling with it the name of Bro. Josef Cantor, the brother so signally honoured, the W.M. referred to Bro. Cantor in felicitous terms, dwelling upon his ability alike as a Mason and as a musician. He was sure that his appointment as Provincial Grand Organist would be amply justified, and that Bro. Cantor, who had acquitted himself so well as Master of that Lodge, would discharge his new duties with equal tact and efficiency. Bro. Josef Cantor suitably responded, remarking that he looked upon the appointment more as an honour to his mother Lodge than to himself personally. An excellent miscellaneous programme was contributed to by Bros. E. Edwards, N. F. Burt, J. Heginbotham, T. Shaw, L. Courtenay, R. Baxter, H. G. Round, H. Randall, and Josef Cantor, by whom the accompaniments were ably supplied. Bro. T. Shaw delighted all present with his charming violin solos, and a very interesting and pleasing musical selection, which constituted the chief feature of the programme, was contributed by Bros. Josef Cantor (piano), T. Shaw (violin), H. G. Round (cornet), and R. Baxter (clarionet).

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A VERY successful gathering of the brethren of the above Lodge was held at Ladbroke-hall, on Saturday, the 21st ult. Present Bros. Barclay W.M., Norman S.W., Oliver J.W., Barker Treasurer, Read Secretary, Wiggins S.D., Freeman J.D., Mackay I.G., Walter, Williams, Taylor, Wakeham Steward, Turner, J. G. Taylor, W. Taylor, W. Neville, J. H. Neville, Davies, Fitzpatrick, &c., &c. Visitors: Bros. Snelling, Jubal Webb, Cama Past Grand Treasurer, Sparrowhawk, Hubbis W.M. 858, Sims, Heath, Mayne, and Gotlin. Bro. Norman was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Oliver S.W., Wiggins J.W., Freeman S.D., Mackay J.D., Kirk I.G., Wakeham and Fitzpatrick Stewards. Bro. Norman afterwards initiated his son, Mr. Francis Norman, into Freemasonry. A banquet followed, when the usual toasts incident to the Craft were duly honoured, Bros. Cama, Snelling, Jubal Webb, Sparrowhawk, Hobbis, and Trait responding on behalf of the visiting brethren. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out, under the direction of Brother Oliver.

GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, the 12th ult., when Bro. T. W. Porter was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Sibert Saunders, the retiring W.M. The new W.M. invested Bro. S. Saunders as I.P.M., and appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—Brothers E. G. Waldhew S.W., F. Browning J.W., the Rev. H. M. Maughan Chaplain, A. Anderson Treasurer, J. Wood Secretary, W. London S.D., A. W. Southwell J.D., F. A. Johnson Organist, Bruce Lightfoot D.C., A. Harrison I.G., M. Kemp and C. M. Driffield Stewards. The usual banquet was held, after Lodge, at the Assembly Rooms, and was attended by a large number of home and visiting members.

PROFICIENCY BEFORE ADVANCEMENT.

IT has always been wisely provided by the Craft, that except under such extraordinary circumstances as justify a Dispensation, the three degrees of Freemasonry should *not* be conferred on one and the same evening. At least one month must intervene between the conferring of the several degrees. The reasons for this regulation are numerous, but we purpose referring now to but one, and that is: the Craft designs that every Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, *before* he is advanced, shall become reasonably familiar with that portion of the mystery which was taught him in the preceding degree. To accomplish this, time and instruction are necessary. Freemasonry is both a science and an art, and it requires attention and study to master it. If it did not, it would be empty of meaning, and unworthy of any intelligent person's regard. But it is *because* it includes instruction of the highest importance to the initiate, that the Fraternity provides, in its organic law, that he shall show proficiency in the preceding degree before he receives advancement to a higher one.

The "Ahiman Rezon" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provides as follows upon this subject:

"It is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft, by examination in the Lodge, before he be advanced."

While some of the Lodges in this jurisdiction to our own knowledge have heeded this recommendation, we have reason to fear that the majority have not. Because it was "recommended," but not absolutely required, they appear to have regarded it as a matter in which they had an option, and the result is, that every year an army of initiates is introduced into the Masonic world without any qualification for constituting an intelligent portion of our ancient and honourable Craft, which is thus dishonoured by its own members.

How many Masons cannot visit a Lodge unless they are vouched for? How many can barely enter, when in a foreign jurisdiction, and thus reflect discredit upon their mother jurisdiction? Pennsylvania creditably leads, in most respects, the jurisdictions of the globe; none are truer to the all-important Ancient Landmarks, and the time-honoured usages and customs of the Craft; but in this matter of examination in open Lodge of a candidate before advancement, we have been sadly deficient, and it is time to turn over a new leaf, and comply with the plainly-expressed recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon."

Consider what is the ground of this recommendation, It is of primary importance, because it refers to the very A, B, C, of Masonry. If the groundwork be not learned, it will be vain to expect any superstructure to arise thereon. A merely nominal Master Mason, who is not proficient in the preceding degrees, is not fit to be a member of the Lodge, nor to perform any of its duties. He is a profane in everything except the name. For all the advantage his initiation and advancement can be to him he might as well have saved his money. He is a drone in the Masonic hive, an ignoramus in our school of knowledge, unskilled in the mystery and unfitted for visiting abroad or holding office at home. Until he supplies this radical defect in his Masonic education he is a cipher in the Lodge. If he remain a cipher he soon necessarily loses his interest in Masonry, he becomes a rare attendant at Lodge, careless with regard to the payment of his dues, and ultimately is either suspended or becomes a non-affiliate.

Now look on the other side of the picture. The Lodge in which a candidate is made, *heeds* the recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon," to "require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft by examination in the Lodge before he is advanced," and the result is, that the Brother becomes at once *interested* in Freemasonry. He is given something to learn, and he learns it. And then he desires to learn more, and to fully understand all that he has learned. He soon comprehends *how much* there is in Freemasonry. It broadens out like a sea before him. He realises that it is indeed a mystery, and that it will repay a life-long study. What is it that attaches the affections of a Brother to Freemasonry through three-score years? It is not the mere fact that he has been initiated in the Craft, but it is his progress in Masonic knowledge, his apprehension of the entire scope of the Fraternity—its interesting history, its connection with the science of architecture, its lofty symbolism, and its stimulating knowledge in many directions. These are some of the charms which inseparately and visibly connect the enlightened, the educated, those honoured by the world in its several stations, with our Fraternity, and without these we should lack the long continued support and countenance of our most reputable members. The Lodge which absolutely requires proficiency in its candidates before advancement, takes a long look ahead, and provides for the making of Masons that *are* Masons, and members that never forsake the Craft. It secures Brethren competent to fill, at a moment's notice, any place or station in the Lodge; and it and it alone performs its duty at once to the Grand Lodge and to its own members. We invite the earnest attention of Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction to this subject, and their cordial co-operation in fulfilling the recommendation of the "Ahiman Rezon."—*Keystone*.

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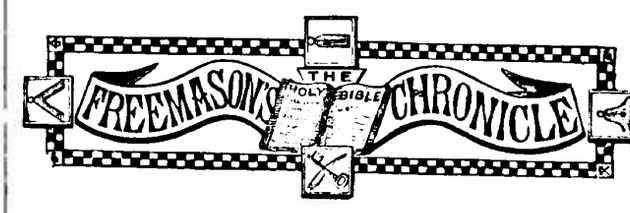
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Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chiselhurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KENDLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.
The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.
Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.
Bro. Alderman FARNCOMBE, Prov. G.J.W. Sussex, *East Sussex News* Office, Lewes.
Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.
Bro. C. F. PANDOR, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. R. J. ALBERY, 1362, S.D. 1928, 24 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.
Bro. THOS. C. SUMNER, *Yorkshire Post* Office, Leeds, No. 1211.
Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL, P.M. 87, P.M. and Secretary 1928, 16 Ann Street, Union Square, Islington, N.
Bro. H. MASSEY, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928, 93 Chancery Lane, W.C.
Bro. J. C. DUCKWORTH, P.M. 1928, *Liverpool Courier* Office, 81 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. W. T. PERKINS, J.W. 1928, *Manchester Courier* Office, 27 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. A. F. ASHER, P.M. 1395, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.
Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
Bro. W. R. PITT, 1928, *Press Association*, Wine Office Court, E.C.
Bro. JAMES WILLING JUN., V.P., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1987, and 1319, P.Z. 1000, 1507, 2048, P.A.S. Middlesex, &c.
Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 180, 431 Brixton Road, S.W.

Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.



SATURDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 1889.

PROV. G. LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire held its autumn meeting on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Lodge of Rectitude, Rugby. Lord Leigh Provincial Grand Master presided. There was a good attendance of Officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and brethren of the Province. Lord Leigh invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting next year at Leamington. The members marched in procession to the School Chapel, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand

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Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Boughton Leigh. The collection for the Charities realised £12. The procession was re-formed and returned to the Lodge, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Eagle Rooms, Lord Leigh presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

PROV. G. LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

FOR the second time since its foundation, in 1867, the Tenby Lodge had the honour on Wednesday, the 25th ult., of welcoming the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of South Wales under its banner. In consequence of the large number of the brethren that assemble on such occasions the Masonic room in South Parade was deemed too small for the carrying out of the business, and consequently the Grand Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Royal Gate House, Tenby, which were properly fitted up for the occasion. The members of the Tenby Lodge assembled at eleven o'clock, and the Lodge being tyled, was soon afterwards opened by Bro. A. H. Brookman W.M. and his Officers. Preparations were speedily proceeded with for the due reception of the Right Worshipful Brother Lord Kensington Provincial Grand Master, and his Officers. At noon precisely they were announced, and received by the brethren in the manner customary on all such occasions. Among those present were :—

Rev. W. Lyte Stradling P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Richards P.P.G.S.W., J. G. Lock P.P.G.S.D., R. Lock P.P.G.P., C. W. R. Stokes P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Rowlands P.P.G.O., J. A. Jenkins P.P.G.A.D.C., J. H. Thomas P.P.G.O., A. T. Lewis P.P.D.C., F. E. Remfrey P.G.P., J. Marsden Prov. G.S.W., Charles F. Harrison P.G.C., W. Lewes P.P.G.P., C. S. Allen P.P.G.A.P., J. W. Coram P.P.G.D.C., S. Allen P.P.D.C., Aaron Stone P.P.G.S.W., Rev. C. B. Brown P.P.G.C., R. W. Genese Prov. G.S.W., A. Trayler P.P.G.J.D.; Bros. A. H. Brookman, John Leach, F. E. Wade, Lionel R. Wood, J. B. Hughes, George James, O. W. Rowland, G. Rowe, John Evans, H. Williams, T. Gibbon, W. Lewes, M. Matthias Thomas, James Truscott, all of 1177; Bros. Edward Ellis 474, W. F. Adams 40, A. F. M. Custance 357, John May 467, W. Durnford 1295, W. C. Harries 1748, W. R. Edmonds, J. Henderson 990, H. A. Jones-Lloyd 378, P. H. Treweeks 1748, G. B. Sketch 378, and nearly 40 other brethren from the Lodges in the Province.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected, after which the Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Bro. R. W. Genese 1072	...	Senior Warden
A. H. Brookman 1177	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. F. Harrison 464	...	Chaplains
Rev. J. M. Griffith 1072	...	
Geo. J. Hearder 476	...	Treasurer
Thomas Walters 476	...	Registrar
John James 464	...	Secretary
Arthur Trayler 378	...	Senior Deacon
W. B. Roderick 671	...	Junior Deacon
George Jones 1748	...	Supt. of Works
Samuel J. Allen 990	...	D.C.
James Williams 366	...	A.D.C.
William Robinson 1748	...	Sword Bearer
George Edwards 378	...	Standard Bearers
Edward Hicks 990	...	
W. H. Sales 1177	...	Organist
J. A. Davies 2001	...	Pursuivant
D. Williams Rees 671	...	Assist. Pursuivant
Geo. Bowen 464	...	Tyler
Lionel Wood 1177	...	Stewards
Charles Jones 476	...	
J. B. Gaskell 366	...	
William Milne 378	...	
R. Geddes Smith 1072	...	

A cordial and hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. J. Beavan Phillips, Llanelly, P.M. 671, Charity Commissioner, and Bro. Aaron Stone P.M. 671, Assistant Charity Commissioner, for their valuable services and zeal on behalf of Masonry in the Province, and Bro. Aaron Stone was unanimously elected Charity Commissioner. The Committee recommended that the thanks of the Province be given to Bro. F. E. Remfrey 1177, in recognition of his services as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past year, and that Bro. F. E. Remfrey 1177 be elected to represent the Province as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the year 1890. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. The brethren then proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, when evensong was sung, at 1·15, by the Rev. Nool Hunt. A banquet followed in the Public Hall, provided by Bro. J. B. Hughes.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the National School-rooms, Wareham, under the banner of the Lodge of Unity, No. 386, Wareham. The R.W. Montague J. Guest Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by

Bros. W. E. Brymer D.P.G.M., W. J. Fletcher P.S.G.W., W. H. Bond P.P.S.G.W. acting as P.J.G.W., Rev. W. C. Browne P.G. Chaplain, S. R. Baskett P.P.G.Reg. acting as P.G.Reg., R. Case P.G.Sec., F. Budden P.P.G.D.C. acting as P.G.D.C., E. Tinsley P.G. Sword Bearer, R. Toleman P.G. Pursuivant and F. Long P.G. Tyler. Among the Past Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. L. H. Raegg, G. J. G. Gregory and J. W. Luff P.P.S.G. Wardens, J. S. Webb, C. W. Parkinson, G. J. T. Brady and J. Whitehead Smith P.P.J.G. Wardens, Rev. T. Russell Wright P.P.G. Chap., Polly Hooper P.P.G. Reg., H. A. Lawton P.P.S.G.D., C. Yearsley and J. Lowe P.P.J.G. Deacons, T. Giles and W. H. Kirbey P.P.G.Supt.Works, Zillewood Milledge and J. E. Stroud P.P.G. Dirs. of Cers., R. Cox, T. S. Farnell and J. W. Tribbett P.P. Assist. Dir. of Cers., with a large assemblage of brethren, all the Lodges in the Province being represented.

After the roll of the Lodges had been called, and the minutes of the last meeting duly confirmed, Bro. W. C. Browne W.M. 386 Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered a short but very impressive oration, which was listened to with great attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him. The Provincial Grand Master, according to his usual custom, then addressed the brethren on the state and progress of the Craft, and the general business of the Province. He commenced by alluding to the annual return furnished by each Lodge of the work done, and was glad to find how much had been done by the W.M.'s themselves. He had recently obtained a picture of R.W. H. R. Willett, formerly Provincial Grand Master, and had had a number of copies prepared and framed, and hoped each Lodge would accept a copy from him. Alluding to the general state of the Craft, he commented at some length upon the inquiry into the state of the Boys' School, and gave a résumé of the report of the Committee of Investigation, reading extracts from the report, and expressed his opinion that the Provincial Grand Lodge should pass some resolution, showing their feeling on the subject. After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved :—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express its complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of the Committee of Investigation appointed to inquire into the management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and is strongly of opinion that the recommendations made by that Committee should be carried out."

The Provincial Grand Master then moved :—

"That the hearty thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to W. Bro. Zillwood Milledge P.P.G.D.C. and Bro. Sidney Spark Milledge for their generous gift of a Fire Proof Safe for the use of Provincial Grand Lodge."

This was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his address, and for his generous gift of the copies of R.W. Bro. Willett's portrait was also carried unanimously. The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. D. Thornton, who was unavoidably absent, were then passed, showing a balance of £134 1s 6d in hand. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Brymer D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Rev. T. Russell Wright, Bro. R. D. Thornton was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The report of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee was then received and adopted. Bro. S. R. Baskett P.P.G. Registrar announced that in addition to his list as Steward for the Province at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. N. Howard had gone up as Steward for the Rutland Lodge, and Bro. C. J. Freeman had also been collecting for the same Institution, with a total result that some £240 had been collected, and he asked to be appointed as Steward to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Boys' School, which, on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, was unanimously done. The report of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity was then presented by the Hon. Sec., Bro. S. R. Baskett, and showed that the Charity was still gaining ground, the number of subscribers in 1888 having increased to 251 from 167 in 1887. He also announced the amounts received from each Lodge to date for the current year. The Provincial Grand

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Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bro. Polly Hooper 170	...	Senior Warden
C. Yearsley 386	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Edward G. Austen 1367	...	Chaplain
R. D. Thornton (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
Freeland Filliter 386	...	Registrar
R. Case (re-appointed)	...	Secretary
J. G. C. Best 386	...	Senior Deacon
F. A. Sharp 137	...	Junior Deacon
J. S. Stroud 417	...	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Ingram 1168	...	Director of Ceremonies
James Pope 1146	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
B. A. Hogg 417	...	Sword Bearer
Alfred Reynolds 170	...	Organist
A. Wilkins 1266	...	Pursuivant
R. Smith 137	...	Stewards
G. C. Filliter 386	...	
G. A. Samson 707	...	
W. Smith 170	...	
H. C. B. Frampton 622	...	
C. J. Freeman 1037	...	
F. Long 707	...	Tyler

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the brethren of 386 for their labours in arranging for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; to Mrs Rodgett and the managers of the Wareham National Schools for their kindness in giving the use of the School Buildings; and to the Visitors, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to a capital banquet, at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge for Shropshire was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry, at which Sir Offley Wakeman Provincial Grand Master presided, and amongst the brethren present were

Bros. R. Venables D.P.G.M., J. T. W. Claridge P.G. Chaplain, C. L. Crump P.G. Treasurer, E. A. Hicks P.G. Registrar, W. H. Spaull P.G. Secretary, H. Roberts P.G.J.D., F. Whitefoot jun. P.G.D.C., C. A. Manning P.G.S.B., W. Bolton P.G.O., A. S. Townsend P.G.A. Secretary, J. Avery P.G.A.P., George Bonner Tyler, T. Bennion P.G.S., W. Westcott P.G.S., T. C. Bird P.G.S., W. Major P.G.S., Colonel George Gordon Warren P.P.G.S.W., J. H. Redman P.P.G.J.W., H. C. Clarke P.P.G.R., Rev. J. P. Meredith P.P.G.C., George Owen P.P.G.S.W., J. Brayn P.P.G.S., J. Macklardy P.P.G.S.W., T. Roberts P.P.S.D., N. Putman P.P.G.D., R. Lewis P.P.G.R., J. England P.P.G.S., J. H. Parsons P.P. Assist. G.S., R. Lewis P.P.G.R., C. K. Benson P.P.G.D.S. North Wales, J. H. Cookrey P.P.G.R., E. J. Webb A.D.D.C., H. Millington P.P.G.D., R. N. King P.P. Superintendent of Works, W. Lascelles Southwell P.P.G.W., W. E. Harding P.P.J.W. North Wales.

After the transaction of the formal business, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Roff King	...	Senior Warden
John Avery	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Lucas, LL.D.	...	Chaplains
Rev. R. Trevor Owen	...	
V. C. C. Crump	...	Treasurer
H. G. U. Elliott	...	Registrar
W. H. Spaull	...	Secretary
William Belton	...	Senior Deacon
S. Bennion	...	Junior Deacon
A. S. Townsend	...	Superintendent of Works
Thomas Whitefoot jun.	...	Director of Ceremonies
H. Major	...	Assistant Director of Cers.
F. Chubb	...	Sword Bearer
W. Westcott	...	Standard Bearers
Major T. C. Bird	...	
Horace Southwell	...	Organist
Walter J. Ogg	...	Assist. Secretary

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Wynnstay Hotel, where a first-class banquet had been provided. Sir Offley Wakeman presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially honoured.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, will resume work on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5·30 p.m.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—Notwithstanding the splendid reception given to Mr. Irving's latest revival—The Dead Heart—we do not anticipate the work will secure a long run. Mr. Irving has undoubtedly brought to bear the full measure of his vast experience, and the stage pictures he has set before his patrons will bear favourable comparison with any of his previous productions. Still there appears to be a something wanting in the conception of the play that will assuredly assert itself, and after a while the desire to see the favoured actor in an essentially new character will exhaust itself, and a change of programme will be the result. We can well understand Mr. Irving's motive in selecting "The Dead Heart" for revival. The part of Robert Landry is associated with the name of one of the most emotional actors the English stage has ever produced, but the tastes of the playgoers have materially changed since the days when the late Benjamin Webster was in high favour with habitués of the theatre. Moreover, the play is stilted in its character; there is a lack of motif throughout; and we can scarcely realise how even so crafty and ingenious a scoundrel as the Abbé Latour could for so many years sway the destinies of those whom he has made his dupes. His boasted love for Catherine Duval counts for nought when we find him ready to transfer her to the arms of his rival, the Count de St. Valéry, and however much we may be inclined to favour Cathorine, we cannot dismiss from our minds the fact that she is something of a flirt, and is readily consoled for the loss of Robert by her acceptance of the hand of St. Valéry. Still, it is almost too late in the day to be captious as to the plot of a piece that has retained its admirers for a period of thirty years. Mr. Irving has revived the play, and it is of this revival we have now to write upon. As many of our readers may remember, "The Dead Heart" was written by the late Mr. Watts Phillips, but it has been revised by Mr. Walter H. Pollock, and is now produced with that strict regard to detail that characterises all Mr. Henry Irving undertakes. This gentleman's presentment of the crushed and heart-broken sculptor will long be remembered by those who may have the opportunity of witnessing it. To Mr. Bancroft has been entrusted the part of the Abbé Latour, but finished actor as that gentleman unquestionably is, we noticed a certain "ponderosity" about his assumption that left a regret that the light and airy David Fisher was not still with us. The staunch-hearted friend Legrand is manfully portrayed by Mr. Arthur Stirling, and Mr. Haviland does the best he can as the St. Count de Valéry. The male parts, however, when we except Landry and Latour, are not strong ones, and we are willing to concede that it is not possible to make more of them; while the eccentricities of Poupot (Mr. E. Righton) smack too much of what used to be called "carpenter's scenes" for an era when mechanical scenery is all the rage. As Catherine Duval Miss Ellen Terry has but few opportunities, but when opportunity does serve this lady never loses it. Messrs. W. Telbin, Hawes Craven and J. Harker are responsible for the scenery, which is of the highest order. The incidental music reflects great credit on Mons. Jacobi, the composer; while Mr. W. H. Margetson and Mrs. Comyns Carr have done all that they could in fashioning the dresses to the instructions of Mr. Joseph Grego.

Opera Comique.—Major George Cockle, a distinguished amateur who has taken the degree of Bachelor of Music at Oxford, presented last Wednesday his romantic opera, in three acts, entitled "The Castle of Como." It is our old friend "The Lady of Lyons" set to music, and, after the manner of serious opera, the dialogue is carried on in recitative. The libretto, by Mr. Charles Searle, is arranged with considerable ability so as to embrace the principal details of the story, and commences with the marriage of Pauline and the "Prince of Como;" then follows the scene in Widow Melnotte's cottage, while the third act of the opera closely portrays the fifth act of the play. The music throughout is melodious and attractive, though it would be difficult to fix the particular school adopted, and reflects great credit upon the composer. The orchestration is rather noisy, and the "soul-stirring drum" somewhat over emphasised in parts, while the orchestra itself is too large for so small a house. The second act is decidedly the strongest, the principal morceaux in which are the Widow's cheery song, the confession of Claude, the villagers' chorus, which dies away in the distance, and final quartette for soprano, tenor, baritone and bass. Melnotte's song in the last act should become popular, and the dance music is appropriately light and pretty. Most of the artistes engaged have made a reputation in the concert room, and in time will become more at ease in their respective characters. The Pauline, who is here of a more affectionate nature than Bulwer Lytton's disdainful beauty, is Madle. Rosina Isidor. Mr. Cadwalader has a capital voice, but requires stage training. Mr. Leo Stormont is satisfactory as Beauseant, and Mr. Donnell Balfe achieved a distinct success as Damas, while Miss Amy Martin makes a charming Widow Melnotte, and Mr. Henry Pope adequately fills the part of Deschapelles. The stage arrangements are well designed, but the actual realization of the Castle of Como that takes place in the first act should be omitted; it is certainly not required, and tends unnecessarily to delay the action of the piece at an important moment. Major Cockle was called for at the termination of the opera, but it was stated he was not present, and the manager said he would communicate to him the success of his work as soon as possible.

A new farcical comedy, in three acts, entitled "The Bungalow," by Mr. Fred Horner, will be produced at Toole's, on Monday. The following are in the cast:—Messrs. Chas. Glenny, Yorke Stephens, Compton Coutts, Fred Kaye, the Misses Sallie Turner, Helen Forsyth, Cissy Grahame, Vane Featherstone, Cicely Richards, and M. A. Gifford.

"Caste" will be revived at the Criterion to-night (Saturday), when a capital presentment is anticipated.

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BISHOP BAGSHAWE AND FREEMASONRY.

CARDINAL MANNING, on Sunday the 29th ult., reminded his flocks in London and throughout the extensive Roman Catholic diocese of Westminster that certain days of the current week are to be given up for special devotions for the intentions of his Holiness the Pope. The Holy Father has himself ordered the reading in the vernacular of an allocution against what is called the "sacrilegious outrage" on the Christian faith by the erection in Rome of a statue to Giordano Bruno, the Pantheist, whom Leo XIII. describes as "a man of a depraved heart and perverted abilities." Dr. Bagshawe, Bishop of Nottingham, has forestalled Cardinal Manning in exhorting those in his diocese to make reparation for "the awful outrages lately committed at Rome against Almighty God, when the statue of an impious and impure Atheist was publicly set up and honoured there by delegates from all parts of the world, when hymns were sung in honour of Satan, and the banner of the arch fiend, represented as triumphing over the church of God, was openly displayed." "This was," says the bishop, "a public proclamation of the audacious attempt, inspired by the powers of hell, and long secretly intended, utterly to destroy Christianity, and the Holy Catholic Church. The Holy See itself assures us that 'the dark society of Masons is striving to overthrow the Kingdom of Christ on earth by various and manifold schemes, plots, and arts,' and that 'to prepare the way for that overthrow, the design was begun and perfected to obtain possession of the City of Rome'; and lastly, that 'the leaders of the hostile sect have now declared by word and deed what was their ultimate object in taking the City; by deed, when they wished the Holy City to witness the honours by which they extolled the crimes and obstinacy of an impure apostate; by word, when by the voice of their leaders they declared openly that they were inaugurating by those solemnities a new religion, in which setting aside the dominion of the immortal God a divine worship is given to the reason of man.'" Dr Bagshawe says the assault that is thus being carried on against the Church is so urgent and terrible that the Pope assured them that his liberty and dignity in the discharge of his apostolic office have already been grievously diminished, and that his person was not exempt from fear and danger. Catholics were bound to open their eyes "and those of others to the danger to which religion and faith are exposed because of that sect of Freemasonry, which, assailing the unwary with craft and insidiousness, exerts all its powers against the Roman Pontiff. We are bound to remember, and to warn all those who depend upon us, of the obligation we are all under, to oppose that sect, to avoid these conspiracies, and to defend and strenuously bear witness to the Catholic faith both by word and work."—*Nottingham Daily Express.*

By the fire that occurred last week at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, two Lodges, viz, Freedom, No. 77, and Sympathy, No. 483, are rendered temporarily homeless. The greater part of the Lodge furniture was destroyed, and the remainder was much damaged by smoke and water. The loss is the more unfortunate on account of the ancient character of some of the articles, notably a very fine set of tracing boards, some oil paintings of former Officers of the Lodge, and several photographs. The Warrant of the Sympathy Lodge, which was in the Instruction room, was completely consumed, as well as the Centenary Warrant issued to the Lodge of Freedom; but Police Superintendent Berry, who is also captain of the local fire brigade, fortunately succeeded in rescuing the original Warrant of this Lodge. At a meeting of the Gravesend Town Council it was proposed, by Bro. Councillor T. R. S. Champion, Secretary of Lodge of Sympathy, that the brethren of the two Lodges might be permitted to assemble in the Town Hall until they were re-installed in their old quarters, and the proposition was accepted.

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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, 5th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
[illegible]—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, 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
1824—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)
R.A. —Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1507—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
976—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, 303 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1482—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
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. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Catherine, 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, Peter's field
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1057—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1130—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
1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1448—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Carlisle
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1574—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1670—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1799—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon

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R.A. 263—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 313—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 3 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
196—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 Town, at 8. (Inst.)
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, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Banelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1260—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1563—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. (Inst.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1968—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2137—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Room, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruction)
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
538—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cockhaeton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Calne, Wiltshire
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walsingham
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Salford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Stroud
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Beaketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1414—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1350—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1789—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—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. 338—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
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
740—Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Worthington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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. (Instruc.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
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)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 932—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1613—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M.—Temple, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Ladshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dunton
235—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
285—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
[illegible]—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
290—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
307—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
363—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
664—Benevolent, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
647—United, George Hotel Colchester.
750—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
768—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—Abbot, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1048—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1081—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1090—Jamison, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1095—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Pier Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1312—Walker, Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1358—[illegible] 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1388—Baldwin, [illegible]stle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Chatham
1434—Nottingham, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Freemasons, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shathwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1767—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1917—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
20[illegible]—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 350—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stonecough, near Manchester
R.A. 401—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809—Ethelredra, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Soctes

THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

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.
232—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
115[illegible]—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1276—Burdett Coutts, Stag Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1336—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—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
1436—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1503—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austria's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)

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1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1633—Rose Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1635—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. (In)
1706—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—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
1986—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 149—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Claycastle-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
423—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter

613—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
629—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
677—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
846—Earnscen, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
753—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
759—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
786—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
845—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Pendegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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, Taunton
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Broughton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1530—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1582—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Llanymynech
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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.)
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1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
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K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

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64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
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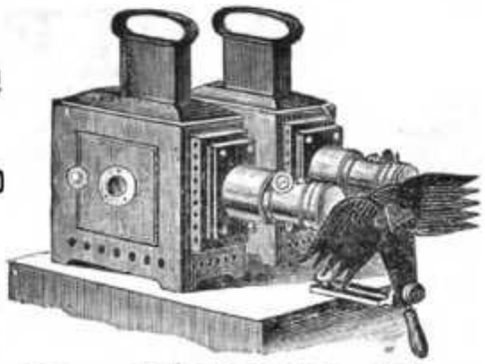
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE usual half-yearly election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Friday, the 25th inst., on which occasion seventy candidates will go to the poll, to compete for sixteen vacancies. Among these seventy are forty-five who have taken part in previous contests, one of them appearing for the seventh time, four for the fifth, eight for the fourth, fifteen for the third, and seventeen for the second. There are thus twenty-five candidates who now come forward for the first time, and among them are three who, if unsuccessful at this election, will not have another opportunity of competing, being barred by the age limit rule. Nos. 1 and 21 are also last application cases, so that there are five such on the present list. No. 1, John Crossman, is the lad who has taken part in six previous elections, but he only brings forward 17 votes as the result thereof. He is one of two children, whose father was initiated in St. Anne, No. 970, Cornwall, and who subsequently joined St. John, No. 70, Devon, subscribing to the latter until the time of his death, in January 1884. No. 21, Benjamin Henry Tiedeman, now makes his third application, with 1041 votes to his credit. His father was admitted a Mason in Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, London, and subscribed thereto up till the time of his death, which occurred in February of last year. During his membership of the Craft he qualified as a Life Governor of the Institution for which his son is now a candidate. This lad and four other members of the family are dependent on their mother, who, we hope, will be so far fortunate as to secure one of the sixteen vacancies to be competed for. No. 53, Mark Somers, comes from the Province of West Yorkshire, where his father was initiated, in the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211; he was also a member of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1311, at the time of his death. At present five of the children of the late Bro. Somers are entirely, and one partly, dependent on the widow. No. 61, George Lofthouse, is the son of a very old member of the Craft, and is jointly accredited to the two strong Provinces of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire. The father was initiated in the Limestone Rock Lodge, No. 369, in December 1853, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, his dues being paid for 35¾ years. He subsequently joined Royal Forest Lodge, No. 401, and subscribed to it for twenty-four years. He was a Past Master of his Lodge, and P.G.A.D.C. of the Province of East Lancashire. His widow has five children dependent on her for support, but with such a long association with the Craft, as is shown in this case, we think it hardly too much to hope the members of the Order will, ere long, relieve her of responsibility in regard to one of them. We trust such may prove to be the result of the election. No. 64, Robert Rae Jewitt, is another Lancashire case, the Western Division of that county being interested, the father having been admitted in the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, to which he subscribed for twelve and a half years, passing the chair therein, and being elected to the office of Treasurer. In this case also there are five children dependent on the widowed mother.

It will be at once apparent to the reader that four of these last application cases are in very good hands, but as regards the other, No. 1 on the list, it is impossible to say, from previous results, what is likely to happen. Of course, the seventeen votes polled for young Crossman during the past three years may be no criterion of what is in store for him on the 25th, as both the Provinces interested in his case—Cornwall and Devon—are strong organisers in the matter of votes, and may have been saving their strength, or holding over Crossman's case until its proper turn. We believe that if the condition of the family is such as to really deserve the united assistance of the father's Provinces it will not be withheld at this last moment. The case in which London is interested (No. 21) has a credit of 1041 polled votes, so that it is reasonable to suppose the brethren working are fully alive to the requirements of the case, and no doubt they will use every effort in their power to ensure success. West Yorkshire, East and West Lancashire are associated with the other cases, and doubtless are fully prepared to see them through, so that, taking them altogether, there is a brighter prospect than usual for the "last applications."

No. 13, Ernest Edward Whale, is the first on the list who has neither parent living. This lad is one of four children left by an initiate and former Past Master of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hants and Isle of Wight, and has already taken part in three elections. As the result thereof he has 19 votes to his credit. No. 33, Frederick Eden Walter Cooper, is another lad both of whose parents are dead; he and three other children are now dependent on their friends. His father was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London, and subscribed thereto for 10¾ years, really up to the time of his death. The lad was a candidate in April last, and then secured 263 votes, so it is evident he has friends working on his behalf. No. 37, William Joseph Williams, is the son of an old initiate and late Junior Warden of the St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Gloucestershire. He and four other children are left to the care of friends, among whom we hope the Masonic Craft will soon win the distinction of being classed. The lad was a candidate at the last Election, but no votes were recorded on his behalf, not, let us hope, from any lack of sympathy, but because his turn had not yet come round. No. 69, Horace James Murrell Aldous, is also parentless—an only child left by an initiate of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, London, for whom, let it be hoped, the Masonic School will one day be opened.

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Having, as usual, summarised the various cases on the list under the heads of "last" and "parentless," we leave the remainder, in the hope that their several friends will do all that lies in their power to bring the claims of each before the Craft, with the view of securing the election of the most deserving. In these days of voting organisations, the elections are not nearly the open matters they were some few years back, when much more could be done by open canvass than is now possible, when nearly every vote is pledged to one or other of the Provincial or Local Associations. In many respects this combination is most beneficial, but, like everything else of its kind, it has drawbacks, which have been made painfully apparent to many, whose candidates have not happened to be the particular ones selected for the support of the combination. After all it is perhaps best to leave the selection of candidates to men who are on the spot, and know many features in connection with each case that cannot be made apparent to the world at large.

KNIGHTS, NEW AND OLD.

THERE have been in Chicago during the present week some twenty thousand Knights of the Templar variety. The modern Knight Templar has never yet been able to ascertain whether, when two or more of him are gathered together, they should be called Knight Templars, Knights Templar, or Knights Templars, and in order to spare his feelings, a sympathising press ought clearly to shirk the question, and to describe the Chicago Knights in terms that cannot come in conflict with any possible grammatical rule.

We all know who the original Templars were, for the biography of Eminent Sir Wilfrid Ivanhoe, of York Commandery, New York, is a mine of information on the subject. The Templar was a person who wore a variegated night-gown (whence, perhaps, the word Knight) in the day-time, and took a series of iron-clad oaths. He bound himself never to marry, a vow that did not put him to much inconvenience, but which must have signally failed to meet the views of his wife and children. He also swore to live in a state of poverty, a vow which he liberally interpreted to mean that he should earn nothing, but should live on the confiscated property of other people. He took an oath of obedience to his Grand Master, and undertook to go to the Holy Land to deliver Jerusalem from the Saracens. The latter obligation had its manifest advantages. Occasionally the Knight Templar did go to the Holy Land and fight, but to a much greater extent he stayed at home. He was, however, always on the point of taking the 8·30 p.m. express for Joppa, and consequently always had an excuse for declining to do anything that did not please him. If his children wanted shoes, he always remarked that as he expected to depart immediately for the Holy Land, he really needed all his available money wherewith to pay his passage, and could not possibly buy shoes until his return. If his rent was due and the landlord notified him that he must pay at once, he immediately wrote him a note, saying that he had just received orders to start for Jerusalem, and that as it was quite out of the question for him to call on his bankers before leaving, he would be compelled to postpone that little matter of the rent until his return. Thus the Templar who was always going to the Holy Land, but who never went, was the envy of less fortunate men who had no ready-made excuses to meet every difficulty. It appears from the life of Eminent Sir Wilfrid Ivanhoe that the Knight Templar frequently took part in free circus entertainments, most of which were, doubtless, designed for the benefit of Sunday schools. In these entertainments the Knights were often badly hurt, and there is good reason to believe that they were occasionally happily killed. In the absence of any steady employment, the Knights did a good deal of miscellaneous fighting with any available neighbours, and Most Eminent Sir Brian de Bois-Guilbert, of Jackson Commandery, No. 27, was in this respect a fair specimen of the fighting Knight.

The modern American Knight Templar is not at all like his illustrious predecessor. Instead of a white night-gown with a red cross, he wears a black frock-coat, a cocked hat, and shoulder-straps—a uniform that makes him resemble a Chaplain in the Navy who has pawned his regulation blue coat and been compelled to transfer his shoulder-straps to a borrowed black coat. He does not take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and rarely—if we may credit the reports of the recent Chicago conclave—takes even the total abstinence pledge. For Jerusalem he cares nothing, and never makes the slightest pretence of going there. His holy places are Chicago, St. Louis, or San Francisco, in one of which cities he gathers himself together once every three years, and marches in a solemn procession, sweltering in his close-buttoned coat and cocked hat, and exciting the wonder of the beholding foreigner. At these triennial conclaves he always gives a public exhibition of Templar tactics, which consist in a series of semi-military evolutions of great intricacy and total lack of purpose. To the small boy he is an object of mingled amazement and mirth, and the public, which regard him as a sort of hybrid between the Militia soldier and the circus performer, fails to comprehend why he exists and fatigues himself with tiresome and expensive triennial conclaves.

Though the American Templar likes to fancy that he is in some way a lineal descendant of the Knights of the Temple, he is in his secret heart well aware that he was invented by an ingenious peddler called Thomas Webb, and that he is a purely American invention. There are, to be sure, French and English varieties of Knights of the Temple, but they have no connection with the American Knights, and being products of the pauper labour of Europe, could not be imported into this country except upon the payment of a heavy duty. What the American Knight Templar does in the secrecy of his Lodge-room is, of course, a mystery to the outside world. People who are immediately below a room in which the Knights are accustomed to gather hear noises which lead them to believe that the Knights make a practice of falling over a large amount of furniture, a theory which is apparently confirmed by the fact that they issue from their meetings in a very heated and extremely thirsty state. Still, it seems intrinsically improbable that men should go to large expense in point of uniforms and horse-collars merely to meet together and fall over furniture, and we must assume that a meeting of Templars has some other and worthier objects—perhaps of the nature of poker or even marbles.

There was a time when many intelligent men, including John Quincy Adams and Thurlow Weed, believed that the Knight Templars Society was a dangerous thing, chiefly because it takes its members exclusively from the Masonic Fraternity. In these days no one views the Templars with alarm. A more innocuous gathering never took place than that which has just delighted the Chicago hotel keepers. The Knights are not as picturesque as the old Templars, but they behave themselves much better, and as between the ancient Knight in the act of torturing a Jew and the modern Knight peacefully nodding through a long sermon in a Methodist meeting house, it is very easy to make a choice.—*Boston Exchange.*

It is a pleasing feature in Masonry that when any brother falls out of the ranks, there is another who is at once prepared to take his place. For many years our lamented Comp. Bumstead was the centre from whence the R.A. ritual was disseminated in South London. Now that he has passed away, his pupils, Companions Hilton P.Z. and Grummant P.Z., are able to carry on the work with equal zeal and energy. They obtained from him, in the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, that which he took such delight in imparting, and now in turn are giving similar tuition in the Star Chapter of Instruction (wherein Companion Hilton is Preceptor), which meets at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, every Friday evening. There not only is the ceremony of exaltation regularly rehearsed in its entirety, but also each week one of the ceremonies of installation is taken. So far this season there has been a good attendance of Principals and Past Principals, and all have been delighted with the precision and accuracy with which the work is performed.

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CONSECRATION OF THE BISLEY LODGE, No. 2317.

ON Wednesday, the 25th ult., a new Lodge was consecrated in due form at the National School Room, Bisley. The acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. West, assisted by Bro. C. Greenwood Provincial Grand Secretary, and other distinguished brethren, performed the ceremony. The Rector of Bisley, Bro. Rev. J. Cater, was duly installed as first Worshipful Master, and then proceeded to appoint the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Bros. E. H. Gale Crowdy S.W., J. B. S. Lancaster J.W., T. Aitken S.D., Major Collins J.D., C. F. Passmore I.G., C. Pulman Secretary, F. W. Biscoe Treasurer, T. Coxhead nominated as I.P.M., and Mason as Tyler. The brethren and visitors were afterwards conveyed to the Brookwood Hotel, where Bro. and Mrs. Loder prepared an excellent banquet. Judging from the speeches made in reply to the customary toasts, it would appear that considerable good work is likely to be accomplished, and that a bright future is before the new Lodge.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Stoke-upon-Trent, Bro. G. W. Hancock was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of about fifty brethren, including several visitors from other Lodges. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Eardley the retiring W.M., assisted by Brothers H. C. Faram, J. B. Ashwell, E. Roberts, W. T. Copeland, D. Smith. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. H. Bamber S.W., E. Penn J.W., W. T. Copeland Treasurer, R. Williams Secretary, R. Burt S.D., W. Burt J.D., H. C. Faram D.C., W. N. Edge Organist, T. R. Yoxall I.G., H. N. Marks and W. H. Smith Stewards, S. Kingston Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Copeland Arms Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Raynes. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the toasts of the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the P.G.M. (Colonel Gough), were proposed in succession. Bro. Ashton next proposed the D.P.G.M. (Col. Bindley) and the other Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge present and past, for whom Bros. Copeland and Stevenson responded. Bro. Ashwell, in complimentary terms, proposed the health of the W.M., which was very cordially received, and Bro. Hancock responded. The health of the Installing Master (Bro. Eardley) having been drunk with much heartiness, Bro. Penn, in a neat speech, proposed the Visiting Brethren, Bros. Windle, Skerrett and Taylor responding. The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Bamber, was acknowledged by Bros. Tooth, D. Smith, and Faram. Bro. Clayton submitted the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, the Inner Guard responding. The Masonic Charities and the Tyler's toast followed. Several brethren contributed music. The evening was spent in a convivial manner.

PLEIADES LODGE, No. 710.

THE annual installation meeting took place on the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Totnes. Bro. Dr. Fraser W.M. elect was duly installed Worshipful Master, the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Drennan, assisted by the Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. L. Harris I.P.M., R. Pearce S.W., W. Willcocks J.W., Rev. W. M. Drake Chaplain, C. Barrett S.D., David J.D., W. B. Maye Secretary, G. L. Loam Organist, W. Darke I.G., Brennan Dir. of Cers., A. H. Tanqueray Senior Steward, Foote Junior Steward, J. Crocker Tyler. Bro. W. B. Mayne was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. Bro. J. Drennan was appointed Almoner, and Bro. J. Cole assistant Almoner. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Darke's Castle Hotel, where the annual banquet took place. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Several good songs and recitations were given during the evening. The banquet reflected great credit on Bro. Darke, and the floral decorations were also much admired.

TORBAY LODGE, No. 1358.

THE installation meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Town Hall, Paignton. Bro. Charles W. Perrett W.M. presided, and after the first degree had been worked, presented Bro. John Bradford with a Secretary's jewel, as a mark of esteem of the zeal and ability he had displayed during the eight years he had acted as Secretary. Bro. Bradford, in accepting the jewel, said he should always value it, for it had been a pleasure to him to work as he had done to get the Lodge into its present condition, which was certainly equal to that of any in the Province. He hoped he should continue to merit the esteem in which they held him at present. The W.M. elect—Bro. R. Light, R.N.—was then installed by Bro. John Lane P.M. 1402, in a very able manner; the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. G. S. Bridgman, Rev. Noel Platt, J. Bradford, W. E. Warren, F. Palk, and A. W. Palk, all of 1402, John Wheaten 248, R. L. Mugford I.P.M., and W. Taylor 328, T. H. Wills W.M. 1402, H. L. Friend 1443, and H. P. Jarman 1669. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. presented Bro. C. W. Perrott with a P.M.'s jewel, and then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. W. Perrett I.P.M., W. E. Warren Chaplain, H. P. Jarman S.W., the Rev. A. H. M. Hare J.W., F. Palk Treasurer, J. Bradford Secretary, J. Hoyles S.D., R. E. Drew J.D., C. Emmett D.C., J. G. Scavill I.G., T. Brooks Organist, A. Waycott S.S., H. P. Rabbich J.S., and W. J. Tozer Tyler. The visitors, besides those already named, included:—Bros. C. de B. Stewart 2258, S. E. Endacott 1138, W. J. Bradden I.G. 248, and W. Thomas 189. The installation banquet followed.

CLAUSENTUM LODGE, No. 1461.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, for the transaction of the usual business, when a very large number of members and visitors attended, the principal event of the evening being the presentation of a portrait of Bro. Walter Bowyer, Secretary, to the Lodge by Bro. John Butler, in consideration of the services rendered during the past 15 years, as Founder, Worshipful Master, and Secretary. The Worshipful Master had invited the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of the following Lodges to be present on this occasion: Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester; Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130; Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359; Southampton Lodge, 394; Shirley Lodge, 1112; Albert Edward Lodge, 1780, and a goodly number responded to the invitations. The presentation was made by Bro. E. T. Wise I.P.M., on behalf of Bro. J. Butler. In doing so, he alluded to the valuable services rendered by the Secretary during the time he had been connected with the Lodge, and to Masonry in general. The Worshipful Master accepted the portrait on behalf of the Lodge, adding that the painting would hang on the walls and remind them of one who had worked hard in the interests of the Lodge from its foundation, and to whose efforts they were greatly indebted for the erection of the handsome building in which they were now assembled, and also of one who had contributed materially to the success, not only of the Clausentum Lodge, but to Freemasonry in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Worshipful Master welcomed the Visitors, who responded with hearty good wishes for the Clausentum Lodge. The business ended, about sixty sat down to a banquet, which had been prepared by the Tyler of the Lodge Bro. C. Henley, and on the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent harmony by Bros. H. Kemp, S. J. Line, S. B. Crook, H. Lashmore, W. H. Smith, and others; Bros. W. H. Smith and W. Fowler accompanied at the piano.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The Lodge was called for and opened at 5 p.m. punctually. There were present:—Bros. V. Wing W.M., Harding S.W., Sandalls J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Oliver S.D., Wright J.D., Collins P.M. D.C., Stacey P.M. Organist, Grundy Steward acting I.G., Fayers Assistant Steward, Gordon Assistant Organist, Walkley Tyler, Williams I.P.M., Pardoe, Boehr, and some 20 other members of the Lodge. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Dr. Causton W.M. 865, Hatfield 304, Holmes W.M. 1981, Wade J.W. 1360, Jones 1624, Alexander P.M. 1257, Ball 1567, Bird P.M. 1567, Haynes 865, Tucker S.D. 144, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Saines was proved and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Saines was passed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and a ballot taken for Mr. Jas. E. Colverd, comedian ("Jovial John Bull"), who was proposed by Bro. Theodore Gordon, and seconded by Bro. Wright; Mr. A. F. Lloyd, electrician, proposed by Bro. Knight, and seconded by Bro. Grundy; and Mr. J. Wetherell, proposed by Bro. Chapman, and seconded by Bro. Cox. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the candidates, and they were duly and ably initiated, according to ancient custom. After some charitable and other routine business had been disposed of, the appointment of a Secretary, in the room of P.M. Robinson resigning, occupied the attention of the Lodge for some time. The W.M. remarked on the excellent services Bro. Robinson had rendered to the Lodge since its formation, and expressed the regret with which he contemplated Bro. Robinson's severance of his official connection with it. These sentiments met with hearty accord from the members present. The W.M. added that to find an able successor for the post had been a difficult task for himself and the Past Masters; several names had been suggested of members more or less qualified, but it was deemed necessary that the Secretary should be a tried, trusty, and skilled Past Master; consequently the I.P.M. Bro. Williams had been selected for the post. At the same time he wished those brethren whose claims had been put forward to believe that the selection had been made with a fervent desire for the welfare of the Lodge. These remarks were endorsed by a most emphatic approval from the brethren, and the W.M. then, with a few trenchant remarks, transferred the Secretary's collar from Bro. P.M. Robinson to Bro. I.P.M. Williams. Several of the brethren having testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Robinson had been held for so many years, and expressed their hope that he would visit the Lodge as often as convenient, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Wednesday, 6th of November. Owing to the late hour before which the protracted business of the Lodge was completed, the banquet was shorn of one of the most distinguishing features of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, viz., its musical entertainment. The W.M. suggested, and in fact set the example for short speeches, but the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusically received, and honoured with real "Commemoration Fire." The health of the W.M., the I.P.M., the Initiates, and the Visitors were ably proposed and suitably responded to. The compliment to the Treasurer and Secretary invoked a great amount of enthusiasm. The Treasurer and new Secretary are both well known and deservedly popular members of the Lodge. After they had replied, a general call was made for the ex-Secretary, Bro. Robinson, and a perfect round of applause greeted his remark that as long as he lived he hoped to remain a member of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, and to come among the brethren as often as his duties would permit. The toast of the Past Masters followed; it was responded to by Bros. Williams, Robinson, and Pardoe. The Officers came next, and Bros. S.W., J.W., and Steward responded in terms suited to the exigencies of the time at their disposal. The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable even-

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ing, both as regards labour and refreshment, at the reasonable hour of 10·45.

The I.P.M. Bro. Williams requests us to thank the brethren in and out of Lodge for their kindness in giving and lending him votes on behalf of the son of the late Bro. Court, at the last Election for the Boys' School. By the help so kindly accorded, the brethren interested had succeeded in getting their candidate placed, No. 17 on the list of those successful.

SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE Annual Festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Hall, Mold, on the 8th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren. The following brethren were elected Officers during the ensuing year:—Bros. J. D. Bolton W.M., J. E. Davies I.P.M., T. S. Adams S.W., W. P. Jones J.W., J. Corbell Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Protheroe Chaplain, D. Roberts Secretary, S. Beresford S.D., S. Edwards J.D., W. N. Bellamy I.G., O. Ellwood S.S., G. H. Bradley J.S., and Smith Tyler. In the evening a banquet was held at the Black Lion Hotel, and a large number of brethren were present.

DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. William Stratford as the Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic-hall, Kingston-Square, Hull, on the 4th instant. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks was announced to be present for the event, but at the last moment insurmountable circumstances led to his visit to Hull being put off. The investiture of Bro. W. Stratford therefore devolved very worthily upon Bro. J. R. Ansdell, whose knowledge in the ritual and ceremonies appertaining to this distinguished position is unquestionable. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren from the sister Lodges in Hull and district, and the installation was a thorough success from beginning to end. With the termination of the ceremony the newly-installed Master invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Hirst I.P.M., T. W. Tindell S.W., J. H. Manning J.W., G. Jackson Treasurer, J. R. Ansdell Secretary, C. W. Cheesman Organist, A. Peat D.C., J. Robinson Chaplain, F. Winter S.D., G. Taylor J.D., W. D. Keyworth Almoner, E. Stafford Steward, D. D. White I.G., T. Hewson Tyler, J. Ellis, A. Eist, and J. K. Gibb Assistant Stewards. A banquet followed.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE installation of Officers was held in the Masonic Room, Rhyl, on the 3rd instant. There was a good attendance of brethren, the Installing Masters being Bros. Salmon and K. M'Ewen. The Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., assisted by the W.M. elect. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Bell, appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. A. Nott I.P.M., H. T. G. Little S.W., E. A. Wilson J.W., Rev. W. Ll. Nicholas Chaplain, H. A. Steer Treasurer, K. M'Ewen Secretary, J. H. Ellis S.D., John Duncan Miller J.D., Alwn Lloyd I.G., F. C. Watkins Organist, J. Y. Strachan D.C., Edward Jones Steward, Frank Hordley Tyler. In the evening a banquet was held at the Westminster Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bell.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

ON Thursday, the 26th ult., the members of this Lodge met at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Kinniple W.M., C. Watkins I.P.M., Reeves P.M., Hodges P.M., H. Sinclair S.W., E. Clements J.W., A. Govier S.D., Abrahams J.D., Carrell I.G. Among the visitors present were Bros. Seage 718, and S. C. Spurling 13. The Lodge being opened in the first and second degrees, Bros. Ivimey and Smith were asked the necessary questions previous to raising. The Lodge being then resumed in the first degree, Messrs. Adams, Horlock, and Grimwood were duly initiated. On their retirement, Lodge was then proceeded with in the second and third degrees, when Bros. Ivimey and Smith were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Lodge being again resumed in the first degree, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when it fell to the lot of Bro. S. W. Sinclair. The election of Treasurer being then proceeded with, Bro. Morris, who has so ably fulfilled the duties of that office for the past six years, was again chosen. The jewel and collar of the P.M. were voted for presentation to the W.M., Bro. Kinniple, on the next occasion of meeting. Lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was worthy of the reputation of this well-known hostelry. The Loyal toasts were drunk with the usual enthusiasm; and in the course of the evening the W.M. was congratulated on the eminently satisfactory condition of the Lodge, financially, numerically, and otherwise.

STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

THE annual installation of Officers in connection with this Lodge took place on 2nd inst., at West Hartlepool, Bro. A. M. White being the W.M. elect. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Robert Simpson. The following is a list of Officers:—Bros. G. Walker I.P.M., J. Abbey S.W., W. Barlow J.W., N. Taylor Treasurer, J. H. Johnson Secretary, A. Boddy S.D., C. R. Smith J.D., Thos. Metcalfe Dir. of Cers., L. Worley Organist, R. Bowman I.G., G. Barker and S. Burns Stewards, and W. Atkinson Tyler.

HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, held on the 1st inst., at South Shields, Bro. T. D. Marshall W.M. presiding, Bro. John T. Ross S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. T. Coulson was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. T. Potter (Tyler) was re-appointed to that office. Bros. John T. Reed and W. Woodrow were appointed auditors. The installation ceremony was fixed for the 5th proximo.

LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on the 27th ult. There was a very large gathering. Bro. W. A. Priestly W.M. presided, and was supported by Brps. Rev. J. J. Brown, R. A. Brown S.W. W.M. elect, F. S. Cowper J.W., H. Liston Secretary, J. Robson Pattison Treasurer, J. C. Moore D.C., N. Lee Acting S.D., William Scott J.D., Thomas O. Todd I.G., James Hudson Organist, J. Henderson jun. Steward, R. Hudson, John Hudson, William Milburn, I. Goldman, T. R. Milburn, R. A. Logan. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. R. A. Brown S.W. W.M. elect in the chair of K.S. Bro. Brown was duly presented by Bro. J. C. Moore, and the ceremony was performed with conspicuous ability and solemnity by Bro. R. Hudson. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. Robert Alfred Brown invested Bro. W. A. Priestley as I.P.M., and afterwards appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. F. S. Cowper S.W., Henry Liston J.W., T. O. Todd Secretary, J. R. Pattison Treasurer, William Scott S.D., James Henderson jun. J.D., Thomas Hutchinson I.G., N. Lee and T. R. Milburn Stewards, J. C. Moor D.C. B. Swain Tyler. The congratulations of the Province of Durham and of the representatives of Lodges present were tendered to the W.M., and the meeting afterwards closed. The Lodge Festival took place in the evening, when the W.M. presided.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 4th October, at five p.m. Bros. W. Simpson W.M., Colonel S. C. Pratt S.W., W. M. Bywater J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., W. H. Rylands, W. M. Williams, J. Finlay Finlayson, C. Purdon Clarke, and C. Kuppersehmidt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz., Bros. J. Ross Robertson Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada, R. A. Gowan, F. W. Driver, Rob Roy, E. T. Edwardes, G. A. Nock, and J. B. Mackey; and the following visitors:—Bros. G. Gregson and Dr. B. W. Richardson. The Grand honours were accorded to Bro. Robertson Deputy Grand Master Canada, who said that words failed him to express his gratification, both as a member of their wonderful Correspondence Circle, and as a member of a jurisdiction thousands of miles away. As one who took a great interest in Masonic research, an interest not solely Platonic, but which led him to actively prosecute the study of Masonic History, his ambition for some time had been to be present at a meeting of this Lodge, and though his stay in Europe was short, and the date of this meeting had necessitated a curtailment of his Paris trip, he had torn himself away from the fascinations of that gay city and its modern Tower of Babel, rather than miss the opportunity afforded him of making the acquaintance of the distinguished brethren who were members of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. He was a member and Officer of one of the most prosperous swarms of that prolific mother of Grand Lodges, the first in time and the first in honour of all Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of England. He was prepared to maintain that no body of Masons held the Grand Lodge of England in higher veneration, in more affectionate remembrance than the Grand Lodge of Canada. Though separated in distance they were united at heart, and across thousands of miles of sea and land endeavoured, with their twenty thousand Craftsmen and 400 Lodges to carry out the principles of their great progenitor. In their efforts they were assisted by an energetic Grand Master and first rate Board of General Purposes. It gave him personally unbounded pleasure to be present. He trusted other Lodges of a similar character might soon be formed in every jurisdiction. The Quatuor Coronati had shown the way, it remained for other Lodges to follow. He could conceive of no Lodge doing more good to the true interests of Freemasonry. It was an incentive to himself and others who were at the moment trying to build up a true and trustworthy history of Canadian Freemasonry and of the Grand Lodge of Canada. His Grand Lodge was of course not so ancient as their own, but it claimed to have a history, a history of much interest and worthy of preservation. Such a history he hoped to record before long, and to produce a work creditable to themselves and that they might be proud of, and that even the Quatuor Coronati might be proud of. He concluded by again assuring the brethren of his gratification. The following fifty-four brethren and three Lodges were added to the roll of the Correspondence Circle. Southern Cross Lodge, No. 398 (S.C.), Cape Town; St. John's in the South Lodge, No. 747 (S.C.), and the Jubilee Lodge (D.C.), both of Barberton, Transvaal; and Bros. H. Warner, Slaughter Mahill P.P.G.W. Herts; B. R Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer Suffolk; G. Gregory P.P.G.D. Middlesex; J. Newton, F.R.A.S., H. H. Wells, J. H. A. Elliot P.P.G.A.D.C. Oxon, E. T. Edwards, A. C. A. Higerty, J. Pollard, G. W. Taylor, E. Howard, F.R.C.S., and G. Gregson, M.R.C.S., all of London; C. W. Buck, Settle, Yorks; H. W. White, M.D., Bradford, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire West; E. J. Pratt, Torquay; J. F. Richardson, Truro; W. Masters, St. Albans; J. W. Manley, Carshalton; E. W. Drage, Oxford; F. F. Schnitger, Newcastle-on-Tyne; J. Harvey P.P.G.Steward Hants, Bournemouth; H. Letts, A. H. Pilcher, and Horatio Ward P.G.T. Kent, all of Canterbury; J. Hawkins, Roby, Liverpool; J. W. Rushland P.D.G.M. Halifax; H. T. Lockley, Albany, N. York; J. P. Honor P.G.M.; G. Soulé, and M. Quayle, all of New Orleans; G. R. Frias, Saqua-la-Gramle, Cuba; A. O. Munro, Gibraltar; Count Agasson de Grandsagne, Paris; J. Andrews, Cape Town; E. E. Newnham, J. Vallentine, and G. Stapylton-Atkins, all of Barkly-west, Cape Colony; H. C. Weatherilt, A. H. Reid P.D. Superintendent of Works E. Division, C. C. Adcock W.M. Du Toit, F. L. Biccard, F. Donovan, T. A. R. Parches, H. Middleborough, J. Webb and A. Hart, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; J. L. Mitchell, of Malmain, Transvaal; Chevalier Edward Cohen, Pretoria, Transvaal; A. W. Rowsell, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; R. L. Mills, M.D., District G.D. Bombay, of Sangor; and A. E. Hibditch, Hong Kong. These additions bring the roll up to 717. The annual ballot resulted in

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the election of Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt for W.M., and the re-election of Walter Besant for Treasurer, and J. W. Freeman for Tyler. The following candidates to join the Lodge were proposed from the chair, and seconded by the Senior Warden, viz.:—Brother Sydney Klein, the Red House, Stanmore. Born 1853. Fellow of the Linnean Society, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, &c.; initiated in the Waterford Lodge, No. 404, in 1888; author of "Thirty-six Hours' Hunting among the Hymenoptera and Lepidoptera of Middlesex," "Appearance of Ephestia Kühniella in London, and the Remedy provided by Nature," and other papers, read before Scientific Societies. Bro. Benjamin Ward Richardson, 25 Manchester Square, London, W. Born 1828. M.A., M.D., LL.D., Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Member of the Imperial Academy of Natural Sciences, Member of the Philosophical Society of America; initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1864, W.M. in 1868, joined Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, in 1885, W.M. in 1885 and 1886; author of "Hygeia, a Model City," "Diseases of Modern Life," "The Guild of Good Life," "The Common Health," and various biographical memoirs. A letter was read, conveying the thanks of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the W.M., for copies received of the Transactions and Publications of the Lodge to date; it was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union at Frankfurt, thanking the Lodge and Bro. Whymper for the gift of said brother's fac-simile reproduction of the Regius MS., and offering for acceptance a copy of their own Annals. A similar letter was read from the National Grand Lodge at Berlin. After extolling the Quatuor Lodge, the letter concluded by saying, "Let us assure you that we highly appreciate your meritorious literary and scientific labours, and follow your career with great attention. As a slight token of our gratitude and fraternal feelings, and as a poor return for your handsome gift, we honour ourselves by sending you, for your library, a copper plate engraving, a copy of which H.M. the Emperor William II. has been graciously pleased to present to every Lodge in his dominions." The engraving represents Frederick the Great, as Grand Master, conferring the light on a candidate. It was resolved:—"That Bro. W. Simpson, R.I., having completed his year of office as W.M. of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair, and efficient management of the affairs of the Lodge; and that the resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to him." Bro. W. M. Williams read a paper on "Some errors of scientific expression in the Masonic Ritual," which was followed with attention, and discussed by Bros. Speth, Gould, Rylands, Simpson, Driver, Edwards, and Dr. Richardson. A vote of thanks was accorded, and suitably acknowledged. A letter from Bro. Hughan, recording the discovery of a previously unknown scroll of the "Old Constitutions," in the possession of Bro. T. W. Watson, of Sunderland, and describing the same, was read. A paper on the derivation of the word "Free" as a component of Freemason, by Bro. F. F. Schnitger, was, for want of time, taken as read. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during the course of which Bro. Robertson gave an interesting account of the working of their Association in America and Canada for the detection and suppression of the Masonic tramp.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104.

THE annual ceremony of installation in connection with this Lodge was held on the 8th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, when Bro. J. F. Craggs installed Bro. John Cradock in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. J. Seaman S.W., H. Gaston J.W., G. D. Long Treasurer, John Broome Secretary, John Harrison S.D., S. Appleton J.D., T. M. Taylor I.G., John Wilks S.S., D. McNaughten J.S., Bedford R. Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren and their lady friends dined together in the banqueting hall. A dance was held afterwards.

JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

THE annual festival of St. John and the installation of a W.M. for the ensuing year, in connection with this Lodge, took place on the 26th ult., at the Wesleyan Schools, Etruria. The Lodge assembled at 3 o'clock, when there was a large attendance of brethren, including numerous Visitors from neighbouring Lodges, amongst those present being:—Bros. J. Stephenson 1942, J. Bromley 418, J. B. Ashwell 637, S. Bentley 98, S. Bennett 98, J. Ingamells 460, E. Roberts 637, T. Unwin 637, J. Davenport 451, J. Godwin 98, Rev. L. C. A. Edgworth 98, F. Skerrett 460, E. Pearson 98, S. Morley 451, G. W. Hancock 637, W. H. Bamber 637, E. Penn 637, R. Owen 98, W. Jackson 418, J. Pennington 418, J. Buckley 418, A. Boulton 98, J. Turner 418, J. Fairbairns 418, and the following members of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge:—Bros. E. J. Hammersley, C. E. Hedge, G. A. Marsden, H. A. Ollivant, T. F. Rhodes, T. Shore, J. R. Llewellyn, J. H. Fradley, and J. Blagg. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. David Smith was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being impressively performed by Bros. E. B. Jackson and R. Tooth the retiring W.M. After the ceremony the newly-elected W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. E. B. Jackson S.W., W. J. Carr J.W., R. Small Treasurer, J. White Secretary, W. R. Tooth S.D., R. Tooth D.C., C. Bullock J.D., S. Frost I.G., J. A. Spence, L. Taylor Stewards, and S. Johnson Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge, the W.M. presented the I.P.M. (Bro. R. Tooth) with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, in recognition of the services Bro. Tooth had rendered to the Lodge, as one of the founders, and for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for two years. The jewel, which was a most handsome one, and extremely chaste in design, was presented by the W.M. in eulogistic terms, and Bro. Tooth feelingly responded. The inscription on the back of the jewel was as follows:—

"Presented by the brethren of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, 2214, to W. Bro. R. Tooth, P.P.G. Registrar, in recognition of his services as W.M. of the Lodge from August 1887 to September 1889. Etruria, 26th September."

The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Basford, where forty sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. Ashford, and which gave the greatest satisfaction. The W.M. Bro. Smith presided, and after the Loyal toasts had been given Bro. Tooth submitted the toast of the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Foster Gough P.G.S.B. Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and in doing so alluded to the satisfaction which the appointment gave to the brethren of the Province when Colonel Gough received the appointment from the Prince of Wales. Bro. Hammersley proposed the health of Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Brindley, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge past and present. Bro. Bentley responded. Bro. Tooth next proposed the health of the W.M. for the ensuing year. He said the brethren of the Lodge ought to feel proud in having succeeded in getting such a man to fill the position of W.M. as Brother Smith. He was a thorough Mason, and one who appreciated and acted up to the teachings of Masonry. Bro. Smith suitably replied, expressing his gratitude to the brethren for the honour they had that day conferred upon him. He should do all in his power to discharge the obligations of the office. He was succeeding an able and zealous brother, and although he might not add lustre to the position, he should never tarnish it, and he hoped at the end of his year of office he should have earned the appreciation of his brethren. Bro. Smith then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He said the services that Bro. Tooth had rendered to Masonry generally, and the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge in particular, were well known, and he need not dilate upon them, neither need he dilate upon the many excellent qualities of Bro. Tooth. It was his privilege to know many Masons, excellent Masons, but he knew no one, whether as a Freemason or a citizen of the world, or as an individual who endeavoured to carry out the principles of the Craft, and practise out of Lodge those excellent precepts which they were taught, in a more marked manner than did Bro. Tooth. The latter replied, and said if his object had been attained in making the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge a success, he was fully rewarded and repaid for any services he had rendered. Bro. Bromley gave the Installing Master (Bro. Jackson) who replied. Bro. Small proposed the Visiting Brethren, which was acknowledged by the Rev. L. C. A. Edgworth. The Officers of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. Spence, and responded to by Bro. Bullock; and Bro. Hammersley proposed the Masonic Charities, the concluding toast being that of the Tyler. During the evening songs and recitations were contributed by various brethren, the proceedings being of a most pleasant character.

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COPLEY LODGE, No. 111.

AT the meeting held on Tuesday evening, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, Bro. Robert Craig was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the Rev. Dr. Smyth D.P.G.M., and the following brethren were invested as the Officers:—Brothers A. Williamson S.W., W. Flockton J.W., G. F. Carr M.O., C. Middleton S.O., Bowman J.O., T. Tomlinson Secretary, Atkinson S.D., T. Thorp J.D., R. Abbott I.G., Barraud Tyler.

CHELMER LODGE, No. 342.

THE annual meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The auditor's report and balance sheet having been received, Bro. Thomas Rymer Jarvis was installed W.M. by Bro. J. P. Lewin, acting in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Chaplain of England. The ceremony was very ably performed. The new W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. W. Metcalfe I.P.M., T. J. G. Cramphorn S.W., J. C. Cresswell J.W., F. P. Sutthery M.O., H. P. Hay S.O., E. W. Holland J.O., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, G. W. Pascall Treasurer, Arthur Mead Registrar of Marks, Adolphus G. Mascall Secretary, J. P. Lewin D.C., A. J. Pitts S.D., E. J. Wick J.D., W. S. Emden I.G. An excellent banquet was afterwards served at the White Hart Hotel, by Bro. A. M. Hipkin.

To judge by the following clipping—taken from the Glasgow *Evening Times* of the 28th ult.—it would appear that by the Scottish Press our well-known Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. has been made to figure as an octogenarian:—

"Companion Gould is acknowledged to be the greatest living historian of Freemasonry, and his published works on the history of the Craft and the higher degrees are both many and erudite. He has undoubtedly had excellent opportunities of acquiring an extensive knowledge of the Craft, having travelled over most of the known world. Companion Gould is a man of nearly eighty years of age, tall and spare in figure, but erect and of military appearance."

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled on Saturday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer was unanimously called to the chair. The minutes of the meeting in August were read by Bro. Binckes, when the question was asked, Whether the meeting thoroughly understood that the resolution containing a recommendation from the General Committee for the grant of a pension of £350 to Bro. Binckes was for the Quarterly Court? In reply Bro. Eve said, Certainly; this was a recommendation by the Provisional Committee, but whatever is done must be considered by a Quarterly Court. Bro. Binckes read the minutes of the House Committee for information. In these were detailed certain matters which had come before the Committee. The matron had written a letter complaining of Dr. Morris, and Dr. Morris had answered the allegations. The Committee reported what had been done with reference to the choice of a new medical officer. They had had the testimonials of 37 applicants before them; had subsequently reduced the number of candidates to 15, again to 10, then to 6, and afterwards to 2; after which they recommended one gentleman, and returned the testimonials of the remainder. Brother Britten said that it appeared that the resolution of the Provisional Committee with regard to the election of the medical officer was irrevocable, but he wished to say a few words. He was told that the temporary medical officer, since the retirement of Mr. Hall, was an entirely satisfactory officer; he was resident something more than a mile from the Institution, but if he was a satisfactory officer he did not think it was right to reject him because he was a little out of the radius which the Provisional Committee had prescribed. The Chairman said he had heard from other brethren observations to this effect, and he felt himself that the Provisional Committee had done wrong in returning their testimonials to the candidates. What the Provisional Committee had done was to recommend one brother for appointment. It was for the Quarterly Court to say whether they would select him or any other of the applicants. The gentleman who was now acting was content to appear before the Quarterly Court with the others. After an inquiry as to the fitness of this gentleman for the post having been answered in the affirmative, Bro. Britten said he should like to hear read the reference as to the duties of the Provisional Committee. Bro. Binckes then read the minutes of the Special Meeting at which the Provisional Committee were appointed. Whereupon Bro. Britten said he had it in his mind that the Provisional Committee were expressly appointed to carry out the report of the Inquiry of the Philbrick Commission; he would, with permission, read one or two extracts from it. The Chairman having ruled that what was now being said arose out of the reading of the minutes, Bro. Britten continued—"The educational staff is satisfactory, the teaching good, and the school discipline well maintained," "There should be one head, and the entire establishment should be subject to him." Bro. Britten said he was not one of the Committee, and he did not know the reasons for coming to their conclusions. He thought these recommended that Dr. Morris be dismissed, or be permitted to retire. The Chairman—That notice has been given. Bro. Britten—Obviously the entire scope of this report was that the school under Dr. Morris was satisfactory; therefore he was at a loss to see why the Head Master should be requested to retire. He was quite able to understand that there might be good reasons why a change was necessary, but no reason was given other than that the new matron did not approve of him. Every man of business must agree that in the conduct of such an establishment as the Masonic Boys' School the head master should be the matron's master, and he thought the notion that Miss Harcomb seemed to have that she should come and go as she liked could not be maintained. The Chairman said there were recommendations other than those Bro. Britten had read. The resolutions were arrived at before the question of the matron and Dr. Morris had arisen, and it was arrived at in consequence of the report of the Investigation Committee. That was the reason given; it was arrived at before that question of the matron, and he might say it was a unanimous resolution of a large Committee—the largest Committee he had ever seen in connection with the working of the Institution. The Committee express themselves by resolution and do not generally enter into reasons. Bro. W. A. Scurrah said he did not think the Provisional Committee had gone outside their duties in this respect, because the first thing in the report of the Philbrick Commission was —"We, therefore, are of opinion that an entire change in the administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place before the management, expenditure, and discipline of the Institution will be satisfactory." Therefore, the Committee had not gone beyond its duties. He would like to ask, through the Chairman, why he (Bro. Scurrah) was treated with discourtesy when he wrote a letter to the Secretary, respecting the medical officer. The Secretary acknowledged the receipt of the letter, and stated that it should be placed before the Provisional Committee. He appealed to the Provisional Committee, as a member of this General Committee, as one who had done some service to the Institution, to support his contention that he ought to have had a reply to his letter. The Chairman had stated that all the medical gentlemen were at liberty to come up to the Quarterly Court. He understood from several candidates that they had been requested to send back their testimonials, and how could they appear before the Quarterly Court as candidates if the Quarterly Court had not their testimonials? If the Sub-Committee was appointed to select one candidate, then he could understand that the Sub-Committee was in perfect order in doing so. But it was not so, and no Committee was at liberty to say one was to be selected and thirty-six to go away. The Chairman said that the Committee did not wish to treat Brother Scurrah with discourtesy. When his letter arrived it took them by surprise. They had sent information to the candidates that they might come before the Quarterly Court, and that they might produce their testimonials. Bro. Scurrah said a letter should have been sent to him informing him of this fact. The Chairman admitted it ought to have been sent, and it must have been by an oversight it was not. After further discussion the Chairman said he was going to close this question. If the conduct of the Committee had not been such as the General Committee approved, they were sorry for it, but he might say they gave the candidates the greatest amount of information they could; that the Court was open for them to send their applications to, and that it was perfectly in order for them to come to the Quarterly Court. Brother Scurrah moved a resolution that a letter be sent by the Secretary to all the candidates for the office of medical officer, telling them that their applications are not dismissed, and that they will be laid before the General Court, and to send back their testimonials. Bro. J. S. Cumberland said he wished to put the matter in this way. The brethren elected a Provisional Committee to do the best they could for the interests of the Institution. It was utterly impossible for any body of men like those meeting there that day, or at the Quarterly Court, to take into consideration all the testimonials that came before them; they therefore appointed a Sub-Committee to come to a satisfactory conclusion. That Committee had gone through the testimonials, and in their wisdom they selected, say five, or ten, or fifteen out of the candidates. Was it to be supposed that the whole of them could come to the Quarterly General Court with their testimonials, and throw them at the feet of 300 brethren, some of them, perhaps, their partizans? What would be the result? Why, the matter would be deferred again. The Provisional Committee had been appointed, and they were the acting Committee until they were turned out. How could the Quarterly Court select the best man? For himself, he thanked the Committee very much for having gone through the qualifications of the candidates; but he wanted to know why they limited the distance to not more than one mile from the Institution within which a candidate must reside? He supposed they thought that an Institution containing the sons of Masons should have a doctor who could soon be fetched on a cold winter night. If they could get as good a man within half a mile, it was for the interests of the Institution. If Bro. Scurrah's motion, or any other motion was passed, it would be referred back. It would be utterly impossible to consider the question at a Quarterly Court. As to the gentlemen sending back their testimonials, it was rather a dig in the ribs to them. If the brethren had not sufficient confidence in the Provisional Committee, let them get rid of them. Bro. Charles Dairy asked how long the gentlemn temporarily holding office had been elected for. The Chairman said as far as Bro. Saunders' resolution went, he must inform him that they could not now say what the Quarterly Court would do. At that Court the election of the doctor would take place. Bro. Saunders had proposed "That it be referred to the next Quarterly Court." That motion he could not receive, but the motion of Bro. Scurrah could be received. He would, however, submit that the utmost notice had been given the candidates. All that the Committee had done had been done under Laws 40 and 45 of the Institution, by which they were to inquire into the qualifications of candidates, select some, and report to the General Committee. They had done so, and they had intimated to all the others that they would be open to election at the Quarterly Court. He had no objection to receive Bro. Scurrah's notice. Bro. James Stevens inquired whether it was just that the Provisional Committee should recommend one particular person? Was it not a nomination? According to the circular, it was an intimation that one particular candidate had been chosen out of the 37. The Chairman said he had read the clause under which they acted. They had recommended one candidate. The decision will be entirely in the hands of the Quarterly Court. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg said he would propose to confirm the minutes, and after that to be permitted to offer a resolution on a subject which would answer all the questions that had been put to the meeting. He was sure they would not disagree, and then would get over the business well. The Chairman—What is the proposition? Bro. Dr. Hogg—To refer the question back to the Committee. He said he did so because he felt confident that there had been misapprehension by the Committee itself on this question. There was an advertisement issued in the medical journals, and the Committee proceeded to deal with the question with reference to this advertisement. The difficulty had arisen in this way. The candidate for the office of medical officer must reside near to and visit the school at least once every day. That advertisement did not say anything about a distance of a mile or half a mile. That omission had led to all this disagreement to-day. The Committee, he knew, desired to do the best they could, and the brethren were all very much indebted to them; but without thinking of this advertisement they passed this resolution limiting the radius to a mile from the Institution, and confining the applicants to those living within that radius. That was the omission. The Chairman had not this advertisement before him when he did that, and so this mistake arose. If this was referred back to the Committee, they would see the matter as he had, that the limiting of the distance had the effect of keeping off some of the best men. These gentlemen were ready, at whatever distance, to do their best for the Instituton. Distance was now annihilated as regards London by the facilities there were for getting about, and all these gentlemen were prepared to waive that subject of distance; they came forward with the understanding to come and fight their own battle. On the question of getting the best man for the Institution, the Committee had the means of keeping off some of the most eligible. That was a misfortune for the Institution. He was about to move that this question should be referred back to the Committee for their reconsideration, and that they should bring up a report and recommendation. Bro. Hawkins said although the Chairman had read the rule that they should report on the candidates, it did not mean that they should report on all of them. He believed the subscribers and donors had confidence in the Committee; but they objected to have one man foisted on them for the office; they did not want it, and they would not have it. The custom was for the Sub-Committee to make a selection of three or six, but to give the general body of

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subscribers, who found the funds, an opportunity of selecting a man. It was the course of public bodies when electing any officers for a Sub-Committee to select a certain number, and they were to present their testimonials to the general body that elected the officer. If that had been done, Bro. Sourrah would not have had any suspicion. He did not say there was cause, but there was just an element of suspicion, and keeping in view the recent history of this Institution, they were justified in encouraging that suspicion, and therefore should be given the opportunity of electing one of three, or one of six. A Brother said several of the brethren understood that the qualifications of those applicants who reside beyond the radius of a mile were not considered at all by the Committee. The Chairman—Every one of them was. You had 15, you had 10, you had 6. It was reported to the Quarterly Court, and it is competent for the Quarterly Court to select out of the 37. It was considered that whoever was appointed ought to be within a mile. A Brother reminded the Chairman of Dr. Hogg's remarks, and the Chairman said he did not think the Committee wished to have the matter referred back to them, but they did wish to do justice to all. If one candidate had better qualifications than the other, by all means let him try. If any brethren felt slighted, let them go before the Quarterly Court. Dr. Hogg's motion was seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles. The Chairman then put the motion of Bro. Sourrah—"That a letter be sent by the Secretary to all those candidates for the office of medical officer, telling them that their applications are not dismissed, and that their applications will be laid before the General Court, and to send back their testimonials in order that they may be put before the Quarterly Court. The Chairman put the motion again in these words "That these 37 candidates be requested to send in their testimonials, to be submitted to the Quarterly Court," to this Dr. Hogg's amendment, that the matter be referred back to the Provisional Committee. The Committee divided. On a show of hands, the Chairman declared there were none for the amendment. He then put the motion, which was carried. Bro. Alfred Durrant asked the Chairman whether the meeting was going to be a party to the recommendation, the result of which was that the head master should have no support. The Chairman said they had not come to that part of the report yet. Brother Binckes then read the House Committee's minutes, and the Finance Committee's report. Two petitions from the friends of candidates for election into the School were considered, and deferred for further information by the Lodges in which the fathers of the candidates were initiated. Two grants of £5 each for outfits for ex-pupils of the Institution were then granted. Bro. John Glass now said that following on the recommendations of the report of the Provisional Management Committee which was laid before the brethren in July last, paragraph No. 6 of which was—"The Committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the General Court. It had not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this, with other important subjects, for further deliberation." Since July the Committee had devoted real and anxious consideration to this question, and afterwards they unanimously passed a resolution that this proposition should be laid before the brethren to-day. It was not his duty to comment upon it in any way; he only reiterated what the Chairman had already mentioned—that they had, in the best interests of the Institution, given this grave matter their very best attention, and whether the brethren approved of it or not was of course a matter for them. The Committee believed that they had in this instance done their duty faithfully, fearlessly, and well, and they asked the brethren to support them. He now moved—"That the Provisional Committee be authorised to terminate the appointment of Dr. Morris, the Head Master, in accordance with the terms of agreement dated 20th August 1875, and that the said Committee be further empowered to take such steps as they may deem desirable to appoint another Head Master in accordance with the laws of the Institution." Bro. J. S. Cumberland rose to second the proposition. He would go back to what he stated before, viz., that they elected the Committee to submit to them certain recommendations, and this was one, and he might say one of the most vital in connection with the Institution. He was not going to speak of the brother as a brother; he was going to speak against the system which had been carried on at the Institution, which had to some extent grown within his knowledge. He could not help thinking that all the matters which had cropped up from time to time, and come before the monthly meeting, showed that there had been a great want of discipline. The position the Secretary had taken with regard to the master, if the master was worth his salt he would have at once brought the question before the Committee, and if they did not listen to his complaints and the explanations of the Secretary, and then bring the whole matter before the Craft, he ought to have done so. He hoped the brethren would agree with him. What he was doing was in the interests of the Institution. If they elected another Secretary they might have a brother not acquainted with the commercial interests of the Institution, and on that ground he would say they would want a still stronger master. He had no hesitation at all in seconding the resolution. He would go further than that, and say that the brother elected to fill the place of the head master should be recommended to them as a general body. He would not be elected by the Committee, and those to find the money would have the appointment. Bro. Britton said he thought that the Provisional Committee was expressly appointed to carry out the report of the Philbrick Commission, and that report was in favour of Dr. Morris. They said that the discipline of the school under Dr. Morris was satisfactory, and he should move as an amendment that, in face of the Philbrick report and the questions 45 and 46, "This Committee is of opinion that the services of Dr. Morris should be retained." Bro. W. H. Saunders seconded the amendment. The Chairman said there was no necessity for the amendment, as it was a direct negative. Brother Jones thought that by the resolution passed at the June Quarterly Court the whole of the administrative officers of the Institution were to resign or tender their resignations. He could not conceive how this General Committee could upset a resolution of the Quarterly Court. To his mind a Quarterly Court was of far more importance than these monthly meetings. At the Quarterly Court they had brethren who subscribed their guinea and their five guineas. At this time they had the Life Governors. The Committee he contended, with all due respect to Bro. Britton, was appointed to carry out the resolution passed by the Quarterly Court, which was that the whole of the officers of the Institution should be got rid of. In the face of that resolution it was the duty of the Committee to carry it out. There was not sufficient discipline in the School, more especially considering the amount of money spent. He had had the expenses before him, and he knew. He did not know how they could refuse to get another Master; it was a conundrum to him that one Committee could upset another. He hoped this Committee would support the Provisional Committee to the very letter. Bro. Alfred Durrant could not allow any statement to be made on this occasion or in any public body reflecting on Dr. Morris. He had had many opportunities of seeing and knowing how discipline was maintained at the School, and he most unhesitatingly said, and he was ready to bring evidence of it, that their School as far as its Head Master was concerned was well managed, and that its discipline was excellent. Bro. Spratling would like to say that the state of the School at the time when Dr. Morris became Master was very different to what it was now. From his own knowledge, and from information of a friend of his who was second master in the School, he could say this. The state of the School now, educationally, was very far higher than when Dr. Morris undertook it. As to discipline he thought that if the monthly reports were gone over it would be found that John Jones was a naughty boy one day and Tom Smith a naughty boy another day. It would be found to be the case in every school, but that did not prove the discipline was bad. If Bro. Cumberland meant that, there was not much in it. Without throwing stones at anybody else, the difficulties must have increased if one thirtieth or one fiftieth part of what they heard was true. He thought Dr. Morris held his own pretty strongly and firmly. They were going to change a very important part of their administration; in fact to alter the whole thing. If they wished to do so they should pause and consider what they were about, and let the School feel its feet first. Dr. Morris might not be the best man, but he was free to do what he liked. Bro. Hawkins—as one of those who joined in advocating the making of a clean sweep of the officers, and in the entire administration of the School, and supporting various charges then found—said they were not conscious that Dr. Morris had been inefficient as far as the discipline of the School was concerned, but that he had been weak in not coming to the House Committee to protest against the Secretary's control. This statement had been made, and they were told that when he had come to the House Committee he was not supported there. They never heard of that until he came before the Philbrick Commission. Now, either Dr. Morris did go to the House Committee, and complain of interference with his administration, or he did not. If he did he was right, if he did not he was wrong. The Philbrick Committee held that the educational condition of the School was good, he heard practically the same Commission, consisting of the same gentlemen, recommending unanimously that Dr. Morris should be dismissed. Did those gentlemen accede to that report? Was any information obtained from Bro. Philbrick, or Sir Reginald Hanson or others, as to whether Dr. Morris had had the opportunity of carrying on the Institution with another staff. It seemed to him that Dr. Morris had no real opportunity of being the Governor of the School. Was the Provisional Committee, after so many years of Dr. Morris's services, going to give Dr. Morris a six months' notice or six months' salary only, when they were going to give another a gigantic pension? He was surprised at such conduct. There was no reason in the thing. They recommended the pensioning of their officer at £50 a year more than the salary which they were going to give his successor. The Chairman—So long as Brother Hawkins confines himself to Dr. Morris he is in order. Bro. Hawkins said if Dr. Morris was to go, give him some solatium; show the brotherly love they talked about. If Dr. Morris was such an incompetent master, such a bad scholar, how was it he (Bro. Hawkins) had read for years the reports from the Secretary and the Committee extolling Dr. Morris. There must certainly be some arguments in his favour. He did not say keep him permanently, but give him an opportunity of receiving something if they were going to turn him away at once. The brethren then voted by show of hands on the motion of Bro. Glass.

For the motion	...	...	45
Against	...	...	35

Bro. Durrant proposed that it be referred to the Provisional Committee to consider the advisability of granting a pension to Dr. Morris. The Chairman read several letters from individual brethren, and on behalf of provinces. Some were in favour, and some in opposition to the proposed pension to Bro. Binckes. Bro. Britton—Is the resolution with regard to Dr. Morris to be acted on by this Committee or by the Quarterly Court? The Chairman—It will be acted on by the Provisional Committee. Bro. G. Faulkner seconded Bro. Durrant's proposition, which was then handed in in writing. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. thought the proposition had better be laid before the Provisional Committee. The motion was carried. Bro. Jones said the brethren would recollect that at the monthly meeting in August a recommendation came from the Provisional Committee—that this Committee should confirm a proposition they made to give a pension of £150 a year to Bro. Binckes. He wished to ask the Chairman to-day, when the question of Bro. Binckes' pension was discussed, how many of the Provisional Committee were present? After some further discussion Bro. Hawkins asked whether it would be necessary to give notice of motion opposing the pension to Bro. Binckes? to which the Chairman answered, No. This closed the proceedings.

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To the President and Members of the Quarterly Court of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

The favour of your votes and interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

Bro. R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng.

&c. &c.

THE Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

Duly qualified subscribers, who may not be able to attend personally, can have Lists of Candidates sent them on application to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Richmond Villa, Lordship Lane, Wood Green, N.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

C. H. CONOLLY, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.

&c. &c.

REQUESTS the favour of the votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on his behalf for the coming election of Medical Officer.

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C. H. Conolly, 3 Church Hill Villas, Wood Green, N.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

J. E. H. STEPHENS, L.R.C.P. & S.E.

(Lodge 967),

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11th October 1889.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

ELECTION, 25TH OCTOBER 1889.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 7 YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. Goldsmith was initiated in the Chiselhurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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Bro. A. F. Asher, P.M. 1393, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.
Bro. J. H. Hawes, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
Bro. W. J. Innes, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
Bro. W. R. Pitt, 1928, *Press Association*, Wine Office Court, E.C.
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 1889.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., by invitation of the St. George's Chapter, No. 1560. Comp. S. S. Partridge P.G.S.B. England, Provincial Grand H., presided, in the absence of the Grand Superintendent M.E. Comp. William Kelly. The following also attended

Comps. G. Toller P.G.S.B. England P.P.G.H., the Rev. W. Langley P.P.G.H., the Rev. C. Henton Wood Prov. G.S.E., J. Hassall Prov. G.S.N., J. Tuckfield Prov. G. Treasurer, Edgar Taylor Prov. Grand Registrar, G. T. Willan Prov. G.P.S., E. Simpkin Prov. G.S.B., Miles J. Walker Prov. G.D.C., F. Amatt P.P.G.A.S., T. A. Wykes P.P.G.O., T. Coltman P.P.G. Treasurer, J. D. Harris P.P.G.S.B., T. Worthington P.P.G.P.S., W. J. Freer P.Z. 1130, J. G. F. Richardson Z. 1560, J. Webb H. 779, F. G. Boden J. 779, B. A. Smith J. 1560, S. Knight, A. Lawrence, W. D. Grant, W. J. Curtis 279, W. M. Williams 1007, S. F. M. Stone 1560, T. Dann and J. Tanser Prov. G. Janitors.

The St. George's Chapter having been previously opened, the acting Provincial Grand Superintendent and Provincial Grand Officers were received, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened. Before proceeding with the business of the day, the Provincial Grand H. stated that he had received a letter announcing that the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. Kelly was prevented, by severe indisposition, from attending the meeting, it being the first occasion during his nineteen years' rule of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province on which he had been absent, and the Provincial Grand H. felt sure that the esteemed First Principal's accustomed presence would be very much missed by the Companions. He would therefore move a resolution expressing the regret of the Provincial Grand Chapter at Comp. Kelly's enforced absence, and their best wishes for his speedy recovery. The proposition was seconded by Comp. Langley, and cordially adopted, and a copy of the resolution ordered to be forwarded to Comp. Kelly. The rolls of the several Chapters and of the Provincial Grand Officers were then called, and duly responded to, after which the minutes of the previous annual convocation, which had been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and were duly confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £22 4s 2d, was read, and upon motion duly made the account was passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his services. The Provincial Grand Registrar's report was next read, showing a decrease of three in the number of subscribing members in the Province. Comp. J. Tuckfield was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Superintendent having selected the following as his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, they were duly invested by the Provincial Grand H. :—

Comp. S. S. Partridge P.Z. 279 1560	H.
T. Worthington P.Z. 279 ...	J.
J. G. F. Richardson Z. 1560 ...	S.N.
Rev. C. Henton Wood P.Z. 279 ...	S.E.
J. Tuckfield Z. 779	Treasurer
F. Amatt P.Z. 1007	Registrar
J. D. Harris P.Z. 279 Z. 1130 ...	Principal Sojourner
J. H. Marshall 1007	1st A. Soj.
Carl Lowenstein 1007 ...	2nd A. Soj.
J. H. Thompson 279	Sword Bearer
B. A. Smith J. 1560	Standard Bearer
Miles J. Walker P.Z. 1130 ...	D. of C.
J. Webb J. 779	A.D. of C.
T. A Wykes 1560	Organist
James Tanser 279	Janitor

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. read a communication which had been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Dorset, with reference to a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, expressing confidence in the ability and impartiality of the members of the Committee of investigation appointed to inquire into the management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. After some discussion it was considered that at present the circumstances did not call for any expression of opinion on the part of this Provincial Grand Chapter. An appeal was also read from certain brethren at Peterborough, soliciting contributions for the erection of a stall or stalls in the newly restored choir of Peterborough Cathedral, and upon motion duly made a contribution from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter was voted to that object. Apologies for absence were read from Comps. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, W. J. Hughan, C. Fendelow, R. Brewin, and others. No other business being forthcoming, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and a banquet followed.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275. — On Friday, 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Moore M.E.Z., Grammant H., Fleck J., Captain Vincent P.S., Stone S.E., C. H. Stone S.N., North and Addington. The Chapter was regularly opened. The ceremony of installation of Z. was performed in splendid style by Companion Hilton. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion North candidate. Companion Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Companion Fleck for his rendering of the duties of J. so ably, for the first time. It was announced that an installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the next meeting.

COMPLETION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT DUNBLANE.

ON the 16th ult., the new Masonic Hall for Lodge St. John, No. 9, was formally opened for working, the painting and decorating of the building having now been thoroughly completed. The erection of this Hall owes its origin chiefly to the generosity of Colonel Stirling, of Kippendavie, whose enthusiastic interest in Freemasonry is now well known to the Craft all over Scotland. Although a comparatively young Mason, Colonel Stirling has already done a great deal of good sound work for the Craft, not only in his own immediate district, but in various parts of the country. When the Colonel succeeded to the property, he learned that his father, amongst his multitudinous engagements, took a great personal interest in the work of Freemasonry, and four years ago the Colonel expressed a desire that, if it were agreeable to the brethren, he would be pleased to connect himself with a body with which the Stirlings of Kippendavie had long been associated. The application received a cordial welcome from the brethren, and Bro. Thomas Hunter, then R.W. Master of Scone and Perth, No. 3, and his Office-bearers were invited to perform the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising. Colonel Stirling was shortly afterwards installed as R.W. Master, and he signalised the occasion by intimating his intention to erect a suitable hall. The Colonel did not allow the grass to grow under his feet, as on the 26th June 1886 the foundation stone was laid with full Masonic honours, and amidst much popular rejoicing. On 21st June 1887 the hall was duly consecrated as part of the proceedings on the ever-memorable Jubilee of the accession of Queen Victoria to the throne. The hall was built from a design by the late Mr. J. M'Lean, architect, Stirling, and may fairly claim to be one of the most handsome Masonic Temples in the country, both as regards its design, its furnishings, and its general arrangements for working. The furnishings are of a particularly elegant and ornate description, the designs being specially prepared by the architect. The mantelpiece consists of a beautiful piece of oak carving, showing the Stirling crest and motto, "Gang Forward," combined with Masonic emblems and mottoes. Towards the Main Street there is a magnificent memorial window bearing a representation of Hiram Abiff and St. John, the upper part of the window and borders being filled in with Masonic emblems in harmony with the figures. The window—which was put in by Messrs. Swaine and Bourne, Birmingham, and is a highly artistic piece of work—bears the following inscription :—

Presented by the office-bearers and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 9, in memory of their late R.W.M., Brother John Stirling, of Kippendavie. 1887.

The work of decorating the hall was entrusted to Messrs. G. R. Douglas and Son, Perth, and the way in which they have carried out this part of their work is not only highly creditable to the firm, but most satisfactory to the Lodge. The ceiling, which is divided into varied panels by plaster members running throughout, has been painted a fine pale blue, and ornamented with gold stars. The members are finished in shades of buff and green, lighter shades of the same colour being used on the centre pieces, the festoons of which are effectively tipped with gold. In a circular panel at either end of the ceiling the usual Masonic devices are very artistically introduced. The walls are coloured a dark rose pink, and the cornice is done in shades of buff and pink—the egg and dart ornaments consisting of pink, picked out with blue, while the trusses, beads, &c., are richly hatched with gold. The frieze, an exceedingly beautiful one, is also remarkably neatly finished. The design of the frieze consists of alternate panels of figures and festoons in bas-relief, divided by gold lines, the figures and festoons being white and

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gold—the background being pink several shades lighter than the walls, while shades of green are pleasingly introduced on cornice and frieze. The dado round the walls and other woodwork is stained dark oak, with ebonized mouldings and rich gold beadings. The floor is stained dark oak and polished. On the wall behind the altar there is an admirably executed Masonic design, painted in marble, with devices in gold. Altogether, the interior of the hall presents an exceedingly chaste and elaborate appearance. The entire cost of decorating the hall, upwards of £60, was defrayed by Bro. Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., of Pollok.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Criterion.—It is pleasing to notice the flattering reception accorded the revival of T. W. Robertson's simple little comedy "Caste," a piece that recalls memories of the glorious days of the old Prince of Wales' Theatre under the Bancroft management, when a specially constituted company was engaged for plays of this description, and were personally superintended by the author. Public taste has doubtless greatly changed since "Caste" was first produced, and it is also most difficult to replace those actors who gave the charm to the slight story by their perfect acting. Still Mr. William Duck has brought together a fairly representative gathering, and they who did not witness the comedy at the old theatre will have no reason to complain. Mr. Leonard Boyne gives a satisfactory rendering of George D'Alroy, and Mr. Arthur Elwood fairly represents the eccentricities of Captain Hawtree, while Miss Olga Brandon pathetically portrays the character of Esther Eccles. Admirers of Mr. David James can readily imagine what he would make of that sublime humbug Eccles, and sallies of laughter run through the house whenever he makes his appearance. Miss Lottie Venne is lively and diverting as Polly, and Mr. Brookfield gives a life-like portrait of the young workman, Sam Gerridge. May we suggest the advisability of having a short farce in front of the comedy, as the complaints as to the long intervals were loud and deep on the occasion of our visit?

On Wednesaynext, the 16th instant, at the Avenue, will be produced a new Opera Comique, in three acts, entitled "La Prima Donna," composed by Tito Mattei, adapted from a well known story by H. B. Farnie and Alfred Murray. The new scenery is by Richard Douglass and Fred Storey. The incidental dances have been arranged by Mr. Willie Warde. The following are in the cast:—Mesdames Sara Palma, Florence Paltzer, Amelia Gruhn, Alice Lethbridge, &c.; Messrs. Alec Marsh, Joseph Tapley, George Sinclair, Geo. Capel, Harry Grattan and Albert Chevalier. Mr. John Crook will conduct.

Certainly a new era for such towns as Eastbourne, Reading, Oxford, and Cambridge, has been opened up by the enterprise of Mr. Glostor Armstrong, in booking matinées of "Æsop's Fables" with the entire London Company, thus affording the local residents the opportunity of seeing a London success, with such artists as Mr. Penley and Miss Stanley playing, without their having the expense and trouble of journeying to London. "Imitation is the sincerest flattery," so Mr. Edouin has followed Mr. Armstrong's lead and booked "Our Flat" for a matinée at Reading.

Nothing succeeds like success. Seven companies are playing "The Balloon" through the country, and three companies are booking dates for the spring and two for the autumn of 1890.

NEW MUSIC.

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THIS march, which is dedicated by special permission to Her R.H. the Duchess and His Grace the Duke of Fife, on the occasion of their marriage, is a most welcome addition to our march music. It is a tuneful composition, with plenty of swing in it, while it is suited for the piano or American organ just as well as to the organ. It is an appropriate piece for weddings, harvest festivals, or any other jubilant occasion, and has already become very popular, more especially in the West of England, where the Freemasons welcome it with pleasure at their installation and other banquets. Lovers of marches will do well to get a copy of Bro. Farren Lambert's composition, for it is a capital piece of music.

On the 25th ult., the Freemasons of the Retford district had an interesting gathering on the borders of the Dukeries, at Haughton, formerly the ancestral home of the Earls of Clare. In the ancient ruins of the Chapel a Lodge was opened, by special dispensation granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire. The architectural features of the building were explained, and its history traced, and the members also visited the site of the old hall, on the banks of the River Maun. The party were favoured with most brilliant weather, and the outing, which had been arranged by Worshipful Bro. Past Master Marshall, was of a most enjoyable character. Luncheon was afterwards served at Lound Hall, at which Mr. Marshall presided, Mr. Walker, of the Criterion, Retford, being the caterer.

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Obituary.

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BRO. MICHAEL WATSON.

THE death of Brother Michael Watson occurred, at his residence, 28 The Gardens, East Dulwich, on the 3rd inst. The deceased gentleman, who had achieved a considerable reputation as a composer of songs, anthems, trios, and duets, was a son of a professor of music at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was born in 1839. He commenced life as a student at the old school of design at Marlborough House, but subsequently adopted his father's profession. Many of his earlier compositions appeared under the pseudonym of "Jules Favre." His well-known song, "The Powder Monkey," won for him merited popularity. Amongst other of his numerous contributions to the musical repertoire may be mentioned "Anchored," "The Kissing Gate," "All in a Garden Fair," "The Old Timepiece," "Somebody's Pride," "The vision of Love," "Afloat," and "Little Birdie mine." At the time of his death he was engaged upon two sacred cantatas and operettas, and an original comedy opera. His premature decease will be deeply regretted by a large number of friends and admirers. Bro. Michael Watson was a member of the Chough Lodge, and had intended to have been present at the installation meeting, on 26th ultimo, when his new song, "My Lass and I," was rendered by Bro. A. Strugnell.

BRO. CHARLES H. O'DONOGHUE.

ON Tuesday, the 1st instant, the remains of Bro. Charles H. O'Donoghue, a native of Devonport, were consigned to the grave in the churchyard of Lidlington, Bedfordshire, the place in which he has laboured as the Master of the Board School for the last eleven years. The deceased had been ill for over three months, and his sufferings had been very intense indeed. The early part of his career was passed as a pupil teacher, under the tuition of the late Mr. Thomas Good, at the Royal Naval and Military Free Schools, Devonport, from which establishment he proceeded to the Exeter Training College. After passing the full term he became master of a school in Surrey, but eventually joined the service as a naval schoolmaster, and in which he served ten years. He was at the time of his death the president of the Bedford and Ampthill Teachers' Association, and also the delegate selected for that district to attend the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers. He was also a member of the Beaudesert Lodge, No, 1087, Leighton Buzzard.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield (Vice-Patron and Treasurer) occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, John Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune, John E. Dawson, Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman, C. H. Webb, Charles Daniel, E. West, G. Bolton, W. Masters, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Alex. Forsyth, W. H. Hubbert, G. E. Fairchild, J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Purchas, Charles G. Hill, L. G. Gordon Robbins, Chas. J. Perceval, David D. Mercer, Charles Kempton, A. Durrant, Hugh Cotter, W. B. Daniell, C. Lacey, William Clarke, Henry Cox, C. H. Driver, Robert Berridge, L. C. Haslip, Frederick Mead, Robert Griggs, W. Belchamber, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, A. H. Tattershall, W. Smith, John Larkin, John J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, after a long discussion, verified by a large majority. The Secretary reported the death of two female annuitants. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. One petition (male) having been considered and accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May 1890, the proceedings terminated, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., will be held at Seaton, on Wednesday, the 6th November next.

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THE MAGISTRATE'S CLERK AND HIS SUNDAY DINNER.

"WHAT say you to a piece of beef and mustard?" asked Grumio of Katherina, when discussing with the shrewish lady what her repast should be. The same question has been put frequently since Shakspere's time. But it is one thing to procure these essentials to a good English dinner and another thing to partake of them. This has just been the experience of a gentleman well-known and highly respected in local and legal Masonic circles, and a trusted adviser of the city justices, Mr. Wm. S——. This gentleman has been the victim of an impudent theft or a silly practical joke.

Mr. S—— resides in Fitzclarence-street. On Saturday night before retiring he examined his premises to see if they were all right. Everything appeared to be correct. The meat safe was examined, and it contained the material for the Sunday's meal—a sirloin of beef, a goodly quantity of rump steak, a fine ham, and other things. A short time after Mr. S—— had again occasion to look at the meat safe. To his astonishment he found that the contents had vanished—beef, ham, steak, and also a quantity of sugar. Where could they have disappeared to in so short a time? He at once proceeded to the street to see if he could discover the thief. No one was to be seen, and Mr. S—— returned to the house to mourn the loss of what he intended for his Sunday's repast. He, however, could not remain provisionless. But there would be a difficulty in procuring the necessary edibles, as the hour was late and nearly all the shops in the neighbourhood were closed. Fortunately there was a friend and brother Mason, who is in the provision line, and with that fraternal feeling which is one of the leading features of the mystic Craft he at once furnished his neighbour with the needful supplies for the Sunday. The police had been informed of the occurrence. They attribute it to the depredation of an area sneak, but some of Mr. S——'s many friends humorously describe the disappearance of the good things from his meat safe as a "Masonic mystery."

Whatever may have led to this extraordinary affair it has given rise to a good deal of gossip in legal and Masonic circles. The loss was great, but Mr. S—— has the consolation of knowing that he has the sincere sympathy and condolence of all who know him. This kindly feeling has been displayed towards him in a very unmistakable manner. One legal official friend has made the theft of the beef, ham, &c., the theme of a poem which he has composed. This is probably one of the lawyer's first poetic flights. His verses are not classic in style, but they are intensely sympathetic with his friend in his loss. Mr. S—— is a leading member of one of our principal Masonic Lodges, the Dramatic. For the installation of their W.M. the members of the Dramatic met at the Temple, Hope-street, recently. The attendance was numerous and influential, among those present being several well-known members of the legal, literary, and dramatic professions. During the proceedings, it is stated, a gentleman renowned for his elocutionary gifts, recited, with rare dramatic effect and pathos, the poem mentioned, which in heroic numbers recounted the abstraction of victuals from their worthy brother's safe. A sample, as recited, of the thrilling verse may be interesting:—

A loud and piercing cry is heard,
At twelve o'clock at night;
A man came tearing wildly on,
Impetuous was his flight.

His wail it rends the midnight air,
He groans, and shouts "Stop thief!
My Sunday dinner has disappeared—
My ham, my steak, my beef."

The recital of the poem touched the hearts of the assembled brethren. A vote of condolence was accorded to Mr. S—— and it was unanimously decided that they should present to him another sirloin in place of the one he had so mysteriously lost.

—*Liverpool Daily Courier.*

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS BARRED OUT.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 8TH SEPTEMBER 1889.

GRAND Master Roome, of the Conclave of Knights Templars, which will meet here in October, has created a sensation by issuing an order prohibiting Commanderies of the State of Iowa from participating in the Templar parade. On this action hangs a long controversy, which will come up at the tri-annual Conclave for discussion, and will cause very hot debates. At the tri-annual meeting in St. Louis in 1886 a form of ritual was discussed, which last year Roome ordered should be used in all the Commanderies in his jurisdiction. The Conclave of 1886 had left the question of the ritual in rather an unsettled state, and a great many Knights did not look upon it as adopted. This faction was strongest in the Grand Commandery in Iowa, which refused to use Roome's ritual, whereupon the latter declared Iowa Templars to be in a state of rebellion and disloyalty to the Order, and their continued resistance has now caused the arbitrary order prohibiting them the right to parade. The matter of the ritual will come before the Conclave next month and will be fought over. Iowans and their followers, who are very strong, are contending for the ancient form of working their degrees, while Roome will advocate a more modern one.—*Boston Herald.*

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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, 12th 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, 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 (Instruct)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1671—Mizpah, 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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at . (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
455—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanefield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
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)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1624—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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
2081—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Inst. ction)
2030—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Weston-super
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
86—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
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, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Bandyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
46—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
548—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
654—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)
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)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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.)
1439—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1819—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (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.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Trogullow, Mason's Rooms, St. Day, Saracose, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1270—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1341—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1437—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Moreton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Wellington-street, Northampton
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Ossett, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 976—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 390—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

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)
146—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
535—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Stree., at 8. (Inst)
619—Beaton, Greyhound, Dulwich
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.)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Bounslow
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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.)
1591—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1822—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1913—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2003—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, 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.)

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R.A. 983—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cobham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
231—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
248—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
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
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
973—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
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1363—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, Hornsey Hill.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1693—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 136—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
65—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)
167—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)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1168—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.
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)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
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, 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. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1746—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 913—Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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—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)
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 Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
547—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
553—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
616—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
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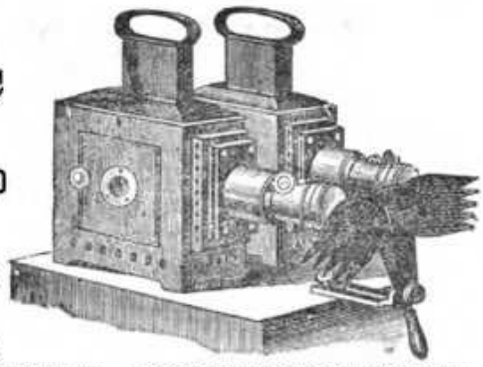
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE regular Quarterly General Court of this Institution will be held on Friday next, the 25th inst., in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and, judging from the business then to be transacted, a lengthy and animated meeting may be expected. Beginning at the end of the agenda, we think it will be well for the meeting to decide, before starting on the various discussions which must arise on the general business to be transacted, as to what is to be done in regard to the Election which, as usual, is timed to commence at one o'clock, and close at three. The meeting of the day will open at twelve o'clock, so that there is only three hours available for all the business, and this we think will be found to be hardly sufficient. If this should prove to be the case, how would the Election stand? The poll must close at three o'clock, and we are of opinion the other business may extend beyond that hour. It may therefore be desirable to open the poll in a separate room, and appoint some brother or brethren to take charge of the papers.

The first business on the agenda is to elect a Medical Officer for the Institution, and here, unfortunately, a hitch may be looked for. In answer to the advertisement announcing the vacancy, thirty-seven duly qualified candidates have made application for the appointment, and although we believe some two or three of these have since expressed their intention of not taking any part in the contest, there yet remains a very large number to be considered. The Provisional Management Committee, in the exercise of their judgment, selected from this large number of candidates six whom they considered especially qualified, the special feature to recommend these gentlemen being the fact that they all resided within a mile of the Institution. This is undoubtedly an important qualification, but it has been pointed out that if this had to be made a condition for the appointment, it should have been so stated in the advertisement. On the other hand some of the distant candidates would, unquestionably, take up their residence in Wood Green, or its neighbourhood, were they to secure the appointment, so that it would be well to know exactly what each candidate intended to do before coming to a decision on this head in regard to his application. But the Provisional Committee did not leave the matter alone, even after they had selected the six specially qualified candidates, and it is much to be regretted they did not do so, as it would have made the final selection a much more easy task. They further considered the testimonials, abilities, and qualifications of the six who reside within the one mile radius, and ultimately decided to recommend a gentleman who, so far as we understand, lives much beyond a mile from the Institution, so that we are at a loss to account for the one mile limit being introduced.

With such a large number of boys to attend to as at present reside at Wood Green it is imperative the Medical Officer should be on the spot. As an instance we may mention the case of a slight accident which occurred to one of the lads a few days since, when, as the regular medical attendant was not expected to call for at least five hours, and he was not within reach, a local practitioner was called in and his services were made available. This means additional expense to the Charity, opens the way to the creation of professional jealousy, and may be expected to lead to such a general disorganisation of this important branch of the Institution as to at once condemn it in the minds of the Subscribers. We consider the limit of a mile is a very good one to enforce, and it will be well if the electors make this part of the question one of the first they decide upon. It will save them the trouble of considering the claims of all the candidates, but it should first be discovered how many of the outsiders propose to remove within the radius should they be selected for the appointment.

Among the six candidates to which the Provisional Committee narrowed their list are, we understand, three who are members of the Craft, and three who are not. Does Masonic membership stand for anything in such a case? or is the promise to help a Brother Mason, when it can be done without detriment to ourselves or our connections, merely a string of meaningless words? In the case before us there is little to choose between the several candidates who come within the mile radius; they are all well qualified for the appointment, all have every-day practice in the neighbourhood, and, so far as can at present be judged, have equal chances of successfully discharging the work attached to the appointment. Should not then the obligation to help a Brother Mason, as far as possible, have some weight in deciding the matter? There are many who consider it should do so, and we certainly, personally, incline to that opinion, but whether it will have any effect with the general body of the electors on Friday next remains to be seen.

We have shown that the task of deciding as to which of the candidates is best fitted for the vacant office is a difficult one, and as all the applicants are well recommended, the mere reading of their testimonials and qualifications will in itself be a lengthy task, so that we should not be surprised if the question is referred back to a Committee, with instructions to consider the whole merits of the case, and select a few of the candidates as being the most eligible. We have already seen that the selection of one candidate by a Committee does not meet with approbation, and justly so. Let the contest be free and open to all, but let such reasonable restrictions be imposed as will bring the number of candidates within manageable bounds for the whole body of electors to finally decide the matter.

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Having disposed of this election—or postponed the matter, which is equally probable—the Governors and Subscribers will be asked to consider the following notice of motion, submitted by V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Patron (P.G. Treasurer), on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee :—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, after a service of upwards of 28 years."

We are aware this retiring allowance will not be granted without opposition, but it will be a lasting disgrace to the Craft, or at least to its Charitable Institutions, if the past services of Bro. Binckes are not fully recognised and adequately remunerated. we do not anticipate the opposition will have much chance of upsetting the recommendation of the Provisional Committee, but it is to be hoped that all who recognise what Bro. Binckes has done, and who consider his services are worthy of recognition, will attend, and vote in such a way as they may consider consistent. What has Brother Binckes done for the Boy's School? is a question asked by those who are talking of opposition to the granting of this retiring allowance. We may re-echo,—What, indeed? and for answer, say—Everything that should entitle him to the grant now proposed. It is very difficult to look back a matter of nearly thirty years, and say how much or how little has been accomplished in that period through the "influence of one man," and it is manifestly unfair for men who have only known the Institutions for a few years, and have perhaps only been associated with Freemasonry some six or eight, to attempt to solve the question as to how much of the present prosperity of the Masonic Institutions is due to the exertions of Bro. Binckes. But beyond all this there is the custom of the world in regard to such matters to guide us, and the proposition to be submitted to the Subscribers next Friday is not an unreasonable one from this point of view. True, it is a large amount the Subscribers are asked to pay for past services, but when the past services have been of such a nature as is the case here, and have been extended over so long a period, it is none too much, and we hope the proposition will be carried, if not unanimously, at least with such a strong majority as to show that the efforts Bro. Binckes has made in years gone by, on behalf of the Institution, are recognised and appreciated.

We have spoken of opposition to this proposed grant because it has been publicly announced that opposition is contemplated, but it must not be forgotten that this recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee has already been submitted to the General Committee of the Institution, namely, on the 10th August last, when, at a very largely attended meeting, it was adopted with but six dissentients—the number present on that occasion being over one hundred. To further show the approval with which the proposition has been received, we may refer to the fact that at the August meeting, already referred to, a proposal to reduce the annual allowance to £200 fell through for want of a seconder. Since then, however, the subject has been discussed throughout the country and, as a natural consequence, the advocates of both sides have gained supporters. Some of the Provinces approve of the idea of a reduction to £200 per annum, others consider £350 a year none too much, while others again pledge themselves to support the action of the Provisional Committee in the various works of reform they devote their attention to.

The second notice of motion on the agenda emanates from the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Committee, and stands in the name of Bro. W. Masters, Life Governor, who will propose

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1,000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2,500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

The general body of supporters of the Institution will, we imagine, hail the first part of this proposition with delight, for in all matters concerning the health or comfort of the large family entrusted to their care they are, and ever have been, most liberal. The expenditure of the proposed £1,000 for the purpose of providing additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements is evidence of a desire to make things more satisfactory in the point of cleanliness for the future than they are accredited with having been in the past, and if the £1,000 now proposed is sufficient for the purpose we are convinced it will be cheerfully voted. The extra amount of £2,500 required for the erection of a swimming bath is, no doubt, equally necessary, and we anticipate it will be agreed to, although the outlay of so large an amount just now may not find general favour. Undoubtedly a swimming bath would be a most valuable acquisition to such an establishment as that possessed by the Freemasons at Wood Green, while the advantages of teaching the lads the art of natation cannot be over-estimated. Both from sanitary and utilitarian points of view then the expenditure can be recommended, and if the General Court feels justified in voting the necessary funds no doubt it will prove one of the most satisfactory investments ever made.

Following these matters we come to a series of propositions submitted by Brother William Harris Saunders, Life Governor, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, who suggests as follows :—

(a) "That boys shall be educated according to the position their fathers occupied while in prosperity, and that where considered desirable by the Committee, an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution. That the General Committee be requested to take this matter under consideration, on application being made for a boy to be placed on List of Candidates."

(b) "That following the example of many other Public Schools, pupils shall be received into the Institution at a fixed annual sum, and that sons of Masons only shall be eligible for election or otherwise."

(c) "That the Court recommend to the General Committee to make special inquiries in all *last* cases, with a view to their Election should the case prove to be that of a really destitute Candidate."

(d) "That all petitions be thoroughly inquired into (as per resolution recently adopted by the Girls' General Committee) by a Sub-Committee, who shall report to the General Committee prior to such petitions being brought before them, but who shall not have power to reject any Candidate."

This first proposal of Bro. Saunders is a mistake, and should be rejected. How is it possible to have a number of grades in such a School as that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys? We know the trials and troubles of the University man who secures a scholarship, or in some other way is in marked contrast to his fellows—in many cases his life is a misery. Why, therefore, attempt to introduce class distinctions into our School? Besides, our argument always has been that the man who does his best, no matter in what sphere he moves, is equal to the man of any other sphere who also does his best. Let us endeavour to educate the boys, not as their fathers would have done, but as their fathers would have wished to do—in other words give them all the care and attention possible. The question of granting an allowance for educational purposes out of the Institution is no new idea, but the action of outside Provinces, many of which are now in possession of Educational funds of their own, while others are contemplating their establishment, should at once set this matter at rest. If brethren interested in a case find themselves unable to secure a place in either one of the central Institutions it is for them to decide whether they will subscribe sufficient among themselves to pay for the education of the girl or boy at a local school. Many have so decided, and the result

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has been, as we say above, the establishment of several local Educational Funds. While the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has full accommodation for all the children it is possible to maintain no attempt should be made to upset existing regulations, but when the day comes to propose an extension of the existing buildings then it may be desirable to consider as a counter proposition the views now favoured by Bro. Saunders.

The question of receiving paying pupils at the Institution is merely a matter of arrangement, and must entirely depend on the views entertained by those interested in the management of the Institution. Perhaps the new head master, when one is appointed, should be consulted on this point, and his views, together with those of the Committee for the time being, laid before the Craft in the form of a report.

It is quite impossible to do anything with Brother Saunders' third proposal. No distinction can possibly be made in regard to the election on last applications—all must take equal chance, and the only royal road to success must be influence enough to secure the necessary votes. If a rule was adopted to make a distinction it would only be necessary to secure a candidate a place on the list, and quietly await his or her last chance, no voting would be needed, and the whole system of selection by those who subscribed the money would be done away with. Much as we regret the necessity for occasionally rejecting, on account of age, candidates whose friends have worked hard to secure their election, we see no possible chance of lessening the hardship of doing so.

Brother Saunders will probably see his fourth proposal carried, that if he is prepared to show that the new system works well in connection with the sister Institution.

The next business will be the election of sixteen Boys, from an approved list of seventy candidates. We have already referred to this part of the day's work, and can only hope it will be as satisfactorily carried out as past contests have been. Altogether we anticipate a busy meeting, and we hope that whatever is done may result to the benefit of the Charity. One matter we would especially impress on those who propose to attend. They have the reputation of being gentlemen, and we hope none of them will so far forget themselves as to forfeit their right to that distinction. It is not necessary to make a noise or create a disturbance to show opposition, but rather to discuss calmly and deliberately the several questions raised. If the opposition is fair, it will then stand a better chance of success.

Obituary.

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SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

By the death of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., another vacancy has been created amongst our Provincial Grand Masters. This untoward event had been anticipated by the majority of our readers, who eagerly looked forward day by day for any tidings that might lead them to a hope that their beloved brother was likely to recover from the illness that had laid him prostrate. But the sad event at length took place. Sir Daniel Gooch died on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at his Berkshire residence, Clewer Park, near Windsor. From our "Masonic Portraits," Second Series, we quote the following particulars of Sir Daniel Gooch's Masonic record:—"He was initiated in the month of February 1850 in the St. George's Lodge, No. 112, Exeter. In 1853 he was chosen to fill the chair of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon, of which, in the meantime, he had become a joining member. During his term of office he initiated, passed, and raised twenty-eight candidates. Such indeed was the general estimation in which he was held, not only in his Province, but throughout the Craft generally, that during this same year he was appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master of Wiltshire, and a member of the Board of General Purposes while in 1854 the further honour was conferred upon him of re-electing him Master of the Royal Sussex. He was subsequently chosen Master of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Calne, of the Britannic, No. 33, and of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and during these three Masterships, and his second of No. 355, he initiated, passed, and raised as many as thirty-nine candidates, the total of those he has introduced to one or other of the degrees being no less than eighty. In 1858, he was not only elected Worshipful Master of the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Swindon, but his Provincial services were recognised in Grand Lodge by his appointment to the office of Grand Sword Bearer. In 1868 he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and prior to his quitting the Province of Wilts, with which he had been prominently connected for so many years, he was entertained at a banquet at Chippenham, at which Lord Methuen, the Prov. G. Master, presided. On this occasion he was presented with his full regalia as Prov. G. Master, his Wilts brethren having subscribed amongst them about £100 for that purpose. The exalted office to which he was then appointed has been held by him ever since. His administration of the Province has been attended with results most satisfactory to the interests of the Craft. The number of Lodges and members has been doubled, and whereas, previous to the appointment to the post nothing was done by the Province as such towards any of our great central Charities, it now takes a leading part in contributing to the needs of these Institutions. This is due to his exertions entirely, for almost his first act was to take measures for organising a scheme for raising contributions, and during his tenure of office, Berks and Berks, both as a Province and by the impetus given to private subscription, has figured liberally and most regularly at our Charitable Festivals. Such have been the services of our hero in Craft Masonry, but they are far from being the sum of his achievements. Is he not Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in his own Province? and does he not figure in the list of those distinguished brethren who have taken the Mark, Templar, and High Degrees? In 1851, he was advanced to the Mark Degree, in the Bon Accord Lodge, in the Metropolis, and subsequently held various offices. The same year he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, in St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter, and received the Knight Templar Degree in the Rougemont or Union Encampment, No. 39, Exeter. In 1852 he took the Rose Croix and Ne Plus Ultra degrees in Exeter, and that of G.E.K., K.H., 30° and intermediate degrees in London. In 1856 he was installed First Principal in Moriah Chapter, No. 9, and during his tenure of office exalted three candidates, while as Z. of the Wiltshire, No. 355, he exalted not less that ten candidates. In 1858 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter, holding this post of distinction in the Arch concurrently with the same office in Grand Lodge or Craft Masonry. In 1861, he was elected First Principal of the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, and lastly, and by way of putting the Keystone to the Arch of his reputation and the distinctions he had attained, he was, in 1875, installed as Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks. It should be further mentioned that he has personally conducted the ceremony of consecration in the case of the following Lodges, namely, Methuen Lodge, No. 631, formerly of Swindon, but since migrated to Taplow Bucks; Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, London; Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes; and Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge." Sir Daniel was twice married—first to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Tanner, of Bishopwearmouth, by whom he had several children; and, secondly, to Emily, daughter of the late Mr. John Burder, of Norwood, his widow.

There are few towns of a like size that can, in the matter of improvements, compare with Crediton, which of late years has increased in every direction. Numbers of new houses have been erected, more especially on the western part, and have found tenants almost as soon as they were built. The factories have all been improved and modernised, and a new one built at the junction of the east and west towns. Several important public buildings are in course of construction or about to be commenced. The new Masonic Hall, a handsome structure, is near completion, and a new Wesleyan chapel will shortly be commenced, as will also a new manse attached to the Congregational Chapel.

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ORTHODOX AMERICAN SCOTCH RITERS AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

In a former paper I have shown that the hostility to the Grand Orient of France by American Grand Lodges originated first, because the Grand Orient acknowledged the American negro Masons, and second, because it acknowledged Foulhouse of Louisiana as Sovereign of the Scotch Riters. As the hatred for negroes is dying out, and Foulhouse has disappeared, the Scotch Riters are now trying to make capital out of the alleged *atheism* of the Grand Orient of France. Briefly then, Bro. Gorgas (*not the old Gourgas* of 1813) of Baltimore (and others) deserted or rebelled against Sovereign Albert Pike, of the Southern Jurisdiction, and enrolled himself under the banner of Bro. Peckham, the *Seymourite Cerneanite* Sovereign of all American Scotch Riters; that is, of all who acknowledged his sway. Subsequently, the said Bro. Gorgas somehow succeeded Bro. Peckham in that high office. About eighteen months ago the new *Seymourite* Sovereign visited Paris, and was there acknowledged in his dignity by a Scotch Rite concern which is subject to the Grand Orient of France. About five weeks ago *the whole American Continent* was startled with the news that, owing to the alleged atheism of the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Peckham was all at once conscience smitten against the sin committed by his successor in visiting in Paris the Grand Orient Scotch Rite concerns, and for receiving acknowledgment from the Grand Orient. It is rather curious that it took Bro. Peckham eighteen months before he discovered the palpable sin committed by Bro. Gorgas. However, Bro. Peckham frankly acknowledged his error, but instead of receiving sympathy, he is attacked by all parties, with sneers, sarcasms, &c. The Toronto *Freemason* published a number of those squibs; thus, Bro. Millar, a Northern Jurisdiction Scotch Riter, says that the whole affair of *Seymourism* was a money-making scheme, and that Bro. Barker, the leading spirit of the other Cerneanite faction, who was formerly a Seymourite, was now getting all the money, and therefore Peckham *got tired of it*. Bro. McClanachan says:

"Seymour would confer the degrees for little or nothing, and being a jeweller and regalia manufacturer, made money by selling his regalia. Mr. Peckham kept up the work as long as it was worth while."

Messrs. Gassette and Barnard also ridicule Peckham's resignation. The former says, "Peckham belongs to the body which is not Masonic, and never has been," and Barnard says, that "he (Peckham) has been simply a peddler of degrees until he sold out his interest to Gorgas of Baltimore, neither of the two are in good standing among Masons."

Bro. John G. Barkirs, of the other Cerneanite faction, feels also joyful at the confusion occasioned by the desertion of Bro. Peckham from his rival Cerneanite concern. But my attention was especially directed to the following remarks by Bro. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of New York, who said to a newspaper reporter as follows:—

"Mr. Peckham was wise in his day and generation. He has taken time by the forelock. There are but two things for the members of the Cerneanan Rite to do; either to ignore Gorgas, or to be subject to a Masonic trial in a Blue Lodge. There can be no doubt of the power of the Blue Lodges to act in the matter. The law reads that no person shall be recognised as a Freemason who doubts or ignores the existence of a Supreme Being. Certainly the recognition by Gorgas of the Grand Orient of France, where no such a belief is required, is in direct violation of the law."

Bro. Ehlers, who is doubtless a very able Grand Secretary, has, however, overshot his mark when advising about law. The question is, has not a Grand Lodge a right to alter the ritual or laws? "No!" exclaim the dogmatic jurisprudence mongers, for Anderson said, "Provided the whole landmarks are carefully preserved." Very well! let us now see what Anderson said. In the first place Anderson restricted the privileges of Masonry to men of *sound limb* and to *free born*. But the Grand Lodge of England always discarded the *sound limb* condition, and for *free born* it substituted "*free man*." Now, Mr. Jurisprudence monger, I want you to explain why the Grand Lodge of England may discard Anderson's laws, and why the Grand Orient of France may not?

And now about religion. Anderson says:

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation [or in other words, "to be true to the Church,"] yet it is now thought more expedient to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions [in which they disagree] to themselves. That is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished. Whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union and the means of conciliating true and sincere friendship among persons who must have remained at a perpetual distance."

In the above paragraph there is no hint about believing in the Bible, in a future state, in resurrection, in salvation, nor in any other dogma about which good and true men disagree, *and have always disagreed*. Now the word "*landmark*" means that the *mark* should not be moved to one side of the line or to the other, or, in other words, you must neither diminish nor increase the line of demarcation, and you must neither add to it nor take anything from it. Such being the case, you had no right to impose belief in the inspiration of any sacred book or books on Masons, and sundry other dogmas besides; and if you, *Jurisprudence mongers*, allow the Andersonian landmark to be removed on one side, why may not the Grand Orient of France be allowed to shift the landmark on the other side?

But that is not all. The main object of the founders of our modern Masonry was for "conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance," or, in other words, to unite "good and true men—men of honour and honesty by *whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished*," and these are Anderson's own words. Now, it is well known that the Grand Lodge of Sweden, as well as a Grand Lodge in Berlin, exclude all from Masonry who do not believe in Christianity, and why do you, Jurisprudence mongers, allow Masons to visit Swedish and Berlin Lodges—where the main object of the founders of our Masonry is discarded—while, at the same time, you prohibit Masons to visit French Lodges where the main object of the founders of our Masonry was merely extended?

But that is not all. Under the Grand Orient of France the candidate for Masonry is not questioned about his belief in God, but is that any reason for supposing that French Masons must necessarily be atheists? Surely I belong to several societies in Boston, where no one is questioned about belief in God, yet I never heard that a member of the said societies was ever suspected of being an atheist, and I venture to say that there are no more atheists in the French Lodges under the Grand Orient than we have in the above-named Boston societies. But supposing even that the whole Grand Orient are atheists, surely no one ever charged those atheists with disobeying Bro. Anderson's injunction of keeping those opinions to themselves while in the Lodge. But how is it in our godly American Lodges? Here the Worshipful Master does indeed make the same promises to candidates of all persuasions about enjoying all the Masonic privileges without violating his or their duty to God, &c.; and this promise is given "*on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason.*" But a Jewish Mason knows that the said pious American Worshipful Masters *are neither men of honour nor gentlemen*; because a man of honour and a gentleman never makes a promise which he does not intend to keep, but the American pious W. Masters make promises which they never mean to keep. Now, if a tree may be judged by its fruit, then the French atheists certainly act while they meet in Masonic Lodges more in accordance with the ideas of men of honour, gentlemen, and Masons than our pious Christian Masons do in American Lodges.

Assuming, however, that a Blue Lodge may expel a member for having been inside of a Lodge chartered by the Grand Orient of France, is that any reason for the Blue Lodge having a right to expel a member because he visited, in Paris, a *Scotch Rite concern* which belongs to the said Grand Orient? Surely a Blue Lodge has no more connection with Scotch Rite than it has with *Mystic Shinery*, and with fifty other *Tom-fooleries* that certain classes of Masons indulge in. Suppose, now, I choose to visit a French Mystic Shrinery; or suppose I choose to have my life insured in a French Masonic Life Insurance Society, I ask, in the name of common sense, what right my Lodge has to expel me for it, or trouble itself about it at all? Briefly, then, it is my firm belief that a Mason has a right to belong to any Society (providing it is not immoral) he pleases, whether French Masons belong to it or not, and that a Mason has a right to buy his hat, clothes, shoes, &c., of an atheist if he pleases, and he has

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also a perfect right to buy his *Scotch Rite nonsense* of an atheist too.

My worthy Bro. Ehlers' method of reasoning about Masonic law runs after the following fashion. Namely:—

Whereas in New York a candidate for Masonry is asked about his belief in God, and in the Grand Orient Lodges candidates are not questioned upon the subject.

And whereas *Masonic snobs* in this country, as well as in France, congregate together for performing Scotch Rite *something*, but the members thereof are, in America, split up into factions.

And whereas Bro. Gorgas, the head of one of the American Scotch Rite factions *hobnobbed* while he was in Paris with a Scotch Rite concern belonging to the Grand Orient of France.

And whereas Bro. John Smith of the Holy Evangelist's Lodge, in New York, believes in Bro. Gorgas's right to rule all the Scotch Riters in "America and its Territories."

Therefore the said Holy Evangelist's Lodge is authorised to expel the said John Smith from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Now, bear in mind Bro. Smith is not accused of being an atheist, nor is Bro. Gorgas an atheist. But as the Grand Orient asks no questions in its Blue Lodges about belief in God, hence an atheist *may have been there initiated*, and the same atheist *may have become there* a Scotch Riter, and he *may have been* present in the Scotch Rite concern during Bro. Gorgas's visit to that concern. Therefore it is the duty of the Holy Evangelist's Lodge to expel Bro. John Smith from Masonry.

I must here add that a few days ago I happened to hear an old gentleman, who is not a Mason, sing part of a song which he learned from an old Mason living next door to his father, and here is the fragment of the song which was copied for me:—

"In kingdoms there are quarrels,
In interest there are laurels,
In church these Christians wrangle and jar.
There is no such invasions among the Freemasons,
No rumours, nor ruptures, or internal wars."

Ah! said I to myself, after hearing the above, surely neither the author of that song nor the zealous brother Mason who sang it more than sixty years ago could have supposed that a time would come when Masons would wrangle and jar as bad as they did in the Church; and that a Grand Secretary of New York would advise the Holy Evangelist's Lodge to expel Bro. John Smith from Masonry because Bro. Gorgas, of Baltimore, had *hobnobbed* in Paris with Scotch Riters in a concern which has no connection whatever with Blue Lodge Masonry.

Boston, U.S., 23rd September 1889.

MAYORAL MASONIC BANQUET.

A BANQUET of a most unique nature was given on the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Liverpool, by his Worship the Mayor (Bro. E. H. Cookson), at which about 70 guests were present. In addition to the honour he so worthily upholds as the chief magistrate of Liverpool, his Worship also occupies the distinguished positions of P.G.S.W. in the province of West Lancashire, and the chair of Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, the oldest and most noted in a province which is numerically the strongest in connection with the Grand Lodge of England. Included in the invitations to the banquet were the Officers and members of Lodge 32; the P.G.M. of East Lancashire (Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie); and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm, and in proposing the health of the host Colonel Starkie referred with satisfaction to the fact that out of the members of the Lodge of Harmony there had come no fewer than four Provincial Grand Masters. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by capital songs, given by members of No. 32.

The members of the Kidderminster Masonic Club now possess a capital reading room. There has been an outlay of about £200 in enlarging and improving it, and in doing other work at the Club. The new room was recently opened, and the borough member (Bro. A. F. Godson) was present as chairman. He congratulated the members on the result of the alterations. The improvements at the Club ought to bring in new members.

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IRELAND.

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INSTALLATION OF THE MARQUIS OF HERTFORD AS P.G. MASTER OF ANTRIM.

ON the 9th inst., the Marquis of Hertford was installed as Prov. Grand Master of the County Antrim in connection with the Masonic Order, in room of the late occupant of that office, Sir Charles Lanyon. The ceremony, which took place in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, was a most interesting one, and was attended by a numerous and distinguished assemblage of members of the Order. Lord Hertford arrived from Lisburn, and was met on the platform of the Great Northern Railway Terminus by Mr. Thos. Valentine, J.P., the Deputy Grand Master of A. F. and A. Masons of Antrim, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer. These brethren escorted the Grand Master-elect to the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Botanic Gardens. The Hall was artistically decorated with hothouse plants and delicate drapery. Regalia having been assumed in one of the ante-rooms of the Hall, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. D. Shekleton, Q.C., attended by the Grand Officers and the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, after which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, was introduced and inducted to the throne. The Provincial Grand Master-elect, the Marquis of Hertford, having been announced as in attendance, and his warrant of appointment having been read, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (the Duke of Abercorn) appointed a deputation to introduce him. An appropriate ode was then sung, after which a procession was formed under the direction of the Worshipful the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and it entered the Lodge Room in the following order:—The Provincial Grand Deacons, a Past Master carrying the Holy Bible, a Past Master carrying the Book of Constitutions, a Past Master carrying the collar and apron of the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws, the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers forming the deputation, the Provincial Grand Master-elect, the Director of Ceremonies. Having marched three times around the room, the procession halted on reaching the foot of the throne, when the Provincial Grand Master-elect was presented to the M.W. the Grand Master, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The installation ode, which was composed specially for the occasion by Bro. William Redfern Kelly P.G.R.C. Prince of Wales Lodge, 154, having been rendered to the tune of the "Old Hundreth," the M.W. the Grand Master directed the Provincial Grand Master-elect to kneel and take the obligation of office, and then invested him with the insignia of office, &c., and placed him in the chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Director of Ceremonies then declared the Most Honourable Hugh de Grey, Marquis of Hertford, duly installed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Antrim. The newly installed Provincial Grand Master having been saluted with full Masonic honours, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master nominated and appointed his Provincial Deputy Grand Master. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master presented the R.W. Thomas Valentine D.P.G.M. with the collar and jewel of his office, on behalf of his Masonic friends in the Province; after which the closing ode was rendered, to the tune "Sicilian Mariners' Hymn." The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in the usual form, and the interesting ceremony came to an end. In the evening, at seven o'clock, the Prov. Grand Master was entertained at a banquet in the Ulster Hall. Close on 400 guests sat down to dinner, and in the gallery was a very large number of ladies. The Hall was handsomely decorated with flags, Masonic emblems, &c., and the scene presented was a peculiarly picturesque and animated one. The Band of the Gordon Highlanders was in attendance, and played a choice selection of airs during the dinner. The Duke of Abercorn presided. On the right of his Grace were the Marquis of Hertford, Bros. Thomas Valentine, J.P., D.P.G.M., Harry Hodges, Sir Henry Cochrane, D.L., Thomas W. Fitzgerald, John MacDonald, Oliver Fry, Major Thompson, Sir W. Millar, and R. J. Hilton. On the left were Bros. R. D. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M., Lord Arthur Hill, Major Scott, W. C. M'Crawley, Fred R. Pim, Colonel Irvine, R. Carey, Rev. Dr. Irvine, William Rankin, and W. T. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D. After dinner letters of apology were announced to have been received from a number of gentlemen, including Judge Townshend, the Marquis of Headfort, Sir Edward Hudson-Kinahan, Bart., his Grace Lord Plunket, and the Mayor of Belfast. The Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, and in the course of his observations said Her Majesty was not quite unknown in the city of Belfast. She visited it many years ago, and he believed recollections of that visit still remain in the hearts of some of the citizens, and he was sure they all looked forward with hope to a time when Her Majesty might again be pleased to visit that great city and see the progress that had been made in it since she was there before. The toast was loyally honoured. The Chairman gave the toast of the Prince of Wales. He said the Prince of Wales, in his capacity of Grand Master of England, undertook the duties which devolved upon him as Heir to the Throne, and it could be said of him that whatever he undertook he did thoroughly. Since he had been created Grand Master of England he had endeavoured, to the utmost of his ability, to raise the standard of Masonry in that country, and his efforts had proved most successful. There was one other word he would like to add. Alarming reports had been going about for the last few days and had been published in the public papers, regarding the state of the health of His Royal Highness. He (the Chairman) could only say that he put no credit in these reports. It must, of course, be well known that the Prince of Wales had passed through a very arduous life, and at his years a man needed some change and rest. It would, therefore, be the prayer of all true Masons that the change which his Royal Highness would take through the coming winter would completely restore him to his usual robust health. The toast was drunk with full

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Masonic honours. Bro. Neill having sung "Hearts of Oak," Bro. Valentine D.P.G.M. gave the toast of the Grand Master of Ireland, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the services which the Duke of Abercorn had rendered to the Craft. The Grand Master, in responding, having thanked the company for the manner in which they had received the toast, said he could not help thinking that gatherings like the present must be the means of doing a great deal of good to Freemasonry in Ireland, and more especially in the North of Ireland, for they afforded a means of bringing Masons of all classes, and from different parts of the country, together; and the interchange of thoughts and ideas which would naturally take place could not prove other than most advantageous. He had been told, when inquiring who would be present at the banquet, that very few of the Freemasons of Belfast were known. That was not as it should be, and he trusted that the list of those present at the banquet would be published in the morning papers, and then they would certainly know who were the Masons of Antrim and Belfast. For his own part he would only say that he had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his father, who was known not only as a Mason, but as an Ulsterman, and he hoped he might always be placed in the same category. While in his present position he would always endeavour to uphold the duties and ties of Masonry in Ireland, and he was happy to tell them that at the present moment Masonry was in a most flourishing condition in this country. New life appeared to have been infused, and the standard of Masonry had risen very considerably. It was also satisfactory to him to be able to announce that, despite the depressed times, the funds which came for the support of Masonry had not in any way diminished during the last few years, but, on the contrary, had increased. His lordship concluded by strongly recommending to the sympathy of all Freemasons the Masonic Orphan Charities, and pointed out that, although the Girls' School was free from debt, there was a considerable sum due for the building of the Boys' School. These two Charities were so useful and so important that, in his opinion, it was the duty of every Freemason to give to them all the support they possibly could, and none of them knew how soon an appeal might have to be made on behalf of their families to those Institutions. Haydn's "Stars of the summer night" having been sung, the Chairman gave the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. Shekleton responded. The Chairman then proposed the Health of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Antrim, and referred to the fact that the noble Marquis was no stranger to the people of Belfast. He had fought political battles, and fought them successfully, in their town, and as a Mason he would prove himself second to none. The toast was drunk with the usual honours. The Marquis of Hertford said—It was now about twenty years almost to a day since he addressed a meeting in that Hall, and that meeting was not one in which brotherly love and kindness prevailed. He was at a loss to find words to express his thanks that the honour had been conferred upon him—an honour which he highly esteemed and which it afforded him pleasure to receive. The only thing that detracted from that pleasure was the event which rendered his appointment necessary, in the death of their old friend Sir Charles Lanyon, who had been removed from their midst by the hand of death. There was an idea existing that the Freemason body were of an extraordinary character, conducted within closed doors, and that these proceedings were only varied by the eating of some very good dinners. He would appeal to all good Masons to prove that this was not the case by the manner in which they responded to the call of Charity. Such response was the more required after what had been said of them by the Grand Master; and, in his opinion, no matter what individuals did, it was in the power of private Lodges to do more than they did at present in the matter of supporting these Schools. Some of them were apt to forget that they had the great Masonic duty of Charity to perform. He appealed to them to bear in mind that charity was the great word which should be in the front of Masonry on all occasions. His lordship concluded by saying it would be his endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and to forward the interests of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. Lord Arthur Hill responded. The toast of the Sister Provincial Grand Lodge having been proposed by Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., and duly honoured, the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Among the candidates eligible to take part in the election of Friday next, for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is Hugh Stanley Thompson, aged 8 years, the eldest son of the late John George Thompson, Solicitor, of Stockton-on-Tees, and Redcar, Yorks, a Mason of 30 years' standing, P.M., P.P.G.R., Tees Lodge, No. 509, P.Z. &c. Bro. Thompson was initiated in Tees Lodge in 1858, and was a founder of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 910. He had severe pecuniary losses about 5 years ago, and died suddenly in October last, leaving a widow penniless, with no relations in a position to help her, and 6 children living (eldest, a girl 10 years, and youngest three months). The case is strongly recommended by some of the best known Craftsmen of the day, but outside help is urgently desired, in order to make sure of the lad's election at an early date. Several of our friends at Kingston-on-Thames are interesting themselves in the case, and we are assured by them it is one really deserving of all the help it is in the power of the Craft to give.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting of the Lodge, after the summer recess, was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 8th inst. Bro. Henry Lindfield, the W.M., was supported by Bros. H. Nash S.W., P. J. King J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper S.D., William Kirkland J.D., W. J. Dyer I.G.; P.M.'s F. J. Hentsch, Usher Back, A. Dickson, John Laver, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce; also W. J. Bennett, Parsons, C. Skipp. Visitors—Bros. T. Corbett 1612, F. Schmidt, A. E. W. Powles 1901, J. G. Collings Organist 1693. In the course of the evening a distressed brother, who some forty years back was associated with "Old St. Michael's," was assisted with a grant of three guineas. The brethren after labour partook of a banquet, which was served in the perfect way that characterises this establishment. A couple of hours were spent in agreeable converse, enlivened with some capital songs, &c.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

A MEETING of this popular Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. In the absence of the W.M. the Rt. Hon Lord George F. Hamilton, M.P., Senior Grand Warden, the chair was taken by Bro. George Gardner (Secretary) P.M., who was supported by Bros. Dr F. Lawrance P.M., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, W. A. Dowling S.W., J. Brown J.W., R. H. Wimpey S.D., F. Waldon J.D., C. Hughes I.G., C. Patrick Tyler. Visitors—Bros. G. J. Westfield I.P.M. 2184 Prov. G. Sword Bearer Essex, Louis Lee 2309, Thomas Brooks W.M. 382, R. S. Pullman 2309, A. E. Hewer 2309, H. J. Gifford 468 (S.C.), H. E. Jefferys 902, R. Bennetts 2309, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. W. Maple 1706, F. Dusterwald J.D. 1586, Frank Kemp 2309, H. Ellis 933. After the Lodge had been constituted and formally opened, Bros. Louis Lee and Pullman, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, were raised to the third degree, the ceremony being conducted by the acting Worshipful Master. Bro. Gardner had also requested the W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge to pass two candidates, also from the Lodge that bears his name, and for this purpose Dr. Lawrance now took the chair of No. 2012, and the candidates—Bros. Bennetts and Kemp, with Bro. R. J. Steel of the home Lodge—were introduced and placed under examination as to the proficiency they had made in the science. The result was satisfactory, and later on Dr. Lawrance conferred the degree upon them. The name of a candidate for initiation was handed in, some notices of withdrawal considered, with other details respecting the Lodge government, and the business was brought to a close. The brethren then partook of a banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed, and the after proceedings were enlivened with some capital songs and musical selections, Bro. Louis Lee, who holds diplomas of a high order as a Professor of Music, especially distinguishing himself. Bro. Edward P. Delevante was the accompanist throughout.

BECKENHAM LODGE, No. 2047.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. Charles R. Pilcher W.M. of the above Lodge, followed by the installation banquet, took place at the Lodge-room, at the Beckenham Public Hall, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst. The following brethren were present:—Officers of the Lodge—Bros. G. V. Schofield W.M., C. R. Pilcher S.W., R. Milburn J.W., Edward Carpenter Treasurer, G. T. Rait Secretary, Thos. Garrard S.D., John Patrickson I.G., F. W. Mansell Steward, Rev. John Harding Chaplain, R. S. Archbold P.M., Jas. Craig P.M., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Members of the Lodge—C. W. Gribble, H. W. Hammell, E. Hedley, W. V. Ditcham, C. M. Tilly, W. Howard. Visitors—Bros. Wimble P.P.G.D. Kent, R. Myers, C. J. Reynolds, E. Scovell, F. Newcombe, R. M. Northcote, Wm. Smith, Thos. Reed, A. Lawrence Fryer, H. J. Datton. The brethren assembled in the Lodge-room at half-past five in the evening, and the Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies the installation of Bro. Charles R. Pilcher was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. R. S. Archbold. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. R. Milburn S.W., T. E. Garrard J.W., G. V. A. Schofield I.P.M., E. Carpenter Treasurer, G. T. Rait Secretary, Rev. J. Harding Chaplain, J. Patrickson S.D., H. W. Hammell J.D., C. W. Gribble I.G., F. S. Newcombe Organist. The banquet took place at the Public Hall, at half-past seven, which gave great satisfaction. The banquet over, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts and that of the Grand Officers, which were received with the usual honours, and followed by the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," and a part song, "Absent," by Bros. H. Datton, Lawrence Fryer, E. Scovell, and F. Bevan. Bro. Schofield I.P.M. proposed the Worshipful Master, which he said they must all agree was the principal toast of the evening. Everybody in Beckenham would know that they had elected the most popular man in Beckenham—a jolly good fellow—who, as they might have seen from what he had already done in the Lodge-room, intended to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. Seldom had they heard the charge given as it was given that evening, and they might take it as a good augury of the work he would do later on. He did not think anything he could say would enhance the W.M.'s virtues in their eyes. The W.M. said he scarcely knew how to express his thanks, not only for the eloquent terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, but for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It would give him zest and encouragement to go on with the work and to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge, knowing that at the outset he had with him their kindly feelings and sympathies. He could scarcely think that anything that he had done in the past merited such kind expressions as had fallen from the I.P.M. He took it as an augury that if he followed in the footsteps of previous Masters he should be doing that which was right in the interests of

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the Lodge. He thanked them very much for the kind expressions with which the toast had been given and received. Before sitting down he would propose the health of the I.P.M. This was an easy task for him to do, because they must all feel what he had done for the Lodge, the attention which at all times he had given to its interests, the manner in which he had performed his duties, and the lively interest he felt in its prosperity. It needed no words to recapitulate the benefits the Lodge had received under his Mastership, and he (the W.M.) sincerely trusted that the I.P.M. would continue in the future to show his lively interest in the Lodge as in the past. It was with great pleasure that he invested Bro. Schofield with the I.P.M.'s jewel, which the Beckenham Lodge had great pleasure in presenting to him. The I.P.M. said he could not be sufficiently thankful for the kind words that had fallen from the W.M. He felt it all the more highly because it was one of the few jewels which could not be bought. With regard to his year of office, he regretted that the Lodge did not give him more work to do, when they might have found him wanting. However, he had tried to do his best, and that he took a great interest in Masonry they would see when he mentioned that he was in office in five Lodges. If the brethren accorded the W.M. the same assistance they had given him he could assure the W.M. that during the coming year he would have a very pleasant task. The W.M. next toasted the Installing Master Bro. R. S. Archbold. They would give particular attention to that toast because they knew how well the Installing Master had served this Lodge, both within and without. The way in which he had performed the installation that evening was something remarkable. The impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony was something to be envied. Every word went home, and it made them feel that there was something in Masonry more than ordinary minds comprehended. There was more good, more benevolence, more holiness, he might almost say, than what people generally gave it credit for. If those outside could have heard their solemn service that day he was sure that every man would wish to become a Freemason. Those who knew the Installing Master would appreciate him more, and those who did not know him as intimately as some of them did would wish to do so. Bro. Archbold in responding to the toast said he felt the W.M. had accorded to him far greater praise than he deserved for having performed what he considered to be his duty. All through life he had felt that whatever he undertook he ought to perform to the best of his ability, and in this instance, as in all others, he had endeavoured to set an example to those who should come after him in the office—an example that should be worth following. There was no doubt that, as the W.M. had said, there was far more in Masonry than was known to the outside circle. He could not overlook the fact that there was amongst the ladies, especially the married ladies, a great prejudice against Masonry. The married ladies did not like to feel that their husbands had any secrets which they did not like them to know; but he thought if the married ladies only knew the real truth with regard to Masonry they would be the first to advocate its extension. He looked upon it, not as a secret only, but as a religion, and if they only followed out in their every-day life the precepts which were given them in the Lodge, if those outside only knew the duties which were taught within the Lodge, there would be less crime and less of all kinds of incorrectness than there was at the present moment. He only regretted that Masonry was not better known amongst the tender sex, because if it were so it would gain far wider acceptance than it did at present. He was more than obliged to the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of his efforts. It had always been his object to foster the prosperity of this Lodge. Unfortunately the meetings of his mother Lodge were held on the same night, but his interest in Beckenham induced him to give this Lodge the preference to his mother Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, remarking that most of them had been founders of the Lodge, and took the greatest interest in its prosperity. Although small, it was one of the most united Lodges in the kingdom, and he attributed this to the manner in which the Past Masters had held it together, and the example they had set to the younger members. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. Carpenter. Bro. Dr. Carpenter, although wishing that the duty of responding to the toast had fallen into better hands, felt highly honoured in being called upon to respond. He was sorry that there were so few Past Masters, at the present time, feeling that a great deal of the prosperity of the Lodge depended upon them and the Worshipful Master, but as far as his own services went, he would do the best he could for the good of the Beckenham Lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on having attained his present position in the Lodge, having been initiated only five years ago. This ought to show the junior members that they too might attain this proud position if they would only put their shoulders to the wheel. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, remarking that he hoped it would always be the privilege of the Beckenham Lodge to be amongst those noted for their hospitality. Bros. Wimbole, Myers, Northcote and Scovell responded. The W.M. next toasted the Secretary and Treasurer. He remarked that the interest the Secretary had shown in the Lodge was beyond all praise, and the manner in which he fulfilled the duties must be a cause of admiration to every member who witnessed his principles, his tact, and his perseverance. Whatever he undertook to do, he always did it well, and if he undertook to do a thing they might always look upon it as done. As to their worthy Treasurer, he served them in an equally efficient manner. Bro G. T. Rait the Secretary said he felt very much indebted to the Lodge for appointing him Secretary, because the work of the Lodge gave him much pleasure, and, as year followed year, and Master followed Master, that pleasure increased rather than diminished. He facetiously remarked that he had heard that the married ladies of Beckenham were going to form a Lodge, and if they needed a Secretary he would be glad to offer his services. Bro. Dr. Carpenter, as Treasurer, also responded. The W.M. proposed the Officers, remarking that he could not have better Officers, and he begged to tender them sincere thanks for the way in which they had supported him. Bros. R. Milburn S.W. and T. E. Garrard J.W. responded. The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Newcombe the Organist, who had so kindly provided the musical treat of the evening. Bros. Newcombe and Scovell responded. The Tyler's toast brought the very pleasant proceedings to a close shortly before eleven o'clock.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON the 12th instant one of the largest and most successful gatherings yet held under the auspices of this popular Lodge took place at Leeds, to mark the retirement of Bro. William Watson P.M., the outgoing W.M. Bro. Watson was supported by the following Officers and brethren of the Lodge:—Bros. Charles Middleton S.W., J. J. Fretwell J.W., Rev. J. H. Evans Chaplain, Robert Abbott Treasurer, Tom Atkinson Secretary, Bro. Robert Craig P.M. P.P.G.D. Preceptor, A. Butterworth S.D., Benjamin S. Bailey J.D., Tudor Trevor P.M. I.P.M. D.C., Lewis Howarth I.G., R. A. Smithson Assistant Secretary, Charles Cryer Steward, Edward Bentley Assistant Steward, Harris Begbie Abbott Assistant Steward and Musical Librarian, Jas. Buckley Organist, S. Barrand Prov. Grand Tyler Tyler, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, C. L. Mason P.M. Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, J. T. Jones, Ingamells, F. G. Dinery P.M., J. P. Robinson, G. W. Pratt and Storey. There was an extremely large assembly of Visitors, including past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, brethren from Leeds and distant Lodges. Amongst others—there were close upon one hundred in the Lodge—we noticed Bro. Henry Smith P.M. D.P.G.M., J. Cooper Malcolm P.M. P.P.G. Registrar, R. Allison P.M. P.P.G.D., W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. (Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee), W. Fitton P.P.G.A.D.C., A. W. Ramsden P.P.D.C., &c. &c. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles Middleton was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the honour paid him. Bro. Abbott was for the fifth time re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Barrand was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Trevor and Fretwell were elected auditors. The Lodge then unanimously voted Bro. Watson a Founder's jewel, in acknowledgment of the manner in which he had ruled the Lodge for the past twelve months. This business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the most interesting item on the programme, and the one which was responsible for that splendid gathering was proceeded with, namely, the reading of a paper by Bro. Dr. Smyth, entitled "His Personal Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny." For upwards of an hour the Doctor held his audience spell-bound by his eloquent recital of the many dangers through which he passed at that most trying time in the nation's history. He related how the Mutiny first came to a head at Meerut, on the 10th May 1857, a station at which he was then residing as Chaplain to the Forces. The dreadful scenes that were enacted under his eyes were treated of with an eloquence, and yet with a modesty, which charmed all hearers. Nor was the story merely a recital of horrors, for the relation was interspersed with many amusing episodes, which occurred at that time, and which, as the Doctor stated, served somewhat to draw their minds away from the unparalleled barbarities which were daily being committed in their midst. Dr. Smyth touched but lightly on his own share in the heroism displayed by all grades of Europeans at that time, but it was plain to see that, try as he would to minimise his own exploits, they were differently regarded both by his comrades and the Government, who at the conclusion of the Mutiny rewarded him with the Chaplaincy of Singapore. One of the most interesting incidents took place at the conclusion of the lecture. Amongst his delighted audience were half a dozen non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Carabineers, who are at present stationed in Leeds. These men marched in a body to the dais to shake hands with the Doctor, and it then transpired that this regiment was at Meerut during the Mutiny, and that the Doctor had ministered to their spiritual wants in such a manner as to endear him to the memories of all, from the commanding officer downward. When the Doctor left the station the regiment turned out in review order and saluted him, an honour which rarely falls to the lot of any one but a distinguished military commandant. In the records of the regiment mention is made of Dr. Smyth and his goodness, and his military brethren felt that they were greeting an old comrade, and one to whom the honour of the Queen's troops was as precious as it was to themselves. Needless to say this pleasing and unique incident called forth the loud applause of the assembled brethren. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, who is himself an old Indian civil servant, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Smyth, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. An admirably served banquet was enjoyed by all, and the rest of the evening was spent in that happy fraternal manner for which Lodge Prudence is so celebrated.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., 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 25th day of October 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To elect a Medical Officer from a list of thirty-seven applicants, whose names addresses, &c., will be printed for circulation at the Court, copies of which may also be had on application at the Office.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1.—By V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron (P.G. Treasurer), on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee:—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £150 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years."

2.—By W. Bro. W. MASTERS, L.Gov., on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Management Committee:—

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

3.—By Bro. WM. HARRIS SAUNDERS, L.Gov., P.P.G.S.D. (Middx.):—

(a) "That boys shall be educated according to the position their father occupied while in prosperity, and that where considered desirable by the Committee, an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution. That the General Committee be requested to take this matter under consideration, on application being made for a boy to be placed on List of Candidates."

(b) "That following the example of many other Public Schools, pupils shall be received into the Institution at a fixed annual sum, and that sons of Masons only shall be eligible for election or otherwise."

(c) "That the Court recommend to the General Committee to make special inquiries in all *last* cases, with a view to their Election should the case prove to be that of a really destitute Candidate."

(d) "That all petitions be thoroughly inquired into (as per resolution recently adopted by the Girls' General Committee) by a Sub-Committee, who shall report to the General Committee prior to such petitions being brought before them, but who shall not have power to reject any Candidate."

To elect Sixteen Boys from an approved List of Seventy Candidates.

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 sooner should the General Business of the Court have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std., P.G. Sword B., V.-Pat.), Secretary.
OFFICE—8 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th October 1889.

The 92nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
Will be held at the end of June 1890.

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
ST JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Grand Patron and President:
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

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, the 26th October 1889, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to elect fifteen Girls into the School from a list of 38* Approved Candidates. The Election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
16th October 1889.

* The name of Dorothy Mary Body has been withdrawn from this List for admission by purchase.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The election of Medical Officer to the above Institution will take place on Friday, 25th October, at 12 noon, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and I take this last opportunity of asking you to be present on that day, and to inscribe your votes on my behalf—for these reasons: that I am married, and reside within a two minutes' walk of the School, and have done so for over five years; that I believe the testimonials I hold (copies of which have been distributed and advertised in the Masonic Journals) are as fully recommendatory as those of any other candidate; that I have been actively employed in the study and practice of my profession for 20 years; and that I have been a Life Subscriber to the Institution since my initiation into Freemasonry. I promise that, if elected, my best care shall be devoted to the health of the pupils. I beg to thank the friends who have voluntarily come forward to my assistance, and regret that I have not been able to address individually the members of the electorate, the large number forming that body (over 14,000) preventing my doing so.

I have the honour to remain,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours very obediently,
R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S.Eng., &c.
Ewell Lodge, No. 1851.

Richmond Villa, Lordship Lane, Wood Green, N.
18th October 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

C. H. CONOLLY, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.
&c. &c.
3 Church Hill Villas, Wood Green, N.

REQUESTS the favour of the votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on his behalf for the coming election of Medical Officer.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

Duly qualified subscribers can have Lists of Candidates sent them on application to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

J. E. H. STEPHENS, L.R.C.P. & S.E.
(LODGE 967),

BEGS to announce to the members of the General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that he is a Candidate for the post of Medical Officer, advertised as vacant.

Bro. Stephens has been for some time in practice at Wood Green, and resides within three minutes' walk of the Institution. He is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Edinburgh, and if elected will do everything in his power to promote and maintain the health of all entrusted to his care.

1 Gladstone Avenue, Noel Park, Wood Green, N.
11th October 1889.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

THE favour of the votes and interest of the President and Members of the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is earnestly solicited on behalf of

C. ROUT, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., C.M.
&c. &c.

A candidate for the appointment of Medical Officer to the Institution.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
ELECTION, 25TH OCTOBER 1889.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for
HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,
AGED 7 YEARS,
YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH.

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.
The Rev. S. A. SELWYN, Past Chaplain 210, St. James's Vicarage, Hatcham, S.E.
Bro. H. E. F. BUSSEY, P.M. 1928, 123 Brixton Hill, S.W.
Bro. Alderman FARNCOMBE, Prov. G.J.W. Sussex, *East Sussex News* Office, Lewes.
Bro. R. J. GRIFFITHS, W.M. 1928, 4 Inner Temple Lane, E.C.
Bro. C. F. PARDON, P.M. 1928, 119 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. R. J. ALBERRY, 1382, S.D. 1928, 24 Stockwell Park Crescent, S.W.
Bro. THOS. C. SUMNER, *Yorkshire Post* Office, Leeds, No. 1211.
Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL, P.M. 87, P.M. and Secretary 1923, 16 Ann Street, Union Square, Islington, N.
Bro. H. MASSEY, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928, 93 Chancery Lane, W.C.
Bro. J. C. DUCKWORTH, P.M. 1924, *Liverpool Courier* Office, 81 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. W. T. PERKINS, J.W. 1928, *Manchester Courier* Office, 27 Fleet Street, E.C.
Bro. A. F. ASHBE, P.M. 1385, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.
Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 38, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
Bro. W. E. PITT, 1928, *Press Association*, Wine Office Court, E.C.
Bro. JAMES WILLING JUN., V.P., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1987, and 1319, P.Z. 1009, 1507, 2048, P.A.S. Middlesex, &c.
Bro. R. STACEY, P.M. and P.Z. 186, 434 Brixton Road, S.W.

Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.

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SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Lieut.-Colonel Lord Algernon-Lennox, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, presided, Bro. T. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bro. W. Marchant acting Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. J. Farncombe Prov. G.J.W. There was a very large muster of the brethren of the Province. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting and of the special meeting held in December last. These being confirmed, the roll of the Lodges was then called, and it was found that each Lodge was represented. A letter from Mrs. R. Crosskey was read in acknowledgment of the vote of condolence passed to her and her family on the death of her husband, the late Brother R. Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. W. Marchant, seconded by Bro. W. R. Wood, Bro. W. H. Hallett was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The reports of the Board of Finance and the Provincial Charities' Committee were read and adopted, Bro. C. H. Haine being elected Steward of the Charities' Committee in the place of Bro. J. Eberall, whose resignation was accepted with regret, and with hearty thanks for his past services. The Secretary read statistics showing that the members of the Provincial Lodges had increased from 1,179 to 1,200 during the past year. It was decided by a unanimous vote to continue the publication of the Masonic Almanac. A letter was read from Mrs. Gerard Ford, who alluded in graceful terms to the continuous interest her late husband, the deeply lamented Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had taken in the work of the Province. She also forwarded the following address, which the late Bro. F. Gerard Ford had commenced in anticipation of being present at the annual meeting. The unfinished address was as follows:—

It seems hardly possible, Brethren, that a year has passed since I last addressed you. It has been, Masonically, a quiet, uneventful year in the Province. But it is in the quiet uneventful years that real progress is made. It is in the stillness and darkness of the earth that the corn germinates and springs forth, not in the glare and roar of the busy highway. I believe that a steady advance has taken place in our beloved Craft in the Province, and that the love of it and the understanding of it, as a rule of life and conduct, is higher to-day than it was last year. I draw this conclusion from many seemingly unimportant circumstances, the tone of our meetings, the increase in our numbers, and many pleasant talks I have had with my brethren, when I have learned what their feelings are with regard to our brotherhood; I have rejoiced to find their hearts in unison with mine. Masonry, I may truly say, is now the work of my life; the time I spend on other things is but a tithe of what I give to Masonry, and it is a most inspiriting thought and one which gives me infinite gratification to know that my labour *is* not unrewarded. It rejoices my heart to feel, as indeed I have often felt this year, that when I visit the Lodges I receive a welcome, not only as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but as Gerard Ford, your fellow Craftsman and your Brother. There have been times, Brethren, during the past few months when the waters have seemed about to close over me, and I have doubted whether I should ever again stand here at your head and address you. During that time the beautiful words of the Third Degree have been often present to my mind, for it seemed that nature was about to present to me that "one great and useful lesson more"—that last great lesson after learning which we may enter the Grand Lodge above. Alas! my brethren, since we gathered here a year ago many breaches have again been made in our ranks; my dear Brother Crosskey, whose absence we lamented so much a year ago, I.P.M. Smith, that good and worthy Mason, and many more. Bear with me, brethren, if my words are somewhat tinged with the hue of that dark valley into which I seemed about to enter. It is well, perhaps, sometimes that even at a joyful meeting like the present we should stand quietly apart for a moment from the bustle and stir of business and prosperity, and lift our hearts to the contemplation of the impenetrable mysteries of life. I think we shall return to our duties and our pleasures none the

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worse for those quiet moments when our thoughts were raised above the sordid things of every day life. Ours is a complicated double existence, and it is as true to-day as it was more than eighteen hundred years ago that "man does not live by bread alone." It was a great pleasure to me to receive a kind and gracious letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, our Right W. Prov. Grand Master. Before this time next year he will be again in England, but it is well that brethren should not expect too much personal attention from one whose exalted position gives him many high and difficult duties to perform, the execution of which he cannot relegate to a Deputy. During my wanderings, and more especially since the heavy hand of affliction has been laid upon me, I have often felt cheered and comforted by the kind messages that have reached me from my brethren. Once on board a boat on the Rhine I had the happiness of meeting with a brother Mason, a German-American, with whom I had a long and interesting talk about the Craft on the other side of the world."

The acting Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox) said they had heard a most touching address from the late Bro. Ford, and the least they could do was to tender to his widow the expression of their deepest and most heartfelt sympathy and condolence with her in the very great affliction which had fallen upon her. Speaking of the late Bro. Ford he said he was a kind and affectionate friend and a good Mason. He then proposed the following resolution, and that a copy should be forwarded to Mrs. Gerard Ford:

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to tender to Mrs. Gerard Ford the expression of our respectful and sincere sympathy with her in the distressing and heavy bereavement with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to visit her. They further desire to testify their deep and lasting gratitude to their late and much lamented Brother and Deputy Provincial Grand Master (whose death has filled the hearts of all Sussex Masons with grief) for the full and well nigh perfect manner in which, with firmness, discretion and impartiality he discharged the onerous duties, and maintained in undiminished lustre the honour of the high office to which H.R.H. the Right W. Prov. Grand Master had been graciously pleased to appoint him, and for the general courtesy and kindness he, at all times and on all occasions, evinced and showed to his Brethren in Freemasonry. They desire also to thank Mrs. Ford for her truly Masonic letter, and the opportunity she has given them of hearing the touching words which he had prepared with the hope of reading them in Lodge to-day. They form a fitting farewell to his earthly labours and a record that the interests of Freemasonry occupied his last moments. And they pray that T.G.A.O.T.U. will, of his Infinite Mercy, grant to those nearest and dearest to him grace and consolation in the hour of this, their heavy affliction. Dated this 12th day of October 1889. Algernon Gordon-Lennox, acting Prov. Grand Master in the chair, R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary."

Bro. W. Marchant seconded. Bro. W. Dawes said he had been asked to speak upon the resolution. While rising in response to that request he felt that he could not do justice to the memory of their late Deputy Provincial Grand Master For some years he had been privileged to share the friendship of Bro. Ford; he had had opportunities of studying his character, and it had been most interesting to him to study Bro. Ford as a Freemason. He reviewed his zealous work during the seven years he was Provincial Grand Registrar, and bore testimony to the conscientious manner in which he discharged his duties. When the high honour of Deputy Provincial Grand Master was conferred upon him, he (Bro. Ford) often wondered as to what his success would be. He felt that he was not, like the late Bro. J. H. Scott, well-known to the brethren, and, in the early months of his Provincial Grand Mastership, though he did well, he was anxious to do better, and that anxiety had doubtless affected his health. As time went on he began to appreciate that he had the loyalty and also the confidence of the brethren, and had even secured their personal affection. His task became daily lighter, and he looked forward to many years of usefulness to the Province. What he did for the Province he did with his might; his deeds of benevolence, charity, and kindness were many. Concluding his touching address Bro. Dawes said:—

> We have lost him: he is gone;
> We know him now: all narrow jealousies
> Are silent; and we see him as he moved,
> How modest, kindly, all-accomplished, wise,
> With what sublime repression of himself,
> And in what limits, and how tenderly:
> Not swaying to this faction, or to that;
> Not making his high place the lawless perch
> Of winged ambitions, nor a vantage-ground
> For pleasure; but thro' all this tract of years
> Wearing the white flower of a blameless life.

Bro. Dawes resumed his seat amid hearty and highly appreciative applause. The resolution was carried unanimously. The following brethren, appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were invested with the insignia of their respective offices:—

Bro. Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott	...	Senior Warden
T. Billing W.M. 271	...	Junior Warden
Very Rev. E. R. Carrie P.M. 1184	}	Chaplains
Rev. J. Pattick W.M. 40	}	
W. H. Hallett P.M. 271	...	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.M. 916	...	Registrar
V. P. Freeman P.M. 732	...	Secretary
W. H. Causton P.M. 1726	...	Senior Deacon
W. Seymour Burrows P.M. 811	...	Junior Deacon
W. L. Wallis P.M. 916	...	Supt. of Works
W. Balchin jun. P.M. 1636	...	D.C.
H. Beaumont P.M. 315	...	A.D.C.
A. M. Botchley P.M. 1619	...	Sword Bearer
T. W. Dean P.M. 1110	}	Standard Bearers
B. Hughes P.M. 1184	}	
F. J. Sawyer, Mus. Doc., 271	...	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821	...	Assist. Secretary
T. Berry P.M. 1821	...	Pursuivant
G. E. Chapman P.M. 311	...	Assist. Pursuivant
W. Botting P.M. 732	...	Stewards
E. T. Cooksey W.M. 851	...	
W. E. Morrison W.M. 916	...	
A. Brazier P.M. 1829	...	
J. Graham Edwards P.M. 1466	...	
L. R. Styer W.M. 315	...	
H. Hughes	...	Tyler

All business ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to a banquet, which was presided over by the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, and was served by Bro. Mutton, in his best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. A. Lloyd P.M. 1726, in proposing the health of the Provincial Senior Grand Warden and Provincial Grand Officers, alluded in feeling terms to the death of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford. Sir W. T. Marriott responded in his usual felicitous terms. Bro. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph proposed the Visitors, for whom Bro. White, District Grand Deacon of Hong Kong, replied. Bro. C. W. Hudson gave the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, and Bro. T. Billing W.M. 271 and Bro. W. Dawes W.M. 1842 responded. The toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, proposed by Bro. R. Pidcock, was coupled with the name of Bro. J. M. Reed, the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee, who took the opportunity of asking that the brethren would place their votes at the disposition of the Committee. The health of, and thanks to the Stewards—Bros. H. Beaumont, W. Seymour Burrows, W. Balchin junior, W. L. Wallis, A. M. Botchley, and W. H. Causton—and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Provincial Grand Organist, who introduced for the first time to an English audience Madame Antoinette Link, the daughter of a German Mason, who charmed the brethren by her clever execution. Miss Minnie Freeman and Mr. Douglas Lott were also applauded for their various contributions, and the humorous songs of Mr. C. T. West formed a pleasing interlude, and assisted materially to promote the harmony of the evening.

Ralph Oldacre Dickens, aged 9 years, is a candidate on the list for next Friday's election for the Boys' School. He is the son of a Mason with whom we were personally acquainted.—Bro. William Gough Dickens, who died November last, aged 42, of bronchitis, leaving a widow and six children totally unprovided for. Bro. Dickens was a subscribing member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, up to a few months prior to his death; was a Past Master, and for some years Secretary, of the same Lodge; and was a Life-Governor of the Boys' Institution. His widow is also a Life-Governor of that Charity. The case is well recommended by a number of influential Metropolitan Masons, and also has the support of the father's Lodge, so that there is ample evidence of the lad being deserving of support. We shall be pleased to hear that the addition of our appeal to that of many others has been productive of some help for the widow and her family.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and violent, and for removing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In justice to numerous friends who, under adverse circumstances, have most kindly given me their generous support, and to myself as feeling acutely the unmerited obloquy to which I have been subjected, I cannot refrain from requesting space in your paper to enable me to place on record my protest—effectual or ineffectual as the case may be—against the unmeasured bitterness of tone which has found expression in some of the communications from Provincial localities, with resolutions embodying disapproval of the action recommended by the Provisional Management Committee.

For nearly thirty years my conduct has been before the Masonic world, and in that lengthy period of public life I do not fear to assert that I have never been guilty of an official act upon which I can look back with regret, or of which I need feel ashamed. With what justice, therefore, is it asserted, that because the Report of a Commission conveys an unfavourable opinion of my estimate of the duties of my position I have therefore "forfeited the confidence of every member of the Craft?" Mistaken in my estimate I may have been; false to my trust, I defy any one to maintain.

From the date of my appointment in 1861 I have laboured assiduously and successfully, and have been complimented by repeated acknowledgments of my services from those best qualified to form an opinion.

If it is to be accepted that apathy and repose are satisfactory substitutes for "energy and activity" so let it be. At my time of life I should welcome such an understanding, and it is no secret that for a considerable period I have longed for relaxation.

Controversial argument I wish to avoid, and I should hesitate to trouble you and your readers with these few lines were I not anxious to make known to friends and opponents alike that my abstention from wordy or written discussion has not been dictated by any such motive as that of allowing judgment to go by default, but by a firm conviction that from every point of view it is wise and politic to avoid public strife and dissension, and rely upon your own inner consciousness, supported by the favourable verdict of those possessing the best means of forming a dispassionate judgment.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—We notice with great regret the resolution passed by the General Committee on 5th October to terminate the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Morris, the present Head Master of the Boys' School.

Dr. Morris is very well known outside the Masonic body: firstly, in regard to his connection with King's College School, London, where he was for 7 years a master and lecturer; secondly, from his great literary reputation as an English scholar; thirdly, from his general successes in the educational world, especially in connection with the R.M.I.B. These latter are too well known to need dilating upon here, the printed reports of the University Local Examinations, together with the Annual Reports of the School Committee, bear ample testimony to this fact.

But our object in addressing you is not altogether to draw especial notice to these particulars, but to direct the attention of the Craft generally, the supporters of the School, to the very marked change and great improvement which have taken place in the *régime* of the establishment under the auspices of Dr. Morris. On this point we claim to have had a very practical experience, each of us having passed nearly six years in the School under three successive Head Masters, and are therefore, we think, more competent to express an opinion as to what Dr. Morris has done for the good of the School, as it actually affects the moral training and education of the pupils, than those who have been there only under one Head Master or than those of the governing body or of the Craft generally who cannot have had the same facilities for becoming intimately acquainted with the internal working of the School as we have had. One of us wished to give evidence upon this point before the last Committee of Inquiry, and wrote to a member of the late House Committee testifying his readiness to attend when desired, but was not even treated to the courtesy of an acknowledgement of that letter, which undoubtedly reached its destination for the addressee mentioned its reception to a member of the Craft.

We do not hesitate to say that the system of education and discipline pursued in the School underwent a complete revolution for the better even during the first few years of Dr. Morris's rule, which only those who actually passed through it can fully appreciate. Vexatious and unnecessary restrictions upon our liberty were removed, and we could obtain certain much valued privileges by application to studies and by good conduct. Our curriculum of study was greatly enlarged, more high mathematics, elementary science, and other subjects were added, and, with a view to our ultimate aims in life, some of us were encouraged and assisted in the study of special subjects outside the ordinary School curriculum; we, the writers have each attained the highest grade in our respective faculties at the University of London, and we feel that the careful training by Dr. Morris was a very considerable factor in our success at the University.

The friction between the educational and the domestic staff (mentioned in the report of the Committee of Inquiry) existed quite as much in our time as it has of late, and we were painfuly aware of it, for it left us in a state of uncertainty which authority to obey when their opinions clashed. Dr. Morris, by his wise and considerate procedure, poured, as far as he was able, oil on troubled waters, and enabled the work of the educational branch to proceed much more smoothly than before.

Under these improved conditions the educational status and moral tone of the School rose rapidly, and we can testify to the very great difference in the average attainments of the boys on leaving the School before and during Dr. Morris's tenure of office, and to the much happier relationship which was brought about between Masters and Boys.

We cannot but regard Dr. Morris as the true friend of his pupils, both past and present; ever willing to lend a helping hand to the sons of Freemasons. In him we felt we had a friend, and one, too, to whom are particularly applicable the lines of Langridge:—

A friend's hand in mine, lads,
A kind hand and true;
In rough ways and dark days
It helps a man through.

Gratitude to our old Head Master, and justice alike, compel us to address you, in order that the Masonic Craft may see the kind of man on whose shoulders they placed great responsibility, and how faithfully he carried out his trust.

We ask the Masonic Craft generally whether the resolution of 5th October is in accordance with the reputation of that body for justice and fair treatment, or whether it be not rather an example of excellent services ill-requited?

We would add one word more. We are certain that the opinions which we express are not those of ourselves alone, but also of very many others who have had the good fortune to be pupils of the Rev. Dr. Morris.

We enclose our cards, and are,

Sir, yours faithfully,

TWO OLD PUPILS OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

15th October 1889.

We wish to say that we are not unmindful nor unappreciative of the services which the Rev. O. G. D. Perrot rendered to the School and to its pupils during his brief rule.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—A capital company has been got together to play the new farcial comedy written by Mr. Horner entitled "The Bungalow," and if the play fails to attract the fault must be ascribed to the play and not to the company. But we see no good reason why the play should not, to use an expression borrowed from over the water, "catch on." The first two acts cause so much laughter that the third comes as a disappointing surprise, and steps must be taken to strengthen it if "The Bungalow" is to be more than a temporary structure at Toole's. The third act is the weakest in the play. But this is not the only defect. The whole play is founded on a series of incidents which, innocent in themselves, are suggestive of moral obliquity, and we cannot say that their tendency is of a wholesome character. This is essentially no play for babes and sucklings, and for ourselves we must confess to a distaste for fun based on the misunderstanding that pervades "The Bungalow." But having said this, we are free to admit Mr. Horner's skill in constructing an amusing play, and his scrupulous care in stating that it is founded on the French piece, "La Garçonniere," although to all intents and purposes it is new, having little in common with the original. We wish all adaptors were so conscientious. Of the plot it is not necessary to speak in detail; and of the players it is difficult to make a selection for especial praise when almost all act exceedingly well. With the single exception of Miss Sallie Turner the caste is an excellent one. But it is almost unnecessary to say this when it is recollected that the caste consists of Messrs. F. Kaye, Charles Glenney, Yorke Stephens, and Compton Coutts; and Misses Helen Forsyth, Cissy Graham, Vane Featherston, Cicely Richards, and M. A. Giffard. We may mention that since the above was written Miss Sophie Larkin has taken Miss Turner's part.

Criterion.—We are glad to notice that the management have adopted our suggestion of last week, and the comedy of "Caste" is now preceded by Mr. F. W. Broughton's comedietta "Sunshine," which forms a pleasant prelude to the *pièce de resistance*. As a consequence the evening's entertainment now commences at eight o'clock.

Saturday, the 26th inst, has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition, (the Nineteenth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 28th inst.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 11th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Hilton Preceptor, Moore M.E.Z., Eadie H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Stone P.S., and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Eadie was elected Z. for the next meeting.

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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, 19th OCTOBER.

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)
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.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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. 261—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2085—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.

MONDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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.)
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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ludbroke 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

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
825—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)
1562—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
60—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bdge., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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.
196—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
604—Yarborough, Crown Dining Rooms, Sydney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Carlton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Mid-Ribton 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, Mona Hotel, Harcourt-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1695—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.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, 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 (Io)
252—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1838—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Surbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 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, 23rd OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1175—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 319 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1559—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1951—Londesborough, Berners Arm, Joiner Street, Shadwell, at 8. (Inst.)
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1952—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1953—Duke of Albany, 151 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, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Liverpool
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 258—Ampuibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 805—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. 373—Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
68—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)
185—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, 300 High Holborn, at 7 (Instructive)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
828—South Middlesex, Pennfort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
878—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1185—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
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834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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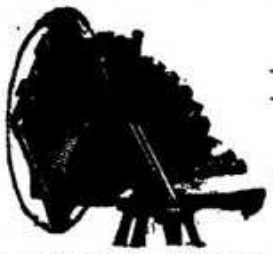
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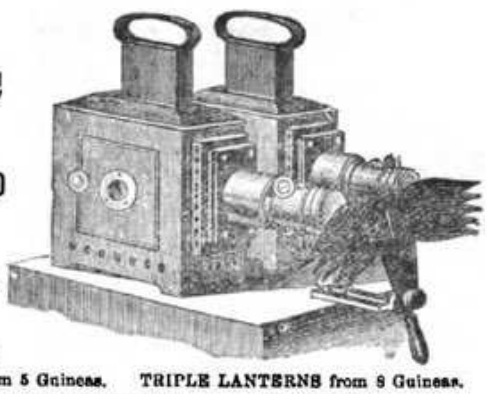
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TRADING ON FREEMASONRY.

IT is not often we have so clear a case of attempting to trade on the reputation and ceremonies of Freemasonry as one which has come under our notice, as having recently occurred within a few hours journey of the great metropolis.

It appears an application was made on behalf of the proprietor of a local inn "for an extension of time till 6 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of a Masonic funeral, a part of which, it was stated, is attendance at church by the Freemasons. The Bench refused the application on the ground that *bonâ fide* visitors could get refreshment by the law, but granting the application would open the house to the village generally." We are very pleased the application was refused, and sorry the occurrence of a "Masonic funeral" should ever have been made the pretext for such an application as that referred to in the above extract from a contemporary.

It is some gratification to think that in this case no member of the Masonic Order appears to be primarily interested in the proposed "trading," but the facts as they are recounted above are of such a nature as to make us ask whether the work of Freemasonry is not sometimes made too much display of, and whether it is wise to continue to allow even the small amount of ceremonial it is now possible to perform in public to be so worked. It may be urged that the Masonic funeral referred to was likely to cause a large gathering of the members of the Order, but are we to understand that even under such conditions it should be necessary to open the village inn, on a Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of giving them refreshment? This is certainly carrying the principle of "refreshment after labour" to an excess, and we should like to know, for the sake of the reputation of the local Craftsmen, if they were party to the application, or approved of its being made? We can now understand the disfavour shown by Grand Lodge against members of the Order attending funerals of deceased Craftsmen in Masonic clothing. We do not know if in the case referred to regalia was to be worn; we should almost think not, the funeral being on a Sunday, but if it was it would be well for the local authorities to bear in mind this application for an extended license, before again granting the necessary permit.

We have not thought it worth while to give full particulars as to the locality where the funeral took place, but we assure our readers our information is obtained from a reliable source, and although the matter may not be said to concern any member of the Craft personally, it yet shows the feeling entertained towards us by outsiders, and as such it opens up a wide field for reflection.

The Masonic Order is well known for its charity and its fraternal assistance, but it also has the reputation of being a first class patron of the enjoyments of this life. If we should ever be forced to recognise that its work required the granting of such requests as the one referred to, we should consider it more than a misfortune—the good name of Freemasonry would be forfeited, and it would no longer be an honour to be ranked as one of its members. It is, then, matter for congratulation that the application was refused, but similar results may not always attend similar requests, and on that account the members of the Order will do well to guard, as far as possible, against their being made. If a Lodge should happen to hear of such a proposal being entertained, the members would do no more than their duty in strenuously opposing it, and thus prove to the world that all attempts at trading on Freemasonry are abhorred by the Order itself, even if they are occasionally recognised or practised by individual members.

FREEMASONRY AT PRESENT.

"Of every tongue on earth's extended bound,
In every land our brotherhood is found;
Rising to labour with the awakening East,
Sinking to slumber with the darkening West;
Leading our sons as we ourselves were led;
Laying in honoured graves our quiet dead."

NEVER before in the history of the ages has Freemasonry occupied so important a position as at the present time. Never was its influence so marked, its membership so extensive, its teaching so revered. It is to-day the greatest of all earth-born societies, the handmaiden of religion and civilisation, the promoter of virtue and benevolence, the adherent to the grandest principles ever evolved from the active brain of man, Its standard is to be seen in every land and beneath every sun. It is the pioneer in all good works, and before the steady march of its pure, unadulterated principles, ignorance and bigotry flee away, and peace and prosperity make "the desert blossom as the rose."

No one can mark the progress of Freemasonry without being impressed with its influence upon society. It is now respected by church and state. In its quiet, unobtrusive work, it propagates tenets that permeate every walk of life. Freemasonry is not confined to the four walls of the Lodge-room, neither to the actions of the members of the Fraternity alone.

Whether we admit it or not, we are influenced by the things that surround us, and do many things because our neighbour sets the example. Circumstances make men more than men make circumstances. We cannot separate ourselves and be singular in all our doings. Without our knowledge or effort we will be drawn into some current that sweeps with irresistible force through society. The hermit, seeking seclusion and solitude in the lonesomeness of the desert, will there find incentive to devotion in the pure air of heaven and the singing birds of the wild wood. Thus does the physical world as well as the world of our fellows about us inspire us, and more or less mould our actions.

The tenets of Freemasonry are to be found in every good word and work, giving form and beauty to the highest order of morality. The golden rule of the Great Teacher

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is a fundamental principle of the Craft, and when practiced either by those known to be Masons or by the great world without, is no less a Masonic virtue. And he who follows this principle fully, "doing unto others as he would that they should do unto him," cannot materially err in his duty to mankind. There are more Masons outside the great brotherhood than within it. Religion and Masonry go hand in hand in demanding a reverence for the God of the Bible, and for the Bible of God. They alike teach a dependence upon the Creator, from whose bountiful hand every blessing comes; they inculcate a pure morality, a firm adherence to right, a fulfilment of every vow. Pure morals and pure Freemasonry are synonymous terms, and the man who embodies them in his daily life is already prepared in heart to receive those minor lessons that bind the Craft into one common band of brothers. Thus Freemasonry influences society, and unperceived sows the seed that brings forth fruit in wholesome laws and righteous enactments. It upholds the right, relieves the distressed, defends the weak and raises the fallen. So, silently but surely and continually, it builds into the great fabric of human society.

As a circle around the globe the indissoluble chain of fraternal affection extends, and wherever the heart has been properly prepared, and the ear received the mystic word, there is found a chord that responds in harmony to every call a brother makes. Love forges the links that bind heart to heart, and duty clasps them in one unending chain. At no period of the world's history, perhaps, was there as wide-spread a knowledge of the esoteric principles of Freemasonry as at present. Its influence is, therefore, greater than ever before, and the good that must follow the practice of its teachings must of necessity become more and more manifest. Never was there more purity in Freemasonry and never—paradoxical as it may seem—was there more impurity. When the Sons of God assembled—Satan came also. In the purity of the Garden of Eden, fresh from the Creator's hand, evil enshrined itself, and the slime of the serpent is trailed upon the earth from that day to this. No virtue is secure from the attacks of vice. Virtue may successfully resist, but the purer the life the more beautiful the character, the fiercer and more determined will be the onslaught of impurity. Among the twelve chosen followers of the Great Teacher was found one who "basely violated his vow and betrayed his trust." In the purest society in the world will be found the unworthy. Within the sacred desk are those who "wear the livery of heaven to serve the devil in." Therefore it should not surprise us to find bad and evil disposed men among the "Sons of Light." Virtue is timid and shrinks from public gaze. Merit is patient and often suffers in silent neglect. The true Mason is found in the quieter walks of life. His life is as the peaceful river that flows on and on, blessing every shore that it touches. If the true Mason is elevated to a high station he bears his honours modestly, and is respected for the practice of those lessons he learned in the Lodge room. It sometimes happens that the unworthy are elevated to high and honoured stations, and, being seen from afar, are injurious to the Craft and to the world. They do not possess the spirit of true Masonry. Beneath the lambskin is concealed the tiger's claws, and in the white gloved hand the scimitar of bitter hatred, and within the unfaithful breast that unbelief that makes men but whited sepulchres. Freemasonry in its teaching is as pure to-day as it ever was. Its lessons are God-breathed and should be found only in the pure in heart. Freemasonry itself is not injured by contamination wth evil, no more than the pearl can be marred by the filth of the gutter. It will shine amidst it all.

Freemasonry at present is stronger for good than it ever was. Its quiet, unobtrusive work is being manifested on every hand. Not an Asylum rears its turrets to heaven but is an exemplification of its teachings. Not a refuge for the fallen, the sick and abandoned, but is built upon the principle of brotherly love. Not a haven of rest for the aged and feeble but proclaims the influence of Masonic doctrine. As towers and monuments that will last through the ages, rise the institutions of Masonry itself. There are homes for the homeless, and asylums for the afflicted. There are kind hands and loving hearts ready to minister to the little ones bereft of tender friendships. These are but the tangible forms of the foundation principles of Freemasonry. This is Freemasonry at the present time and as the world looks upon these manifestations of the tenets of our profession, they are impressed with its grandeur and purity, and whether they will or not, they are influenced by their presence. The towering walls casting a shadow upon the passer by, lead him to thank the hands that reared them.

Let us, then, be proud of the position of Freemasonry at the present time, and so live that we may reflect the beauty of its purity, and become fitted for that Grand Lodge above where the Great Architect of the Universe presides.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, having been voted to the chair, the usual preliminaries were observed, after which the following Report of the Provisional Management Committee was formally submitted :—

The committee has since its appointment on 6th June 1889, held twenty-two meetings, several of these at Wood Green.

In accordance with instructions given to the Committee at the Quarterly Court, held on Friday, 26th July last, an efficient Matron has been appointed.

With regard to the Medical Officer, thirty-seven applications were received and the Committee carefully considered and examined into the qualifications of the several candidates. At a subsequent meeting the number of candidates was reduced to fifteen, then to ten, and afterwards to six, as those from whom a final selection should be made. On the 20th September, the six gentlemen attended the Committee at the Institution, when it was unanimously resolved that Mr. W. E. Porter, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Lon., should be recommended for the appointment ,at a salary of £80 per annum.

The Committee acting upon the authority given to it at the last Quarterly Court to confer with the Secretary, Bro. Binckes "*as to the terms of his retirement and to arrange them if possible*" has, after deliberation arranged with him that he shall retire from the office of Secretary at the end of the present year 1889 upon a retiring allowance of £350 per annum for life. This arrangement received the almost unanimous approval of the General Committee on 10th August last, and this Committee now asks the General Court to sanction and confirm the same.

A Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider a general revision of the Laws of the Institution. The report will be presented in due course to a Quarterly General Court.

The General Committee having, on the 5th inst., resolved to terminate the engagement of the present Head Master—this Committee has under consideration the course most advisable for the appointment of a successor.

This Committee since its formation has added to its number, now comprising thirty-two members.

A Sanitary-Sub-Committee has been nominated which is zealously pursuing its important investigations.

By order of the Provisional Management Committee,

EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer,
Chairman, pro tem

23rd October 1889.

The report was taken as read, and formally accepted. The election of Medical Officer followed, the choice of the meeting falling on Mr. W. E. Porter, the gentleman recommended by the Provisional Committee.

Bro. Richard Eve's proposition, made on behalf of the Provisional Committee—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years."

was then brought forward and elicited considerable discussion. Several amendments were proposed, all of which were fully considered in turn. The result was that the recommendation of the Committee, that Bro. Binckes be awarded a retiring pension of £350 per annum, was carried, the majority in favour being, however, a very small one. The proposal of Bro. Masters, made on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Committee—

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

was agreed to, subject to specifications for the proposed swimming bath being submitted to a subsequent Quarterly Court. Bro. W. H. Saunders having withdrawn the proposals standing in his name, the business was brought to a conclusion.

In accordance with our suggestion of last week arrange-

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ments were made for the election to be held in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. John Glass was elected to preside over this portion of the proceedings, which were carried through in due course. The result of the ballot will be found in our advertising columns.

The meeting was one of the most numerously attended known in the history of our Institutions, between 400 and 500 being present. As a consequence the accommodation provided was put to a severe test, and although all was done that could be suggested under the circumstances, it must yet be admitted that the arrangements were far from satisfactory.

THE BLUE LODGE.

"BLUE Masonry" and the "Blue Lodge" are phrases often on the lips of Freemasons. Those that use them understand exactly what they apply to, but perhaps all do not comprehend their real significance. Blue Masonry, any tyro will tell you, is Ancient Craft Masonry, and the Blue Lodge is the only lawful body for conferring the three degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry,—degrees which are at once "ancient," and derived from the "Craft" of operative Masons: hence the designation, "Ancient Craft Masonry." Sometimes we are told that the Blue Lodge is so called from the colour of its decorations; but this is an explanation which does not explain. Why are the decorations blue?

From the most ancient times blue has been regarded as a divine colour, symbolising purity, friendship, truth and immortality. If we turn to Egypt, the most ancient of civilised countries, we find that the blue waters of the sacred Nile gave to that river its name, for *nila* in Sanskrit signifies blue. The Egyptian god, Amun, "the first emanation from the Supreme Being," was painted blue, to represent his peculiarly exalted and heavenly nature; and their goddess, Isis, was represented concealed under a dark blue veil. They also portrayed the risen bodies of the disciples of Osiris as blue.

An analogous symbolism prevailed in India. Among the Hindoos their god, Vishnu, was portrayed of this colour, in allusion to the supposed tint of that primordial fluid on which he, as Narayana, moved in the beginning of time, floating on the chaotic waters. The following is a curious Hindoo legend: A jackal fell into a well of indigo, and perceiving that he was of a dark blue colour, he said, "I am now of a divine colour—the colour of Crishna! What greatness may I not attain unto?" He then summoned other jackals, saying, "See my holy colour! The deity of the wood has anointed me sovereign, and by my command justice shall be administered in the forest." The beasts perceiving his distinguished colour, fell prostrate before him and paid him homage, saying, "As the king commands!"

The American Indians used blue earth for making their pipes of peace, and blue beads were highly prized by them. Among all the Eastern nations blue was a type of friendship and brotherly love. Among the Druids, blue was a symbol of truth, and candidates for initiation into their sacred rites were invested with a garment of three colours, blue, white and green. Among the Jews, the robe of the High Priest's ephod, the ribbon for his breastplate and the plate of his mitre were blue, as was also one of the veils of the Tabernacle. So, the prophet Jeremiah tells us, the Babylonians clothed their deities in blue. The Chinese also regard blue as the symbol of deity, since being composed of black and red it represents the obscure and the brilliant, the male and female, or active and passive principles. Portal says blue was the symbol of perfection, and Weale that blue "in divine language is the symbol of eternal truth, in consecrated language of immortality, and in profane language of fidelity."

The Freemason, with the aid of this illustrative light thrown on his favourite colour—*the* colour which distinguishes Ancient Craft Masonry, and gives name, in common parlance, to the Lodge and the degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry, can readily understand the full force and significance of its employment, and say in all truthfulness, there is nothing trival in Freemasonry, but everything has its due Masonic signification. Let him ponder, then, the lessons taught by Blue Masonry, as follows:

Blue symbolises fidelity—that lofty principle which actuates every true Freemason in his conduct towards his fellows and the Craft. It symbolises also friendship and brotherly love, the Mystic Tie which unites Masons wherever dispersed into one family, with God as their father, and all the initiated as their Brethren. It symbolises, further, the immortality of the Soul, and hence faith in the regeneration of the lower nature, the resurrection of the body, and the eternity of the immortal spirit in its reorganised form in the world beyond the grave. It typifies also truth—the truth of God, the truth set forth in the First Great Light in Masonry, the eternal principles of justice, mercy and love, faith, hope and charity. All this is inseparably connected with the Blue Lodge and Blue Masonry; all this is ours to know, to possess and to enjoy.—*Keystone.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH WALES.

ON the 23rd inst., a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, for the installation of the Most Excellent Companion Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West P.Z. 357 as Grand Superintendent. A large number of Principals and Past Principals of the Province attended, and there was a numerous gathering of Companions. The Installing Officer was Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., the acting Provincial Scribe E. being Comp. R. J. Davids P.Z. 606. After formal business and prayer by Provincial Grand Joshua, the investment of the Prov. Grand Superintendent designate took place. The Provincial Grand Superintendent afterwards appointed the other Principals and invested the Officers. The banquet took place at the Castle Hotel.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 18th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Hilton Preceptor, Wingham Z., Captain Vincent H., C. Fleck J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Stone P.S., Millikin, Davis, Captain Stokoe Z. 1329, Addington Z. 1275, and T. Grummant P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Millikin candidate. Companion Millikin was elected a joining member, and Companion Captain Stokoe was elected Z. for the next meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board presided, and Bros. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective positions. The other brethren present were Bros. Pendlebury, Dodd, and Lee, representing Grand Secretary's department, Mather Mercer, Perryman, Whitmarsh, Grieve, Cundy, Grice, Belton, Garrod, Woodward, Haslip, Bywater, Hillbee, Dally, Taylor, Read, Dr. N. J. Goodchild, Laurinson, Webb, Chapman, Hedger, Slaughter, George Clark jun., Tydeman, Henry Clark, MacIntosh, Wherry, Chamberlin, Smith jun., Massey, King, Wood, Ginger, Piper, Cubitt, Cattermole, J. R. Thompson, Davey, Hakim, Mote, Wilkinson, Stamp, Friend, Boutcher, Lazarus, Forge, Scarlett, Weeks, Spurgin, Petch, Hunt, Wing, J. W. Howard Thompson, Chamberlin, Bellerby, Acworth, Lambert, Coop, Kedge, Jones, Porter, Goldschmidt, Blinkhorne, and Sadler. The brethren first confirmed grants recommended to the Grand Master, at the September meeting, to the amount of £60. The new list contained the names of 44 petitioners. One petition was withdrawn, one was dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1005. This was made up of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £60, and three for £50 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and seven for £30 each; 12 grants of £20 each, six of £15 each, six of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

Bro. Isaac Dunn was installed W.M. of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when there was a board of upwards of 30 Installed Masters formed.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 606.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated in the Lodge-room, within the walls of Carnarvon Castle, on the 9th inst., when Bro. Caradoc Rowlands was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. To mark the loss which the Lodge had recently sustained by the death of Bro. A. Hussey de Burgh P.M., and Bro. Jas. Covell, the members appeared in Masonic mourning. The Lodge was close tyled at half-past three o'clock, most of the Officers being then in their seats. The ceremony of installing Bro. Caradoc Rowlands was impressively performed by Bros. E. Roberts and Cornelius Davies. Having taken the chair, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Roberts I.P.M., W. Jones S.W., R. W. Newton J.W., Rev. J. Fairchild, M.A., Chaplain, C. H. Rees Treasurer, D. H. Williams Secretary, Cornelius Davies D.C., J. Williams S.D., W. C. Whiskin J.D., George Challinor I.G., W. G. Owen Organist, W. Hamer S.S., G. E. Humphreys J.S., W. Watkin Tyler. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. E. Roberts with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past year. In returning thanks for the gift, Bro. Roberts said that whatever efficiency he had displayed was altogether due to the example which had always been set by the Past Masters of the Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Hardman, seconded by Bro. Roberts, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Bros. A. Hussey de Burgh and J. Covell was adopted. Other formal business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Sportsman Hotel.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. S. Winter-Parker was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. A. J. Ward, and the following brethren were invested by the newly-installed Master as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. H. Vaux S.W., Rev. G. H. Clements Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, M. L. Sanders Secretary, Chapman J.W., C. Whyatt S.D., H. Gurney J.D., W. Ellis I.G., C. Salter Organist, H. G. Everard Dir. of Cers., W. Cooper and J. Downie Stewards, R. Barlow Tyler. Bro. Clowes was re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee, and on the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. A. J. H. Ward for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. 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 by the newly-appointed manager, Bro. A. King. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bro. Ward, and on his left by Bro. G. Helsdon. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a splendid P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. J. H. Ward I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. Bro. Ward suitably responded, saying he was pleased to find his humble services had been appreciated by the brethren. The toasts were interspersed with musical selections by Bros. Turner, Coombs, Sparling, Bamber, Moor, and Jones, and a recitation by Bro. Rodgers was greatly appreciated.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S LODGE, No. 696.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, at the Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury, when there was a large attendance of members and also of brethren from neighbouring Lodges in the Provinces of Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire. Bro. W. H. Bodin was installed into the chair of King Solomon by the Immediate Past Master (Bro. G. Platt), who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. G. Platt I.P.M., G. Wilson S.W., E. M. Scott J.W., the Rev. G. Tuthill Chaplain, J. H. Walton Treasurer, F. W. Hackwood Secretary, T. Jones Director of Ceremonies, A. Horton S.D., J. Dicken J.D., H. Palethorpe Organist, S. H. Horton I.G., and S. Simpson and A. Frizelle Stewards. Amongst those present were Bros. Heelis, Eayres, S. Lees, S. Wood, E. W. Smith, J. Deering, W. S. Smith, J. Bellingham, C. Palethorpe, J. W. Wilshaw, Lees, Longden, Rooker, G. M. Waring, E. Smith, J. Powell, &c. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren were entertained at a banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., the brethren of the above Lodge held their annual festival and banquet, at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton. The W.M. elect, the S.W. of the previous year, the Rev. F. Russell Harnett, B.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, was installed in the chair of the Lodge, the ceremony being performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. The following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. J. Jones I.P.M., W. J. Clewett S.W., B. A. Holton J.W., Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Chaplain, W. H. Robinson P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Culverhouse P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, H. J. Hippsley S.D. and Organist, T. A. Ball J.D., R. King P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works D.C., B. G. Busby Steward, G. D. Graham I.G., J. Bonser Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were: Bros. T. Taylor P.M. 1410 P.P.S.G.W., W. H. Ball P.M. 1639 P.P.J.G.W., L. Cooper P.M. 1410 and 2244 P.P.S.G.W., J. McCubbin P.M. 948 P.P.J.G.W., C. Guille P.M. 1410 and 2244, H. Poynter P.M. 948, Rev. C. M. Ottley W.M. 1410, J. Line P.M. 1410 P.P.G. Steward, W. H. Pike W.M. elect 1639, C. Cooke J.D. 502. The members of the Lodge present included: Bros. R. King P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. H. Robinson P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Reeve P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Revill P.M. P.P.G.P., Rev. F. W. Harnett P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, H. Culverhouse P.M. P.P.G.P., A. Lindow P.M., J. Jones I.P.M., with Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain of Essex. Owing to the recent death of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and upon the recommendation of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master a vote of condolence to the members of the bereaved family was passed unanimously. The Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, admirably served by Bro. Hicks. The Worshipful Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS Lodge met after the recess on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-Street, there being present Bros. J. Hall Brown W.M., Grey S.W., W. Smith J.W., W. Wainwright P.M. (Treasurer), Scott I.G., G. Seddon Organist, Moss D.C., Pearson W.S., Rawles Tyler, James Smith I.P.M., P.M.'s Barnes, Calver, Ayton, West, Hollington, Tucker, and Crane; Bros. Etheridge, Rushforth, Caslake, Johnson, Cates, Steedman, Hodsoll, Dance and Pick. Visitors: Bros. Broad J.D. 2225, Read J.D. 1910, Camp 1695, Cullen 1685. The business of the evening included the raising of Bro. Etheridge to the third degree, and the passing of Bro. Hodsoll to the second degree. The absence of Bro. Bowron, the venerable Secretary to the Lodge, had been the occasion of remark, and in the course of the proceedings information arrived of his death having occurred in the morning. The announcement caused general gloom, and on the motion of Bro. Hollington, seconded by Bro. Ayton, it was resolved that a letter of condolence and sympathy be addressed to the widow and family; and further, that a wreath be sent on the occasion of the funeral, and the date of the same intimated to the members. A petition of a former member of the Lodge, to the Board of Benevolence, was signed, and some applications for assistance considered. Some other applications for relief were brought under consideration, and arrangements made for the temporary performance of the duties of Secretary, the W.M. appointing Bro. Scott as Secretary *pro tem*, after which the Lodge adjourned, and in the course of the subsequent proceedings feeling allusion was made to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Dale, and to the illness of Bro. Edney, for whose restoration to health a unanimous wish was expressed. The proceedings were conducted with the silence customary under such circumstances.

FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE No. 1271.

THE installation festival of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Rooms in Kingston Road, Bradford-on-Avon. The Lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. B. W. Bryant, who, after the usual preliminaries proceeded to instal his successor (Bro. A. F. Brereton S.W.) into the chair, being assisted in a portion of the ceremony by Bro. the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler. The ceremony was most effectively rendered, and on its completion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year, the Lodge being afterwards closed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Town-hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. E. J. Rossiter, to which most of the brethren present at Lodge sat down. Among those present were Bros. Col. Magrath P.M., A. J. Beaven P.M., C. W. Bryant P.M., A. F. Brereton W.M., G. J. Farrington P.M., H. Merrick P.M., W. E. Taylor P.M., J. Sparks P.M., Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler P.M., A. Wallington, H. Found, A. Scammell, W. F. Jaby, J. Stansfield Benn, W. J. Wilkins, J. Taylor, C. S. Adye, and A. H. Cooper, all of 1271. Visitors—Bros. F. Barton P.M. 632, L. Preston P.M. 270, J. P. Martin J.D. 663, J. Pocock W.M. 632, A. H. Lapham P.M. 626, W. H. Burt P.M. 663, Thos. Smith, R. H. Gowing 632, J. Pottinger 130, and H. Howse P.M. 663.

WARREN LODGE, No. 1276.

THE annual installation meeting took place, on the 15th inst., at the Lodge-room, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, when there was a numerous attendance. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. A. Fay W.M., and he was supported by the Officers. The visitors included A. G. Akinson W.M. 1189, P. Duff W.M. 605, E. Shield P.M. 1557, J. Clarke W.M. 1576, E. Roberts Secretary 2132, T. Pierrepoint P.M. 1393, J. T. Lee P.M. P.P.Supt. of Works 605, Eaton Batty I.G. 1609, T. K. Stevenson P.M. 537, J. Morris P.M. 1576, J. Evans S.D. 1576, J. Gerrish A.S. 1576, E. B. Ironside Secretary 1264, &c. The accounts of the Lodge for the year showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. Subsequently Bro. R. Parry W.M. elect was presented by Bros. T. B. Hughes and A. Fay for installation, the ceremony of installation being efficiently performed by Bro. H. Matthews. Afterwards the newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. A. Fay I.P.M., W. Cloves S.W., W. Ellison J.W., E. G. Mason Treasurer, R. Lake Dir. of Cers., W. Davidson Secretary, S. Jones S.D., F. E. Sharpe J.D., H. W. Barlow I.G., J. A. Mulholland I.G., A. Taylor J.S., G. W. Makin A.S., S. A. Seaton Organist, F. W. Holtaway Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined in the Lodge-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. R. Parry W.M. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. Fay for his services to the Lodge. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. An excellent musical programme was rendered by Bros. George Barton, Eaton Batty, E. Edwards, &c. Bro. A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ with his usual ability.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

ON the 8th inst. a very interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Bro. T. H. Wills, the W.M., presided, and a handsome enlarged photograph was presented to the Lodge, bearing an illuminated inscription, as follows:—

"The W. Bro. John Chapman P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of Devon, &c., Originator and Founder of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, A.D. 1872, presented by W. Bro. T. W. Morgan I.P.M., W. Master of the Lodge 1876-7, 1888-9; 8th October 1889."

The presentation was made by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. (England), who, in the course of an eloquent address, traced the Masonic career of Bro. Chapman from his initiation into Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, in 1870, down to the present time. Shortly after his initiation Bro. Chapman removed to Torquay, where he founded the Jordan Lodge, afterwards leaving for Sheffield, whence he has again come back to Torquay. The Jordan Lodge was founded on the 13th of June 1872, and its Past Masters include Bros. Chapman and Morgan, J. Murray P.P.G.Dir. of Cers., W. Bradnee P.P.G.S.D., J. Dodge P.P.G.T., A. J. Blamey P.P.G.J.D., J. Lane P.P.G. Reg., B. Knight, F. S. Hex, and T. Prust. The warrant was granted to a number of brethren on the principle that no refreshments should be served in connection with the Lodge, except, of course, at the annual banquet. This plan has not been departed from, and the precedent has been established, which has now been observed for some years, for the Master to present a donation of five guineas to one of the Masonic Charities instead of ordering champagne for the installation banquet. The photograph, which was by Mr. C. Collins, was a very good one, and was mounted in an oak and gold frame by Bro. J. D. Beer.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

ON Thursday, the 3rd instant, the members of this Lodge met at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, Manchester-square. Among the brethren present were F. W. Plant Martin W.M., E. Burritt Lane S.W., J. Mills J.W., J. A. Hammond P.M. Secretary, A. G. Howard P.M., J. E. Biddlecombe S.D., J. Sargeant J.D., C. J. Ozanne Dir. of Cers., S. J. J. Wilford, H. H. Robertson, J. J. Hutchinson, and W. C. Hutchinson. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. H. Robertson was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The brethren having then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Burritt Lane was unanimously elected. The office of Treasurer then being put to the vote, the papers were all but unanimously in favour of Bro. J. A. Hammond, who has for many years past held the office of Secretary to the universal satisfaction of the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge. He being then declared elected, the Tyler was re-elected. The P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Plant Martin for his good conduct of the Lodge during his year of office. Other business then being disposed of, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The loyal toasts having been drunk with the usual enthusiasm observed among Masons, the Trinity brethren beguiled an hour or two with short speeches, interspersed with longer spells of harmony.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

ON Friday, the 4th instant, the installation of Brother William Thomas Hocken, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley Road. After the installation and the business of the Lodge had been transacted, upwards of 50 brethren of the Craft, including visitors, sat down to a banquet, served up in a first class manner by host Brother Brown. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The programme also included songs and recitations, which greatly enhanced the success of the gathering. The following Officers were present:—Brothers W. T. Hocken W.M., R. A. Tidmas I.P.M., T. J. Cuthbert S.W., F. Betts J.W., J. Dibble Treasurer, T. West P.M. Secretary, W. T. Sergeant S.D., H. Leney J.D., W. Baker I.G., H. O. Budd and J. O. Curtis Stewards, G. W. Rowe Tyler.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Buckingham Arms Hotel, Shoreham. The Worshipful Master (Bro. R. B. Higham) presided. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Gill. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. B. Higham, the charges being delivered by Bro. T. Hardy. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. R. B. Higham I.P.M., H. Packham S.W., E. New J.W., T. Packham P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Carpenter Secretary, J. Flinn S.D., H. E. M. Fiennell J.D., J. Hughes D.C., H. Dyer Organist, T. Shrivell I.G., J. W. Penfold, E. Lodder Stewards, and W. Stanton Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held, and a toast list carried out. The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters of the Lodge, said that of their ten Past Masters seven had secured Provincial honours. There were few Lodges in which the work had been better done. Of their I.P.M. he said he could not speak too highly. Under his rule, during the past year, the Lodge had increased by seven members, and his own family had also increased. They had no silver cradle to present to Bro. Higham, but the brethren, desirous of showing him some mark of their favour, had subscribed a purse of gold, which he had great pleasure in handing him, together with an illuminated address. The address was as follows:—

"Burrell Lodge, No. 1829. Presented to Bro. R. B. Higham, of Shoreham, together with a purse of money, by the members of the above Lodge, as a token of fraternal regard, and record of his services to Freemasonry, as one of the Founders of the Lodge, his subsequent efforts for its success, and the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties as W.M. during the year 1888-9."

The gifts were, Bro. Gill said, "ornamental and useful," and he hoped Bro. Higham would live long to enjoy both. Bro. Higham, in responding, said the presentation was unexpected, and that he had no idea that his humble services would be so appreciated. He felt that he could not thank them sufficiently for their generosity. From the Brethren of the Lodge, and from Masons in the Province generally, he had experienced so much kindness, that though he felt grateful he could not trust himself to speak as he would wish.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

ON the 10th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Bro. E. King-Ellison was duly installed as Worshipful Master. The members of the Lodge present were Bros. Charles Leighton W.M., E. King-Ellison S.W., Dr. W. A. Napier J.W., W. F. Robinson Secretary, Edwin Roberts J.D., Samuel King Steward, C. S. Dean P.M., Henry B. Brown P.M., and T. Diloock P.M., and among the Visitors were Bros. R. Norris Jones W.M. 1350, Alfred Fay W.M. 1276, F. N. Stevenson P.M. 537, J. Roberts S.D. 1713, and T. Williams J.D. 1356. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. C. G. Parker and H. B. Brown. After his installation Bro. E. King-Ellison proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Charles Leighton I.P.M., Dr. Napier S.W., W. F. Robinson J.W., H. B. Browne Treasurer, Edwin Roberts Secretary, John Simpson S.D., S. King J.D., Charles Jones I.G., John H. Crellan Steward, and C. S. Dean D.C.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held, on the 9th inst., at the Peckham Public Hall. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The business of the meeting comprised a raising and passing, and the installation of Bro. Fredk. Dunn as W.M. for the year ensuing, and the presentation to Bro. Dewsnap of a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair of K.S. as the first Master of the Lodge. The installation of the W.M. was ably performed by Bro. Dewsnap, which ended, Bro. Dunn as the newly installed W.M. appointed his Officers for the year. At the banquet, after labour, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections, given in pleasing style by Bros. Cook, Voisey, Warne, Piggott, and Nightingale; recitations by Bro. Jaggs being much appreciated. Bro. S. R. Phillips ably carried out a flute solo selection from the Bohemian Girl. The duties of accompanist were carried out by Bro. Pettit, the organist of the Lodge, in his usual able style.

WHITE HORSE LODGE, No. 2227.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., this Lodge had a meeting at their Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts, to take part in the installation of the W.M. elect for the year, Bro. H. Reeves, who was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Part., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Wilts. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. N. P. Phipps I.P.M., J. J. Traak S.W., H. W. Pinniger J.W., R. M. Kirwan Chaplain, Thomas Reeves Treasurer, S. Anderson Secretary, G. H. Knight S.D., A. P. Hall J.D., W. H. Reed Organist, A. W. Tuffin I.G., H. Mead and H. Green Stewards. The brethren afterwards dined at the Lopes Arms Hotel, Miss Mainwood catering.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday, 14th inst., at the Camden Hotel, Clapham. Present—Bros. Westley Preceptor, Livett W.M., and about twenty brethren. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were ably rehearsed by the W.M., who was very heartily congratulated on filling the chair of W.M. so ably, for the first time. Bro. Beaven was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. Esling, thanking the members for their letter of sympathy with him, on account of his bereavement, by accident, of his son.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—On Wednesday, the 16th instant, the brethren of this Lodge were favoured with an exhibition of Masonic lore, such as seldom falls to the lot of those seeking instruction. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. F. Robinson P.M. in the chair of K.S., F. Oxley S.W., S. W. Bull J.W., F. Lancett S.D., G. Seage J.D., C. Breden, J. J. Berry, Cotter, Money, and many others. Lodge being duly opened in the three degrees, Bro. Preceptor Pugh delivered the lecture on the third tracing board in a manner at once clear, impressive, and difficult to emulate. Then followed an exposition of what is termed the Masonic Alphabet. Even among many brethren old in Masonry, this system of symbols is but imperfectly understood, but, explained by such a Master of the Craft, that which was before obscure, became distinct; that which appeared difficult, when revealed, was simplicity itself. The diagram illustrating it could have been mastered by a clever schoolboy. On Wednesday, the 30th instant, Bro. Oxley W.M. 1306 will rehearse the installation ceremony. It is to be hoped brethren will give a full muster.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At the opening meeting of the season, at this Lodge, which is held at Bro. Musto's, the White Horse, White Horse-lane, Mile End, Bro. Basil Stewart with that effective elocution for which he is justly noted, performed the ceremony of installation, the Lodge being constituted as follows:—Bros. J. Oxley W.M., C. N. Fox S.W., Corper J.W., Yetton S.D., Bibro J.D., Harris I.G., B. Da Costa Preceptor, W. Musto Secretary; there were also present Bros. Dupree, N. Isaacs, J. Friedlander, J. Taylor, B. Candick, B. F. P. Franks, and others. After the installation, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and this was followed by two sections of the first lecture, worked by Bro. N. Isaacs, forming a good evening's instruction; the W.M. carrying the proceedings through with promptitude and smartness.

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Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—On Thursday, 17th October, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Bro. Fruen W.M., Morgan (Secretary) S.W., Baldwin P.M. J.W., Brown S.D., Walker J.D., Linley I.G., Spiegel P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Vickers P.M., Nicholson P.M., Petil P.M., Wehnert, Davies, Oldenow, Lamm, Siebert, Behrens, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Morgan S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Spiegel P.M., to be recorded on the minutes, for the able and efficient manner the W.M. had discharged the duties, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; this was seconded by Bro. Baldwin P.M., and carried. The W.M. returned thanks, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge adjourned till Thursday, at 7 o'clock.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Present:—Bros. H. M. Hobbs Preceptor, Gaze W.M., A. Toulmein S.W., Southwell J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Dent S.D., Balcombe J.D., Simmons I.G. Bros. Burne, Webb, S. L. Smith, Dr. Causton, Marshall, Voisey, Godfrey, Gordon Smith, and Buckley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board will be given. The following brethren were elected as the permanent Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Langton Treasurer, Burne, Hobbs, and Marshall Preceptors, J. D. Langton and C. W. Mapleton Secretaries, Dr. Causton, Fraser, and C. W. C. Webb Committee, S. L. Smith and Tolmein Auditors.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside. Present:—Bros. A. Ashby W.M., C. H. Cox S.W., C. J. Davison J.W., W. Belchamber Preceptor, G. Scott Miller Secretary, A. H. Jakins S.D., S. Klingenstein J.D., Max Mendelssohn I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Taylor, W. Martin, H. Cattermole, W. B. Marcus, A. Williams; also Bros. W. Wright, L. Weil, J. Bladon, H. Saqui, J. W. Ray, E. A Smith, Morris Hart, A. J. Holland. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray acting as candidate. Bro. Belchamber, with the assistance of Bro. Martin, worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degree and closed in the first. Bros. C. Taylor 1624, J. W. Ray 1624, H. Saqui 2264, A. J. Holland 619, and E. A. Smith 2308 were elected members. Bro. Cox was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The following address was delivered by Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield:—

BRETHREN,—In accordance with the Bye-Laws of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge, the W. Past Masters and Acting Wardens are convoked to attend to the duties of our Masonic Autumnal Session, and at which all Master Masons of the seventy four Lodges are invited to be present. Before this Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, at Leeds, on the 10th April, the invitation of the Lodge Albert Edward, No. 1783, was accepted by the Provincial Grand Lodge, to assemble under its banner during this month. This Lodge was consecrated on the 12th December 1878, and it is the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge has been brought under its banner. Our acknowledgments are due to the W.M. and members for the arrangements they have made for our convenience and comfort. The Provincial Grand Officers not only greet the four prosperous Lodges in Huddersfield, Nos. 275, 290, 521, and 1783, but also Metham Lodge, No. 119, Lindley Lodge, No. 1514, Kirkburton Lodge, No. 2035, and Milnes Bridge Lodge, No. 2261, numbering some 400 Masons, who have well responded to the Roll Call this day. We offer to one and all of them our earnest and fraternal wishes for their prosperity and perpetuity. On the 20th June, at Worksop, this Provincial Grand Lodge had the honour of installing the Rev. Fredk. Bessell, of Balderton, as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire. A little later on—24th July—it had the pleasure, at Hull, of witnessing the presentation of an address of congratulation to the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Zetland, in his Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. At the Fidelity Lodge, Leeds, on the 1st August, the Craft presented a stirring address to Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain of the ss. "Missouri," in recognition of his bravery, on the 6th April last, in rescuing the passengers and crew of the ship "Danmark" in mid-ocean. On the 28th September, this Provincial Grand Lodge consecrated a new Lodge at Bradford, the Acacia, No. 2321 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England; and on the 3rd October many West Yorkshire members supported the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, whilst he dedicated the new Masonic Hall of S. Cuthbert, at Howden. Our Librarian will also announce some valuable presents and the more comfortable accommodation provided at Wakefield for our Masonic books and curiosities. He and I are now in cooperation with the Lodge of Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. We have the Library Catalogue of that Lodge, and are in possession of their literary essays and proceedings. It is my fervent desire to acquire, at Wakefield, a collection of Masonic works, books, and writings, as shall supply a much needed literary guide for the information of Lodges and Provincial Grand Officers. I mention these matters to show the activity and influence of Freemasonry in the County of York. But, Brethren, the objects for which we are most particularly gathered together within these walls is to consider the report of our Charity Committee, and the two most important resolutions on our agenda paper. I desire most emphatically to impress upon your attention the recommendations involved in these resolutions. They relate to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green; and they have been framed, so as to bring for the first time before the Provincial Grand Lodge the Report of the London Committee of Investigation, which I now lay on the eastern pedestal of this Provincial Grand Lodge. This Committee of seven gentlemen, with Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, as Chairman, was appointed under resolution of the Quarterly Court of 27th July 1888. This Committee presented their report to the Quarterly Court, held in London, on the 26th April 1889. Before this Report, showing the gravity of affairs at Wood Green, was distributed to the Craft generally, this Province did, at its first half-yearly Charity Committee meeting, held at Dewsbury, on 6th April 1889, and acting on the suggestion of Bro. Malcolm, the learned Coroner for Leeds, who generously placed his time and services at the disposal of West Yorkshire and the London Committee of Investigation, nominate nine brethren, being Life Governors of the Boys' School, as a precautionary measure, in order that these West Yorkshire representative brethren should be in an authorised position to receive such London Report when issued, and, if requisite, to consider its provisions and to propose to this Provincial Grand Lodge what steps it should take to enforce any recommendations that such London Report might advocate. This was necessary on the part of West Yorkshire, because Provincial Grand Lodge might not meet until the month of October, except on an emergency, until some six months after such Report might be issued to the Craft. This special West Yorkshire Committee was confirmed by Provincial Grand Lodge on 10th April, at Leeds. The members are Bros. W. H. Smithson of No. 1007, J. B. Fox of No. 208, W. Harrop of 290, C. L. Mason of No. 204, R. S. Critchley of No. 208, J. D. Kay No. 289, A. W. Stansfield No. 1019, W. C. Lupton of 974, and John Francis Moss of No. 296. Most able brethren, who have met several times, and will, through their spokesman, shortly move the most important of the resolutions on the Agenda Paper, and make a statement to this Prov. Grand Lodge. This West Yorkshire Sub-Committee, on the 30th May 1889, met the representatives of the Provinces of West and East Lancashire and Cheshire, at Manchester, and framed a resolution for the London Quarterly Court of the 6th June, and which was sent to every Subscriber to the Boys' School, in their respective Provinces, recommendatory of the Report of the Committee of Investigation of the Boys' School. I shall try to narrow this discussion by a brief synopsis of occurrences since this Prov. Grand Lodge met in April last, and I trust that spirit of fairness and impartiality which distinguishes our Order in its discussions in our Charity meetings, will be to-day as free from bias as possible, and that your good sense will relieve your Prov. Grand Master of the responsibility he feels in attempting to guide the deliberations of this Prov. Grand Lodge in its consideration of one of the most difficult and thorny questions that I suppose, with regard to this School, have ever perplexed its subscribers, or was brought before a Grand Lodge. It was my duty to present this London Report of the Committee of Investigation to the nine members of the West Yorkshire Committee, on the 1st May, at Harrogate. It has been their property since this date. I believe, moreover, that every Subscriber, Contributor, or Life Governor has had a copy of this London Report for his reading and study, and therefore it may be taken as read. The Prov. Grand Officers, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee and your special West Yorkshire Committee are of opinion, I believe, that in consequence of a most important meeting in London, to be held on Friday, the 25th of this month, in reference to the Provisional Management Committee of the affairs of the Boys' School ("for the position of this Committee may be compromised by faction, and perhaps have to resign, which would stultify the labours of the Report of the Committee of Management, and undo the work of re-organisation, which is going on satisfactorily"), that this Provincial Grand Lodge should have this opportunity of expressing its opinions upon the London Report, as well as on the statement and resolution of West Yorkshire—for the observation of the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of our Charity Committee, the latter who is also our representative on the London Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School; and, if necessary, and called upon, our Life Governors and contributors may be in Freemasons' Hall on the 25th inst., and by our influence endorse the recommendations of the Provisional Management Committee, presided over by the Earl of Euston, with Bro. F. A. Philbrick as Vice Chairman, in carrying out the opinions on pages 45 and 47 of the London Investigation Report. The seven brethren who drew up the Report of the London Committee of Investigation summarised their exhaustive examinations into the management of the Boys' School by seven opinions, the most important of which, on page 46, is thus expressed, "that an entire change in administration and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution will be satisfactory." In a Province like West Yorkshire, the passing of a formal resolution affirmative or otherwise of these seven recommendations, and only confirming it hereafter upon the Prov. Grand Lodge "Minutes," like many Provinces, and taking no further action to enforce the views of this Provincial Grand Lodge, would hardly be compatible with our desires for the welfare of this School, considering the large amount of money contributed by the Lodges which, since 1871, is upwards of £12,000. Nor would it be in accordance with our sense of equity and generosity to abstain from the annual contributions for the educational benefits this Province receives from this Institution in the maintenance of the 24 West Yorkshire orphan boys in the School, and three more seeking our votes for admission therein. I have ever been anxious for reformation in the management of the School, but not for the abandonment of it. This must

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be the last resort, failing the adequate carrying out of the seven opinions under the London Provisional Management Committee. Brethren, our discussions of the "Resolutions" on the agenda paper are, if possible, to join issue with those who have the desire that you will give them the power by your presence, on the 25th inst., to place this School, once and for all, on that satisfactory basis which the Report and the Management Committee have clearly indicated should be accomplished. Let me say that the Report of the Investigation Committee, at the head of which Committee is the learned Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, has done all the work of examination and eliciting evidence for the framing of the Report, which our West Yorkshire Committee might perhaps have otherwise tried to undertake, and therefore the labours of Bro. A. W. Stanfield P.M. and P.P.G.R. and his friends have been restricted to watching events, and considering the manner the London Report could be worked out by the Provisional Management Committee, and reporting to this Prov. Grand Lodge. Briefly, what has occurred since the 26th April 1889 may be stated as follows:—A meeting was held on the 6th June, in Freemasons' Hall, when the Earl of Euston was elected Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee. This Committee, after it had held five meetings (one being at Wood Green), presented a Report, on the 6th July, to the General Committee. On the 12th June the then House, Finance, and Audit Committees of the School, by "resolution," handed over to this Provisional Committee the management of the School at Wood Green; and this Committee, by a resolution, accepted the charge, and, under the Earl of Euston, Bros. Philbrick, Smithson, Langton, &c., has done all things necessary, and in accordance with the report, and in nine conclusions and seven opinions in carrying on the work of the School, and the reformation of the Institution. A most important letter, dated 13th May 1889, was written by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, and published in the Masonic journals, to each of the Rota Chairmen of the House, Finance, and Audit Committees, justifying every conclusion and opinion to which the Committee of Investigation had unanimously arrived; this letter has not received from the Craft, I fear, the attention it deserves. The old matron and steward of the School resigned. A new matron has recently been selected, and has entered upon her duties at Wood Green, 1st August. Doctor W. E. Porter, the son of Bro. Porter, of the Aire and Calder Lodge, has been recommended by the Management Committee to the office of Medical Officer of the School. I hope this appointment may be confirmed, and not upset by factious opposition, on the 25th inst., at the Quarterly Meeting in Freemasons' Hall. The "Provisional Committee has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership. Circumstances have arisen which have occasioned Lord Euston's Committee to somewhat accelerate the retirement of the present Head Master, in accordance with opinion No. 1 page 46, of the Report. A question may arise on the 25th instant as to granting him a pension, and to what amount, and further, as there "should be a change at as early as possible in the office of Secretary," that he should also have a retiring allowance. Is it to be a larger or smaller sum than that of the new Secretary, or have £200 a year in lieu of commission as a collector for the School? I believe the present Secretary is to retire towards the close of the year, which step the following General Court sanctioned and approved. There are a number of applicants for the office of Secretary. It is proposed to give the new Secretary £300 a year. I ask all the Lodges in West York not to be committed to any private application whatever which candidates may make by tendering testimonials before the office of Secretary is declared vacant. Lastly, chartered accountants have been appointed, and they have advised on the system of book keeping; and the financial condition of the Institution is also being considered. These are some of the progressions made by the London Committee in the direction of carrying out the Report, and on their proposal our own West Yorkshire special Committee will make a report and move a resolution. Whatever conclusions this Provincial Grand Lodge may come to this afternoon on the prospective business of the Quarterly Court on the 25th October of the Boys' School, I fervently hope the Report and its recommendations may not be rendered nugatory for the want of assistance from the Life Governors of West Yorkshire. I am most anxious the labours of our own special Committee, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of our own Charity Committee should be upheld, and their views as the exponents of this Provincial Grand Lodge sustained in Freemasons' Hall on this eventful Friday. Only personal presence and personal voting, if necessary, can be of any avail and adequate efficiency if we are to give to the Report of the Committee of Investigation and the Management Committee, as well as our own representatives, the most uncompromising and determined assistance. In an Institution whose management is so varied and complicated as is the Boys' School, you cannot at once change an old and disastrous system of administration. It takes time to place the management, discipline, and expenditure of a School, whose welfare West Yorkshire has so much at heart, upon a remodelled and satisfactory working basis. We must exhibit not only patience but determination also, and help these joint new Committees to work out this Report in every way we can. I venture to hope their labours, so far, in the direction of "an entire change" at Wood Green, may merit your confidence and the members of these new Committees your esteem, for their judgment, equity, and impartiality in the duties they have undertaken to fulfil on behalf of the two thousand three hundred and thirty Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England throughout the world. With these remarks, I ask you, brethren, to accept my thanks on behalf of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the cordiality of your reception and the salutation you have given to the occupant of this chair, as well as to my Deputy, and the other eminent Visitors, our honoured guests this afternoon.

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"By Normandie's Blue Hills." Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by H. Trotère.

"Sweet Lavender." Written by John Muir, composed by Edith Cooke.

"Hark! Hark! the Dogs do bark!" Written by R. S. Hiokens, composed by J. L. Roeckel.

"Ma Belle Reine." Graceful Dance, composed for the pianoforte by H. Trotère.

"Alexandra Gavotte, in F." Composed for the pianoforte by C. H. R. Marriott.

"The Horse Guards." Quick step March, composed for the pianoforte by C. H. R. Marriott.

London: J. B. CRAMER AND Co., 201 Regent Street, W.

THIS well known firm of music publishers are to the fore with new songs and pieces for the coming winter months. We have lately had the opportunity of sampling some of Messrs. Cramer's new publications, and we are glad to be able to say they are up to standard. Clifton Bingham and H. Trotère's "By Normandie's Blue Hills" is a most tuneful and pretty composition, admirably suited for accompaniment on the violin, music for which is supplied. "Sweet Lavender" is another good song, the theme of which is pretty, while the music is soft and bright. This song has been dedicated to Bro. Edward Terry, G. Treasurer. "Hark! Hark! the Dogs do bark!" is a song written by R. S. Hiokens, who has founded his verses on an old rhyme. The music puts one in mind of "The Vagabond;" it is of a cheery nature, with plenty of swing in it. All these songs are exceedingly good compositions, and we feel sure will be heard frequently during the present winter. For those who are fond of pianoforte music, Messrs. Cramer have published some good pieces. "Ma Belle Reine" is a "Graceful Dance," composed by H. Trotère; it is of a spirited and lively character, and cannot fail to give satisfaction to any one at all fond of such music. C. H. R. Marriott's "Alexandra Gavotte, in F," is a simple, yet pleasing piece, and is well suited to the drawing-room. "The Horse Guards" quick step March is by the same composer, and if anything is more taking than the former, it having a more operatic tendency. These three pieces are of a character that will bear being heard any number of times, and always leave a pleasing impression.

"The Old Oak Settle." Written by Catherine Armstrong, composed by Annie E. Armstrong.

"How will it be?" Written by Clement Scott, composed by Isidore de Lara.

"Dearest." Written by Miss Maud Blackett, composed by Mrs. Lynedoch Moncrieff.

"Springtime." Written by Arthur Chapman, composed by S. A. Sabel.

London: B. MOCATTA AND Co., 37 Berners Street, W.

THIS celebrated firm likewise offers several new compositions. "The Old Oak Settle" is a pathetic song, founded on a story of the 17th century, by Catherine Armstrong, and set to music by Annie E. Armstrong. The music is most appropriate, being of a soft and impressive nature. "How will it be?" is a sequel to "The Garden of Sleep," and is dedicated to Mrs. Thomas Nunn. The melody is tuneful and bright, and is sure to become popular. "Dearest" is hardly as good a composition as the others we have mentioned, but, nevertheless, is a pretty piece of work. "Springtime" is a good song, and bids fair to become popular. It has been composed by S. A. Sabel, who has given us bright and tuneful music. The above are all worth attention, and we recommend our musical readers to purchase them.

"The Captain of the Lifeboat." Written by F. E. Weatherley, composed by Louis Diehl. London: W. MOSLEY AND Co., 127 Regent Street, W.

THE above is a fine nautical song, with a good swinging tune, especially the chorus. F. E. Weatherley's words are capital, and Louis Diehl's music is so taking that it bids fair to become one of the most popular songs of the day. It should be in every concert programme for some time to come.

"Why not now?" Written by F. Bowyer, composed by Antonio L. Mora.

"Love will wake." Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Felix Keston.

London: HOPWOOD AND CREW, 42 Bond Street, W.

THE first of these two songs has been expressly composed for, and is sung by, Madame Marie Roze. We can say that it has a taking air, with good words by F. Bowyer, set to music by Antonio L. Mora. We can also strongly recommend "Love will wake"; the music is effective, and the refrain is one that can easily be taken up, and remembered, while the song is not a difficult one.

"The Spanish Gipsy." Written and composed by Michael Watson. London: PATEY AND WILLIS, 44 Great Marlborough Street, W.

THIS song, written and composed by the late Michael Watson, has an attractive air. It is of a tuneful description, and is in the well known style of the late composer. It should be eagerly sought after.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 25th day of October 1889,

W. Bro. EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of SIXTEEN BOYS from an approved List of seventy Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	39	Bedford, John Hillam	3198
2	26	Swornsbourne, Lewis Gordon Causton ...	3143
3	37	Williams, William Joseph	3063
4	61	Lofthouse, George	3051
5	53	Somers, Mark	3050
6	2	Jennings, William John	3040
7	20	Hill, Arthur Stanley	3039
8	48	Coupland, James A. Lane	3028
9	64	Jewitt, Robert Rae	3012
10	56	Bolton, Thomas Charles Wilson ...	2944
11	28	Moreton, Harry Vernon	2758
12	44	Ravenscroft, Stanley Narborough ...	2747
13	27	Wood, Basil Glover	2731
14	4	Clunes, Alex. Sydenham Sherriff ...	2661
15	16	Lumsden, Miller Bassett	2623
16	21	Tiedeman, Benjamin Henry	2601

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.

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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Mark Master of England, and Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, held his annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th inst. His Lordship was attended by a large gathering of the Prov. Grand Officers. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	Deputy Master
Hon. Tatton Egerton	...	Senior Warden
G. Hammond Danby	...	Junior Warden
John Williamson	...	M.O.
W. G. Cronan	...	S.O.
John Fraser	...	J.O.
Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner	...	Chaplain
Fredk. Stevenson	...	Treasurer
Jos. K. Digges	...	Registrar
Richard Newhouse	...	Secretary
Alex. Warriner	...	Senior Deacon
Harry Harrison	...	Junior Deacon
Alfred Atkinson	...	D.C.
William Booth	...	A.D.C.
Edmund Marston	...	Sword Bearer
C. M. Armitage	...	Standard Bearer
Herbert Ellis	...	Organist
Geo. M'Clelland	...	Pursuivant
E. King Ellison	...	Superintendent of Works
Harry Thomas	...	Stewards
William Griffin	...	Stewards
Stephen Smith	...	Tyler

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on the 23rd inst., at Tavistock, under the banner of Russell Lodge, No. 23. A meeting of the Provincial Committee was held first in the Lodge-room at the Abbey. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 4s. It was resolved to recommend the grant of £20 to the widow of a distinguished brother in very distressing circumstances, and to hold the balance to provide for any further expenses in connection with the memorial to be erected to the memory of the last Provincial Grand Master, Colonel J. Tanner Davy, in Rose Ash Church. The Committee then adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where the ball-room had been tastefully fitted up as a Lodge-room. There was a large attendance of brethren. Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon presided, and was well supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and Acting Officers for the year, besides a numerous assemblage of Visitors. The Secretary (Brother H. Stocker) reported that the present membership was 471, against 455 of last year, an increase of 16. The Treasurer's report accorded the same balance as arrived at by the Committee. Those reports and that of the Provincial Committee were adopted. The election for the recommendation of a brother to the M.W. the Grand Master of England for the office of Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire for the ensuing three years then took place. A strong desire was expressed for Bro. Lemon to allow himself to be nominated, but he firmly declined the office, having already much Masonic work on hand. Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry and Capt. Strode-Lowe were nominated. From the general preference expressed for the latter, the nomination of Bro. Imbert-Terry was withdrawn, and Bro. Strode-Lowe elected. Brother John Leonard was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by Brother Lemon, the acting Provincial Grand Master :—

Bro. E. Aitken-Davies 96	...	Junior Warden
J. Chapman 35	...	M.O.
E. C. Coppin 66	...	S.O.
B. Knight 319	...	J.O.
Rev. G. T. Warner 215	...	Chaplains
Rev. H. P. L. Manrice 372	...	Chaplains
J. Leonard 16	...	Treasurer
H. Stocker 15	...	Secretary
J. Bray 16	...	Registrar
W. R. Velvin 100	...	Senior Deacon
W. Spenlake 76	...	Junior Deacon
J. H. Blacker 96	...	Inspector of Works
A. H. Bates 23	...	D.C.
W. M. Robins 35	...	A.D.C.
J. J. Facey 169	...	Sword Bearer
W. T. Hocking 50	...	Standard Bearer
H. Hilman 16	...	Organist
W. H. Dillon 96	...	Assistant Secretary
C. Coombes 64	...	Inner Guard
J. Gidley 169	...	Tyler
M. Durbin 91	...	Stewards
W. Powe 15	...	Stewards
F. J. Prize 48	...	Stewards
C. G. Wethell 383	...	Stewards

A vote of condolence was accorded and directed to be sent to the widow and family of the late much respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Spence Bate. Bro. Strode-Lowe returned thanks for his recommendation to the office of Provincial Grand Master, and said if appointed he would do his best to carry out the duties of that office. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Bedford Hotel, Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon presiding.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON the 15th inst., a handsome present was made by the Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire to Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.O. England P.P.G.S.W., in recognition of services rendered in the cause of Mark Masonry in the Province. The proceedings took place at the De Grey Rooms, York, and amongst those present were Bros. J. W. Woodall P.P.G.M.M.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.P.G.M.M.M., Colonel R. G. Smith D.P.G.M.M.M., the Rev. W. Valentine P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, A. W. Walker P.G. Secretary, W. H. Cowper P.G.D.C., M. Millington P.P.G.D., George Balmford P.P.G.M.O., William Brown P.P.G.S.B., J. T. Sadler P.G.S. England, and the following other brethren :—Bros. John Marshall, Joseph Todd, G. Lamb, G. Chapman, S. G. Crommack, A. H. McGachen, F. W. Halliwell, E. K. Spiegelhalter, W. Storey, and J. L. Speteh. The company having partaken of a dinner, provided by Bro. Halliwell, several Masonic toasts were proposed, and then Bro. Woodall, who presided, made the presentation, which consisted of an English gold keyless lever watch and an illuminated address. The address was in the following terms :—

"We, the undersigned Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, with hearty good wishes and fraternal greeting, present to our Very Worthy Bro. Thos. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.O. England, P.P.G.S.W., the accompanying gold watch, as a token of our esteem and regard, and in recognition of the excellent and highly valued services he has so long rendered in the cause of Mark Masonry, and particularly for the zealous manner in which he assisted in the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province, and in fulfilling the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for a period of six years. We sincerely hope and trust that the Great Overseer of the Universe may vouchsafe to our highly esteemed brother a long life of continued prosperity and usefulness, and that he may long be spared to continue his connection with the Province, and that he and his family may enjoy every blessing this world can bestow."

Bro. Whytehead feelingly acknowledged the gift.

PERCY LODGE, No. 122.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on the 10th instant, Bro. R. Ashton in the chair, when Bro. C. Spencer S.W. was installed his successor by Bro. J. Burn. The W.M. thereafter appointing and investing the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. R. Ashton I.P.M., G. F. Allan S.W., C. Allan J.W., T. F. Pearce M.O., J. Harrison S.O., H. Gaston J.O., A. S. Fowler Dir. of Cers., T. Bradley Treasurer, I. H. Hart Secretary, T. R. Tallintyre Organist, A. F. Kindler Registrar of Marks, H. Eliot S.D., W. Whitworth I.G., B. R. Smith Tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined together.

JERSEY LODGE, No. 257.

AT a meeting held in the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Monday, the 7th inst., Bro. A. C. Hewett was installed W.M., and presided at a banquet subsequently held, when he was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Stephens) and the Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary, as well as by numerous local Officers and brethren.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual meeting of this Province was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Keswick, under the banner of the Greta Lodge, No. 1073. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell P.M. 1032 presided. All the Lodges in the Province were represented but two. The Prov. Grand Treasurer presented a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the Province, after voting one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of £52 16s 2d. Bro. R. J. Nelson was again unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. George Dalrymple 872	...	Senior Warden
J. Paterson 962 ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. T. W. Melrose 371	... }	Chaplains
J. S. Ostle 1073 ...	... }	
R. J. Nelson ...	...	Treasurer
J. Slack 310 ...	...	Registrar
George J. M'Kay 129...	...	Secretary
B. C. Waller 1074 . .	...	Senior Deacon
Edwin Jackson 1073 ...	...	Junior Deacon
Wm. Hodgson 1073 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
W. D. P. Field 872 ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Ormiston 310	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
John Nelson 1267 ...	...	Sword Bearer
Wm. Lawrence 1390...	... }	Standard Bearers
W. C. Johns 119 ...	... }	
P. T. Freeman 1073 ...	...	Organist
Wm. Middleton 129 ...	...	Assistant Secretary
Maurice Williams 1532	...	Pursuivant
Wm. Bradley 1390 ...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Jas. Beatey 310 ...	...	
Joseph Abbott 371 ...	...	
Isaac Dickinson 967 ..	...	Stewards
John Bewley 1989 ...	...	
W. S. Ponton 327 ...	...	
Henry Hartley 1660 ...	...	
Thomas Usher 1073 ...	...	Tyler

The brethren afterwards formed into processional order, and, headed by the Volunteer band, marched to Crosthwaite Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Brother H. D. Rawnsley Provincial Grand Chaplain. A banquet at the Keswick Hotel followed.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Harlech, the Grand Lodge of the Province of North Wales assembled at Barmouth, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., a large number of members and brethren being present. The brethren met at the tastefully decorated Masonic Temple of the Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, where Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. Bro. Lord Harlech, and Bro. Colonel Henry Platt, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room at two o'clock. There was a large assemblage of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and visitors. After the usual formalities, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Carnarvon, were read and confirmed. The roll call of Lodges showed that two were unrepresented. The Provincial Grand Secretary read a report showing that there was a marked improvement in the manner in which the minute books of Lodges in the Province were kept. More uniformity, however, was needed, and it was his intention to submit a scheme on the subject. Brothers, Corbet, Edisbury, and Benson were re-elected to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts. Bro. Salmon was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and submitted a statement showing that the funds in hand to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge amounted to £90 3s 5d. On the "B" fund of the North Wales Charitable Association there was in hand a balance of £251, after relieving the several cases submitted last year. This fund was really the nursery of the other funds, and ought to be better supported by the Lodges, only one-third of which subscribed towards it at present. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :—

Bro. Hon. Col. West ...	...	Senior Warden
Dr. Jones-Morris ...	..	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Morgan ...	...	Chaplain
Salmon	...	Treasurer
W. L. Bankes ...	...	Registrar
T. E. Harris ...	...	Secretary
D. Wynn Williams ...	...	Assistant Secretary
Dr. A. E. Turnour ...	. .	Senior Deacon
David Cameron ...	...	Junior Deacon
J. M. M. Smith ...	...	Superintendent of Works
S. F. Clement ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
N. Bunnell ...	...	Assistant Director of Cers.
E. Powell ...	...	Sword Bearer
D. Davies ...	... }	Standard Bearers
H. J. Hart ...	... }	
E. W. Thomas ...	...	Organist
W. Jones... ...	...	Pursuivant
E. G. Humphreys ...	...	Assistant Pursuivant
T. Mills	...	
Edward Roberts ...	...	Stewards
Dr. Henry Evans ...	...	
J. Burton... ...	...	
H. B. Stubbington ...	...	Tyler

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said it was with feelings of pleasure that he was able to announce that his scheme for a life presentation to the Girls' Masonic School had been completed. It now remained for the Provincial Grand Lodge to arrange as to the proper mode in which the Charity should be managed. In the individual subscriptions received were—the Provincial Grand Master, £25; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, £25; the Masonic-hall, Bangor, £22; Bro. S. Pope, £20; with other special Lodge and individual subscriptions, making a total of £163 4s. The full sum collected when the promises were paid up would exceed £525. He asked for £27 17s 6d to complete the presentation. Bro. Salmon proposed that the amount should be voted, with a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the trouble he had taken. Bro. Edisbury seconded the proposal, which was agreed to. A long discussion followed as to the mode in which the Charity should be managed. The Provincial Grand Master proposed, and Bro. Edisbury seconded, the appointment of a committee, composed of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Provincial Grand Secretary, to make arrangements as to the most deserving cases for consideration and submission to the North Wales Charitable Association. Bro. Dr. Jones-Morris pointed out that the Lodges having contributed largely towards the fund, were specially debarred from partaking in its administration, and urged that this should be remedied. Brother Salmon remarked that Lodges should subscribe specially each year before their representatives could have a voice in the disposal of the Charities. Bro. Jones-Morris said that last year some of the Lodges had made a special effort to provide a sum of money required by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master towards the fund, and he did not see why they should now be debarred from having a voice in its administration. Bro. Salmon, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, said that the Association could not go beyond its bye-laws. The only way out of the difficulty was that each Lodge should subscribe a guinea in the name of the W.M. for the time being. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thought it would be only courteous towards the subscribing Lodges that when the selection of first candidates came forward, the W.M. of each should be asked to attend. Brother Salmon agreed with the suggestion. The Provincial Grand Treasurer called attention to the fact that two Lodges—Cadewain (Newtown) and Llanidloes—were not represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge; and, on the motion of Bro. Tuxford, it was decided that the Provincial Grand Secretary should by circular call the attention of the Lodges to the bye-law on the point, and the penalty attendant upon infringement. The Provincial Grand Master read a circular from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, with reference to the Boys' School, and enclosing certain recommendations. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the adoption of the same, which was agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Salmon, seconded by Bro. Jones-Morris, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against any excessive grant being allowed to the Secretary of the Boys' School upon his retirement. The banquet was served at the Corsygedol Hotel.

MARRIAGE.

HEWER-GARDNER.—On Thursday, 23rd inst., at Old Chiswick Church, Bro. A. E. Hewer, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2360, to Ada Mary, only daughter of Bro. George Gardner, W.M. 2360.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

THE funeral of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., of Clewer Park, Windsor, took place on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 12 a.m., the interment being made in Clewer Churchyard. The late Sir Daniel was one of the most remarkable and energetic characters. He was elected Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company in 1866, and has held the post ever since, and it will be remembered that to him is chiefly owing the wonderful development of that large undertaking, for he was mainly instrumental in raising the finances of the Company, from the very low ebb to which they had become reduced, to the magnificent position in which they now stand. Our older readers will remember that the successful completion of the Atlantic Cable was largely owing to his enterprise. Owing to the family desiring the funeral to be of a private nature, it was decided, that the Prov. Grand Lodge should not officially take part in it; but that the Masonic tribute of respect should be paid by the Windsor Castle Lodge (of which he was a subscribing member) summoning a Lodge of Emergency, and attending the interment, accompanied by any Masons of the Province who might wish to attend. Accordingly the W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge (Bro. W. G. Nottage) summoned a meeting, and invited all W.M.'s, Wardens and Brethren of the Province to attend. The Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, and opened in the third degree, when it was "called off," and the Brethren proceeded to the Church. At the close of the burial service the customary sprigs of acacia were cast into the grave. After the funeral the Lodge was "called on," when a vote of condolence from the Lodge was moved by the W.M., seconded by the Senior Past Master, and supported in an eloquent speech by Past Grand Chaplain Simpson, it was carried unanimously, and ordered to be sent to Lady Gooch. Representatives of most of the Lodges in the Province, and several distinguished Freemasons were present, but owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding a paragraph appeared in the daily papers on the day previous to the funeral, stating the Freemasons would not attend; consequently a large number of Masons who had arranged to be present abandoned doing so.

INFLUENCE OF SECRECY.

PROFANES have often spoken disparagingly of Freemasonry, simply because it was a "Secret Society," they taking the ground that secrecy necessarily means dark deeds, or a screen for work that would not bear the light. Masonry is, in one sense, a secret society, but its withdrawal from publicity in nowise condemns it.

> "Full many a gem of purest ray serene
> The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear."

There is a pure crystal stream whose spring is buried deep in the fastness of Masonic truths and principles, which, like the influence of a pure heart, bubbles and forces its way out through many obstacles, quenching the thirst, and laving the tired, perplexed brain of many a wayfarer. Although the outer door is well guarded, that the world may not penetrate the veil which preserves the sanctity of the inner chamber, still the unbounded influence which emanates from the secret work cannot be estimated from Equator to Poles. The philanthropy of Masonry is a living reality.

The guarding of secrets has, in a great measure, much to do with the success of most, if not all good institutions. What to-day is the foundations of the world's most flourishing government? Is it not the secret society called Home?

> "There where vows are truly plighted,
> There where hearts are so united."

But what would this stronghold of nations be if the home trust was not shielded from the stranger's gaze?

Each member of the family brings his hopes, his ambitions, his joys and his disappointments, and lays them on the home altar, knowing that they are safe from the unsympathetic approach of a stranger, and each individual around that mystic shrine is truer and stronger for sharing that secret, and the incense of the dear home love burns constantly, wafting its perfume out upon mankind. The influence is felt, but the source is hidden deep. The world does not condemn the home because of its secret life, this strength of Church and State. No! The loyalty to home inspires a loyalty to the larger trusts; the private affairs entrusted to the few is secure against all foreign intrusion.

Again, how beautifully the value of a guarded secret is illustrated during the time of war. A vast army of brave men will lie down to rest by the cheerful camp fire, with no fears of surprise from the enemy; one word has been whispered from tent to tent and binds into one; no foe can pass the outer guard; he has the secret countersign, and the ceaseless tread of the sentinel hurries on; the blessed "all's well" brings a sense of rest and safety to the weary soldier, and he sleeps deep and long. A brother walks without, proud and strong with the magnitude of his responsibility; one false act from him, one word spoken to the enemy, death and disaster follows, the plans and secret manœuvres are discovered, and the battle is lost. The sign of a Mason secures him a brother's protection throughout the world, each plighted vow welds together thousands of brave hearts, each remembering he carries the weight of a brother's character; he must guard and shield him from the merciless weapons of the hard, indifferent world. Let the secret work go on, it is the stronghold of our Fraternity. May the silent deed of charity toward a brother strengthen the unity between them—the gift bestowed is sweeter for the world not having known it. The kindly admonition sinks deeper in the heart of an erring one when spoken heart to heart and lip to ear. Let the Lodge be the universal home altar of a Mason, where he may lay bare his heart, and feel secure against the outside world.—*The Royal Craftsmen.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Globe.—Miss Loie Fuller, an American actress of some repute, has brought to England a play that has achieved considerable success in the United States, though it is more than doubtful whether it will gain much popularity in this country. It is entitled "Caprice," and is written by Mr. Howard P. Taylor, but it also appears to have been necessary—to what extent we cannot tell—to have it revised by Mr. F. W. Broughton. Certainly, as represented on Tuesday, the piece is loosely constructed and evinces slight knowledge of stage requirements on the part of the author. The story shows the caprice of Jack Henderson, a young artist, who falls in love with Mercy Baxter, an unsophisticated farmer's daughter, and, in spite of the very reasonable objections of his friends, makes her his wife. The inevitable result soon follows; the social defects and uneducated lapses of the wife prove a source of trouble to the husband, until at length, goaded by continual reproaches, Mercy resolves to leave her home for the purpose of educating herself. We are not informed how long a period has elapsed, but in the last act we find Mercy, under an assumed name, playing *la grande dame* in her father-in-law's house, where her repentant husband recognises her and obtains forgiveness. The piece itself is too much spun out, and could easily be reduced to three acts, though the earlier scenes are decidedly the best, and are those in which Miss Fuller is seen to greater advantage. We hope, however, soon to see her in some other part more capable of displaying her talents. Mr. J. G. Grahame made the most of the rather foolish Jack Henderson, while Mr. Alfred Maltby and Miss Susie Vaughan did their best to instil some humour into the piece. On Tuesday next the play will be preceded by "A Promise," a new comedietta by S. B. Lawrence, in which Miss Harriet Ford will appear.

Drury Lane.—Notwithstanding the doubtful reception accorded by the Press to Mr. Augustus Harris's latest drama, we are glad to be able to record that "The Royal Oak" has resulted in a great success. This is to be accounted for by Mr. Harris having set to work with a will, and while sacrificing much of the original, he has strengthened what remains, and now the piece goes much closer and is most interesting and exciting. The ladies and gentlemen engaged to interpret the piece have worked their parts up, and are now seen to advantage. A splendid tableaux has been added; this represents the King's return, which sends every one home in a happy frame of mind. We feel sure "The Royal Oak" will keep the boards until they are wanted for the annual pantomime, which we hear will be of an exceptionally brilliant character.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 31st inst. Bros. Joseph Greenway W.M., J. Hemming S.W., Dr. J. Powdrell J.W., George Reynolds W.M. of the mother Lodge (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, 26th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
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)
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 (Instruct)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
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
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Repemaker 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.
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.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Clevland 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.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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
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)
1699—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 231—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
25—Robert Burns, 3 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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—Jordan, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
454—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)
859—Duchesne, Middlesex Arms, Middlesex Road, Deptford, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Town Hall, Theobald's Road, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mark House, Bury-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Lovers of Arts, Chequers Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lonsdale Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Albemarle Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1565—New Finsbury Park, Highbury Work Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1620—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Brixton Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Drury Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Mercantile, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

298—Foundation, Full Moon, Barnard
316—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Abbey Chapter, Masonic Hall, Crewe
481—East Surrey at Croydon, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shakespeare Hotel, Wales Over
1351—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1684—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road North, Wimbledon, at 8. (Instruction)
2146—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, 30th OCTOBER.

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)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
741—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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1931—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2203—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, 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—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1293—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instructn)
719—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1418—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—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 5.30. (Inst)
1454—D. Connaught, Pall Mall Restaurant, 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 Thornhill Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Mid Essex, 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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1858—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1936—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2201—Clough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Barry
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Caldwall, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Goole, Stafford
1318—Vernon, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1508—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 120—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
257—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
[illegible]—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)
934—Rosebery, Six Bells, Horn Lane, Acton. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1000—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1155—Lewis, Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1275—Isaac Pitt, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1284—Royal Standard, Three Jolly Archers, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In
1305—Capel, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1881—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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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. 8—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Keleall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
60 —St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
686 —Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
937—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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.
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 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, 2nd 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, 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. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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Saint Anne's Lodge, No. 970, held at Looe, has received from the Prov. J.G.W. of Devon (Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A.) a framed photo-lithographic portrait of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. The presentation was made on Bro. Lemon's behalf by Bro. J. G. Henwood P.M., at a meeting on Wednesday, the 9th instant.

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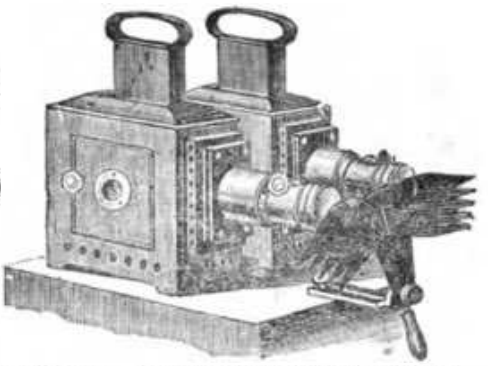
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The correspondent who sends us the circulars refers to our article of last week, and then tells us his attention has been called to the circulars to which we now refer, and which he characterises as "Trading on Freemasonry" with a vengeance. This opinion we fully endorse, and so, we imagine, will every Mason who reads them. For obvious reasons we withhold names and addresses, but in other respects the circulars are as follows :—

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SIR AND BROTHER:

CHEAP FRESH FISH.

I HAVE visited many Lodges and Provincial Gatherings, and at Refreshments I have often heard the Brethren comment very severely on the enormous price they have had to pay for small quantities of Fish, (not always the freshest) and, knowing that I belonged to the Fish Metropolis of the World, they have asked me if I did not know of any remedy. Now, sir, I have given the matter my fair consideration, and have come to the conclusion that I will do my best to alter to alter the same. I am prepared, upon receipt of a Postal Order for 2/6, to forward you or your friends, by passenger train, (carriage paid) a bass containing over six pounds of Fresh Fish, cleaned and ready for cooking; the same to consist of two of the following sorts: Fresh Cod, Ling, Haddocks, Skate, Plaice, or Smoked Haddocks, (and in the summer months, Halibut) you stating with your order which two sorts you prefer. And should you wish for a large quantity, I will send it at the same ratio; or should you be desirous of opening a deposit account, you can do so.

I am the fourth generation of my family which has been in the fish trade. My Bankers are the ——; and my masonic position you can obtain from the secretary of your lodge.

Yours fraternally,

N.B.—Should you favour me with your orders, please be particular in giving me your name and address distinct; and if any particular station you want it sent to, state the same so as to avoid delay.

Soles and Turbots about three times the above price.
Live Crimped Cod (whole) from 10 to 20 pounds, about double the above price per 6 lbs.

The question that must at once suggest itself to readers of the above circulars is, how long will such instances of direct disregard of Masonic obligations be allowed without comment from the authorities of Grand Lodge? If such wholesale trading on Freemasonry is to pass unnoticed where will it lead us? and what will be the opinion of outsiders into whose hands the circulars may fall. In this particular case the brother may be sincere in his desire to give his fellow Freemasons cheap and wholesome fish, but the method he has adopted of bringing his wares under their notice is so opposed to the proper spirit of Freemasonry—indeed it is in direct opposition to its laws—as to call forth the strongest disapproval and condemnation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WE have little to add to what we said last week in our report of the Quarterly Court of this Institution. The "cross purposes" that have prevailed at recent meetings somewhat interfered with the good order that of yore characterised our gatherings. This was evidenced in the matter of the election of Medical Officer. It may be said no definite programme had been laid down as to what course the Provisional Committee should take when their ruling was called into question at the last Monthly Committee meeting, and as a consequence they were only able to hold to their original proposition. They had considered the qualifications of the respective candidates, and having narrowed the subject to a recommendation of one applicant only, any reconsideration that might have altered this decision would have been regarded in many quarters as a stultification of their proceedings. Consequently, as Bro. Bevir put it, it resolved itself into a vote of confidence in the Provisional Committee. As a result Mr. Porter was elected, but it must be admitted that the choice was arrived at more from a desire loyally to support the Provisional Committee, than from a full consideration of the relative qualifications of the candidates who offered themselves for the Medical Officership. This may be

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considered rather rough upon the other applicants, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case we fail to see that a better course could have been followed.

An important feature in connection with the discussion on the amount of the retiring allowance which should be awarded to Bro. Frederick Binckes was the letter from Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., which Bro. Eve read to the meeting, and which was as follows :—

"38 Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.
"17th October 1889.

"Dear Bro. Eve,—I shall be detained in Lancashire on official duty over 25th inst., and shall therefore be unable to be present at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. If I could have been there I should earnestly have *supported* the resolution of which you have given notice. I have not in any way consulted my colleagues on the Investigation Committee, but so far as my individual opinion is of any consequence, I should desire it to be known that, in arriving at the conclusion that under existing circumstances a change was desirable, I entirely relied on the generosity of the Craft to recognise the undoubted services of Bro. Binckes, and to provide some such means of *honourable* or *voluntary* retirement as is contemplated in your resolution. It could answer no good end to express in detail the reasons which induced me to acquiesce in the conclusions unanimously arrived at, but there is nothing in those conclusions or in the Report of the Committee inconsistent with an acknowledgment of the vigour, the pluck, or the success with which Bro. Binckes has served the Institution. I hope your resolution will be overwhelmingly carried. I write this in order that you may make any use of it which, in your absolute discretion, you may think desirable.

Yours truly and fraternally,
(Signed) "SAML. POPE, P.G.D.

"Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treasurer."

This letter so fully embodies our views that we feel we need not add a word to it.

In our advertising columns of last week we gave a list of the successful candidates at the Election. The following are the names of those unsuccessful, with the number of votes polled by each :—

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name.	Forward	Polled	Total
25	Harrison, William John	1125	1466	2591
42	Spain, William Augustine	811	1563	2374
9	Wilkinson, George	1815	511	2326
*35	Jones, James Arthur Herbert	592	1562	2154
43	Thomson, Hugh Hanley	292	1698	1990
6	Clarke, Alfred William	1279	671	1950
8	Pratt, Stanley Edmund Rolls	1619	212	1831
7	Jarmain, Edward George	1384	296	1680
33	Cooper, Frederick Eden Walter	263	1362	1625
17	Bloomfield, Walter Woolcomb	965	625	1590
55	Besly, John Francis	—	1558	1558
57	Tyson, Percy Kilburn	—	1524	1524
12	Browne, Arthur Thomas	578	776	1354
11	Brown, Ernest James	1039	268	1307
62	Pownall, Henry Charles	—	1081	1081
40	Brereton, Herbert Walter	460	620	1080
68	Dickens, Ralph Oldacre	—	979	979
54	Andrews, William Mitchell	—	961	961
24	Mears, William Arthur	627	163	790
69	Aldhouse, Horace James Murrell	—	768	768
47	Mountford, Ernest Charles George	—	462	462
*45	Smith, William James	348	7	355
60	Maiden, Frank	—	314	314
3	Campbell, Archibald Wallace	219	13	232
22	Gee, Redfern Edward	9	207	216
70	Thomas, Lionel Arthur Fordo	—	177	177
13	Whale Ernest Edward	19	146	165
*15	Binks, William Robson	71	75	146
30	Levy, Richard William	76	70	146
67	Goldsmith, Harold Streeter	—	145	145
* 1	Crossman, John	17	95	112
65	Kemp, Walter Lowther	—	93	93
41	Seward, William Rennell	38	41	79
63	Bartholomew, Herbert Cecil	—	78	78
*51	Hutton, William Pruce	—	76	76
59	Bullivant, George Frederick	—	75	75
29	Peters, Charles Wilfred	38	31	31
66	Golightly, Matthew	—	37	37
38	Stanley, Hereward	19	14	33
58	Whitehall, Frederick Bristowe	—	28	28
5	Carruthers, James	25	2	27
19	Atley, Wilfred John	7	20	27
32	Fowke, James Frederick	7	11	18
10	Drewett, Herbert John	8	3	11
46	Appleby, Edmund Bernard Wilson	—	11	11
*18	Lamplough, Benjamin	10	—	10
31	Eastment, Reginald George	4	2	6
36	Howell, Bernard Brockas	1	4	5
50	Rangeley, John Heap	—	2	2
14	Perkins, Alfred Ernest	1	—	1
23	Pugh, William Ralph	1	—	1
52	Pettle, Richard Henry	—	1	1
34	Young, Charles Lind Lamont	—	—	—
49	Hodge, Francis Charles	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List, under Law 53, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire objected to the arrangement of the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Hitherto the much more convenient system had been adopted of placing them according to the seniority of their candidature. He was quite sure the scrutineers of votes would experience great difficulty in the new system, and these brethren should have every facility afforded them. A change ought not to have been made without some good reason. Bro. Hedges, Secretary, read a minute of the General Committee of 26th July, under which the change had been made. On the motion of Bro. Henry Smith, seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, it was resolved to revert to the old system. Bro. D. D. Mercer, G.P., moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Frank Richardson for his exertions in the case of "Lord Leigh and others *v.* the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea," which had preserved the property of the Institution from the encroachments by the vestry. Bro. Richardson had taken a great deal of trouble in the matter, and had succeeded in keeping the vestry back. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Frank Richardson thanked the brethren very sincerely for the recognition of his poor services to the Institution. They all knew he had his heart there, and what he did was a matter of love to the Institution. The proceedings were quite necessary to be taken. Two or three years ago a Quarterly Court sanctioned an agreement with the vestry as to the making of a road, and the first thing the vestry did, for their own benefit, was to block up the gates of the Institution. He told them they must not go beyond the agreement. There was no power to prevent the vestry from raising the road, but for the encroachments on the Institution's property there was a remedy, and it was enforced. In addition to that, the Institution got £50 from the vestry as compensation for keeping the Institution's road down, and the vestry paid the cost of the legal proceedings. The poll for the election of candidates was then proceeded with ; in due course the result was announced. The list of those successful will be found in our advertisement column. We append the list of those unsuccessful, with the number of votes accorded to each.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
5	Bohli, Mabel Ann	1281	2004	3285
18	Gauntlett, Florence Louise	—	3136	3136
32	Mountain, Ethel Sylvia	1214	1853	3067
3	Bingham, Alice Winifred	1449	1286	2735
29	McCue, Alice Louise	1175	1112	2287
12	Dale, Alberta	914	1306	2220
7	Boyd, Ethel Mansfield	1161	618	1779
21	Hall, Arline	—	1713	1713
45	Watson, Mary Maud	1503	7	1510
35	Poore, Ethel Mary (last)	370	1113	1483
44	Warren, Mabel Elizabeth (last)	—	1311	1311
41	Smith, Anne Elizabeth	—	1173	1173
22	Haylett, Ada	46	1080	1126
24	Jacobs, Clara Marina	—	1023	1023
30	May, Ada Florence	—	869	869
14	England, Ellen Maud	394	419	813
47	Wilson, Annie	201	600	801
38	Robson, Mary Gwendoline	20	730	750
13	Dixon, Florence Ethel G.	522	201	723
25	Johnston, Bertha	28	681	709
46	Whitefoord, Evelyn Margaret Mary	238	261	499
49*	Wood, Mary Glover (last)	106	297	403
34	Payne, Maud Catherine	—	377	377
31	Morris, Mary Ellen	372	—	372
33	O'Meara, Mabel Kathleen	—	364	364
16	Fitzwater, Harriet	196	19	215
17	Gardner, Elsie Marian	—	171	171
28	Le Gros, Agnes	149	3	152
26	Lamplough, Elizabeth	78	33	111
23	Hooke, Frances Emma	32	75	107
1	Anthony, Dorothy Parnell (last)	4	86	90
19	Griffiths, Emily Francis (last)	47	42	89
11	Constable, Susan Ellen	—	70	70
4	Blackler, Annie Lydia	19	17	36
39	Scholes, Mary Beatrice Woodroffe	8	11	19
36	Prout, Alice Katie Beatrice	10	1	11
42	Troop, Jane	5	2	7
40	Simcock, Lizzie	—	4	4
6	Booth, Selina Walker	—	—	—

* There were two Candidates named Wood, not sisters.

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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 6th day of November, 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 17th July 1889, to the 15th of October 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	175	3	7	Disbursements during the quarter -	310	7	4
Unappropriated Account - - -	195	7	1	Balance - -	150	8	4
Subsequent Receipts	281	3	1	„ Unappropriated Account -	190	18	1
	£651	13	9		£651	13	9

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a Memorial from the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, meeting at the Albion Tavern, London, praying to be detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and to be attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, to which all their present members belong. Both Lodges having given their consent, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, Australia, reporting that they have been regularly established, in March 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommended that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Victoria has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of Victoria be also recognised.

The Committee have further to report that they have received the following Petitions for new Chapters:—

1st. From Companions Samuel Valentine as Z., Lewis Walter Harvey as H., William Henry Holroyd as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 9, to be called "The Albion Chapter," and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, should the prayer of the Memorial from the Mount Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, be granted.

2nd. From Companions Thomas Thornton Davis as Z., John Mackraill as H., William Woodall as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull, to be called "The Wilberforce Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hull, Yorkshire, (North and East Division.)

3rd. From Companions Tom Nawsam Turner as Z., Edgar Horne as H., Thomas Edward Yeomans as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate, to be called "The Mundy Grove Chapter," and to meet at the Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.

4th. From Companions Ebenezer Charles Mulvey as Z., Henry Holmes as H., Nathaniel Goodchild as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey, to be called "The Cyclist Chapter," and to meet at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, in the County of Surrey.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers therefore be respectively granted, subject to the Mount Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9.

The Committee have also received a Petition from the Principals and Members of the Abbey Chapter, No. 624, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost; and they recommend that a Charter of Confirmation for this Chapter be granted.

The Committee have received a Memorial, with Copy of Minutes, on the removal of the the following Chapter:—

The Moravian Chapter, No. 387, for permission to remove from the Masonic Hall, Shipley, to the Saltaire Institute, Shipley, Yorkshire (W.D.)

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

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th October 1889.

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.

FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on Thursday, the 10th ult. The Installing Officer was Comp. Henry Mason, and the Officers inducted were as follows:—Comps. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane M.E.Z., R. J. Warren H., T. Humphreys J., A. E. Albert S.E., G. B. Gilbey S.N., Henry V. Clements Treasurer, T. Davey P.S., R. Jennings 1st A.S., J. S. Hammond 2nd A.S., H. T. Hardy Steward, James Wild Assistant Steward, and A. G. Young Janitor.

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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Re ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I shall be glad to know under what statute or other powers it is lawful to grant Bro. Binckes a pension of £350 for life, and further, whether it was obligatory that all entitled to vote should receive a notice of the meeting on the 25th inst. I may mention that I know several brethren who received an official notice, whereas others, myself included, did not.

In my opinion the granting of a pension to Bro. Binckes was a great mistake, and if it could by legal means be upset the necessary steps should be taken.

Yours faithfully,

L. S. FONTAINE,
Life Governor R.M.I.B.

237 Goldhawk Road, 26th October 1889.

[Doubtless some of our brethren, who are learned in the law, will comply with our correspondent's request. We would remind him, however, that he has not enclosed the "fee." For ourselves, we have not yet been "called to the bar," but Bro. Fountaine will find precedence for such grants if he consults the records of this and similar institutions. We also recommend to his serious perusal the text of a letter from Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., one of the members of the Inquiry Commission; this letter h will find on page 274 of our present issue.—ED. F. C.]

Bro. Greey has been appointed Secretary to the Lily Lodge of Instruction, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, in place of Bro. Austin, who, after having served in the office for seven years has been promoted to the dignity of Deputy Preceptor.

We beg to remind our readers that the Dramatic performance in aid of the Benevolent and Grant Fund of the "Old Masonians," will take place at the St. George's Hall, Langham Place, this (Saturday) evening. A very interesting gathering is anticipated, many friends of our "Old Boys" having signified their intention to be present. The performance will commence at 7·30.

Obituary.

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BRO. BOWRON.

THE remains of the late Bro. Bowron, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, were interred on Monday, the 14th ult., at Bow Cemetery. In addition to the relatives there were present a number of members of the Craft, including the W.M. of the Doric Lodge, Bro. J. Hall Brown, and a number of members of that Lodge and other brethren. Amongst those who paid this last tribute to the memory of the venerable brother, who, dying in his 82nd year, commanded the respect of all whom he met, were Bros. T. J. Barnes, W. Wainwright, R. Ayton, R. Tucker, F. Johnson, C. J. Dance, J. West, A. Calver, W. Caslake, J. Pick, W. Smith, T. G. Scott, J. T. Johnson, F. Newport, Myers, Frank Dale, Hugh Cotter, J. J. Berry, H. Clarke, and H. West. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Etchell, and at its conclusion the brethren gathered round the grave and dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 130.

THERE was a large gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, the 10th ult., on the occasion of a visit of the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and Bros. the Rev. Dr. Burton Prov. Grand Chaplain, E. Goble Prov. Grand Secretary, J. Gieve Prov. Grand Treasurer, C. G. Beaumont Prov. Grand Registrar, G. Davies Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, Sharland (W.M. 76) Prov. Grand A.P., and J. D. Blackman Prov. Grand Steward, many Past Provincial Officers being also in attendance. The work of the Lodge was conducted by the W.M., Bro. J. Fewings, and included the first and second lectures, which were well given by the W.M. and Bro. J. Cole Secretary. An excellent banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Biggs, one feature connected with which was a very quaint programme worded in old English, printed in old-faced type. In responding for Grand Lodge Officers, Bro. E. Goble announced that Prov. Grand Chapter would meet in Southampton in February next. The health of the Prov. Grand Master was cordially drunk, and, in responding, Bro. Beach justified the existence of the Order on several grounds, and referred to the rapid progress it was making, not only in England, but throughout all parts of the British Empire. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding for Prov. Grand Officers, said the Province numbered nearly 50 Lodges. It had not added to its number during the past year, but not much regret could be felt at that, because there was hardly a place in the Province which had not a Lodge well within reach. Speaking of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, he reminded the brethren of the successful celebration of the Centenary in 1872, under the old warrant. The Lodge possessed two warrants, the second being granted under the modern Constitution in 1792. He hinted it was within the minds of the Past Masters of the Lodge to arrange if possible to hold another centenary celebration in 1892, and if it should be decided to hold it an endeavour would be made to secure the presence of Masons very high in office. The brethren would remember that in 1872 Lord Ripon, then Grand Master of England, and his Officers visited the Lodge. The Rev. Dr. Burton Prov. Grand Chaplain also responded. The health of Bro. Fewings was proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, and cordially honoured. Several other toasts were given.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 271.

THE Centenary Festival was celebrated on the 18th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The ceremonies, which had been admirably arranged by the W.M. Bro. T. Billing and the Past Masters, were carried out with the greatest success. While the brethren (not Grand or Provincial Grand Officers) were assembling in the Music Room, introductory organ solos were rendered in able style by Bro. Dr. A. King P.P.G.O. P.M., and Bro. Dr. F. J. Sawyer Prov. Grand Organist. The Lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. T. Billing, who was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. F. C. Parsons S.W., Rev. L. Dowdall J.W., T. Wilkinson Treasurer, C. J. Corder Secretary, H. Balean S.D., D. M. Ross J.D., G. Campbell D.C., C. A. Kendall I.G., Riviere Steward, and H. Hughes Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present, viz.:—Bros. W. Kuhe, C. J. Pocock, W. H. Hallett, Sir C. Raymond Bunch, Bart., T. Wilkinson, T. C. Woodman, A. Kirg, J. Dennant, G. Campbell, and H. Langton. The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," having been sung, the Secretary, Bro. C. J. Corder, read the Centenary Warrant. The W.M., in a few words, gave a hearty welcome to the assembled brethren. Bro. J. Dennant next read the history of the Lodge, which he had carefully prepared from the available minutes of the Lodge recorded during the past century. The history proved highly interesting, and, among many other local events, referred to the laying of the foundation stones of St. Peter's Church, the London-road Viaduct, Brighton, the Adelaide Wing, County Hospital, the Norfolk Bridge, Shoreham, with Masonic honours by the Royal Clarence Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Dennant for his excellent compilation. Bro. J. Puttick followed with a short address. A very impressive rendering of the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was given by Bros. J. A. Brown, E. A. Dalzell, James Kift, and C. Ackerman. Bro. V. P. Freeman was unanimously elected an Honorary member of the Lodge. The ceremony having concluded the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. presided. The *post prandial* proceedings were of an enthusiastic character. The W.M. opened the toast list with the Queen and the Craft, briefly remarking that her Majesty had many virtues, and the Craft no vices. He next proposed the Most W. Brother H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. Freemasons, he said, were proud in having the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, and were grateful to him for devoting so much of his time to Freemasonry. Bro. C. J. Pocock then gave the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past. The Officers of Grand Lodge, he said, fully deserved their high preferment on account of their past services in the Craft. Their interest did not, however, cease on their appointment. They still worked actively in Freemasonry. He gracefully alluded to the honour conferred upon the Lodge by the attendance of Bro. Parkinson and other Grand Officers that day, and to the late Bros. J. H. Scott and Gerard Ford and other members of the Royal Clarence, who had been promoted to Grand Lodge honours. Bro. J. Parkinson, in responding, said nothing was more interesting in the Craft than the celebration of Centenary Festivals. It had been a source of pleasure to him to find the Royal Clarence Lodge prosperous and strong, and to see that the brethren, amidst other interchanges of fraternal sentiments, upheld the traditions of the Craft and the dignity of their Lodge. Bro. Trollope also acknowledged the toast, and, congratulating the W.M. on the success of the afternoon and evening, alluded to the pleasure he had experienced in visiting the late Bro. J. H. Scott. Thanking the Royal Clarence brethren for their hospitality, he expressed the hope that their Lodge would again do great and useful work in the next century. The W.M. proposed the Right W. Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master. Coming nearer home, he said, all present knew full well the interest the Duke of Connaught took in the Craft, and how well he performed the ceremonies of his high office. Unfortunately for the Province H.R.H. had been called away to India, where he took no less an interest in the Craft in that great Empire. He had been two years away, and they all looked forward to the early part of next year, when they hoped to see him once more amongst them. He had not only sent letters through his Secretary, but had, himself, written to their late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Ford, asking for information respecting the Sussex Province. They also wished him health and happiness and a speedy return to his native land. Bro. G. Campbell P.M. proposed the W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., Q.C., P.S.G.W., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. It was pleasing, he said, to the brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge to see present so large a gathering of distinguished Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. The Royal Clarence Lodge was closely identified with the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the offices of Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been held by brethren of the Lodge. He especially eulogised the efforts of their late Bro. Gavin E. Pocock in Freemasonry, that brother having done more than any other to resuscitate the Provincial Grand Lodge. By the kindness of his esteemed son, Bro. C. J. Pocock, the Lodge had been presented with the Cup which had been presented to him (Bro. Gavin E. Pocock) by the brethren of the Province. In fitting and eloquent terms he referred to the eminent services of the late Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, J. H. Scott, and Gerard Ford. He regretted that Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott had been called away from their gathering, and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. V. P. Freeman. The latter, in responding, said that the Officers, deprived of their leading directors, would all unite in promoting the interests of the Province. Bro. Edmund Yates was cordially received on rising to propose the Worshipful Master. He said all present would realise his feelings when he said how happy he felt after the week's heavy work and labour to gain a little rest, and his pleasure in gliding from the stormy seas of controversy to the peaceful haven of the Royal Clarence Lodge. Leaving the public platform and diversities of opinion behind, he stood before them confident that there would be no divergence from his own opinions. No one would ask him pressing questions as to why he left his house, or whether he lived in the top room of a club. The term "boy" could not be adapted to him, and all present would see that the hair on his head was visible. He had great pleasure, he said, in heartily proposing the Worshipful Master. He had known Brother Billing for many years, and, alluding to the past services of the late Bro. J. H. Scott, said no more fitting successor to that distinguished brother could be found than their W.M. Brother Billing was a hard-working Mason, and in no point was he deficient. He was a jolly good fellow, perfectly sound and sensible, with no fads, one of the most courteous of men, and always accessible. They had all seen how admirably he had discharged his duties that day, and he felt that the brethren of the Lodge were honoured in having him as their Worshipful Master. Bro. T. Billing, in rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said "out of the heart the mouth speaketh," but their kind reception had almost taken all words from him. He thanked Bro. Yates for the kind and flattering manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He deeply felt the honour of being their W.M. for the second time. The honour had not arisen from any self-seeking on his part, and he felt grateful to the brethren for their confidence in him. The Royal Clarence Lodge was one of the oldest and most influential in the Province, and he felt additional pride in following such worthy Masons as those alluded to by Bro. Campbell. He gracefully alluded to the zeal and efficiency of their late Bro. Gerard Ford. His recent loss would remind them all that "Man proposes, but the Great Architect of the Universe disposes. Concluding his response, he said he should strive earnestly to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, that when weighed in the balance he trusted he should not be found wanting. Bro. W. Kuhe, in his customary facetious manner, proposed the Visitors. Bros. W. C. Morrison and W. Sendall responded, each speaking in high terms of the hospitality extended to them by the Royal Clarence Lodge. Bro. Parkinson proposed Success to the Royal Clarence Lodge. Bro. T. Billing W.M. responded, and thanked those present for assisting in the celebration of the Lodge Centenary. for 27 years the Grand Lodge of Sussex, he said, had lapsed, and the Royal Clarence Lodge was called upon to undertake its duties. It was mainly owing to their late Bro. Gavin E. Pocock that the Provincial Grand Lodge was revived. The cup presented to that distinguished brother had recently been presented to the Lodge by his son, Bro. C. J. Pocock, as a loving cup. With so large a gathering before him the cup could not then be passed round, but he himself would drink to them all a hearty welcome to the Royal Clarence. He trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper, that it would be happy in the choice of it members, and ever uphold its present high standard of honour and efficiency. The W.M. proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Province of Sussex, to which Bro. E. S. Medcalf responded. Bro. L. Dowdall gave Past Masters, which Bro. C. J. Corder acknowledged, with allusions to his own connection with the Lodge for a third of a century, and referred to the work of the late Bros. Gavin, E. Pocock and J. H. Scott. The W.M. proposed the Officers, to which Bros. F. C. Parson S.W., and C. A. Kendall I.G. replied. The Tyler's toast completed the very successful and enjoyable evening

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The musical programme, carried out under the direction of Bros. Dr. A. King and Dr. F. J. Sawyer proved most enjoyable. The vocalists engaged were Madame Antoinette Luck, Miss Minnie Freeman, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, Edward Plater, and C. Ackerman, who elicited warm applause by the admirable manner in which they gave their songs and glees, the latter, for the male voices, being an especially pleasing feature. Bro. Kuhe delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried by Bro. W. N. Roe.

COMBERMERE LODGE, No. 605.

AT the regular meeting, held at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th ult., a well deserved honour, was paid by the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, accompanied by Bros. the Hon. Allan Egerton P.P.G.S.W., R. Newhouse P.G.S., S. W. Ramsden P.G.S.D., J. Salmon P.M. 421, T. C. Thorburn P.P.G.S.W., J. Lete 1289, H. Matthews P.M. 1276, Thomas Clarke 1264, A. Breson W.M. 1289, S. Jones P.M. 477, A. A. Gass P.M. 477, G. Lloyd 1576, W. Hopkinson W.M. 477, A. Moorhouse S.D. 477, G. Clarke W.M. 1586, R. Jones P.M. 1276; and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge—Bros. P. Duff W.M., C. Roberts S.W., A. Moore J.W., J. Clarke P.M., O. Caveney P.M., F. Shaw P.M., O. Jones P.M., J. R. Simm P.M., Hon. H. Holbrooke P.M., P. M'Nermy P.M., J. Watt I.G., J. Leach S.S., J. Woodcock J.S., R. Crockett P.M., R. Powell, J. Adam, &c. On behalf of the Lodge Bro. M'Nermy moved a resolution thanking his lordship for his most gracious visit that evening, when the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge on its members, and in particular the working. Never had he seen it performed in such a manner. It was creditable to Br. P. Duff and his Officers. He wished them every success. Bro. Duff initiated Messrs. Southen and R. M. Smith. Afterwards the brethren dined together in the Lodge-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. Duff, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The proceedings were agreeably varied by an excellent selection of music, rendered by Bros. G. Barton, A. Moorhouse, A. Atkinson, J. Leach, G. Mason, A. Birkett &c.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 811.

THE annual installation meeting took place in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday the 19th ult. There was a large gathering of brethren of the Lodge and distinguished visitors, great interest being taken in the installation as W.M. of Bro. Pocock, the ceremony being most ably performed by that Past Master of Masonic ritual Bro. T. Fenn. Bro. C. J. Pocock having been duly installed, appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. J. Hallett S.W., J. W. H. Winter-Foster J.W., Jacobs Chaplain, H. Abbey Treasurer, De Paris Secretary, E. G. Whittle S.D., Turton J.D., F. Holford D.C., A. Poole Organist, Dowson I.G., and E. J. Scott Steward. On the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. E. Booth, whose catering was admirable.

WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

THE meeting held on the 21st ult., in the Masonic Hall, North Bridge Street, Monkwearmouth, was quite an exceptional gathering, the meeting being the first since the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, held at Sunderland last month, at which the Senior P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. R. W. Halfnight, was elected as Grand Treasurer of the Province, and the present W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. George Washington Bain, was appointed Grand Registrar of the Province of Durham. The attendance on the present occasion was a very large one. After the regular business of the meeting, the proceedings at the recent meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and the honour conferred upon Bros. Halfnight and Bain, and thus upon the Williamson Lodge, was made the subject of a resolution that a suitable minute be entered upon the Lodge records, which was proposed by Bro. F. Maddison, seconded by Bro. Wm. Liddell, and accordingly adopted. The fact that a number of the principal Provincial Officers of the Province of Northumberland were present at the recent meeting was also included in the resolution.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 1019.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., a highly interesting and instructive lecture was given by Bro. Dr. Spark P.M. 289, to a large gathering of Freemasons in the above Lodge, of which Bro. William Ash is the Worshipful Master. The illustrations, which comprised many beautiful compositions by brethren of the "mystic tie"—Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Franz, Henry Smart, and the lecturer himself, were admirably rendered by Bros. Blagbro, Scarth, Flower, Hardman, G. Carbeit, and Dunnill, the latter of whom presided at the organ. The lecture was one of deep interest to those Masons who feel the importance of a good "musical ritual" in the various degrees, and it received the cordial approval of all the brethren present (among whom were many of the leaders of the Craft in West Yorkshire), and we hope to see Brother Dr. Spark's "Liber Musicus," from which the whole of the musical illustrations were taken, more generally appreciated and adopted.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

THE greatly discussed question as to the admission of ladies to Masonic festivities was very pleasantly solved last Saturday, when the brethren of the above Lodge, accompanied by their wives, sisters, and sweethearts, assembled at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and spent a most enjoyable evening. The Lodge was previously opened for business in the afternoon, when the W.M. Bro. E. Wilding presided, and was assisted by Bros. Snelling I.P.M., H. H. Shirley S.W., J. E. Richardson J.W., Larchin P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, W. Newton S.D., Walter Braly J.D., Howard Saunmons D.C., Lansdown I.G., Charles Browning Organist, and Bros. R. J. Ward P.M., E. Kearney P.M., Felix Weiss P.M., with Bros. W. Gibson, Percy Gibson, J. Gardner, H. Toovey, J. Harding, J. W. Brockman, C. W. Mayo, E. Bryant, F. J. Steel, John Harding, Orlton Cooper, &c., &c. Mr. George Benjamin Crook, a candidate for the privileges of Freemasonry, having been duly balloted for and approved, was initiated by the W.M. in a highly impressive manner, and subsequently took his seat in the Lodge. Bros. Harris, Tustin, and Immisch, having answered the usual questions, were raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being likewise performed by Bro. Wilding. The balance sheets for the Lodge and the Benevolent Fund were audited and passed. The business being thus satisfactorily concluded, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned. The guests were received upon arrival by a number of willing Stewards, who conducted them to the reception room, where they were duly presented to the Worshipful Master by Bro. J. R. Stacey, and soon after six o'clock proceeded to the banquet room, where dinner was served. The few Loyal and Masonic toasts were supplemented by that of the Ladies, proposed by the W.M. and humorously responded to by the Brother Initiate. A capital concert followed, in which the family of Bro. R. J. Ward took principal part, and proved themselves proficient artistes. The company afterwards adjourned to the ball-room, when dancing was commenced, to the great enjoyment of the fair sex, all of whom must have coincided with the opinion expressed by one of their number, who said that, "Really, Masonry was very jolly." We must also congratulate the W.M. and the Lodge generally on the success of their venture, for everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Jubilee Buildings, Ealing on Saturday, the 12th ultimo. Owing to the large attendance, through the kindness of the Chairman of the Ealing Local Board (Mr. E. M. Nelson), the Board-room was placed at the disposal of the Lodge. The following brethren were present:—E. C. Porter Worshipful Master, J. W. Fisher Past Master, G. S. Wright P.M., A. Beasley P.M., H. Kasner P.M., G. Coop J.W., E. J. Acworth Treasurer, A. J. Burr Secretary, J. Wells S.D., A. Pooley J.D., C. P. Bellerby jun. I.G., C. W. Cunningham S., E. T. Brown D.C., G. H. Gabb, G. Harper, J. W. Guy, T. S. Henson, H. S. Timpson, S. C. Quinion, E. J. Reynolds, J. Fryers, L. S. Guy, G. Wills, H. A. Sawyer, J. Clarke, G. H. Parsons, D. Roberts, J. H. E. Rosier, W. Nye, and F. Corbett; together with the following visitors:—Bros. W. Rowe and George May 771, W. J. Lovegrove W.M., J. O. Hogarth, and J. Johnson 1295, Chas. W. Cox P.M. and R. Nicholson 1566, C. J. Coombs P.M. 780, E. J. H. Herbert J.D. 2163, W. J. Squires J.D. 1743, J. C. Toy 172, F. G. Hambleton 1319, G. F. Hearne 733, E. Hopgood 946, E. Delevante, H. Delevante, and H. Mickleburgh 2021, C. Dairy P.M. 141, C. Lambert S.W., and G. Lambert P.G.S.B. 198, M. J. Jessop W.M. 2265, A. Turner W.M. 1894, H. Thomas, W. H. Wills, and J. J. Thomas I.P.M. 753, A. R. W. Pontes P.M. 1901, W. Kirkland Treasurer 1949, H. D. Aslett W.M. 1892, Alex. Jones W.M. 2021. The Lodge was opened in the usual form, and after two candidates had been initated by Bro. E. C. Porter, the ceremony of installing Bro. George Coop was proceeded with, after which Bro. Coop appointed his Officers:—Bros. E. C. Porter I.P.M., John Wells S.W., A. Pooley J.W., E. J. Acworth P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Burr P.M. Secretary, G. Harper Assistant Secretary, E. P. Bellerby jun. S.D., E. T. Brown J.D., J. Fryers D.C., J. Clarke A.D.C., C. W. Cunningham I.G., H. S. Timpson Steward, S. C. Quinion Assistant Steward. The addresses were impressively rendered by Bro. H. Kasner. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the friends of a deceased brother, from the Benevolent Fund, and then Lodge was closed. The banquet was given in the Prince's Hall, and was admirably served by Bro. E. T. Brown, of the Broadway, Ealing. In proposing the first toast, that of the Queen, the W.M. said the Lodge was to be congratulated on now having a suitable place in which to hold its meetings. After years of fitful wanderings they could say they had found a haven of rest; this might be looked upon as one of the many happy results of the truly great and prosperous rule of the gracious lady who had for over fifty years presided over the destinies of this land. A period when Civilisation, the Arts and Sciences had made greater progress than in any similar epoch. After the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master had been effectively given and heartily and loyally responded to by the brethren, the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past was given, coupled with the name of W. Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B. In reply, Bro. Lambert thanked the brethren for the great cordiality with which they had received the toast, in response to the kindly, not to say eloquent, remarks which the W.M. had been pleased to make respecting the great work necessarily to be gone through in order to have the business of this great Order conducted on proper business lines. Personally he could truly state that from the M.W. the Grand Master down to the latest appointed Grand Officer, each was actuated with one idea—that was to discharge whatever duties devolved upon them with freedom, fervency, and zeal. Bro. George Coop, their W.M., was well known to him (Bro. Lambert) as a volunteer of over 20 years' standing, and a zealous worker in whatever would conduce to the good of the Craft, or to any Lodge in which he might be a member. He ventured to prophecy a prosperous year during the time Brother Coop presided over their Lodge. Bro. E. C. Porter gave the health of the Worshipful Master, a toast which was received with considerable enthusiasm. Since the Worshipful Master had been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry he had worked hard, distinguished himself in the Craft, and gained many honours. He was now P.M. of two other Lodges, and they had, therefore, every reason to be proud of their Worshipful Master. In turning over the government of the Lodge to Bro. Coop, which he (the speaker) did with much pleasure, knowing they would have a good Master, he with all his heart wished him a bright and

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prosperous year of office. The W.M. said although it was true he was a Past Master of two other Lodges, he felt that the greatest honour he had had conferred in Masonry was that of being elected Master of his mother Lodge. The brethren might depend that he would do his best to carry out his duties during the ensuing twelve months. The toast of the Past Masters and Installing Officer was next given, and in submitting it, the W.M. congratulated the Lodge on the number of P.M.'s it contained. Personally, he was exceedingly gratified that Bro. Beasley had postponed a visit to the country in order to be present. Bro. Kasner, than whom no wiser, more zealous, or active brother existed, had done good service as Treasurer and Installing Officer. Bro. Burr, as Secretary, had also done valuable work, and no books or accounts could be better kept or in better order than the books of this Lodge. Bro. Acworth, also an initiate of this Lodge, could be heartily congratulated upon the honours he had attained, as no brother had worked harder or deserved them better. And whether it was in Kent or Essex, or the Barnato Lodge, or, in fact, any Lodge, their Bro. Treasurer could not be received with greater heartiness or be held in higher esteem and respect than in the West Middlesex. Bro. Wright was the right man in the right place; the excellency and carefulness of his working as an Officer and Master all must acknowledge. Last, but not least there was their I.P.M. Bro. Porter, who had now completed a most successful year. Whether in Lodge of Instruction or in Lodge itself, his work was always ably and carefully rendered. As one who had worked up with Bro. Porter to the chair, it afforded him (Bro. Coop) the greatest possible pleasure to present him, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem and friendship felt by every member. Might Bro. Porter be spared many years to wear the jewel of the West Middlesex Lodge with pleasure to himself and gratification to all its members. Bro. E. C. Porter Immediate Past Master responded, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. It was most gratifying to him to know that he had discharged the duties of the office with satisfaction to the Lodge. He took that opportunity of thanking the Officers for the able assistance they had rendered him. He should always value the handsome jewel presented that night as a mark of the esteem of many friends, and he trusted he might be spared for many years to wear it and to be useful to the Lodge, whose interests he should always have at heart. Bros. Beasley, Kasner, Wright, Fisher, Acworth, and Burr also responded in suitable terms. In proposing the Initiates the W.M. remarked that they had that evening enrolled two excellent initiates, who, he trusted, would eventually succeed to the distinguished position of W.M. Both brethren suitably replied. The W.M. expressed their pleasure that they had with them a goodly number of visitors, to all of whom he extended a cordial welcome. He coupled with this toast the names of Bros. Jessop, W. H. Wills, J. J. Thomas and Alex. Jones. The Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast. In response, Bro. Acworth thanked the Lodge for trusting him with the onerous duty of taking care of their funds, and said so long as he occupied the position assigned to him he hoped to give satisfaction, and to retain the confidence and respect of the brethren. Brother Burr also replied, and observed that so long as the brethren appreciated his efforts he should take great pleasure in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. In complimenting the Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. remarked that without the support of good Officers he could not satisfactorily carry on his duties. Bros. Wells, Pooley, Bellerby, E. T. Brown, Cunningham, Fryers, Clarke, Timpson, and Quinion replied. During the evening an excellent programme of music, arranged by the Bros. Delavante, was contributed: Bros. May, Rowe, T. S. Hanson, L. S. Guy, and Mr. H. Meckleburgh assisting.

DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2114.

THE festival of St. John, in connection with this Lodge, was held at Bowden, on the 14th ult., when Bro. George Bowen was installed W.M. for the coming year by Bro. Simcock, and the following Officers were invested:—Bros Eli Morgan I.P.M., Alfred Ingham S.W., Frederick Johnson J.W., Edwin G. Simpson D.C., Josiah Drinkwater Treasurer, Alfred J. Pearce Secretary, J. Massey Simpson Charity Representative, John T. Goulden S.D., Wm. Morris J.D., Ernest L. Kenyon I.G., Wm. Forster Organist, J. Crawshaw, W. Moody, W. A. Doherty, and A. R. Jury Stewards, and James Harrison Tyler.

JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

ON Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., the installation meeting was held at Halstead, when Bro. J. J. Cavill was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Vero. W. Taylor. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Mark Gentry I.P.M., R. G. Kellett S.W., George Copus J.W., Mark Gentry Treasurer, E. H. Inman Secretary, Harris Hills S.D., Z. Hunt J.D., Woodward D.C., Bromley I.G., Woodward Steward, Pendle Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Vero Taylor for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony, especially as he was suffering from a fractured rib. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master (Bro. Mark Gentry) who, in acknowledging it, said, as a Founder and resident in the district, he took a deep interest in the Joshua Nunn Lodge, and was pleased to do all he could for its welfare. On the motion of Bro. Mark Gentry, Bro. Zach Hunt was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a suggestion was made that he should go up as a Steward to one of the Festivals during the coming year. Between 20 and 30 brethren dined together, at the George Hotel, Halstead, a splendid repast being well served by the host, Mr. Turnell. The Visitors present included Bros. T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. Prov. G. Secretary Essex, J. F. Hills P.P.G.W. Suffolk, M. L. Sanders P.M. and Secretary 650, J. Fuller P.M. 1312, W. Lake W.M. 1312, J. W. Cass 1312, &c.

WEST HAM ABBEY LODGE, No. 2291.

ON Thursday, the 24th ult., the members of this Lodge gave a ball at the Town Hall, Stratford, in aid of the West Ham Hospital, at which about 200 ladies and gentlemen were present. The arrangements were under the control of a committee, of which Bro. W. G. Norman was the Hon. Secretary, and it is due to the care and attention of the committee that the ball was so eminently successful. The Officers of the Lodge are—Bros. James Boulton W.M., Geo. Hay S.W., A. Govier J.W., C. W. Carrell I.P.M., W. E. Purdue Treasurer, F. C. D. Fenn Secretary, M. Gentry S.D., E. Triggs I.G., and A. Reed D.C. The following gentlemen acted as Masters of the Ceremonies:—Bros. E. Bare, J. Byford, C. W. Carrell, W. Jones, C. B. Riche, T. Ringrose, and E. Triggs. There was a spirited programme of dances, and as the brethren wore their Craft and Royal Arch clothing, the room presented a very gay and animated appearance. The company included among others the following ladies and gentlemen:—The Mayor (Alderman R. L. Curtis), Alderman Geo. Rivett, Alderman R. Fielder and Miss Fielder, Alderman H. Worland, Alderman H. Barry, Alderman Geo. Hay and Mrs. Hay, Miss Hay, Councillor and Mrs. Kidd, Councillor and Mrs. Govier, Councillor and Mrs. Young, Councillor and Mrs. Mansfield, Councillor Withers, Councillor Goodchild, &c. Mr. J. W. Youen's band was engaged.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction were resumed at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 29th ult., Bro. Emanuel P.M. 205 was in the chair. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked, also the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Marks acting as candidate.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—A meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the White Horse, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, E. Present—B. Da Costa Preceptor, C. N. Fox W.M., L. A. Da Costa S.W., B. Franks J. W., W. Musto Secretary, N. Isaacs S.D., H. Harris J.D., J. Abrahams I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. W. Richardson, W. Musto, W. Myers, H. Marks, J. Shoesmith; also a number of other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Corper offered himself as a candidate and was asked the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. L. A. Da Costa was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After routine business Lodge was closed and adjourned until the following Monday evening.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Nineteenth Century Art Society.—For general quality, this exhibition is above the average. The landscapes are, of course, to the fore, and the one occupying the post of honour, "The First Snow on Loch-na-Gar," by S. J. Barnes, of Birmingham (131), is a powerful work, the glinting rays through the broken clouds and the brown heather are charmingly done. "Eton College" (100), by Mr. Robert Gallon is a conscientious work, and Mr Henry Cheadle's "The Severn, near Bewdley," (212) is an admirable gem. "Harvest Time, near Billingshurst, Sussex," (228), is a clever piece of corn painting; the sky is not so good; and "On a Pass 'twixt Lake and Wood" (64), by Hamilton Marr, A.R.C.A., is a fine atmospheric study. Amongst the sea pictures, "A Breezy Afternoon," (270), by Frederick James Aldridge, is to be commended for its capitally painted sea and good drawing of the vessels, and "Mussel Gathering," (54), by G. A. Williams, is a fine rugged bit of work. Mr. A. Leicester Burroughs, a rising young portrait painter, sends only a small work, of a very picturesque "Village Smithy" (93) which is quite a little Dutch picture, in the style of the old masters, for its breadth and *detail* from the anvil to the smallest misty nail. Of animal pictures there are several very pretty and humorous ones, and the flower pictures are good, but the best is "Unity is strength" (80), by J. Fitz-Marshall—a very pretty conceit and highly finished: it consists of a bronze vase, containing roses, thistle and shamrock—standing on a union jack. Our space will not permit us to note the principal contents of the water colour room, which are well worth inspection, but those of Mr Edward Jennings (301) "Corner of Wych Street, Drury Lane," and Mr. James Loxham Browne (302) "Glen Almond, Perthshire," deserve special attention.

In order to meet the convenience of a large number of patrons resident in the suburbs, (and by special desire), the management of the Alhambra has arranged to alter the times of performance of the two ballets. Accordingly, on and after Monday, the 4th instant, "Our Army and Navy" ballet will commence at 8·30 o'clock, and "Astrea" will be presented at 10·20.

The Wednesday matinées of "Sweet Lavender," at Terry's, are so successful that they will be continued in addition to the usual Saturday ones throughout the year. This will make eight performances per week.

The members of the Benevolence Lodge, No. 1168, have shown their appreciation of the services of Bro. W. S. Gillard P.M., as Treasurer of the Lodge, by presenting him with a Grand Lodge suit of clothing, Bro. A. P. Irwin making the presentation.

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No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	37	Roberts, E. M.	4486
2	8	Buck, E. A.	4456
3	27	Lane, J. M. T.	4278
4	43	Truine, Alice	4269
5	48	Wood, D. J.	4220
6	20	Groombridge, E. F.	4193
7	15	Fearnside, A. R. M.	4153
8	9	Burgess, Nellie	3738
9	10	Butcher, R. B. L.	3585

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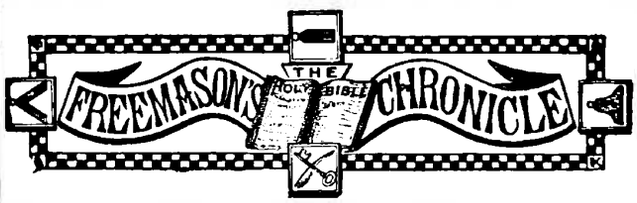
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SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Sussex was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Deputy Provincial Grand M. Master (Bro. Charles J. Smith) presided, and was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Rev. W. A. Tooth Prov. G. Chaplain, H. W. G. Abell Prov. M.O, S. R. Legg Prov. G. Treasurer, J. C. Buckwell Prov. G. R. of M, J. P. Slingsby Roberts Prov. G. Secretary, J. Belcher Prov. G. D. of C., J. J. Abell Prov. G. Assist. D. of C., C. H. Haine Prov. G.I.G., J. Adames, W. E. Morrison, and J. T. Musson Prov. G. Stewards, and

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H. H. Hughes Prov. G. Tyler. The following were also present, viz.:—Bros. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary, R. Berridge Grand Director of Ceremonies, T. Trollope P.P.G.M., R. Pidcock P.P.G.R., Seymour Burrows P.P.G. Secretary, A. F. Lamette, R. Willard, C. Lewis, W. Welling, G. Cole, G. Holman, J. Ridge, C. F. Goode, Tomes, Wright, Wickham, Fitch, and Bullock. On the motion of Bro. T. Trollope, seconded by Bro. C. J. Smith, it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Gerard Ford. Bro. H. W. G. Abell, nominated Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the post of Provincial Grand Master, and the proposition was received with acclamation. On behalf of the brethren, Bro. T. Trollope presented Brother C. J. Smith (who, but for the lamented death of the late Bro. Gerard Ford, would have retired from office) with a gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand M. Master during the last six years. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented, with fraternal good wishes, to Bro. Charles John Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 1883-1889, by brethren in Sussex."

Bro. Trollope bore testimony to the energy with which Bro. Smith had presided over the Province in the absence of the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. Bro. C. J. Smith made a suitable response, thanking the brethren for their mark of confidence. A jewel had also been subscribed for by the brethren for presentation to Bro. Lord Arthur Hill. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. E. Booth's restaurant, East-street, and in the private dining-room, admirably adapted to the purpose, sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Smith. The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the Past Grand Mark Masters and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. The Past Grand Officers, he said, fully merited the gratitude and encomiums of all Mark Master Masons. He expressed the pleasure he felt that the gathering was honoured by the presence of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and eulogised those brethren for the energetic and zealous manner in which they had promulgated the principles of Mark Masonry. Bro. Matier, in responding, thanked Brother Smith for the kind and eloquent terms in which he had proposed the toast. The duties of the Grand Officers were, he said, onerous and honourable. They all worked with one thought—the consolidation of the Order and the success of Mark Masonry. Under the Duke of Connaught the Province would, he believed, make great and prosperous strides in Mark Masonry. Bro. Berridge also responded, remarking that for fourteen years he had assisted Bro. Matier in the consecration of Lodges, and was pleased to say that all the Grand Lodge Officers worked harmoniously together. Bro. Matier then proposed the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill; the W. Deputy Prov. G.M.M., Bro. C. J. Smith; and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. All present knew, he said, as much about Bro. Lord Arthur Hill as he did. He asked them to drink a bumper to their Chairman (Bro. C. J. Smith), who had combined the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re* in carrying out the duties of his office, and had proved himself the best Deputy Prov. G.M. they had ever had. With the Duke of Connaught's acceptance of the post of Prov. G.M.M. he believed the Province would receive such an impetus that Mark Masonry would be sure to advance. Bro. Smith had, for many years, been prominent in the Craft and other degrees, but his achievements in Mark Masonry had transcended his work in those. Bro. C. J. Smith, in acknowledging the toast, said that Bro. Lord Arthur Hill had been prevented by his many duties from being often present with them. They all felt his absence, but not more keenly than did the Prov. G.M.M. himself. His influence had, however, effected much good in the Province. Speaking for himself, he said his work was a labour of love. He had had much to do, but he always endeavoured to rise to the requirements of his position. He felt grateful to the brethren for the manner in which they had appreciated his services, and hoped that his ruling had not been unpleasant. He had been assisted by earnest Officers, and they might all congratulate themselves upon the success of Mark Masonry in the Province. He thanked them for the jewel, and especially for the kind sympathy they had shewn to him during the recent illness of his son. Bro. R. Pidcock proposed the W. Masters and Past Masters of the Province of Sussex. They had, he said, worked zealously, and he was desirous of paying honour where honour was due. Bro. C. J. Buckwell responded, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the eminent services rendered to Mark Masonry by Bro. H. W. G. Abell. He was glad to see the Order flourishing, and believed a brighter future was in store for it. Bro. H. W. G. Abell also acknowledged the toast, and remarked that he was always pleased to further the interests of the Mark Degree. He had the honour of nominating H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master, and felt assured that if such a popular Grand Master presided over the Province Mark Masonry in Sussex would largely increase in prosperity. Bro. S. R. Legg likewise responded, and expressed his belief that the Province would achieve every prosperity possible. The Chairman begged to interpolate a toast. It was possibly the last occasion on which he should officially address them, and he wished to propose the health of Bros. H. W. G. Abell, J. C. Buckwell, A. F. Lamette, and J. Slingsby Roberts, for the great support and the energetic manner in which they had worked in the revival of Mark Masonry in Sussex. After response from those brethren, Bro. J. Belcher gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. G. Cole and Matier responded. The latter asked the brethren to send a Steward for the Mark Masters' Benevolent Fund. Bro. C. J. Smith readily accepted the office, and received several promises of substantial support from the brethren. Bros. C. J. Buckwell and H. W. G. Abell said that the Sussex Lodges had been greatly assisted by the fund when applications were made on behalf of deserving cases, and the Benevolent Fund was one which deserved their cordial support. The Tylers' toast completed a very enjoyable evening.

TEMPLE LODGE No. 50.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, to instal Bro. George S. Strode Lowe S.W. as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing Officers were Bros. James Gidley P.M. 169, and H. Langmead P.M. 16, and a board of Installed Masters. The board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Hocking I.P.M., A. W. Spinney S.W., W. H. Dillon J.W., W. King M.O., S. J. Daniel S.O., H. Reynolds J.O., J. B. Gover Secretary, R. Pengelly Treasurer, R. Knight Registrar of Marks, E. Budden S.D., J. Goad J.D., J. Burton I.G., Townsend D.C., J. Keast A.D.C., George Whittley Organist, A. H. Collings Standard Bearer, H. H. Searle and G. E. Sercombe Stewards, and W. H. Phillips Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment rooms, at the club, where an excellent supper was prepared by the Steward (Bro. S. Harvey), and under the presidency of the Worshipful Master a most pleasant evening was spent. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. F. Westcott S.W. 66, and T. Reynolds Chaple 169.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 175.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when Bro. Trevenen was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Rosewarne I.P.M., J. O. Eva S.W., J. H. Willey J.W., J. W. C. Dudley M.O., W. J. Blackwell S.O., A. E. Ratcliffe J.O., J. M. Richards Treasurer, S. Roberts Secretary, W. J. James S.D. T. B. James J.D., Hugh Stephens I.G., C. Hudson Chaplain, R. Dunstan Registrar of Marks, J. Willey Director of Ceremonies, R. Ralph Steward and R. James Tyler. A capital banquet was afterwards partaken of, at Bro. Blackwell's, Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

On Saturday, the 19th ult., at Stratford Congregational Church, Bro. James Boulton, of Miriam Lodge, Manbey Grove, Stratford, was married to Eliza, widow of the late J. J. Ramsay, of Stoke Newington, the Rev. James Knaggs and Rev. Joseph Boyle officiating. The bride was given away by Mr. Frederick King, Miss Lizzie Bradley acting as bridesmaid, and Mr. A. E. Trow—an old friend of the bridegroom—as best man. The happy pair were accompanied home by several friends, among whom were the following:—the Rev. James and Mrs. Knaggs, Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Trow, Miss Lizzie Bradley, Mr. A. E. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Taplay, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. Latreille. The breakfast was admirably served by Mr. George Hay. Bro. James Boulton is well known as a Freemason, having passed the chair of several Lodges, and is at present Master of the new West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, held at the Town Hall, Stratford, also P.Z. of the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, No. 888, and the Doric No. 933, and Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Mark.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

ON Wednesday the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held in the pretty little town of Henley-on-Thames, and the proceedings were marked by an event of special interest, the Earl of Jersey P.G.W. Provincial Grand Master, having consented to lay the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall, to be erected by the brethren of the Thames Lodge, No 1895, on a suitable site in the Reading Road, within a short distance of the Great Western Railway Station, generously presented by Bro. Mackenzie. The brethren attended in good numbers from different parts of the Province, and for their convenience the Great Western Railway Company slipped a carriage from one of their fast up trains, at Twyford Junction. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock, at the Town Hall, by Lord Jersey, assisted by Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Past Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. H. Sayers Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bros. Hermon Hodge, M.P., W. Lewis Morgan Provincial Grand Secretary, and other Provincial Grand Officers. The roll of the Lodges having been called, and the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge confirmed, the brethren formed into procession and walked through the Market Place and Duke Street to the site, in the Reading Road, where a large concourse of persons had assembled, the weather being extremely fine. The Worshipful Master of the Thames Lodge, Brother E. Carlisle, presented a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, to the Provincial Grand Master, who proceeded to lay the stone. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was carried out with full Masonic rites, the procession re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Town Hall, when the Provincial Grand Lodge business was at once resumed, and the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

POWELL LODGE, No. 2257.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which was established last year, in honour of the Prov. Grand Master of Bristol, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on Tuesday evening, 29th ult. There were present the following Officers and members of the Lodge:—Bro. Pierrepont Harris P.P.G.S.W. Prov. G. Secretary W.M., W. E. Parry Prov. G. Registrar I.P.M., G. J. Hill as S.W., George Dowson J.W., W. K. Abbott P.P.G.J.D. Treasurer, Peter S. Allison S.D., W. R. Chandler as J.D., Harold Lewis Prov. G. Steward D.C., W. B. Heaton as I.G., David Rose P.P.G.D., J. R. Shorland P.P.G.J.W., L. Ashcroft Prov. G.D. Sem., W. B. Heaton S.W. 103, F. Lemon Brown, H. B. Brock, Wm. Thwaites, H. F. Lewis, J. J. Edwards, R. D. Cruikshank, C. W. Copo Proctor P.M. 187, E. J. Pillers, J. L. Dickinson, T. F. Hanley, J. V. Cavell, Andrew H. Fenn, R. M. Hatch. Among the visitors were:—Bros. A. Deedes P.P.G.S.W., W. S. Paul P.P.G.S. of W., G. C. Hewitt P.P.G. Standard Bearer Gloucester, J. W. Lawson Prov. G.O., Farran Lambert P.P.G.D., Bolt P.P.G.D., Wm. Roberts P.P.G.D. Somerset, Walter Hobkirk W.M. 1833, J. A. Page P.P.G.S.W., E. A. Barnett P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Rev. F. L. Byrde Prov. G. Chaplain Somerset, Cater Cripps P.P.G. Standard Bearer Somerset, T. W. Stone P.P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. James Fountaine, Robert Burnett P.P.G. Sword Bearer, F. R. Geary Prov. G.A.D.C., W. H. Cowlin P.P.G.S. of W., W. F. Gould P.M. 855, J. Hudson Smith 187, Wm. Proctor W.M. 1296, R. M. Worlock P.M. 1296, J. Tochatti, Follett, H. A. Hood Daniel, Henry Jeans 610, Gray 103, Adam Rankin, W. H. Brown J.W. 326, E. E. Hobbs 326, A. F. Woodward 68, Gage 610, Lyne Fear 1296, W. Henderson 18, R. Cockle P.P.G. St. B., W. Pullin 1755, W. Galpin P.P.G.St.B., A. C. St. Paul P.G. Supt. of Works, C. K. C. Herapath P.G. Sword Bearer, John Gard P.P.J.G.W., David Bell P.P.G.D., E. J. Grubb P.P.G.P., R. Olive P.P.G.P., R. G. Parminter Organist, A. Potter 187, F. H. Jullion 103, J. H. Davies 103, A. Caink, G. Williams, H. Frame, J. Henning, Smallwood. The Lodge having been opened, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel J. R. Bramble P.A.G.D.C. England, was announced and formally received. The minutes of the last regular meeting, at which Bro. Pierepont Harris was re-elected as W.M., having been read and confirmed, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and re-installed the W.M. At the close of the ceremony, an installation anthem, composed for the occasion by Brother John Northam, was sung, under the direction of the composer. The solos were beautifully rendered by the well-known West of England baritone, Bro. Montague Worlock, and it is sufficient to add that the singers of the choruses were chiefly members of the Bristol Orpheus and Bristol Madrigal Societies. The composition was very much admired. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. E. Parry I.P.M., George Dowson S.W., Peter Allison J.W., W. K. Abbott Treasurer, John Northam Secretary, W. R. Chandler S.D., H. F. Lewis J.D., Harold Lewis D.C., F. L. Brown I.G., J. Stoate Tyler, J. Webber Assistant Tyler. Bro. W. E. Parry then, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M. with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, made of 18 carat gold, and beautifully chaste. At the top of the ribbon was a bar with the word Founder, and on the ribbon a shield with the arms and motto of the Lodge in coloured enamel. Bro. Parry said that every member of the Lodge had taken part in the provision of that present, which he hoped the W.M. would wear in testimony of their appreciation of how much the successful starting and present prosperity of the Lodge were due to his energy and ability and good work. Bro. Harold Lewis said he had been requested to support the remarks of the previous speaker, and bore testimony to the minute attention which Bro. Harris gave every detail in connection with the work of the Lodge. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the present. Two candidates for initiation and five joining members having been proposed, the Lodge was closed, Bro. Farran Lambert's new march being played as the brethren left the Lodge-room. They then adjourned to the spacious banqueting-hall on the ground floor of the building, where the installation supper was partaken of. The usual toast list was gone through, but the speeches were rigidly condensed, as the following very attractive programme had been arranged:—"God Save the Queen"; "God Bless the Prince of Wales"; glee, "Three Doughty Men"; song, "Simon the Cellarer," Brother J. Tochatti; song, "Good bye Sweetheart," Bro. Adam Rankin; song, "The King's Minstrel," Bro. Montague Worlock; duet, "My Heart's Delight," Bros. W. R. Chandler and J. Northam; song, "Oh, Hear the Wild Winds blow," Bro. Caink; glee, "Banish, O, Maiden"; song, "Come into the Garden, Maud," Bro. S. W. Pullen; song, "The Toreador," Bro. Montague Worlock; glee, "The Old Brigade"; song, "My Queen," Bro. H. H. Hood Daniel; song, "Femmine, Femmine," Bro. Caink; song, "Mari Jane," Bro. H. Jeans; glee, "A Franklyn's Dogge"; song, "Let me like a Soldier fall," Bro. W. R. Chandler; glee, "The Chafers"; song, "The Message," Bro. H. F. Lambert; song, "Will o' the Wisp," Bro. J. Northam; "Auld Lang Syne," Bro. P. S. Allison. The glees were rendered by members of the Bristol Orpheus and Bristol Madrigal Societies. The evening's proceeding's furnished a rich musical treat, and it was generally agreed by the visitors that they had never been present at a more enjoyable or more successful Masonic gathering.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th ult., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Bros. A. H. Jakins W.M., C. Davison S.W., S. Klingenstein J.W., Miller Secretary, H. Lowry S.D., M. Marks J.D., L. Weil I.G.; Past Masters Bros. N. P. Vallentine, A. J. Dixie, J. W. Dewsnap, A. Williams, W. Martin, J. S. Miller, C. C. Weeden, W. Belchamber. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of raising having been announced, Bro. Culver answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Culverhouse acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooke-Hitching acting as candidate. Bro. J. S. Miller, Salmon Lodge, No. 1668, was unanimously elected a member. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Max Mendelssohn, late Secretary, for his past services. Lodge was adjourned to Tuesday, 5th instant.

MORGAN'S SHILLING CHESS LIBRARY.—The fourth book of this handy and popular series contains a second selection of games played at the International Tournament in New York in the spring of this year. Among the forty games will be found one between M. I. Tschigorin and Max Weiss, the two players who tied for first honours with 29 points each, and divided the prizes after four subsequent games had been drawn. The hand book, which is neatly printed, can be obtained at Simpkin, Marshall and Co., or of W. W. Morgan jun., 17 Medina Road, Holloway, N.—*Daily Chronicle.*

The new volume of "Cassell's Family Magazine," begins with the December Part, which will be ready on the 25th inst. The following attractive serial stories have been arranged for, and will be commenced in that Part:—"The Stronger Will," a characteristic love-story, by E. Everett Green, author of "Monica," &c.; "To be Given up," a story of quiet surrender, by Kate Eyre, author of "A Step in the Dark," &c.; "In the Wild West," a story of adventure, by J. Berwick Harwood, author of "Paul Knox, Pitman," "Lady Flavia," &c. Besides these, there will be numerous other features, both useful and interesting, that we feel sure will uphold the prestige of this excellent journal.

The annual prize meeting of the Honourable Artillery Company took place at Park the other week. Rain fell throughout most of the day. The entries were larger than in any previous year. The prize presented by the Fitzroy Lodge, attached to the regiment, was taken by Private Gilbert, with 76 points out of a possible 80; and Mayor Mainwarning Jones' prize at 200, 500, and 600 yards, was taken with the capital score of 90 points by Colour-Sergeant Brooking. The "N.C.O." also won the first prize in the aggregates, value 15 guineas, presented by Lord De Vesci. The championship and gold jewel of the regiment was taken by Sergeant Wood, who it will be remembered recently won the championship of Middlesex.

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NEW MUSIC.

All Music 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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"Ma Chérie." Waltz. Composed by Percy M. Hewitt.

"Sweetheart." Song. Written by Claxson Bellamy, composed by Percy M. Hewitt.

"Dream Memories." Song. Written and composed by Lindsay Lennox.

London: THE LONDON MUSIC PUBLISHING CO. (LIMITED), 51 Great Marlborough Street, W.

FOR either playing or dancing "Ma Chérie" waltz is well adapted, as it is smooth sounding and pretty. It has already become so popular that it is nightly played at several theatres during interva's. The waltz is dedicated to the composer's friend, Edward Frood, Esq. A song, entitled "Sweetheart," has been adapted from the above waltz, and appropriate words have been written by Claxson Bellamy. The refrain of the waltz is of course brought in, and it makes a charming song. Mr. Lindsay Lennox has shown some clever work in his "Dream Memories." It is an effective and bright composition, the burden of the music being of a lively waltz tune, which is sure to please an audience.

"Eldorado." Waltz. Composed by T. Popplewell Royle.

"Thy King." Song. Written by Henry Vaughan, composed by Paul Rodney.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy." Song. Written and composed by Michael Watson.

London: ENOCH AND SONS, 14 and 14a Great Marlborough Street, W.

DANCE music, and especially waltzes, are always welcome, and we feel sure that T. P. Royle's "Eldorado" is destined to stay and become popular. It is a strikingly taking piece, while the melody is pretty. Henry Vaughan and Paul Rodney's "Thy King" is a splendid sacred song; the words are appropriate, while the music is effective and tuneful. "Little Lord Fauntleroy" is another good composition; it is dedicated to Mrs. Francis Burnett. It was written and composed by the late Michael Watson, who has supplied the musical world with a song that will be heard frequently; it has a fine melody, and the refrain is taking.

"Tell Them." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by F. Paolo Tosti. London: G. RICORDI AND CO., 265 Regent Street, W.

THIS song is one that can well be recommended, it is in F. Paolo Tosti's best style. The delightful themes are so taking that any one singing them cannot fail to be appreciated. Graceful words have been supplied by Clifton Bingham.

"Love's Guiding Star." Song. Written by Wallace Lowell, composed by M. Le Roy.

"The Bonny Oak Tree." Song. Written by Clement Scott, composed by Edward Solomon.

"A Song of the Sea." Song. Written by Arthur Bourchier, composed by Lady Arthur Hill.

London: METZLER AND CO., 42 Great Marlborough Street, W.

ALL these songs are above the average of the drawing-room ballad, and should be eagerly sought after. "Love's Guiding Star" is a tuneful waltz song, with a pleasant air, and one easily learned. It has been sung by Nikita, at the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts, where it proved a great success. A fine bass or baritone song is Clement Scott and Edward Solomon's "Bonny Oak Tree." Just at this time, while "The Royal Oak" is popular at Drury Lane, this composition is appropriate, but at any time it should be a favourite, for it has the merit of being not only a good song, but a taking and effective one in the bargain. "A Song of the Sea" is, as the title implies, a nautical one, with a fine swinging refrain, and a striking and melodious air.

"Come back, Dear Heart." Song. Written by Lindsay Lennox, composed by Seymour Smith.

"Toil and Prayer." Song. Written and composed by M. Piccolomini.

London: EVANS AND CO., 33 Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

THE first of these two compositions is a pretty song by our well known Brother Seymour Smith. The harmony is capital, while the theme is most attractive. "Toil and Prayer" is a tuneful composition, and can be sung either as a sacred subject or not. The accompaniment is most pleasant, the cross-hand movements, representing the chime of bells, being exceedingly pretty. We can predict for this work a success that is seldom achieved by such pieces.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Soldiers and Sailors.—These well-known and easily used remedies are especially serviceable and convenient for those who, like soldiers and sailors, are exposed to great changes of climate, and the hardships inseparable from their calling. Many of the diseases engendered in the system from these and other untoward causes can be checked and controlled by attention at the onset, and in Holloway's remedies will be found a ready means of relief, without hindrance from duty. Many a man's invalided and rendered more or less a burden to himself and friends from neglect of the early symptoms of his complaint, which calamity might be averted by timely recourse to the use of Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

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, 2nd 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, 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
1632—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
644—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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 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.)
1595—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1936—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
198—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
214—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
252—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
[illegible]—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
[illegible]—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
[illegible]—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
[illegible]—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
341—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
[illegible]—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
[illegible]—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
[illegible]—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
[illegible]—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
[illegible]—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1030—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1104—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—The Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1350—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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Coroet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1788—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1877—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
2163—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, St. Saviour.

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R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

TUESDAY, 5th 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
25—Robert Burns, 9 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (Instruction)
213—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
766—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)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—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.)
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 Instruction, 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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
473—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
483—Fast Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
492—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Alley, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
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.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Rosketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
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—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1260—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1326—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1376—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1488—St. Kleth, Castle Hotel, Aulwch, Anglesea
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1619—Tuckville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Carnelce, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rye
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Derby's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2133—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 202—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 446—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
R.A. 858—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at . (Inst.)
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, . (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Field
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2306—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Ramsey, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beccles, Suffolk
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John. Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Worcester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
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 House, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Chichester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Christ-church-street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Windsor-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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shathwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2012—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool.
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 209—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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)
177—Platice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—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)
781—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1491—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1494—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1369—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1446—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1475—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1538—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1554—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)

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1618—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1625—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1635—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1734—Kalsir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
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.
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
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, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 344—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Newsbury
249—Marine's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Hall Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
292—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Call-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
296—Contemere Union, Masonic Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fe[illegible]ham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic [illegible], Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Po[illegible]dio Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, [illegible]dlestone, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal [illegible]k Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stc[illegible]slough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Stree[illegible] Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Mason[illegible] Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Gart[illegible] Hotel Wolverhampton.
435—Cestrian, Grosvenor Ho[illegible], Chester
452—Abbey, Newdegate Arm[illegible], Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall[illegible] Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, San Hotel, Hitchi[illegible].
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreav[illegible] Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hal[illegible] Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Ho[illegible], Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland [illegible]asonic Room[illegible], Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.

669—Blagdo[illegible]dley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham[illegible]ar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
912—Pattis[illegible]old Eaglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal [illegible]nce, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory,[illegible]leton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince [illegible]als, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underl[illegible]asonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal [illegible]ard, Commercial Inn, Ste[illegible]ybridge
1125—St. Pet[illegible] Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, P[illegible]vate Rooms, St. Ge[illegible]n's, Cornwall.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
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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
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M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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.
607—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)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Bencontree, 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)
1643—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)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2242—Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Amherst Road, Hackney
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 193—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Mourgate, 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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Cross Street, Goole
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
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
1034—Ecclesehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesehill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woolbridge
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Lovenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1428—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1684—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1961—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.
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Tolmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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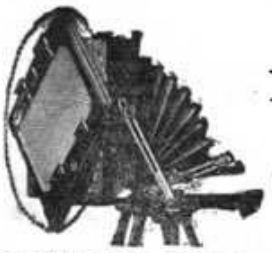
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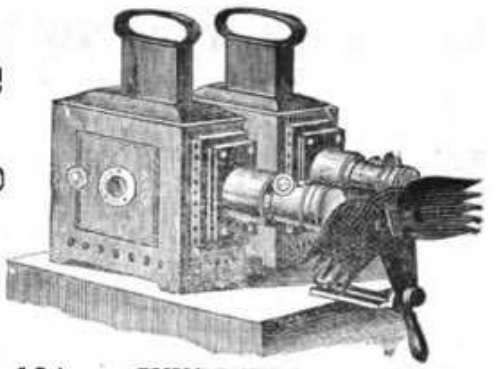
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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

(Continued from page 210).

IN our last article we showed how the Probity, at the beginning of the present century, exercised a kind of supervision over its neighbouring Lodges, concluding our reference with an account of the establishment of a new Lodge at Heptonstall. In 1808 the Lodge of Probity had the advantage of a good set of Officers, and several candidates were initiated. In October 1809 a proposition was made that the 25th of the month, being the 49th anniversary of His Majesty's (King George III.) reign, should be celebrated by the Fraternity with particular respect. A dinner was proposed for the occasion, and the Lodge of Harmony was invited to join in the festivities, while a subscription should be made and devoted to such charitable purposes as might be agreed upon. The celebration duly came off on the 25th, when 70 members were present, 22 from Probity, 13 from Harmony (both of Halifax), 15 from Bradford, 18 from Heptonstall, and one each from Harwich and Almondbury. The Lodge was opened at 10 a.m., when it was put to the meeting that the brethren go to church in procession. On a division there was a great majority averse to such a proceeding; accordingly, the W.M. adjourned the Lodge till 2 p.m., when the brethren sat down to a "very plentiful dinner." A committee appointed to manage the proposed subscription made their report, from which it appeared £42 10s had been subscribed, and this sum it was agreed should be presented to the Halifax General Dispensary, of which the R.W.M. (Bro. Thomson) was one of the physicians. A proposition was made that the brethren of Lodge 61 and the other neighbouring Lodges should annually visit each other, and the 12th of August (the birthday of the M.W. Grand Master) was considered a proper day for such fraternal gatherings. The minute book of the Lodge gives details of the amount subscribed as above, from which we learn that Lodge No. 61 contributed £23 18s, Lodge No. 461, £13 14s 6d, and Lodge No. 549, £4 17s 6d. The cost of collecting this sum is set down at £1.

At the close of 1809 the brethren unanimously re-elected Bro. Thomson to the office of Master, but his professional duties forced him to decline the honour, and Brother C. Whiteley was chosen in his stead. This was a commencement of a period of quietness (such as frequently occurs, says the historian) and there is little to refer to. On one occasion a brother initiated some six months before came forward for his second degree, explaining that domestic affliction and distance from the place of meeting had kept him away. This was considered sufficient excuse, but the Worshipful Master delivered a serious and pointed charge, "impressing upon the brother the duties of a Freemason."

Bro. John Sutcliffe ascended to the chair in 1811, he having been made a Mason in August 1808. This brother, we are told, "continued, except for a short period, a good worker, and repeatedly occupied the chair of the Lodge; he turned out to be a truly good Mason, and was a great prop to the Lodge; one whom it could always rely upon, through fair weather and foul." A portrait of Bro. Sutcliffe (from a drawing in crayons, in the possession of the Lodge of Probity) is inserted in Bro. Crossley's work, and a further link between the brethren of to-day and of a past age is thereby supplied. About this time it was decided that "every member be examined in the grips and signs." Accordingly, at the next Lodge the brethren present "went through the antient mode of examining and trying each other, which they found had been much wanted." Some misunderstanding arose later on, and as a result Bro. Whiteley resigned his membership, upon which it was suggested that the Lodge be closed "until certain internal dissentions were healed." However, this did not take place, and renewed confidence was expressed in Bro. Sutcliffe, by his election to the chair for the two succeeding years (1812-13). Sums of 10s 6d were annually voted at this period for the prisoners in Halifax Gaol, while on another occasion £2 2s was voted in charity "to British prisoners."

The news of the "Union" does not appear to have reached the Lodge of Probity until some time after its completion, although, judging from the meagre details given it would seem the Probity Lodge at this period did not take much interest in Masonic affairs of any kind. In November 1814 a letter was read from Grand Lodge respecting the meetings of Instruction given by United Grand Lodge, when it was resolved the letter stand over for consideration until February 1815. At this latter date a ballot took place among those present, "respecting the members going to London to the Grand Lodge for Instruction." It was ultimately agreed that every member of the Lodge deposit £2 to defray the expenses of the journey. This realised £18, and Bros. Sutcliffe, Smith, and Bates being selected as delegates, they were allowed £6 each for expenses. Bro. Sutcliffe was forced, by business, to give up the journey, and resigned in favour of Bro. Holdsworth, who, however, signified he should go at his own expense.

It is here recorded that "the transactions of this Lodge having been repeatedly divulged to the other Lodges in this town, and turned into ridicule; and as every member declares his innocence, it was thought the Tyler was the tale-bearer." He was accordingly unanimously discharged, and a new Tyler appointed. Later on, the thanks of the Lodge were voted to the brethren who went to London to receive the instructions of Grand Lodge, and a handsome Masonic stick was voted to Bro. Philip Broadfoot, a member of the Lodge of Reconciliation, as a mark of gratitude and esteem for his kindness and attention to the brethren on their visit to that Lodge. A circular was sent to the neighbouring Lodges, informing them that the Lodge of Probity was willing and ready, as a Lodge of Reconciliation, to communicate all the new regulations of Grand Lodge, together with the present mode of working, as Masons with the new Obligations. In answer to this circular five Lodges replied, accepting; one declined the offer for the present, while from five others no answer was received. It was agreed in connection with this subject that any Lodge receiving the Lectures from the Probity should pay their quota towards the expense of the delegates to London—such expenses being set down as £25. This "Lodge of Promulgation" duly assembled, and the next chapter of the "History" is devoted to its doings.

In April 1815 a handsome Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Sutcliffe, and at the same meeting it was ordered that an Inner Guard's jewel be obtained—the first mention of this office in the Lodge. Bro. Sutcliffe's jewel was duly presented, as also was the stick to Bro. Broadfoot.

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The letter of this brother acknowledging the presentation is given, and in it Bro. Broadfoot promises to pay such attention to future visitors as they may require—a promise he subsequently fulfilled most satisfactorily. This brother also repeatedly communicated with the Lodge and numerous queries were from time to time addressed to him. His replies to these are still in the possession of the Lodge, and are described as particularly interesting; while they show that the ritual has been well preserved to the present time. Naturally the letters cannot be published.

In June 1815 it was agreed an Inner Guard should be made, to assist the Tyler, who was unable to fulfil the arduous duties of the Lodge. He was to have half the fees of initiation, the Tyler receiving the other half; also 6d for liquor each Lodge night. This resolution would seem to imply that the office of Inner Guard at the time was very different to what it is now. Perhaps there are many among us who regret it was ever altered.

In concluding this chapter of the History Bro. Crossley refers to the great events which occurred at the period, and claims for the Probity Lodge a share in the good work of the time, it having "effectually brought the sister Lodges of the district into closer communion with each other, thus prompting Brotherly Love and Peace."

(To be continued).

MASONRY'S BENEFICENCE.

An Address by Bro. Edward S. Taylor, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of Evans Lodge, No. 524, F. and A. M., at Evanston, Illinois, 2nd July 1889.

WE are not met here at high noon, in this open display, to catch the public ear or to awaken a public interest in our Order. We are not here to laud some grand achievement of warrior or sage, nor to celebrate the anniversary of some great event, but, as brethren of one faith, we have come together to witness a ceremony consecrated by ancient usage; to participate in placing the headstone of the corner, whereon shall be reared a temple to be dedicated as our home, wherein, in the fullness of time, the members of this Order may find a sanctuary, an asylum, and a shrine.

Bound together in a common brotherhood by the mystic ties of a Masonic obligation; imbued with the spirit of brotherly love and charity and truth, we look forward to and shall gladly hail that day, promised by the ceremony of this hour, when, the temple being completed, its willing portals shall open obedient to the magic of our touch, and there before the lighted altar the members of the Order may rejoice together and "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

The ancient origin of this Order is obscured in the mists of ages—a veil so impenetrable that certainty gives way to conjecture. Far beyond recorded history tradition unfolds to the believer the organisation of a brotherhood with its mystic rites and symbols in the long ago, when the Jews, aided by their brethren from Tyre, erected beneath the shadow of Zion the grand Temple which has had no rival in the beauty of its architecture, and scarce an equal in the sanctity of its shrines. Neither Greek, Mahomedan, nor Christian, in the ages which have elapsed, have in their feeble imitations approached the antique magnificence and grandeur of that palace of Jehovah, which for four centuries glitteringly towered above the heights of Moriah and was the great glory of Jerusalem and the region thereabouts.

Turn back the hand on the dial of time ten centuries before Mount Moriah was crowned with its monument of glory, and behold the obelisks of Egypt, the colossal reminders of ancient kings, the placing of which in position required a skill and genius scarcely developed by the races which have peopled the earth in the intervening four thousand years. It is stated that when, but a few years ago, one of these ancient tokens was removed from its foundation to be transported to this country, there was found secreted there the implements and symbols of a Master Mason. Empires and dynasties have come and gone, kings have passed away—their names no longer remembered; languages have been forgotten; yonder are the rocks in their solitude, laved by the waters which bore the commerce of mighty Tyre; to-day Tyre and its trade are but a reminiscence, yet the simple faith which binds this brotherhood may be traced back far beyond forgotten history.

To the brotherhood, conjecture, tradition, and record, sufficiently indicate the trackway through the ages of the ancient faith upon which the altars of our Order rests, to justify the claim of an early origin, and that the secrets and the symbols of Masonry passed from the land of the Jew to the land of the Gentile, and thence, in the advancing tread of civilisation, have penetrated the remotest portions of earth, dissolving darkness by erecting the altars and lighting the lights of this Order.

Be the origin of Masonry ancient or otherwise, true it is that its grand purpose, its invincible progress throughout the world needs not the factitious aid of an ancient origin to either magnify its purpose or give impulse to its progress. The design of Masonry is to ennoble, elevate and bless mankind, seeking to attain that object by inculcating virtue, temperance, brotherly love and charity among its members. Launched upon the tide of time with a purpose so holy, guided by a star, a symbol of that star in the east which in the olden day guided the wise men, until, resting over Bethlehem, it flashed its finger of light upon the manger wherein the Infant Redeemer lay; so animated under such a guidance, why should Masonry falter in its conquering course? Indeed, why should opposition be arrayed against us; why the voice of venom assail? Yet organised opposition seeks our destruction. Though ignorance and prejudice revile, we are unmindful of such persecution, for inspiration has written, "Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds." The Order recognises God, our country, and the rights of man, and requires obedience to its precepts and obligations alike regardless of rank, riches, or reputation; its blessings are conferred, its benefactions extended, equally in the abode of the humble or the palace of the exalted.

The teachings and tenets of Masonry ever direct us to at least measurably emulate that purity, devotion and loving-kindness of which John the Baptist was an anointed exemplar, and which has endeared him to the Order as its patron saint. Masonry has a life beyond the ceremonial which meets the public eye. In that inner life is found the exercise of all the virtues, the exemplification of the spiritual in man's nature, the cultivation and development of the nobler powers of humanity, and it tends to the exaltation and betterment of mankind. The potency of the teachings of Masonry is the history of the centuries in the exercise of its pity, ever the invincible opponent of error, the faithful friend of the oppressed. In the display of its power Masonry is ever firm for the maintenance of social order, ever the upholder of the honour and majesty of constitutional law. Uniform in its teaching, its spread is universal. Representatives of nations unlike in language and laws, between which no intercourse has existed, have met and at once recognised each other as bound by the same mystic tie and believers in a kindred faith; and true it is that a Mason, however destitute, if worthy, may find in every clime a brother, in every land a home. The Tartar in his wandering course has borne with him the secrets of the Order; the proud Castilian, defying the imperial edict at peril of life, has with a faithful few sought refuge midst the solitude of a mountain pass, and there, in a guarded hour, opened Lodge and been comforted in the enjoyment of a chosen faith. The arbitrary power of the "autocrat of all the Russias" has proved powerless to quench the flame of the faith in the heart of the exile, midst the frozen snows of Siberia; wherever civilisation exists, it matters not what tongue is spoken, the universal language of Masonry is understood; in feature, form and faith identical, the force and lustre of the ancient faith neither added to nor abated during the long procession of the centuries.

Of our history one has written: "the hardy spirits who founded your Order and lighted up the sacred asylum in Palestine were fired with zeal that no human effort could resist. They had visited that land consecrated by the advent of the Messiah. They stood upon the shores of the Jordan that had seen the descent of the baptismal dove. They sat down and sorrowed upon those hills of Judea that had trembled at the miracles of God. They saw the pious pilgrim murdered by the ruthless Turk. They saw the mosque and minaret tower in impious grandeur over the tomb of Christ, and the chosen habitation of Israel seemed to them cursed on account of the infidel possessor. The burning sun and the barren fig tree of Holy Writ were still there; dried up rivers, scorched and barren fields,

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spoke to them the curse of heaven, and there the desert stretched out its burning arms in mute desolation, as if it had not dared to break the dread silence since the Eternal uttered His voice." It was through scenes like these, surviving the vicissitude of chance and change that the Order exists here to-day—not an institution frail and feeble and fearful, under no ban as is the Order among the effete monarchies of Europe—but conscious of the nobility of its purpose, with firm, commanding form, it moves along the pathway of progress, ever keeping pace with the advancing tread of civilisation and reform. By its gradual growth the Order now numbers six hundred and eighty thousand members in North America; forty-one thousand of the number, all good men and true, find lodgment in Illinois.

Twenty-three years ago in the coming October, the supreme Masonic authority of the State granted a dispensation to all of the Craft who were residents of Evanston and vicinity, authorising the formation of Evans Lodge. A year later a full charter was obtained, and on the 2nd of November A.D. 1867, the Lodge held its first meeting, numbering thirty-one members. Of those who were with us then ten have dimitted to the Lodge beyond yon canopy, and now worship in a temple not made with hands, whose builder and maker is God; two hundred and thirty constitute the membership of this Lodge to-day. They are representatives of every vocation and every calling; true and faithful, worthy and well qualified, they have proved in their lives an honour to American citizenship. The Fraternity, inspired by the tenets of their cherished faith, cloaked with truth, fearing no evil, still face Zionward, and their mission will have been accomplished only when misery and want are exiles; when ignorance no longer dominates, and when the heavy hand of oppression has been lifted from its victim. The mission of Masonry ends only when the reign of peace on earth and good will among men shall have been universally established.

With such an object to attain, prompted by a purpose so unselfish, we await with eager expectancy the hour when we shall find lodgment here. Then, with increased facilities and opportunities for good, plighting anew our fealty to the principles of the Order, clad in the beautiful garments of peace, our doors shall be thrown wide open for the reception of the pure in heart of every kindred and of every tongue.

Let prejudice, born of ignorance, continue to deride and revile. They shall not prevail. To the taunt that Masonry is but an idle pageant, we ask,—Was Warren, who at Bunker Hill first taught the lesson of sacrifice to the American people, a deluded devotee of pageantry and pomp? Was Franklin, who brought the lightning from heaven that it might be made vassal to the will of man, in his wisdom, a rapt believer in an idle show? Was Washington, whose memory but sixty days ago a nation hallowed, likely to lend his influence to hollow mockery and pretence? These men were Masters in our Order, and worshipped at a common shrine. The martyred Garfield passed from the highest altars of our Order to the proud position of power. I say this not in defence of our Craft; it needs no defence, for Masonry, like the sun in its daily course, circles the earth, everywhere illuminating the nations with the purity and beneficence of its light.—*Voice of Masonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer presiding. The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of other Committees, and of the Quarterly Court of the 25th ult., having been read for information, Bro. Scurrah asked what had been done by the Sub-Committee entrusted with the arrangements as to a new head master. Bro. Bevis said the Committee had been sitting that day. Without going into details, the result of the meeting was really this—that the terms on which the new head master should be appointed were discussed and considered, and an outline of those terms was entrusted to a Sub-Committee of six, with instructions to advertise and receive applications with a view to their being considered by the Provisional Committee before the end of the present month, in the hope that the Provisional Committee might, at its meeting that day month, bring before the General Committee the names of gentlemen applying for the situation, in order that one might be selected, subject to confirmation by the Committee. The object they had in view was that some kind of selection might be made at the next meeting of the General Committee so that a gentlemen might be appointed before the Christmas holidays. In answer to an inquiry whether Dr. Morris's notice had expired, Bro. Bevir said it expired in April next. A large number of the under masters had given notice of resignation. That had somewhat forced the hands of the Committee. They must have time for the head master to be selected, and give him opportunity to select assistants. It was then moved, seconded, and carried, that Lord Euston should sign cheques for the accounts which had been recommended by the House and Finance Committees to be paid. Some discussion ensued as to the Grand Treasurer having refused to accept other amendments to the motion to give Bro. Binckes an allowance of £350 a year. The Chairman said he distinctly remembered Bro. Terry saying at the time he put the motion that three amendments had been rejected, and therefore he need not put any more. Bro. Scurrah said he should like to ask one question with regard to the Secretary. The Quarterly Court had voted £350 a year to Bro. Binckes, was it now understood that he had resigned, and that he would leave at Christmas? Was it not made a condition that if Bro. Binckes was awarded the pension named he would resign? In answer to a direct inquiry, the Chairman replied that that really became a legal question. Bro. Binckes said he had not resigned. Bro. Scurrah: We understood that Bro. Binckes would resign at Christmas. Those were the very words made use of at that time. I want to know if an arrangement has been made that if £350 was voted at the Quarterly Court Brother Binckes would resign. After other speakers had stated their views, the Chairman said the matter had been partly considered, but it involved money questions which it was very difficult to answer. The Provisional Committee would report on the first opportunity. He did not know whether they would be able to decide before the next Quarterly Court, but before they decided they would take all matters into consideration, legal and otherwise. Another Brother would like to know in what position the question would stand if the minutes were confirmed. He was sorry to say the question of the retiring pension to Bro. Binckes had been discussed as far as he had heard in that room with very great heat, but it was a question that the brethren should not get warm upon. He wished to ask when, if they confirmed those minutes that day, it would have any influence whatever on the question. The Chairman: None whatever. It must be reported at the Quarterly Court. They are only read for information. If, after taking advice, we find it is conclusive, we may not trouble the Quarterly Court again. Bro. Scurrah said it was perfectly satisfactory to him. Five petitioners were placed on the list for next election, one petition was deferred, and one dismissed. Bro. Binckes wished to say that the announcement of lists at the last festival was £13,200. Since then lists had come in making it up to £13,600. He had received up to that day £13,325, leaving £275 still to come in, all of which he hoped was good. At the bankers there was £1339. Therefore there was not much ground for the complaint that their resources were falling off, notwithstanding the unfortunate circumstances in which the Institution had been placed. The proceedings shortly afterwards closed.

It was at the Masonic Ball. They were dreadfully "spooney," and, after their third or fourth enchanting waltz, availed themselves of the cool air of the promenade, and eventually found themselves delightfully hidden away in a sort of cupboard nook, where the wicked ceased from troubling and the weary were at rest. Very delicious, no doubt. But he was a greenhorn at that sort of thing, and forgot to see that everything was safe around. So, before the blissful pair knew where they were, they found that some heartless wretch had closed the door, and locked it! Oh! horror; what was to be done? To stay there till the ball was over was not to be thought of; besides mamma would miss her. So there was nothing for it but to hammer at the door till somebody came to know where the fire was, and then explain that he and she had gone there to look after a lost pocket handkerchief, which, of course, everybody believed.

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FREEMASONRY AND POLITICS, AT BRIGHTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last two numbers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE I have read with great interest your able and well-timed observations upon the unauthorised way in which the Order of Freemasonry is perverted and sullied by being used by unscrupulous persons to minister to their benefit for trade purposes, in defiance of one of the first principles of Freemasonry. It is but too well known how its emblems have been turned to account by publicans, who are particularly proud of displaying them on the front part of their houses, for the purpose of bringing profit to them, in violation of a solemn declaration that they, in seeking admission to our Order, were "uninfluenced by mercenary or any other unworthy motive;" whereas it is well known, from their subsequent conduct, in many instances, that one or both these were the active motives for their seeking admission as members. You gave in your last impression a notice of a shameful violation of the principles which should govern all true Freemasons, and which calls loudly for action being taken upon it in Grand Lodge, with a view of an adequate remedy being applied, and it is to be hoped that this will speedily be done.

In your last number I read with some interest a report of the Centenary Meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, and amongst the speakers on that occasion, I see it stated that "Brother Edmund Yates was received with cheering, to propose the W. Master. He said all present would realise his feelings when he said how happy he felt after the week's heavy work and labour to gain a little rest, and his pleasure in gliding from the stormy seas of controversy to the peaceful haven of the Royal Clarence Lodge." Now here was a direct and unmistakable introduction of politics into the Lodge, for every one knew that his allusion was to the Brighton election, which had just terminated, and doubtless there were present members who had a divided opinion upon the result, and the "stormy seas" which Bro. Yates had done his best to lash into fury. I would ask, Sir, whether such action as this is not calculated to "produce dissension amongst the brethren, and in time bring scandal on the Craft?" I was always under the impression that we, as Masons, should at all times treat our fellow creatures with love and kindness, whether they come within the pale of Freemasonry or not, they are not to be despised because they do not belong to the "household of the faith." But what shall we say to the following observations which he thought fit to address to his fellow townsmen, at a meeting at Hove, on the 24th ult. He said, "I have been a fighter all my life, and shall remain so. I like a downright upstanding contest between two English gentlemen for the representation of our borough, but I am ready to confess that my blood begins to boil when I think that the cause of one of these gentlemen has been supported here in Brighton by the imposition on us of a set of hireling advocates of disloyalty and sedition. (Cheers). Those champions are paid, undoubtedly paid, by the National League, or the Land League, or the Clan-na-Gael, or the Invincibles—I care not under what title this nest of traitors calls itself, with money wrung from the Pats of Connemara, cajoled from the Biddies of New York, to come down here to hoodwink and cajole us with whispered hint or blatant invective against what they are pleased to call cruelty and coercion." These scurrilous, slanderous, and untrue remarks were received, it is said, with loud cheers, as well as his ungentlemanly observations about the pure air of Brighton being polluted by the odour of potatoes and whisky, and the pigs "grunting and squeaking, which Mr. O'Connor had been driving about in a cart, but he did not know whether with or without a net over them," and this by a man who calls him a Freemason, and blazons his doings in a Freemasons' Lodge. But as one who cherishes the principles of brotherly love and truth, I cannot read his filthy observations without shame, coming from a man who parades his fellowship in an Order which for many years it has hitherto been my pride and honour to belong to.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

A DISGUSTED BROTHER.

P.S.—It should be known that the "pigs" here so designated by Bro. Yates are members of Parliament anxious to support the candidature of Sir Robert Peel, whose father, at great personal sacrifice, secured for ever untold benefits on the working man.

4th November 1889.

It may be considered something of "hard lines" when a man reaches the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, and then realizes the fact that "Life is not worth living." This, however, seems to have been the case with Bro. John Hole, one of the residents in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon. He, on Friday, the 1st instant, in a temporary fit of insanity, committed suicide. Brother Hole had been a resident in the Institution 27 years.

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ROYAL SOMERSET LODGE, No. 973.

THE installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was held on Tuesday, the 15th ult., at Frome, Bro. E. Olive was installed W.M. by Bro. A. Duckett, in the absence of Bro. Else D.P.G.M. After the ceremony Bro. Olive W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers:—Bros. J. D. Pulham I.P.M., A. W. Moore S.W., R. J. Buck J.W., W. Mason Treasurer, Rev. A. Brice Chaplain, P. Edinger Secretary, R. Sloper Gough S.D., F. Kirbell J.D., W. R. Bown D.C., W. H. Frankham A.D.C., W. Iggulden Organist, A. J. Rozea I.G., H. Hanley Tyler, J. M. Rathay, M. March, C. White and C. Cross Stewards. After the installation a banquet was held at the George Hotel.

COPE LODGE, No. 1357.

THIS Lodge held the Festival of St. John, on the 18th ult., at the Brooklands Hotel, Sale, when Bro. C. Neale was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. Campbell I.P.M., O. Reuss S.W., J. S. Law J.W., I. D. Simcock Treas., A. Griffiths Sec., H. Miller Organist, R. A. Anderson S.D., T. Travis J.D., E. J. Bradbury Dir. of Cer., W. S. Coppock I.G., Dr. G. Wright and W. T. Rylance Stewards, and W. Grove Tyler.

ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495.

ON Thursday, the 10th ult., the installation of Bro. John Dawes as W.M. took place at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath. Bro. Edgar Howe performed the ceremony of installation very efficiently. The list of Officers invested was:—Bros. H. C. Heathcote I.P.M., Robert Hall S.W., John Nuttall J.W., Thomas Parker Treasurer, Joseph Hodgkinson Secretary, Thomas C. Drabble S.D., A. W. Kirk J.D., W. Lennox D. of C., Joseph Sladen Organist, Job Smith I.G., H. G. Hartley and W. Richardson Stewards, John King Tyler. A banquet was subsequently given by the W.M.

WOLSEY LODGE, No. 1656.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, the 14th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. Drummond W.M. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient custom, Mr. Frank Figg was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft in the first degree, having been proposed by Bro. Peat and seconded by Bro Simpson. Bro. J. Miles was then passed to the degree of fellow Craft. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. J. B. Mella. The after proceedings included the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and songs by Brothers Figg, Suggett, Walls, Grant, and Smith; Bro. Figg officiated as accompanist.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

THE annual installation meeting took place on the 17th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. J. Billinghurst was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. B. Burfield. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. H. Auscombe I.P.M., M. Lelen S.W., W. C. Newsome J.W., O. Embling Secretary, Rev. W. A. Tooth Chaplain, S. Peters Treasurer, H. Stair S.D., A. Loader J.D., D. Thompson D.C., S. W. Markham I.G., J. Parsons and M. Wormald Stewards, and H. H. Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M. Bro. J. Billinghurst. Among the visitors were Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., W. Sendall, Mayor of Brighton, and F. J. Tolstone. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Adrienne Lester, Miss Evelyn Gates, Miss Violet Moss, and Mr. G. Marten Burling, under the direction of Bro. H. S. Gates.

THAMES LODGE, No. 1895.

AT the annual festival, held on Monday, the 7th ult., at Henley-on-Thames, Bro. E. Carlisle was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. A. Simmons, and the other Officers for the ensuing year were invested. At the close of the Lodge a banquet took place at the Red Lion Hotel.

TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

ON Thursday, the 10th ult., a large gathering of the members took place, at the Masonic-hall, Cardiff, when Bro. M. Tennant D.P.G.M. installed Bro. Thomas Evans Worshipful Master of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. D. S. Verzopollo I.P.M., W. E. Miles S.W., F. H. Williams J.W., T. M. Hale Treasurer, W. W. Jones Secretary, W. Lawrence S.D., J. Hogg J.D., A. W. Hellier I.G., E. Burckhardt Steward, J. E. Deacon Organist, J. Miles D.C. In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, which was largely attended, Bro. Thos. Evans W.M. occupied the chair.

SPENCER WALPOLE LODGE, No. 2197.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., the first meeting of this Lodge, after the summer vacation, was held in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. P. T. Screech W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members, including several visiting brethren. A lengthy list of business was gone through, two candidates being

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initiated, and two others passed to the second degree. Afterwards supper was served, and the usual pleasant evening was spent. In connection with this rapidly growing branch of the local Craft organisation, Lodges of Instruction are appointed to be held on each Monday evening in the month, other than the regular Lodge night—the second Monday in each month.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and brought together such an assembly of Grand Officers and brethren as is rarely met in a private Lodge. A large number of Masons of Essex attended to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Clowes, who is a Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of that Province. The W.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Steward, Prov. Grand S.W. in charge, presided, supported by Bros. R. Clowes S.W., A. King as J.W., W. H. Hallett Treasurer, V. P. Freeman Secretary, H. E. Price J.D., C. Bamfylde Warre D.C., C. W. Hudson I.G., Lockwood Hawken Steward, and H. H. Hughes Tyler. Also the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Major-General Barnett Ford, Lieut.-Colonel Mortimer Hancock, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, and J. P. Knight. A letter was received from the J.W., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, expressing his regret that he was unable to be present as he was in Switzerland, also letters to the same effect from Bros. Pidcock and Saillard. The following distinguished visitors were present:—Bros. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar D.P.G. Master Essex, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Col. Somerville Burney P.G.D., E. Letchworth P.G.D., T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C., Major George Lambert P.G.S.B., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., James Terry P.G.S.B., C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, A. Lucking P.G. Purst., H. A. Rigg P.G. Steward, Rowland Plumbe P.G. Steward, T. Billing W.M. 271 P.G.J.W., C. J. Corder P.M. 271 P.P.G.W., J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 P.P.G.W., W. Marchant P.M. 315 P.P.G.W., C. J. Pocock W.M. 811 P.P.G.W., J. L. Brigden P.M. 732 P.P.G.W., H. Davey 732 P.P.G.W., W. H. Gibson P.M. 1636 P.P.G.W., J. Farncombe P.M. 311 P.P.G.W., Rev. J. Puttick W.M. 40 P.G. Chaplain, P.P.G. Chaplain, Rev. E. Walker P.M. 811 P.P.G. Chaplain, F. F. J. Greenfield P.M. 1465 P.P.G. Chaplain, W. S. Burrows P.M. 811 P.G.J.D., G. De Paris P.M. 811 P.P.G.D., H. A. Dowell W.M. 2187 P.P.G.D., E. Broadbridge P.M. 1636 P.P.G.D., J. M. Reed P.M. 732 Secretary to Grand Lodge Charities Committee P.P.G. Supt. of Works, S. B. Legg P.M. 732 P.P.G.S.B., W. Lanham Thomas P.M. 1141 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, B. Burfield P.M. 1821 P.G. A.Sec., George Cole P.M. 1636 P.P.G. Organist, W. N. Roe 1636 P.P.G. Organist, T. Berry P.M. 1829 P.G.P., C. R. Smith P.M. 315 P.P.G.P., E. T. Cooksey W.M. 851, W. E. Morrison W.M. 916, and L. R. Styer W.M. 315 P.G. Stewards, Smith Stone W.M. 311, E. M. Jenkins W.M. 341, S. Denman W.M. 732, J. H. Wright W.M. 1110, R. M. Davison W.M. 1184, W. Wright W.M. 1303, J. Conldwell W.M. 1465, W. E. D'Albino W.M. 1466, G. Mitchell W.M. 1619, F. R. Edwards W.M. 1636, C. F. Hollands W.M. 1797, W. Gill W.M. 1829, E. S. Medcalf W.M. 1947, W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton) 732, A. J. H. Ward P.M. 650 P.G. Registrar Essex, J. Vaux (Mayor of Harwich) J.W. 650, A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, M. L. Sanders P.M. and Sec. 650, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G. Organist Essex, J. A. Thornhill I.G. 1329, F. R. Hales P.M. 650 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, W. Chudleigh 1329, Lieut. Giles, R.N., 1906, Montague Pilcher, Dr. Cock 1597 P.G.S.W. Essex, E. Stimson 2182, G. F. Smith P.M. 218, A. Philbrick S.D. 1910, W. P. Collins 1206, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, H. Auscombe P.M. 1821, Col. H. Tester 1636, Dr. Cantrell P.M. 1397, F. C. Parsons S.W. 271, T. H. Gardiner P.M. 1150, Rev. Heathcote Smith Chaplain 1388, W. W. D'Albiac P.M. 1466, R. Willard P.M. 732, H. Langton P.M. 271, J. Terry S.W. 315, E. W. F. Hopewell 732, A. Du Pont J.W. 1947, H. S. Tester 1636, W. H. Cockburn 1466, Thos. MacQueen P.M. 916, Turle Lee 2254, J. A. Browne 2264, Dr. F. H. Hauxwell P.M. 732, H. Aguilar P.M. 135, J. Hinde Crouch 1664, Gresham Bacon 271, Freeman Gell 271, E. C. Musson 82, W. Fitch P.M. 1797 P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, E. A. Buchanan 1829, W. B. Isworth S.W. 1636, A. Olding 271, J. C. Buckwell S.W. 2187, F. J. Colley 1636, F. Hollands I.G. 1636, J. Wood 811, H. G. Collins D.C. 1636, C. Wren 315, W. Bioletti J.W. 315, B. Drury 315, G. Rawlinson P.M. 1797, W. Pratt 1797, H. Pearce S.W. 1797, A. F. Lamotte 271, Malcolm Smith P.M., H. Broad, and H. W. G. Abell Secretary, of 1797, J. Belcher 315, W. Anderson P.M. 315, R. Smith 1797, and Thomas Howell 1797. The Secretary read the names of brethren who had been invited, but were unable to be present, among them being Bros. Lord Brooke P.G. Master Essex, Thomas Fenn, President Board General Purposes, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain Deputy P.G. Master Suffolk, F. West Deputy P.G. Master (in charge) Surrey, A. M. Moyes P.G. Standard Bearer Deputy P.G. Master Cambridgeshire, W. G. Bell W.M., and Hamett Knott W.M. elect 859. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Lord H. F. Thynne P.G. Warden, and W. Morshead as joining members, who were elected. A ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Percy Clowes (a son of the W.M. elect) as a candidate for initiation; this was declared unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then asked the Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, to take the chair and perform the ceremony of initiation, and Mr. Richard Percy Clowes was duly initiated. The W.M. again took the chair, and the ordinary business was transacted, after which the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who is an Honorary Member of the Lodge, took the chair, and installed, in an impressive manner, and in the presence of a Board of 80 Installed Masters, Bro. Richard Clowes P.M. 650 P.P.G.S.W. Essex as W.M. for the year, who appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. the Right Hon. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W. I.P.M., Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain S.W., H. E. Price, M.D., P.P.G. Warden J.W., Major-General Barnett Ford P. Dist. G. Deacon Beneral Treasurer, V. P. Freeman P.G.D. P.G. Sec. Secretary, Dr. A. King, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Organist S.D., C. W. Hudson P.P.G.W. J.D., C. Bamfylde Warre P.P.G.D. D.C., J. P. Slingsby Roberts Organist, J. P. Knight I.G., R. Pidcock P.G. Registrar, Lennox Browne P.G. S.W. Essex, and R. Percy Clowes Steward. Letters were read from the late Deputy P.G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford P.M., one enclosing lithograph of a letter received from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G. Master, and another offering for the acceptance of the Lodge a portrait of himself in Masonic clothing. A letter was read from Mrs. Ford, informing the brethren that her late husband had by his will bequeathed a sum of £50 to endow the chair of the Lodge. Bro. R. Clowes W.M. expressed his regret at the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of their P.M. Bro. Gerard Ford. He said he was sure the brethren would all unite with him in acknowledging the fraternal kindness with which Bro. Ford had always treated the members of the Lodge, and would desire to join in expressing their respect and esteem for him, and sympathy with Mrs. Ford. He would therefore move that the following address be presented to her:—

"To Mrs. Gerard Ford.

"The members of the Earl of Sussex Lodge are deeply moved by the letters which have been read to them from their late loved and respected P.M. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and also have to acknowledge the kind letter which accompanied the notification of the legacy to the Lodge.

"They desire to thank Mrs. Ford most sincerely for the touching words with which she has addressed them, and to assure her that the trouble the late Bro. Ford took in arranging, establishing, and acting as first W.M., will never be forgotten by the brethren.

"They wish to express their deep and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Ford in her bereavement, and hope that the Almighty will give her strength to sustain her in her affliction; although it is small consolation, they venture to believe that the affection and esteem in which he was held, so amply testified by the Masons generally throughout the Province, will at all events comfort her in her hour of trial, as proving that he who was so much beloved by her was thoroughly understood and appreciated by so many others.

"At this, the first meeting after his death, the brethren wish to place on record a testimony to his worth, so that future generations may be able to find particulars of the proceedings, and bear in remembrance Bro. Gerard Ford, who was the originator, principal founder, and, during his life, a most active member of the Earl of Sussex Lodge.

"R. CLOWES W.M.

"Royal Pavilion, Brighton, 26th Oct. 1889."

Bro. V. P. Freeman seconded the proposition, and desired to express in open Lodge the fraternal regard the late Bro. Ford had shown for the brethren, and his anxiety to gain their affection and esteem. Having been associated together for so many years, many of the acts of kindness which Bro. Ford had done had been known to him, and he could bear testimony to the increase year by year of his popularity. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The newly-elected member for Brighton, Mr. Gerald Walter Erskine Loder, was proposed by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott P.M. as a candidate for initiation. The W.M. Bro. R. Clowes seconded the proposition. Bro. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Brother D. Mutton, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The *post prandial* proceedings were of a thoroughly hearty character. The W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes, who presided, gave the customary loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In submitting the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, he said that those who had been privileged to attend Grand Lodge must have felt that it was ruled by energetic and zealous Officers. He himself regarded it a privilege to have around him so many Officers of Grand Lodge, and he heartily thanked them for their kind attendance and support. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in reply, said the Officers of Grand Lodge took the greatest interest in the Province, and he himself was deeply interested in the success of the Lodge. He was glad to see the Province and Lodge were making satisfactory progress, and said the brethren should feel proud of being presided over by such a Provincial Grand Master as the Duke of Connaught. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary also responded. He said that, though he felt one response was sufficient, he was grateful for the opportunity of speaking. Paying a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he said he himself was interested in the Lodge. He had assisted at its consecration, installed the late Bro. Gerard Ford as first W.M., also their I.P.M. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, and he had been pleased that day to instal the W.M. Bro. Clowes. Referring to the excellent work of the late Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell and J. H. Scott, he said the Province of Sussex was second to none. Their work was admirably done, and, from the reports he received from time to time from their indefatigable Prov. G. Secretary, he saw that an excellent spirit pervaded the Province, and while harmony reigned supreme the Charities were well supported. Bros. J. C. Parkinson, T. J. Ralling and Major Lambert also acknowledged the toast, the last-named speaking in high terms of the excellent work in the Craft which Bro. Clowes had shown during his residence in the Essex Province. He congratulated the Sussex Freemasons upon having so good a brother among them. The W.M. then proposed the Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex. The Duke, he said, was expected to return to England early next year, and he was sure no Lodge would give him a heartier welcome than the Earl of Sussex Lodge. In submitting the next toast, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden in Charge, the Right Hon. Sir William T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., the W.M. said he experienced sorrow in thinking of their late Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford. Fortunately the Provincial Grand Lodge had a popular brother in charge—Sir W. T. Marriott; and, further, all their Officers were brethren who could be relied upon in case of emergency. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising

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to respond, was warmly received. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. All would agree with the W.M. that in the late Bro. Gerard Ford they had lost one whose whole heart was in Freemasonry. Speaking for himself, he said it was great pleasure, after his recent rough and tumble life, to come within those walls, and to be in a haven of rest. Their brotherly love cemented all their differences, and all experienced happiness in doing their duty to each other. He then said he had another pleasant duty to perform—to propose the Worshipful Master. The chair was, he remarked, adorned by Bro. Clowes, who was imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. During the last two years (the Lodge was but a young one), Bro. Clowes had performed his duties with great ability, and he heartily wished him success and happiness during the coming year. Bro. R. Clowes was received with prolonged and enthusiastic applause on rising to respond. He said he felt proud of the high position in which the brethren, by their unanimous vote, had placed him. He was grateful to Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke for installing him, and to the many old and new friends who had come from all parts to welcome him in his new position. His pleasure had been further increased by seeing his eldest son initiated. He, however, expressed his sincere regret that the late Bro. Gerard Ford, who had asked him to assist him in founding the Lodge, and who had proposed that his (Brother Clowe's) son should be initiated was no longer with them. He trusted that at the end of the year he should experience the same kind feelings that had been expressed towards him that day. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar next proposed the Initiate. A good father, he said, ought to make a good son. Speaking as an Essex Freemason, he bore testimony to the very hearty manner in which the Worshipful Master had supported Freemasonry in his mother Province, and he believed his son would follow in his footsteps. He himself had a prescriptive right in proposing the toast. Not only had he installed the Worshipful Master in his mother Lodge in Essex, but he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his son, Bro. R. Percy Clowes, when he attained his majority. He was his sponsor in the Inns of Court to which he belonged, and had initiated him that day. The toast was heartily drunk, and Bro. R. Percy Clowes, on rising to respond, was warmly received He had been impressed, he said, with the ceremony of initiation, and felt that Freemasonry was calculated to make each one a better man. He thanked the brethren of the Earl of Sussex Lodge for admitting him into the Fraternity. He had lost a good friend in the late Bro. Ford, who had proposed him. He trusted to merit promotion, till he ultimately reached the chair of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master proposed the Visitors. Bro. W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton) responded. He said Bro. Marriott had spoken of the pleasure of coming to the Lodge as a haven of rest. But he asked what were his feelings? During the late election excitement, he had endeavoured to tread a bee line and go straight, in spite of the temptation of gas lights, flaming posters, and newspaper reports. He had looked forward to that meeting with pleasure, and had been amply repaid by the hearty good feeling with which he and other visitors had been received. Bro. A. Welch, referring to the Worshipful Master's excellent work in Freemasonry in Essex, said two Lodges in that county sent him fraternal greetings. It was without precedent, he thought, that during one afternoon a W.M. should be installed, and his son not only initiated, but immediately honoured with office in the Lodge. Bro. W. E. Morrison (Mayor elect of Eastbourne) also responded. Eastbourne, he said, was interested in the welfare of its sister town, Brighton, copying what was good and endeavouring to profit by shortcomings which arose. Their Mayor, Aldermen, and Town Clerk were all Freemasons. He said the Freemasons would give the Provincial Grand Lodge a hearty welcome if they held one of their meetings at Eastbourne. The W.M., in proposing the Past Master, presented Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. Bro. Marriott, in responding, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kindness to him. His year of office had been one of pleasure and good fellowship, and he would do all he could to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties of his office. The W.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. H. E. Prince J.W. Secretary and J. P. Knight I.G. responded. From want of time the W.M. briefly proposed the Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province, and the Joining Members, without asking for responses. The Tyler's toast completed the list. The majority of the company then left to catch their respective trains. During the evening the musical programme, under the direction of Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts Organist of the Lodge, Dr. Alfred King P.P.G.O., and Turle Lee, was ably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Master C. Stewart, Bros. J. Brown, J. Gawthrop, and R. Grice. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. Turle Lee.

ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

ONE of the most popular of our London Lodges is that of the Asaph, No. 1319, the membership of which is—to a considerable extent at least—identified with the Dramatic and Musical professions. The Lodge, we believe, is an off-shoot from the Israel, No. 205, but whether considered as an off-shoot or an original growth, there can be no question as to its vitality. This was amply demonstrated on Monday last when the members assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., to celebrate their Installation Meeting and Annual Festival. On the occasion under notice the Festival may essentially be considered the feature, as the members only recognise one banquet a year, though they assemble monthly from November to July. Moreover, as workers, the Lodge holds a high position in the Craft. The W.M. of the past year, Bro. George E. Fairchild, presided, and he was supported by Past Masters C. Wellard (Treasurer), J. M. Chamberlin (Secretary), W. A. Tinney, W. Lestocq, J. Weaver, E. Swanborough, J. Maclean, E. Frewins, and Meyer Lutz; the W.M. elect, Bro. J. D. Beveridge, and the Officers of the Lodge, with the following:—Bros. W.-S. Penley, J. E. Hambleton, F. H. Macklin, Sam Johnson, F. Stewart, H. Crisp, C. E. Howson, C. J. Coxhead, R. S. Boleyn, J. G. Taylor, Luigi Lablache, H. W. Cushing, C. Dodsworth, J. E. Hinson, F. Mellish, W. J. Mathews, J. J. Solomon, J. C. Hambleton, H. J. Callcott, C. Powell, A. W. Cornish, E. Humphrey, L. Honig, H. Snyders, F. G. Hambleton, J. Geary, J. Carter, R. F. Goodwin, A. Syms, A. E. Harper, R. Temple, Sam Redfern, W. L. Barrett, G. H. Allen, C. Coote, A. Woodhouse, J. A. Hamilton, C. Harper jun., Ambrose Austin, Sant Matthews, Clement Smith, C. G. Alias, H. J. Hitchins, H. Randall, W. H. Cremer, J. L. Simon and Ormond Yearsley. Visitors:—Bros. E. Terry Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. W. Harrison, Howard Reynolds, E. W. Gardiner, W. Pink, M. Barnett, W. H. Canston, Arthur Dacre, J. Fernandez, Harry Nicholls, Lionel Rignold, J. D. Russell, W. Fowles, R. S. Cummings, J. L. Shine, F. Dangerfield, C. P. Leonard, F. Denby, W. E. Haycock, W. J. Pitcher, H. Hart, W. J. Holloway, R. Manuel, J. C. Duckworth, A. Moore, J. Fitzgerald, G. Alexander, Thomas L. Bramble, J. Beveridge Spence, C. M. Duplany, G. Coop, T. H. Stanton, H. Gillard Glind, Thos. Catling, J. Tickle, C.C., R. T. Holms, F. G. Potter, W. L. Maitland, W. E. Chapman, E. J. Acworth, J. Vicary, J. Irvine, L. M. Myers, C.C., S. A. Cooper, W. W. Morgan, W. R. Palmer, G. Fox, S. Bancroft, G. Bishop, F. M. Clemow, A. Adams, T. Keen, H. Massey, E. Thomas F. Leslie, J. D. Langton, Albert James, J. A. Brown, F. Bevan, R. Planquette, L'étoile Polaire, C. W. Hales, F. A. Ormsby, J. R. Jekyll, Knox Holmes, &c. After the Lodge had been formally constituted, Bro. Weaver P.M. presented the W.M. elect, and Bro. Jas. D. Beveridge was regularly installed in the chair, Bro. George Fairchild, who holds a prominent position as an exponent of Masonic Ritual, fairly excelling himself on this special occasion. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. T. de Brunnow Holmes S.W., A. E. Bishop J.W., Tinney P.M. D.C., Wellard P.M. Treasurer, Chamberlin P.M. Sec., W. S. Penley S.D., J. E. Hambleton J.D., F. H. Macklin I.G., Sam Johnson and Frank Stewart Stewards, and John Gilbert Tyler. The spirit of emulation was actively at work. Bro. Beveridge, in addressing his Officers on their investment, was both eloquent and graceful; his remarks were enthusiastically received. The addresses from Brother Fairchild completed this portion of the day's work. Before closing, an appeal was made to the brethren for support to the fund now being raised for the widow and family of the late Bro. F. Delevanti P.M. The banquet was served in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, personally superintended by Bro. Dartnell. The W.M., in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said he should premise that the speeches as far as he was concerned would be of the briefest order. They had a post-prandial entertainment of unusual excellence, and he was sure that would be better than any display of his poor oratory. He would ask them to drink the Queen and the Craft—a toast, he trusted, that would never be disassociated as long as Her Majesty reigned. Loyalty was the distinguishing characteristic of Freemasons, and he did not think it needed any assurance from him that the devotion of the Masonic body was met by Her Majesty in the display of her interest in the Masonic Order. This had been proved over and over again. In speaking of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. said His Royal Highness was the future chief of this great empire; he was patron of the Arts, Sciences, the Drama, and of everything which tended to the welfare of the nation. With the next toast, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M. said might be introduced a refreshing deviation from the stereotyped form. When the brethren recognised that the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master could spare leisure from their high official duties to devote time and energy, in conjunction with the Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, for the welfare of the Craft in general, and the Lodge of Asaph in particular, they must acknowledge that they owed them a deep debt of gratitude. Speaking as an actor he must say he was very proud that one of the highest offices in Grand Lodge was held by their distinguished Bro. Edward Terry. But this was not the first time in the history of Masonry or the history of the stage that Grand Office had been held by an actor. A friend of his, Mr. Adams, of the Adelphi Theatre, who was not an actor, presented him the other day with a book 150 years of age, and on glancing over its pages he found the following passage, which referred to the year 1731:—"Amongst many good effects arising from a renovation of this Institution"—(that is Masonry, which is fallen into rather low water)—"the theatre experienced its share. Masons are in general warm friends of the drama, which they deem essential to the cause of virtue, and as Charity is one of their leading principles, they constantly devote the profits arising from one night's performance at the theatre every season towards the relief of their distressed and indigent brethren. At this time, however, in 1731, their laudable zeal carried them so far as to make them bespeak the tragedy of Cato, then remarkably popular, the male characters of which were all performed by gentlemen Masons; the prices were advanced; and so crowded and brilliant an audience had never at that time been seen in this kingdom." The Grand Secretary at that time was a Mr. Griffiths, a rather eminent actor, and so pleased were the brethren at what he had done in Dublin to restore Freemasonry to something like its pristine glory that they gave him a benefit to which the Grand Master and Grand Officers went in Masonic regalia, in procession, and the quaint old book said that "thereby he reaped great profit." The present genial Grand Secretary did not need a benefit, but supposing their Grand Treasurer wanted a benefit, supposing he got a dispensation from the Grand Master for his brethren to walk in regalia to Terry's Theatre, he did not know where he would house them, or whether the state of the Strand, to say nothing of the London County Council, would permit of the proceeding. Bro. Edward Terry Grand Treasurer said that in rising to attempt to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers, he might slightly alter a Shakesperian quotation, and say, of all things o'er I have evaded this—up to the present—as owing to the exigencies of his profession, he had escaped from the banquets before the speeches came on. He thoroughly appreciated all that the W.M. had said of him and the Grand Officers generally. He felt it, personally,

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because he believed he assisted at the Masonic birth of Bro. Beveridge, who had now come forward to a very fine full-grown manhood, and had taken the post they always believed he would take, and which he was sure he would adorn during the rest of his year of office. Should there be a recurrence of the affair that took place in Dublin in 1731—though their shining mark, Griffiths, was not a particularly "safe man"—it would be equally safe, as was shown to him at his election as Grand Treasurer. He never saw so much good fellowship or Masonic feeling in his life, not only by members of the Asaph Lodge, in which he had had the honour to pass through all the offices up to the chair, but men from all parts of the country came forward and supported him to a most astounding extent. He was told when he was made Grand Treasurer that he would have no work to do. He found he was grossly deceived; that he would never be allowed to sign a cheque—which was rather a slur—but he found that in his year of office the G. Treasurer was not expected to do nothing, for by virtue of his office he was a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School, of the Committee of the Girls' School, and of the old Men and Women, and that he was supposed to attend all the Committee meetings. When he told them that in one Institution alone there had been 22 meetings since last June, he might fairly assert that he was grossly deceived on that point. However, joking apart, of course it was a labour of love to assist in all good Masonic work, and if the brethren had known as intimately as he knew, since he became a Grand Officer, the good feeling, the kind fraternal regard which the Grand Officers had for the Craft, it would do them, as it had it done him, good to see and listen to it. It was a thing to be proud of. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said that he hoped that he would be represented by the eloquence of Bro. Terry, under whose shadow he thought he was. As there was so much beautiful music to come, he would not delay the brethren further than to thank them for the exceedingly kind and fraternal manner in which they had received his name on that and several other occasions. He took a deep interest in the Craft, and in so praiseworthy and distinguished a Lodge as the Asaph, for which he anticipated in the future the success it so thoroughly deserved. Bro. Fairchild, in proposing the health of the W.M., said at any time he had not the power, and on the present occasion he had not the privilege of making any lengthened remarks, because he been almost forbidden by the W.M., who was anxious to get through some other toasts in order to go to his professional duties. In the way of seniority, of ability, of geniality, and almost everything Masonic, Bro. Beveridge ought to have preceeded many of them in the Lodge of Asaph. It had been a matter of regret that Bro. Beveridge had not passed through the chair some years previously, but his professional duties had called him elsewhere, and he had been supplanted for a time. He had now, however, the satisfaction of being in the proud position which the brethren had had the honour of conferring on him. Bro. Beveridge had the advantage of having many illustrious predecessors; but whatever else he might be they knew he was one of the most refined and polished villains, but still he sank that character when he came to the Asaph Lodge. At the present time he had only to fill the character of the moral, good, kindly, genial gentleman, and he occupied his position in the Masonic world with an ability of which he had given evidence that evening. He had the courage, which very few Masters had, to close down the Lodge on an exciting evening in the different degrees. He had presided also at the banquet in a way which must have given satisfaction to all. He (Bro. Fairchild) had had the pleasure and privilege of working with him for many years, and lately very intimately and closely, and he found that he had one object in view—the welfare of the Asaph Lodge. Bro. Beveridge occupied the position of Master of the Lodge with a full sense of the responsibilities attached to the office, and in the hope that he would perform the duties as well as other Masters had done. The W.M., in reply, said—Brethren, I can only thank you for the great honour you have done me in drinking my health. As I said just now the speeches would be short, it would ill become me to make a long one. The W.M., in proposing the I.P.M., Bro. Fairchild, presented that brother with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. He was more than proud to pin the jewel on Bro. Fairchild's breast. It was a difficult moment for him, because no words of his could express how he appreciated, and the brethren appreciated, the services of Bro. Fairchild to the Lodge, knowing as he did that of all the distinguished Masters of the Lodge there had never been a worthier, or one who possessed to a greater extent all the good qualities which should appertain to a man and a Mason. Individually, he (the W.M.) had come into a closer contact with Bro. Fairchild than others, and he could say that in every matter of detail no trouble had been too great for him to take to help him (the W.M.) in his work. If he failed in any portion of it they must blame the pupil, not the master. Bro. Fairchild's services to all the Masonic Charities were known to the brethren of the Lodge, and to the whole Masonic body. Bro. Fairchild responded. He had done what he could in his little way to perform the duties of W.M properly. Not one of the nine meetings of the Lodge in twelve months had been without a great deal of Masonic work. Although he had left the chair, he should not relax any of his efforts for the welfare of the Asaph Lodge. He recognised the assistance he had received from the Officers he appointed a year ago, and particularly to Brother Chamberlin, Secretary. It was a large Lodge, numbering over 100 members. They had numerous meetings, and the details were very severe. No Master could have better assistance than he had had from Bro. Chamberlin. For the Visitors Bros. Dr. Spence, Tickle, C.C., T. Catling, and Fitzgerald responded. At this stage of the proceedings the W.M. and several other brethren were compelled to leave, but Bro. Fairchild, as locum tenen, did full justice to the remaining toast. A charming entertainment was given, it comprised recitations and vocal and instrumental music, by the following brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. Thomas: Bros. E. Terry, H. Reynolds, R. Temple, T. de B. Holmes, Albert James, Fred Boran, J. A. Brown, J. Kift, John Maclean, Arthur Thomas, Ormond Yearsley, E. Frewin, Frank Stewart, J. Weaver, F. G., J. E., and J. C. Hambleton, C. Harper, W. L. Barrett, Marius, Harry Nichols, and J. L. Shine.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday, the 4th instant, at the Garden Hotel, Clapham, there was a large attendance of brethren to support Bro. Lyell W.M., who very ably rehearsed the 1st and 3rd degree ceremonies. Among those present were:—Bros. Westley Preceptor, Harvey S.W., Mitchell J.W., J. Langdon J.D., Griffith I.G., Andrews Secretary, Woods, Luckhurst, Folkard, H. Mitchell, Beaven, Caink, Caze, Hill, Smith, Williams, Gilbert, and many others. Bro. Lyell was most heartily congratulated on his splendid working, for the first time in the Lodge. Bro. Harvey S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—At the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Thursday, 31st ult., Bros. Linsey W.M., Bilby P.M, S.W., Salter J.W., M. Spiegel P.M. Preceptor, Morgan Secretary, Baldwin S.D., Vickers P.M. J.D., Lemaire I.G.; also Bros. Grunor, Petit W.M., G. Vickers, Gardner, Holloway, and others. After preliminaries, some sections were worked, and then the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan candidate. Bro. Salter was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—On Thursday, the 31st ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Aboburch-lane, E.C. Bros. Burne Preceptor, S. L. Smith W.M., Sandeman S.W., Mansell J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Dent S.D., Beasley J.D., Hamilton I.G., Bros. Causton, Night, Toulmein, Haws, Wood, Mansell, Voisey, Hall, Hobbs, Slaughter, A. Smith, G. R. Smith, Conford, Daubeny, Hastings, Marshall and Taylor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Voisey candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed and the explanation of the second tracing board given. Bros. A. W. Smith, E. R. Smith, Conford, Hastings, Beasley and Daubeny were elected members. Lodge was then formally closed.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, the 1st instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present:—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Warren M.E.Z., Moore H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Addington S.N., Stone P.S., Towers and Grummant. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers as candidate. Comp. Moore was elected Z. for the next meeting. Comp Warren was congratulated on his working, for the first time as Z. in this Chapter. Comp. Grummant reported that the Officers' collars would soon be in the Chapter.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

OUR "old boys" must not be angry with us when we say we were disappointed with their performance on Saturday last, at St. George's Hall. From a long experience we attribute their failure—if we may use so harsh a term—to their being over confident; they had not paid sufficient attention to rehearsals. The idea that men are "born actors," has long been exploded; and to secure a position in theatrical life, the student must work, hard and consistently, and must fully recognise the grave responsibilities he has embarked on. It has become recognised that a perfect performance cannot be secured unless all who are engaged enter thoroughly into the spirit of their work. Our friends must not despair—they will do much better yet, if they but "screw their courage to the sticking place." The ladies, unquestionably, must be awarded the palm of merit, while of the gentlemen those who most distinguished themselves were Messrs. Mark Paton, C. H. Uwins, G. A. Segar, and A. B. Whiteley. The attendance was not a large one, but this may be accounted for by the fact that there were several important meetings on the same evening that kept many friends of our "old boys" away. We, however, trust the fund for which the performance was given may not be overlooked by those who have hitherto supported the youngsters in their praiseworthy efforts. The selection of a piece resulted in the choice of the late H. J. Byron's comedy, in five acts, entitled "Cyril's Success." This was produced under the direction of Mr. Fred. Garteide. The following comprised the cast of characters:—Viscount Glycerine, Mr. R. H. Williams; Cyril Cuthbert (a popular author), Mr. A. G. Robinson; Major Treherne, M.P., Mr. C. H. Uwins; Hon. Fredk. Titeboy (a musical amateur), Mr. G. A. Segar; Mathew Pincher (a literary hack), Mr. A. B. Whiteley; Mr. Fitz Pelham (manager of the Polygon theatre), Mr. R. S. Chandler; Jonas Grimley (of Grimley Brothers, Paternoster Row), Mr. W. J. Packer; Colonel Rawker (unattached), Mr. J. C. Johnson; Paul Bingo, R.A., Mr. F. Dyer; Pepper, Mr. P. O'Doherty; Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss Lillie Russell; Miss Grannett (her old schoolmistress), Mrs. M. B. De Solla; Mrs. Singleton Bliss (a young widow), Miss Kate Osborne; Perkins (Mrs. Cuthbert's maid), Miss Gertrude Uwins; Members of the Grantley Club, Servants, &c., represented by Messrs. W. Booser, F. Crew, W. A. Glass, E. A. Gough, and A. Watkins.

Mr. Campbell Rae-Brown's new novel—to be published by Messrs. Dean and Son—is entitled "The Loveliest Woman in London." Its scenes are laid partly in Switzerland and partly in the fashionable quarter of the metropolis.

Messrs. Dean and Son (160A Fleet Street) have in the Press an important new serial dealing with Dogs, which will be illustrated with numerous portraits, and published at One Shilling. Amongst the contributors are Dr. Gordon Stables, Mr. Everett Millais, Mr. George R. Krehl, Mr. W. K. Taunton, and Mr. A. J. Sewell.

The Christmas part of "The Little One's Own Coloured Picture Paper" will be "A Welcome Friend," which will contain a humorous monotint presentation plate, entitled "Time, Please!"

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1883). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2011; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2253; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars, S.E.
(Provincial Grand Secretary's Office, Surrey.)
9th November 1889.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,—As the announcement of the retirement of Bro. Frederick Binckes, for so many years Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, may now at any hour be formally announced, and as other candidates for this post have issued their addresses and advertisements, I take the present opportunity of stating that I intend to take part in the contest.

I was initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, in which Lodge I have acted as Secretary, and am now J.W.

For the past two and a half years I have held the honorary appointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary to my brother, Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. for Surrey (35 Lodges and 12 Chapters), of which Province my late father (Brother Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sword Bearer) was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and for thirty years its Provincial Grand Secretary.

For the same period I have acted in a secretarial capacity in connection with two charitable institutions, dealing with extensive endowments.

In 1885 I was on the Executive Staff of the Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, and in 1886 on that of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. At the termination of these appointments I received from the Royal Commission Diplomas of Merit and Medals for Services rendered.

I am 26 years of age, and am prepared to devote my whole time to the duties of the office.

I can furnish the highest testimonials as to my capacity and experience, from many distinguished persons.

Should you do me the honour to elect me, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability towards the advancement of the best interests of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 1889.

P.G. LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 16th ult., under the banner of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1783, when Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G.D. of England, Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by Bro. Henry Smith, Past G.D. of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There was a very large number of the members of the Province present, and the following Visitors—Bros. Rev. F. C. Bussell, M.A., P.G. Chaplain England, R. Hudson P.G. Secretary Durham, F. Preston P.P.G.W. Cheshire, Geo. W. Hudson P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, Chas. S. Lane P.P.G.D. Durham, W. B. Dyson 1611, T. E. Jamieson 728, E. Wright 236, and M. Barrowclough 65, Victoria. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, and the Provincial Grand Officers entered at two o'clock, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. After preliminaries, the roll of Lodges and the roll of Present Provincial Grand Officers was called. The minutes of the meeting held at Leeds on Wednesday, 10th of April 1889, were presented, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved, "That they be taken as read, and confirmed." The Provincial Grand Master delivered his address, which we published in our issue of the 26th ult. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the brethren cordially for their salutation, and impressed upon them the necessity of promptly signing their voting papers and returning them to their respective Charity Members. Bro. W. F. Smithson, Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that, since the April meeting, West Yorkshire had presented one boy, and elected a second to the Schools, and had also been successful with three girls and three annuitants, two males and one widow. Bro. Smithson's statement was very cordially received. Bro. A. W. Stanfield moved, and Bro. Richardson seconded the following Resolution :—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge receive and adopt the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and it trusts that steps will be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Committee, as stated on pages 46 and 47 of the Report, in order that no recurrence of the very serious abuses of the Charity may be possible in the future."

This was carried nem con. Bro. W. Harrop proposed, and Bro. Thos. Ruddock, seconded the following :—

"That the best thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge are due, and be given, to Bro. John C. Malcolm P.M. 306 P. Prov. Grand Registrar, for his valuable services as a member of the London Investigation Committee of the R.M.I. for Boys, so efficiently performed, at serious inconvenience and cost to himself, and that if Prov. G. Lodge consider it desirable he be re-imbursed his expenses out of pocket to the extent of fifty guineas."

This was also carried, and Bro. Malcolm suitably replied in acknowledgment. Bro. W. F. Smithson presented a petition for relief on behalf of Bro. W. D. Hall P.M. 337, and stated that the Committee had recommended £20, subject to the consent on the part of Provincial Grand Lodge to the suspension of By-Law 42. This being accorded, Bro. Smithson moved, Bro. Harrop seconded, and it was resolved, "That £20 be granted to Bro. W. D. Hall, and that he receive the money in weekly sums." The question of the retiring pension to be awarded to Bro. Binckes was then discussed, Bros. Smithson, Harrop, Tasker, and others taking part in it. As an expression of the opinion of Prov. Grand Lodge, it was eventually proposed by Bro. Wm. Harrop, "That this Prov. G. Lodge recommend that the pension to Bro. Binckes do not exceed £250 a year." This was seconded by Bro. Henry Oxley. An amendment, proposed by Bro. J. R. Dore, and seconded by Bro. W. Fisher Tasker, "That the amount do not exceed £200 per annum," was carried by a very large majority. After thanks, and fraternal good wishes and greetings from the distinguished visitors, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 4:30 p.m. Dinner was served at the George Hotel, at five p.m. Some eighty brethren sat down, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding.

MARK MASONRY.

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ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 64.

THIS Lodge held their annual meeting on the 28th ult. at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. The W.M. elect Bro. R. T. Parsons was installed. Bro. C. Watson was the Installing Officer. The Officers invested were :—Bros. H. S. Best I.P.M., A. J. Willcocks S.W., W. G. Watson J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, J. T. Allingham M.O., T. Easterbrook S.O., J. Grimes J.O., J. Crosley Treasurer, T. Payne Secretary and R.M., J. S. Worth S.D., T. Dewstone J.D., J. Sullivan D.C., C. Newton O., T. Hall A.O., C. Farthing I.G., T. Maynard and S. Fox Stewards, W. Henderson Tyler. Bro. C. Watson, on behalf of Bro. Lemon, who was absent, unavoidably through another Masonic engagement, tendered the Lodge presentation of a handsome framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M.M.M. The presentation was received, and a courteous vote of thanks to the donor unanimously passed. The photograph was the only picture taken of that great event in Mark Masonry in England.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

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PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DEVON.

A PROVINCIAL Priory of the Knights Templar of Devonshire was held on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, under the banner of the Holy Cross Preceptory. V.E. Sir Knt. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., S.C.L. 31 deg. Loyal Brunswick, P.G. Prior, presided, and those present included Sir Knt. Henry Stocker 18 deg. P.G. Chancellor, Sir Knt. E. Aitken Davies 18 deg. P.G. Marshal, Sir Knt. J. M. Hifley 18 deg. P.G. Constable, Sir Knt. J. R. Wilson P.G. Treasurer, Sir Knt. Geo. R. Barrett P.G. Registrar, Sir Knt. W. Bennett Maye 18 deg. P.G. Sub-Marshal, Sir Knt. Richard Pengelly P.G. Almoner and Chaplain, Sir Knight F. C. Frost P.G. Warden of Regalia, Sir Knight James Griffin Acting P.G. Prior's Banner Bearer, Sir Knight Daniel Cross 18 deg. P.G. Aide-de-camp, Sir Knight George Dunsterville 18 deg. P.G. Aide-de-Camp, Sir Knight John Da Pre P.G. Chamberlain, Sir Knight W. H. Phillips P.G. Sword Bearer, and Sir Knight James Gidley P.G. Guard. Letters of apology having been read, the Provincial Chancellor presented his annual report, which was of a satisfactory character. All the Preceptories had sent in their dues and paid their returns. He called attention to article 82 of the Constitutions, by which the Registrar of every Preceptory was bound to send notice of each meeting to the P.G. Chancellor. The Provincial Grand Treasurer reported that the year, which commenced with a balance in hand of £9 8s 11d, closed with a balance of £14 7s 5d. It was decided on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to vote £10 10s to the Widows' Fund of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, to be placed on the list of Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, the Steward for the Province. The Provincial Grand Chancellor said that since 1863 he found that the Provincial Priory had voted £93 to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, £36 18s to the Masonic Girls' School, £34 10s to the Boys' School, £15 to the Fund for Aged Freemasons, £21 2s to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, £6 6s to the Royal Albert Hospital, and £10 10s to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum. On the proposition of Sir Knight Gover, Sir Knight D. Cross was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Prior then appointed and invested the following Sir Knights as his Officers for the year ensuing :—Provincial Great Officers—Sir Knights John Brewer Sub-Prior, the Rev. J. Dickinson Prelate, Hy. Stocker Chancellor, T. W. Coffin Chamberlain England Constable, J. Da Pre Marshal, D. Cross Treasurer, Jas. Griffin Registrar. The Provincial Officers appointed were :—Sir Knights G. W. Barnett Vice-Chancellor, Major Swann Sub-Marshal, the Rev. H. G. Morse Almoner and Chaplain, W. F. Westcott Warder of Regalia, J. R. Lord Herald, W. G. Hill 1st Stand. Bearer, H. Rogers 2nd Stand. Bearer, John Taylor Prior's B. Bearer, J. Chapman A.D.C., J. B. Gover Chamberlain, E. H. Shorto Captain of Guard, G. S. Lowe Sword Bearer, H. B. Stark Organist, and James Gidley Guard. The alms collected from the Knights were devoted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Sir Knight John Chapman proposed, in a forcible speech, "That the Prov. Priory of Devonshire suggest to the National Great Priory of England that it is very desirable to amend the rule or regulation of the Order, by granting to all Sir Knights that have received Provincial honours, and that shall receive in the future Provincial rank, the right of past rank on the expiration of their term of office for so long as they shall remain subscribing members of the Order." The resolution was unanimously carried, and the meeting shortly after closed.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

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FOOD AND COOKERY EXHIBITION.

THE ordinary purchaser of an iron safe has little or nothing to guide him in the election of what has now become an almost indispensable article of furniture; he must be content to take the word of the salesman who supplies him, and must rest with his assurance that the article will fulfil its mission. When he remembers the importance of the books or other documents for which the safe is needed he may well quake, lest, in case of accident, it should not stand the test of fire, but, as we have said, he is virtually at the mercy of the seller. At the present time Messrs. F. Whitfield and Co., of Oxford-street, Birmingham, and 66 Holborn Viaduct, London, have on view, at the Food and Cookery Exhibition, a safe which in itself fully demonstrates the value of their manufacture. This safe has stood the test of fire—in Milton-street, City—and we are told by its owners that the contents were afterwards recovered from it safe and sound; much to their gratification, and very much to their surprise, for the fire was a fierce one, and the safe in the heat of it. This, and the fact that a new safe was at once ordered from Messrs. Whitfield is the best of evidence that their goods may be relied on, but in addition the firm can point to six prize medals (won at the exhibitions of London 1851, Paris 1878, Sydney 1879, Melbourne 1880, Adelaide 1881, and Calcutta 1884), besides a large home and foreign trade, while in regard to price their goods will stand comparison with those of any other house in the trade.

It is not always possible or convenient to have a fire in our office or bedroom, especially one that will last through a long night without attention. On this account many of us, year by year, dread the approach of cold weather, and live in a half-frozen state during its prevalence. Happily science has stepped in and is making rapid strides towards securing comfort, but unfortunately most of the inventions so far brought under the notice of the public have some drawback. Many of them are absolutely unhealthy on account of their noxious fumes. This is the case more particularly with heating and cooking stoves intended for gas, and this fault has done much to retard the general adoption of many handy and useful articles provided for general use. The fault, however, is now removed, an ingenious regulator having been invented by Mr. H. Cox, which blends the gas and air before it passes to the burner for ignition, thereby securing perfect combustion, preventing smell or fume of any kind, and dispensing with a flue altogether; besides which the whole of the heat is kept in the room, or used for cooking purposes, instead of, as was formerly the case, half of it escaping up the chimney; while the amount of gas used is considerably lessened. Messrs. Terranean and Co., of 123 Pall Mall, S.W. are the sole agents for this patent, and they are introducing the "Boudoir" gas stove, fitted with it, as well as supplying the regulator to be fitted to existing gas stoves. The "Boudoir" stoves, being very compact (12 inches diameter, by a height of 26 inches), can be placed in a small space, and it is believed that they will ultimately supersede hot water pipes, with their expensive cost, for Churches and public buildings, they are admirably suited for Masonic Halls, Lodge rooms, office and general use, and should at once secure a high position in public favour. At the Food and Cookery Exhibition, now open at the Agricultural Hall, Mr. Cox's patent is shown in various forms, while as proof of the thorough practicability of the invention we may add that "Bovril Limited" have adopted the regulators on the gas stoves working at their exhibit, and fully appreciate the advantages derived from its use.

Among the exhibits at the Food and Cookery Exhibition now open at the Agricultural Hall, London, are those of Messrs. Paine and Co., Brewers, Millers, &c., of St. Neots. This firm has long had its London Stores at Hornsey, and from them several of our readers have been supplied with the first class ale and stout for which Messrs. Paine and Co. are famous. We are pleased to hear that business has so extended in the metropolis that larger and more central premises are needed, and these have been secured at the Great Northern Railway Goods Department, at King's Cross, which will henceforth be the London address of the firm. Besides ale and stout, Messrs. Paine exhibit at the exhibition samples of their flour, and these seemed, on the occasion of our visit well worthy the attention of consumers. A prominent feature also are the official awards made them from the various exhibitions which they have entered. From one of these we learn that at Adelaide (1881), they received the "gold medal and first order of merit for bottled ale," their exhibit there being characterised as "a most refreshing ale of delicate and clear palate, combined with strength and undoubted keeping qualities—worthy of the highest award." This is most gratifying testimony for any firm to receive, and it has undoubtedly done much to secure for Messrs. Paine the large forcing trade they now enjoy. They also have an extensive home and family connection, while their specialities are well worth more extended patronage.

There is probably no better known figure in civic and Masonic circles than Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company. Major Lambert is one of the few members of the Courts of the great companies, at least, who is a member of the trade to the Guild of which he belongs, and may be seen any day attending to business in his old-fashioned shop at the top of the Haymarket, whose windows are just the same now as they were when the house was built in the good old Georgian days. Major Lambert, who is a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and Past Provincial Grand Warden of Hertfordshire, is a patron of the three great Masonic Charities, and to all poor and distressed Masons a munificent benefactor. One of the earliest volunteers, he is an enthusiastic soldier, and as stout and loyal a subject as any of the old race of London citizens who in time of trouble quitted themselves like men. Major Lambert is an antiquarian, whose technical knowledge of matters concerning antique gold and silver plate is proverbial.

—*Evening News.*

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the Comp. Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon, as G.M.E.Z., presided; he was supported by Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope G. Supt. Cheshire as G.H., Thomas Fenn P.P.G.P. as G.J., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Lord Cremorne as G.S.N., Sir Bruce M. Seton G.P.S., Rev. T. Barton Spencer G. 1st A.S., F. H. Goldney Grand 1st Standard Bearer, Chas. Belton Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, G. W. H. Haydon Grand 4th Standard Bearer, Frank Richardson G.D.C., Eugene Monteunis Dep. G.D.C., H. Garrod A.G.D.C., W. Maybrick Grand Organist, and a large gathering of Present and Past Principals. After the minutes of the August Convocation had been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published by us last week, was taken as read and duly confirmed. With respect to the other business, Comp. Letchworth moved, and Comp. Philbrick seconded, a resolution that the Grand Chapter of Victoria be recognised, and that fraternal communication be established between the two Grand Chapters, and the same was unanimously carried. Comp. Letchworth moved, and Comp. Frank Richardson seconded, the other recommendations. These also were unanimously carried. Grand Chapter was then closed.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., in the chair, Bros. Dawson, Mintz, Kentish, Nash, Johnson, and Money were proposed for election to the vacancies on the Finance Committee at next meeting.

As will be seen by an advertisement, which appears in another column of this issue, applications are invited for the post of Head Master to the Royal Masonic School for Boys. The successful candidate will have to enter upon his duties on the 1st of January next.

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NEW MUSIC.

All Music 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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"Jack's Wedding Morn." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by F. Boscovitz.

"Were I the River." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Tito Mattei.

"Lead them Straight." Song. Written by Frederick Langbridge, M.A., composed by William Smallwood.

London: CHAPPELL AND Co., 50 New Bond Street, W.

THE first of these songs is of the popular kind, and if not having anything special to recommend it, has the advantage of being of a description that is sure to please. F. Boscovitz is the composer; his music is tuneful and bright. Clifton Bingham and Tito Mattei's "Were I the River" is a splendid song; the words are good, while the music is of an exceptionally pretty character. This song is sure to be welcomed wherever sung. A fine martial ditty, with a good swinging chorus, is "Lead them Straight." The words are excellent, while the music is of a description that stirs up to such a pitch that one feels inclined to join. "Lead them Straight" will be a favourite at smoking concerts.

"In Dreamland." Song. Written by D'Arcy Jaxone, composed by Henri Logé.

"The Lifeboatman." Song. Written and composed by H. Trotère.

"John's Wife." Song. Written by Frederic E. Weatherly, composed by J. L. Roeckel.

"The Vampire." Song. Written by Henry Martingale, composed by Michael Watson.

"Heaven on Earth." Song. Written by Arthur Chapman, composed by Franco Novara.

"The Stars are with the Voyager." Song. Written by Thomas Hood, composed by Henri Logé.

"Espanita." Song. Written by F. Bowyer, composed by Antonio L. Mora.

London: ASCHERBERG AND Co., 46 Berners Street, W.

DOUBTLESS the majority of our readers have already become acquainted with Miss Marion Hood's song in "Ruy Blas," entitled "In Dreamland." To those who have not, we can strongly recommend it. Henri Logé's music is bright, and the words so graceful, that it is sure to become popular. "The Lifeboatman" is a nautical theme; the music tuneful and spirited, while the words are pathetic and natural. "John's Wife" is another capital song, the words showing how a wife grows old in love. It has been put to appropriate music by J. L. Roeckel. For bass or baritone singers "The Vampire" is well suited; Michael Watson's music is rollicking, bright, and spirited, and of an effective character. "Heaven on Earth," by A. Chapman and Franco Novara, and "The Stars are with the Voyager," by Thomas Hood and Henri Logé, are pretty compositions, which we feel sure will be heard frequently during the winter. "Espanita" is a Spanish love song, composed expressly for and sung by Madame Marie Roze. The burden of the music is of such an exceptionally tuneful description that any one singing it cannot fail to readily win the favour of an audience.

"Gipsy Life." Song. Written by Lindsay Lennox, composed by Arnold Bruce.

"Only Yesterday." Song. Written and composed by Lindsay Lennox.

"The Norseman." Song. Written by Frederick Edwards, composed by Kent Sutton.

London: WILCOCK BROS., City Music Stores, Moorgate Station Arcade, E.C.

NOTHING prettier than these three need be wished for. The first —"Gipsy Life"—is, as the title implies, of a roving description, and the music by Arnold Bruce is so cheery and taking that we feel sure it will be eagerly sought after. "Only Yesterday" is another capital composition, with violin obbligato. The theme is pretty, while the music is tuneful and bright. We can also recommend Kent Sutton's "The Norseman;" the melody is effective and the refrain is one that can easily be taken up and remembered.

"If at your Window, Love." Song. Written by R. S. Hickens, composed by Ethel Harraden. London: FORSYTH BROS., 272A Regent Circus, W.

THIS is a love ballad, composed by Ethel Harraden, who has set R. S. Hickens' words to some pretty and airy music. Such a piece as the above is always welcome, not only in the concert hall, but in the drawing room, inasmuch as it is a composition that must leave a pleasant impression on its hearers.

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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, 9th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
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.
R.A.—Saint Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanafield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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)
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)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 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.)
1671—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1908—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1963—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
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
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
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, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
667—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
666—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
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
913—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1650—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

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R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyrite, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.D.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W., at 8. (Instruction)
46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
193—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 Town, at 8. (Inst.)
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, 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)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
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, 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)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2137—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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.)
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
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, Tonbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Pelham Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, Alexander Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, 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. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilberforce, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

Committee Room, Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Portland Road, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
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, Deptford, 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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
761—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bridport Place, N.

813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1924—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)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw Gate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Preston
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Hud.ersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Leith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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
973—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—Lewisse, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hop and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Derwent Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
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.
1585—Llandaff Diocese, Trewythen Arms, Llandaff
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heaburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
2416—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
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

THURSDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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
701—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1168—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kensington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Battersea Green Road, S., 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. (In.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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
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, Chiswick. (Instruction)
1625—Prodegree, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1709—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1741—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1794—Creaton, White Horse Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)

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1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
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1146—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
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)
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834—Eanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—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 Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1375—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 48—Kenneys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
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347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
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841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
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993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme
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R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
R.A. 637—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 55—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

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179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St. Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
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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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet Street

81—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Mason's Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 7—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
M.M. 95—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow

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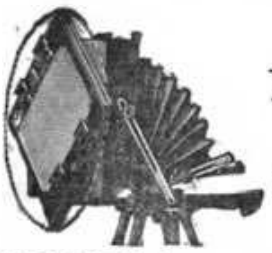
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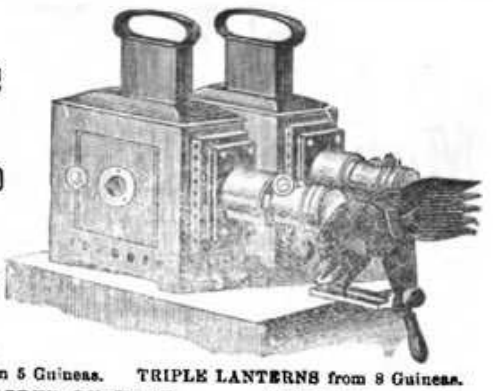
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

(Continued from page 290).

WE have now to record the working of the Lodge of Promulgation referred to in our last summary. The minutes being considered as of great interest, and perhaps worthy of special reference by other Lodges, the whole are reproduced in the History before us. It appears the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 503, Keighley, having sent an invitation to the Lodge of Probity, the members went to Keighley, and there formed the Lodge of Promulgation, being met by members of the Philanthropic, No. 540; Three Graces, No. 541; Amity, No. 280; and a Bingley Lodge, in addition to those who had sent the invitation. "The day was spent in the most agreeable and proper manner, and the whole departed to their own homes much gratified." The Lodge being opened in due and proper form, the Officers and Brethren of the Royal Yorkshire were proposed to be obligated according to the Articles of Union. They were unanimously accepted and accordingly obligated in the first degree, after which similar propositions and obligations took place in regard to the other Lodges represented. Resolutions were agreed to in regard to payment of the expenses, and the various Lodges receiving the degrees were restricted in regard to communication of them to others. Subsequent minutes of this Lodge of Promulgation relate to the second and third degrees, the lectures and so forth. On the 28th April 1815, a meeting was held at Halifax, for the purpose of admitting members of the Amphibious Lodge, of that town, and they paid their £4 4s accordingly. Next day the Lodge of Promulgation met at Rossendale, Tranquillity and Silent Temple Lodges joining the combination, and contributing the agreed sum. Altogether, sixteen Lodges of the neighbourhood received the new rules and regulations through the Lodge of Promulgation started by the Lodge of Probity, the brethren of which latter body seems to have been most assiduous in their exertions to give the necessary instructions. The reading of these minutes is very interesting at the present time, and gives us a far greater insight into the "mysteries" of the Union than anything we have yet perused. They go to prove the care and ability that was displayed by the rulers of the Order in those days to ensure a thorough understanding between the two opposing sections than had previously existed.

One of the principal acts of the Lodge of Promulgation was the voting of an address to the Duke of Sussex, M.W. G.M., congratulating him on the Union, and expressing the loyalty of the Lodges forming the Special Lodge here referred to. This was graciously acknowledged, and copies of both the address and reply are given in the History before us.

The year 1816 opened in the Probity Lodge in a very quiet and inauspicious manner after the busy times of the two preceding years. It was found necessary to thoroughly revise the Bye Laws, so as to adapt them to the new state of things. A subscription was made during the year towards the funds of Grand Lodge, when the sum of £5 5s was raised, "to be used for repairs which were required." A new Tyler being needed a Mr. Benj. Wood was initiated, appointed as Tyler, and entrusted with the badge of the office. He had, however, previously signed an agreement in which he declared on his honour that, if elected, he would not communicate any of the proceedings of the Lodge to any one not a member, without orders from the Master; that he would punctually obey the orders of the Master, and fulfil his duty to the Lodge to the best of his power.

On the 1st October 1816 occurs an important minute, to the effect that "owing to the great increase of Lodges in the Province, and for the better working of the same, it was advisable that the Province should be divided." This we presume, may be regarded as the first step towards the division of the Province, which followed the presentation of this petition. This is regarded by the historian of the Probity Lodge—and justly so—as a most important event in the career of his Lodge, and he accordingly devotes a special chapter to the subject, which we shall deal with in due course.

About this time it was found necessary to order the Tyler to "refuse admission to any member whom he perceived to be intoxicated," also to exclude any member not clean and decently clad with a white neck-cloth and in proper clothing," while in regard to visitors none were to be admitted who had "not proper clothing according to the regulations of the Craft," it being expressly ordered that no visitor be admitted "with a color'd neck-cloth." The fee for visiting was 1s 6d.

On 6th March 1817 an address was voted to H.R.H. the Prince Regent, congratulating him on his escape from the late daring attempt to assassinate him, and it was recommended the address should be presented to H.R.H. by Bro. Lord George Beresford, who was one of those initiated in the Lodge of Probity. The address was regularly presented and properly acknowledged, and, as Bro. Crossley puts it, affords another proof of the loyalty and attachment the brethren of that time had for the Throne and the rulers of the Craft, an attachment which it is hoped will always exist.

The accounts of the Chapter of Sincerity and the Craft Lodge appear to have been kept together at this time, and the proceedings of the former are frequently referred to in the records of the latter. The Chapter received its charter from Grand Chapter in 1818, the number being changed from 73 to 84, the same number as that of the Probity Lodge, with which it was henceforth to be associated.

Various difficulties having arisen in regard to the working or management of some of the sister Lodges, the aid of "Probity" was sought, and a satisfactory settlement was arrived at in the several cases, thus showing the Lodge of Probity was still looked up to by its neighbours, and that it still exercised a kind of supervision. We now arrive at an unfortunate gap in the records of the Lodge, the minute books from 4th April 1822 to 20th December 1847 being missing. Every effort has been made, we are told, to trace these records but so far without avail, although hopes have not yet been wholly abandoned. We should very much like to be the means of restoring these records to the Lodge of Probity, and if any of our readers should ever come across them they will perhaps remember with what pleasure they would be hailed by our brethren of Halifax.

(To be continued).

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FREEMASONRY—ITS MEANING AND INFLUENCE.

THE most important step in the advancement of a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry is what is known as the shock of enlightenment, when there rings in upon his ears that grand announcement, "And God said, let there be light, and there was light." This shock of enlightenment is intended to symbolise the change which is now taking place in the intellectual condition of the candidate. He now beholds the form of the Lodge room, and sees the brethren standing around him, a solid phalanx of friendship to assist him in every glorious undertaking. He beholds the greater and the three lesser lights of Masonry. The Holy Bible is given him as the rule and guide of his faith; the square to square his actions; and the compasses to circumscribe his passions and desires in due bounds with all mankind, especially with brother Masons. The Holy Bible is to teach him his duty to God; the square, his duty to his fellow men; the compasses, his duty to Masons. He is reminded that the serious work of life has now begun. He is provided with working tools. He is taught that on his own efforts depends his future success. A holy ambition is inspired within his soul to excel in all laudable undertakings. The Entered Apprentice degree represents and provides for the period of youth. The follies of idleness, intemperance and sensuality are pictured before him, and he is exhorted to honour the name of God, to act on the square with all men and to avoid all intemperance and irregularity, which may impair his faculties or debase the dignity of his profession. The second degree of Masonry symbolises the stage of manhood. The lessons of wisdom and virtue which he received in his youth, as an Entered Apprentice, are now to produce their active fruits. The working and thinking period of life has now arrived. The rewards of industry are set forth in most impressive emblematic forms, and the candidate is taught that by faithful work, in due time, he will be entitled to receive wages. The second degree illustrates the power of the human mind. The duty of study and investigation is inculcated. The reasoning faculty is called forth.

But the true beauty and resplendent glories of Masonry are seen in the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which symbolizes the stage of old age after the period of active life has been passed. Those virtues are taught and hopes inspired which are calculated to comfort one's declining days, and prepare us for the exalted joys of the future glorious existence. As an Entered Apprentice the Mason is taught those elementary principles which are to fit him to confront the temptations and grapple with the ambitions of opening manhood; as a Fellow Craft, he is taught to continue his investigations, and patiently to climb the mountain of knowledge and to economize the forces of life by concentration, instead of expending them by diffusion; as a Master Mason he is taught that truth so hard to learn, which the seasons and passing years and the tolling bell and the open grave are constantly preaching to us, that he must die and present his work for inspection to the Supreme Builder. The Master Mason represents man after all the labours of life are over; it is the time of fleeting shadows and farewells spoken hopefully, and yearnings for a sight of the heavenly temple. The Master Mason is a pilgrim watching for the dawn of the morning, to which so many of the emblems about him give direction. In his advancement the working tools are laid aside, and the sprig of acacia is cherished as the eloquent expression of his belief in the immortality of the soul. To him—

> "Solemn strikes the funeral chime,
> Notes of his departing time."

And as—

> "Calmly the good man meets his fate,
> Guards celestial round him wait,
> When he bursts the mortal chains,
> And over death the victory gains."

Thus we have indicated the meaning of Masonry—may we not estimate its influence beyond all human computation? Who can measure manhood and character and good deeds? Who can follow the results of heart-Masonry in the world? Masonry is an attempt to carry over and concentrate the results and victories of the past into the present and future. It is the vehicle in which the experience of one age is transported into the succeeding age. Nearly all the institutions of man are coeval only with the age in which they are founded. Politics and political parties are constantly changing. They are only the scaffolding with which to construct new apartments in the temple of state, and when these are completed they are torn down. Social customs are born and die with an age. Methods of business—the forms of social and domestic life—the usages and forms of governments—are never uniform. One of the glories of Masonry is that it is uniform clear around the globe. An age may come and an age may go, but Masonry still remains the same institution of fraternal greetings, of mutual assistance, and social concord. The old man departs, and the young man is initiated, and a new membership occupies the seats of the Lodge, but there has been no change in the institution. We of the present age will load the vessel with the rich cargo of our noblest resolutions, our holiest aspirations, our most heroic sacrifices, and the storm of death may remove us from the management of the Royal Craft, but she still sails on down the stream of time, touching at the harbour of every year till time shall be no more.

Masonry, therefore, is an attempt to establish a permanent good in society. It is an effort to realise in the social sphere what the builders of the Pyramids sought to realise in the sphere of the material. It is said that the shadows of the Pyramids fell upon Abraham and his flock as he journeyed toward the Land of Promise, and we know that scarcely any change will be wrought in them during the next thousand years; but when the mutations of time have levelled even these Pyramids to the ground, Masons will exchange greetings by the same mystic words and forms as they do now, and the same indissoluble links will hold them together as bind them now—links which are designed not only to bind human hearts together, but the years and centuries as well.

Masonry has emphasized a larger life for the race. It announces the liberty of the choice of companions. It insists that the ties of the heart are the only ties that cannot be broken. It lifts its wings of peace over society and says, "Let the strife of sects cease and let brotherhood prevail." A true definition of a Mason therefore is one who lives at peace with his neighbours, who is allied with all constructive forces of society and whose influence ever bears on the true, the beautiful and the good. Wherever a Mason goes he is sure to meet friends. The word stranger is unknown within the sacred portals of the Lodge. Masonry is built on practical benevolence—not only wishing well but doing well. It means relieve the sick, care for the widow and orphan, and bury the dead. It means take stones of offence and stumbling out of the way of your fellows, and give every one an equal chance to succeed. It means self-control—the harmonious development of every faculty and force of your nature—inspiration to everything good—determent from everything wrong—charitable judgments and generous sympathies. But there is one danger in the way of all such institution, which I feel it my duty to warn you against, viz: the sinking of your individuality in the Lodge. You are not necessarily a decent man because you are a Mason, but a decent man as a Mason is a very fine recommendation of the institution. Manhood must stand first. People judge the Lodge by what it does for you. A Lodge is very much like a church—we judge it by the people that are in it. We are first made Masons in our hearts, not in the Lodge. Masonry is not the end but the means to the end. It is to make you better men; it is to give you larger hearts; it is to make your lives musical. I look upon Masonry as a sailor does upon his ship. It is a noble craft we are sailing on down the stream of time. The fore-top gallant and the main mizzen masts are spreading the canvas majestically to the breeze. The fore royals and main royals and studding sails are pressing against the storms as if the spirit of Neptune possessed them, and the heavy, rolling seas of our turbulent life swing them across the heavens with regular sweep and irresistible force. There is life on the vessel. There is hope. There is charity that reaches high as heaven and covers the earth. There is the championship of royal hearts. There is the fire of unchangeable friendship. There is the angel of down-reaching mercy and tender sympathy, unseen by mortal eyes, but whose ministry goes on unwearied and unbroken, making earth ever so much like we would wish heaven to be. Down the stream of time she glides, sweeping the shores of every land, touching at the harbour of every home, welcomed by

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all who long to see good triumph, the ripple of the waves against her hull making music to every heart.

This is the ship we are sailing on. The crew is changing all the time, but the pennant flows ever the same, inscribed with the mystic insignia of our Order. The time is soon coming when we will be summoned from her decks, but others will step forward to man her yards and climb her ratlines. She will doubtless have a better crew and sail under fairer skies and on smoother waters, but let it be said of us that we manned her faithfully in our day and sent her down to coming ages surcharged with a precious cargo of knowledge, hope and truth.—*Rev. Bro. S. C. Busser, Grand Orator, Kansas.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympia.—The thousands of visitors who witnessed the initial performance of Mr. Barnum's circus and exhibition last Monday must certainly have been of opinion that in quantity, variety and general excellence the enterprising showman has fully justified his proud pretension that it is "the greatest show on earth." Nothing of the same magnitude has ever been seen in England, and, though there is little novelty to chronicle, there are so many attractions and such a diversity of performances that it will necessitate frequent visits before all can be seen. The circus proper presents a perfect puzzle to the spectator, and the mind becomes bewildered and confused at so many things taking place at one and the same time. There are three distinct circles and two platforms, constantly occupied with performers of various kinds, who succeed one another with amazing rapidity, until at length one is tempted to cry out, "Hold, enough." In all there are twelve "displays," amounting to upwards of fifty different performances, and we may therefore be excused from describing them, as with a single exception they have all been seen before. This latter is Mr. John O'Brien's five-horse tandem hurdle race, which is both startling and graceful. There are also several other races which appeal strongly to our national character and cause considerable excitement. Two hours are allowed previous to each performance for the inspection of the "freaks," the menagerie and stables, and the visitor will be well repaid for the time spent. The animals, of which there are over a hundred different species, are all remarkably fine and healthy, while the horses are of great beauty. The "freaks," or natural curiousities, are chiefly noticeable for their contrasts: thus we have a tiny mannikin of twenty-seven inches placed by side of the two Cowboy Giants; there is a gentleman with feet but no legs alongside another individual who was born without arms; the living skeleton naturally comes next to the fat lady, and the beautiful Circassian, the bearded lady and the Zulus bring us to the pair of Aztecs, the lowest type of humanity. Then there are several ladies arranged in various positions, so that by means of a clever optical delusion they appear to be cut in half, one being made up to represent a mermaid. Lastly we have our old friend Jumbo, who returns to us in duplicate, that is to say there is his stuffed hide on one side of the entrance and his skeleton on the other, so that altogether it may be easily imagined that the two hours slip quickly by. The entertainment concludes with a gorgeous spectacle entitled "Nero, or the Destruction of Rome," in which the entire strength of the show, assisted by some hundreds of supernumeries take part. Mr. Barnum received quite an ovation as he drove round the arena on Monday night, and we cordially trust that the success of his first performance may be an augury of a prosperous visit to this country.

The Royalty will re-open on Wednesday next, the 20th instant, under the direction of Messrs Augustus Harris, Henry Watkin, and Arthur Roberts, with a musical extravaganza by Cecil Raleigh and Walter Slaughter, entitled "The New Corsican Brothers, in which Mr. Arthur Roberts and a powerful company will appear.

As will be seen by an advertisement that appears in another column an appeal is being made on behalf of the widow of Bro. Frederick David Delevante, a well known member of the Musical Profession (for over 37 years Musical Director at Madame Tussaud's), who died, after a short illness, at his residence at Acton, leaving a widow and two daughters almost totally unprovided for. Since this loss, the anxieties of the widow have been intensified by the death of Miss Sophie Delevante. Various promises of aid have already been received, and with characteristic liberality Brother Edward Terry has placed his Theatre and services at the disposal of the Committee, and other eminent members of the Dramatic and Musical Professions have generously consented to assist at a matinée, which will take place on Thursday, the 28th inst., by which it is hoped a considerable sum may be realised. The publisher of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will be pleased to forward tickets to any brother who may feel inclined to assist the widow.

The Mohawk Minstrels will celebrate the inauguration of their seventeenth year at the Agricultural Hall, to night (Saturday), by a grand operatic night, including selections from "Il Trovatore," concluding with the famous "Anvil Chorus."

The Alhambra announce the exclusive engagement of Sandow, the pupil of Professor Attila, both of whom will appear (for the first time) on Monday evening next, the 18th inst.

The London acting managers have, in meeting assembled, decided that they should have a club of their own, which will be formed immediately. Mr. Charles Morton has been asked to be the first President, and the following is a list of the officials:—Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Griffiths; Secretary, Mr. H. T. Brickwell. Committee: Messrs. C. J. Abud, W. Greet, R. D'Albertson, E. F. Bradley, Harrington Baily, H. A. Freeman and J. E. Hollingshead. The subscription fee will be five guineas per annum, and the club premises will be in a central position.

NEW MUSIC.

All Music 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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"Will you come back to me?" Song. Written and composed by Frank L. Moir.

"On Conway Quay." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by H. Trotère.

"An Evening Melody." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Joseph Barnby.

London: W. MORLEY AND Co., 127 Regent Street, W.

THE first of these is in Frank L. Moir's best style, and should add to that composer's fame. The words are interesting, while the theme is of a very tuneful and bright description. "On Conway Quay" is also a good composition. Clifton Bingham has written the rhymes, and H. Trotère has set them to some spirited and melodious music. The refrain is taking and will become popular. A pretty and catchy song is "An Evening Melody;" it has been written by Clifton Bingham, and composed by Joseph Barnby. The music is certainly all that can be wished for, the taking and effective strains being in good taste to the words. All these songs are neatly got up, and, we are disposed to predict, will be frequently heard.

"The Turned-down Page." Song. Written and composed by Harriet Kendall.

"Never to Meet." Song. Written by G. Clifton Bingham, composed by E. M. Flavell.

"The Lovers of Linger Lane." Song. Written by G. S. Jealous, composed by Max Maile.

"Leoline." Song. Written by the Earl of Lytton, composed by Isidore de Lara.

"I wait for thee!" Song. Written by William Toynbee, composed by H. Bemberg.

"Bird that art Singing." Song. Written by Mrs. Hemans, composed by Ernest R. Newton.

"The Beauteous Flowers." Song. Written by A. J. Marriott, composed by C. H. R. Marriott.

London: B. MOCATTA AND Co., 37 Berners Street, W.

THE above capital selection of songs are worth the attention of vocalists. "The Turned-down Page" is a bright and attractive theme, written and composed by Harriet Kendall. It is dedicated to Rupert Garry, Esq., F.S.L.A. Once more G. Clifton Bingham is to the fore; this time with words for "Never to Meet," while the melody has been composed by E. M. Flavell. In all respects this is a pretty song, the burden of the music being of a very taking and tuneful description. G. S. Jealous and Max Maile's "The Lovers of Linger Lane" is also to be recommended; its appropriate music to some graceful words make an agreeable composition, and one that should be a favourite. The Earl of Lytton (Owen Meredith) is responsible for the verses of "Leoline," while Isidore de Lara is the composer. Both have done good work, with result that a capital song is the issue. "I wait for thee" is a love ballad, set to tuneful and melodious music by H. Bemberg. The melody is effective, and will be a favourite in the drawing room. "Bird that art Singing" is a pretty little ditty, composed by Ernest R. Newton, whose music is of a nature that cannot fail to put an audience in the best of humours. The last of this selection—"The Beauteous Flowers"—is one that ought to help artists to easily decide what to sing. A. J. Marriott and C. H. R. Marriott are responsible for it, and a more tuneful composition could not be wished for. The melody is soft and most attractive, and admirably suited to the words. We shall expect to hear these songs frequently during the forthcoming winter months.

The brethren of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, announce that their second annual Ball (in aid of their Masonic Benevolent Fund) will take place at the Hotel Metropole, Whitehall Rooms, on Tuesday, 7th January 1890. In order that proper arrangements may be made, it is requested that an early application for Tickets (which are strictly limited) should be made, to one or other of the following Stewards:—Bros. M. J. Jessop W.M., 11 Priory Villas, Sydenham; J. Joel Treasurer, 20 Devonshire Terrace, Hyde Park; M. J. De Leeuw Secretary, Belitha Villas, Barnsbury; S. B. Joel J.W., 20 Devonshire Terrace, Hyde Park; T. Honey S.D., 211 South Lambeth Road, S.W.; E. J. Acworth J.D., "Homeleigh," Ealing, W.; A. Levy D.C., 193 Hatton Garden; H. Barnato, 84 Hatton Garden; Hugo Warner, 17 Hatton Garden.

The brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, had a very pleasant meeting on Wednesday last, when Brother George Price, Provincial Grand Treasurer Surrey, was presented with a splendidly executed portrait, in recognition of his having reached the jubilee of his association with the Lodge. A full report will be given in our next issue.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AND ITS SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your contemporary has given admission, without editorial note or comment, to a letter signed "E. V. GREATBACH," the statements in which are so outrageous that I cannot refrain from reply. Conceding, for the sake of argument, the disclaimer of "malignity," on the part of "some of us, at least," what is to be said of that which really appears to be a wilful disregard of veracity? If statements are put forth as authentic—if figures are quoted as accurate—and vouched for as such by the signature of the writer, when the absolute reverse is the case, and when information could be readily ascertained by inquiry, what conclusion is naturally arrived at? Utterly ignoring the primary lessons of Freemasonry, it would seem that the *mot d'ordre* is—vilify and traduce, without measure and without stint,—and so create a justification for pertinaciously running to earth a Brother who is not chargeable with any offence, but whose long official career has met with continuous approval,—until an *opinion* is suddenly arrived at that he has been too energetic in the discharge of his duties, and that although his efforts have been uninterruptedly successful there are faults of an administrative nature, for which he must be made a scapegoat and be relegated to the uncovenanted mercies of a relentless, vindictive minority. And now for the figures, which have the imprimatur of "E. V. GREATBACH;" but prefatorily let me notice the unfairness displayed in assuming the salary of the Secretary as £700 per annum from the commencement of his duties, in 1861, when the remuneration was £150 per annum on an income of about £2,500. This amount was increased from time to time, but it was not until the lapse of some years that the present amount of £700 was reached. The income has been increased from £2,500 to an average of £14,000, while in the period from 1861 to 1883 the sum of nearly £90,000 has been raised for the purchase of land and erection of School Buildings, with the funded property improved from £11,000 to £17,000. The "£700 per annum" is supplemented by

1.—"Average Annual Donation from Festival Stewards' Lists £125."

This is the most intolerable, as it is the most untenable, attempt to mislead that has been perpetrated throughout this miserable controversy.

The surplus from the Stewards' Festival Fund for 22 years, 1868-1889, has been £2,156; of this I have been the grateful recipient of an average of not quite £50 per annum, instead of £125.

2.—"Secretary to Grand Mark Lodge" £250

Of this, from the time of its first payment until June 1889, I have voluntarily surrendered, for remuneration of Clerk, or Assistant Grand Secretary, £125 per annum, so that deducting this sum £125, and the Average Stewards' Surplus £125 – £50, £75 = £200, from £1,075, leaves £875, a difference perhaps scarcely worth consideration by one whose mission would seem to have been to detect inaccuracies in others.

With a necessitated annual expenditure of not less than £100, entirely in association with official position; legal expenses, and unfortunate investments, the "hope" indulged in by your correspondent as not "unreasonable," must be abandoned, and the truth confessed that "Bro. Binckes has 'not' been happy enough to be able to make liberal provision for himself"—as, despite the obstacles stated, he might perhaps have done had the figures under review correctly represented the condition of affairs.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 13th November 1889.

REITERATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—King Charles's Head once more; this time the ghastly and repulsive subject takes the form of "The Inquiry Commission." I am a diner out, and spend a fair proportion of my evenings in Masonic Lodges, and having nothing particular to do, am at all times ready for a run out if there is anything Masonic on the way. I look back with trepidation when I remember what a surfeit we had at prominent gatherings when our W.M.'s never tired of alluding to the "memorable occasion, &c., &c., when our Most Worshipful the Grand Master was installed at the Albert Hall." In due course, however, this special "head" for a discourse became the signal for interruption, and the theme was changed. We have since had several phases of the apparition, but ridicule has been the most potent factor to place the troublesome spirit in a safe and sacred repository. Now, Sir, my object in writing to you is to suggest we have had enough of the Inquiry Commission, and, as it is a recognised fact that the discussion of questions wherever there exists any likelihood of a difference of opinion cropping up—such for instance as politics or religion—should be tabooed, I think we might extend our limit to the subject I now have under consideration. Bro. Philbrick, when he presented the Report, said it had been drafted "without fear, favour, or affection"; whether it was ever intended to make the Report a bone of contention or not, I leave others to decide. We do not all agree with its contents, and consequently many of us object to its introduction at our Masonic festivities At a recent meeting Brother Philbrick is reported as having said "They (the Inquiry Commission) might, it was quite true, have endeavoured to do that which painters do when they leave their work—put on a coat of varnish—and he could assure them it would have been much more congenial to that Committee if they could have said that which would have done as well, and felt they could do it and look their brethren in the face." Our learned brother will pardon me if I venture to suggest that a painter who desires to preserve his work, and hopes to make it a beauty and a thing for ever does not spare the varnish, and I am weak enough to imagine that in this case the administration of a fair coat would not have been detrimental.

Yours faithfully,

SANDOW.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN ECCLES, 1991.

THE funeral of Bro. John Eccles, Treasurer of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, took place at York, on the 31st ult., when the brethren paid a last tribute of respect to his memory. At one o'clock the brethren and visitors assembled at the Masonic Hall, Castle-gate, York, where the Worshipful Master, Bro. John H. Taylor, opened a Lodge of Sorrow, and thence proceeded, with the brethren, to the church of St. Maurice, Monkgate, where the first portion of the Burial Service of the Established Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Sandford, and the Curate, the Rev. H. E. Booty. The funeral *cortège* thence wended its way to the Cemetery, where the interment took place in the presence of a large representative body of the Craft and of friends and neighbours of the deceased. After the concluding prayers had been said by Mr. Sandford, the brethren filed past the grave, into which they dropped sprigs of acacia, in accordance with the Masonic rite After the funeral the brethren returned to their meeting-place, where the Lodge was resumed, and a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the departed brother was passed, on the proposition of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the Immediate Past Master, and supported by the Senior Deacon. At the Lodge of Sorrow those present were the W.M., Bro. John H. Taylor, presiding, the officers supporting him being Bros. White I.P.M., J. E. Wilkinson S.W., W. Harper Wigham S.D., George Manton J.D., Thomas Laverack Sec., D. Young I.G., E. Osborne T., W. Johnson Std. The members present included Bros. W. H. Beckwick, Thomas Bouttell, Joseph Booth, Charles Garrood, Francis Buckton, Robert A. Young, John Riley, Thomas Moyser, C. H. S. Brooke, J. Wilson, Paul Pearson, A. Sollitt, and John Sutcliffe; and the visitors Bros. J. A. McGee, St. Georges 190 S.C., Walter J. Cramp 437, and A. Bellerby 1611. Several other Masons were present at the church and cemetery.

BRO. W. S. SCANES.

WE regret to note the decease of Bro. W. S. Scanes, in his 62nd year, an old member of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781. Since his 14th year he has been connected (from apprenticeship to the leading position under Mr. Amor) with the Limekiln Dry Dock, transferred within the last few years from Messrs. Spence, Tebbutt, and Amor to the Dry Docks Corporation of London. His course of life has been uniformly conducted on truly Masonic principles, and he dies lamented by a large circle of friends. His funeral took place on Saturday the 2nd inst., at the Bow Cemetery.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his popular lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," in the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, held at the Lord Northbrook Hotel, close to Lee Railway Station on the South Eastern Railway, Lee, S.E., on Thursday, the 21st instant. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. sharp. Master Masons only can be present.

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 Square, W.C.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE November meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. The W.M. Bro. Henry Lindfield presided, and he was supported by Bros. Harry Nash S.W., P. J. King J.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper S.D., W. Kirkland J.D., W. J. Dyer I.G., B. Banks Tyler; Past Masters Bros. John Laver, Usher Back, F. J. Hentsch, Alex. Dickson; Visitors—Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, George King P.M. 172, A. J. Martin P.M. 188, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1791, A. R. W. Parkes 1901, Alfred Craven Greenwood 410 Assistant G. Secretary Province of Surrey, W. Thomas 188, J. A. Collings Organist 1693. Lodge was formally opened at 6·30, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Arthur Bingley Spawforth, a candidate for initiation, who had been regularly proposed at the last meeting of the Lodge, was balloted for. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate, who was then introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the ceremony being carefully and impressively carried out by Bro. Lindfield the W.M., Bro. A. Dickson, the Immediate Past Master, eloquently delivering the charge. Routine business followed; the resignation of two members was handed in, and accepted with regret. In the course of the evening a letter was announced as having been received from Bro. Alfred Green P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge. Bro. Green regretted his inability to be present, and announced the death of his mother. It was also stated that Bro. F. H. Horscroft was afflicted with a domestic bereavement; his wife died a few days since. The Secretary was requested to communicate with these brethren, assuring them the Lodge condoled with them in the loss each had respectively experienced. After the name of a gentleman as a candidate for initiation had been handed in, Lodge was closed. One of the modest little repasts that this Lodge makes a feature of followed, and on the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. After the Queen and the Craft, Bro. John Laver (Father of the Lodge) proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Lindfield, he stated, was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, and had filled the various posts, which culminated in his advancement to the chair. He had given evidence of deep interest in Masonic work, and the members one and all were proud to see him in his elevated position. Bro. Lindfield suitably acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren he should ever retain an interest in the Lodge and its affairs. To Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. was entrusted the toast of the Visitors, and he briefly outlined the special characteristics of each, assuring them, on behalf of the Lodge, that if they repeated their visits, the members would arise to make them comfortable. The replies were terse, but each guest addressed a few observations. The speeches were interspersed with songs and recitations, and the enjoyment of the evening was capitally sustained. At 10·30 the W.M. gave the summons for the Tyler, who gave the parting toast.

ST. ELETH LODGE, No. 1488.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at Amlwch on the 5th inst., when Bro. T. Fanning Evans was installed W.M. for the coming year. In the evening the Officers, members, and visiting brethren were entertained by the newly elected W.M. to a banquet, at his residence, Mona Lodge.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1911.

ON Monday evening, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, a meeting was held, the W.M. Bro. John H. Taylor presiding, the Officers supporting him being Bros. White I.P.M., J. E. Wilkinson S.W., George Manton S.D., T. M. Lathom J.D., J. Daw D.C., W. H. Lumley O., Thomas Laverack Sec., D. Young I.G., E. Osborne T., W. Johnson and J. Colaham Stewards. There was a good gathering of members and visitors from other Lodges, who were no doubt chiefly attracted by the announcement of a lecture on "The Craft, its ancient and modern condition," by Bro. M. C. Peck P.M. P.G.S.B. England and Prov. G. Secretary of North and East Yorkshire. Brother Peck gave an extremely interesting sketch of Masonry from its earliest times, dwelt upon recent discoveries, and paid a tribute to the interest taken in the Craft by the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, Lord Zetland, and others. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his lecture. In the course of the business Bro. J. Taylor W.M. was appointed, on the motion of Bro. Major McGachen, seconded by Bro. A. M. White I.P.M., the representative of the Lodge for the Provincial Charities Association. Deep sympathy was expressed with the serious illness of the Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro. John Eccles, whose genial disposition and active work for the Craft had won for him the warm friendship of all who knew him.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 8th inst., at 5 o'clock. Present—Bros. W. Simpson, R.I., in the chair, R. F. Gould P.G.D. I.P.M., Lieut-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., S.W., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., Walter Besant Treasurer, G. W. Speth Secretary, Dr. W. W. Westcott J.D., Rev. C. J. Ball I.G., E. Macbean Steward, W. H. Rylands P.G. Steward, J. Finlay-Finlayson, E. C. Castle, Q.C., Dr. E. W. Richardson, W. M. Williams, C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., C. Kupferschmidt, and Sydney T. Klein F. 4 S. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. J. L. Brayshaw, T. H. Pattinson, S. Richardson, G. W. Taylor, C. B. Barnes, C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, J. H. A. Elliot, W. M. Graham, H. Tipper, Rev. Dr. R. Morris, R. A. Gowan, J. B. Mackey, J. Newton, F.R.A.S., Robert Roy, B. A. Smith, J. W. Manley, E. T. Edwards, J. Bodenham P.G.A.D.C., and W. F. Sheppard; also the following Visitors:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, G. Powell P.M. 142, B. W. D. Montgomery P.M. No. 10, Belfast, T. L. Wilkinson P.M. 92, and W. G. T. Gilbert P.M. 257. The following Brethren were admitted to the membership of the Lodge, viz.:—Bro. Sydney Turner Klein, the Red House, Stanmore, Fellow of the Linnæan Society, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, &c., &c.; initiated in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in 1888, author of "Thirty-six hours hunting among the Hymenoptera and Lepidoptera of Middlesex," "Appearance of Ephestia Kühniella in London, and the remedy provided by Nature," and other papers read before Scientific Societies; Bro. Benjamin Ward Richardson, 25 Manchester Square, W., London, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Member of the Imperial Academy of Natural Sciences, Member of the Philosophical Society of America; initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1861, W.M. in 1868, joined Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, in 1885, W.M. in 1885 and 1886; author of "Hygeia, a model city," "Diseases of Modern Life," "The Guild of Good Life," "The Common Health," and various biographical memoirs. The following thirty-four candidates were elected members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.:—Kingston Lodge, 1010, Hull; Denison Lodge, 1218, Scarborough; Lodge of St. John, 2280, Sangor, India; Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.; Bros. Rev. E. G. Dixon, Mount Ayliff, E. Griqualand, 2113; A. H. Williams, Kokstad, E. Griqualand, P.M. 1186; Rev. C. H. Maldon, Madras, District G. Chaplain; Col. S. W. Brooke, Sangor, India, 2280; J. C. Budd, Penang, P.M. 1555; A. Hüttenbach, Penang, P.M. 1555; A. Gundersen, Christchurch, New Zealand, 609; W. F. Lamonby, Melbourne, Victoria, 752, Past Grand Master of Victoria; R. J. Munn, Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A., P.M. 15; W. F. Carmon, Newcastle-on-Tyne, P.M. 481; J. A. S. Scott, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1427; H. T. Gardiner, Goole, Yorks, P.M. 468, P.P.G.A.D.C. West Yorks; W. Forrest, Bolton, Lancashire, 37; F. W. Broadbent, Bolton, Lancashire, 37; Captain J. Booth, Bolton, Lancashire, P.M. 37, P.G. Assistant Sojourner E. Lancashire; A. K. Cannington, Liverpool 2289; H. C. Reynolds, Liverpool, 2289; H. B. Browne, Egremont, Cheshire, P.M. 1350, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; W. F. Sheppard, Trinity College, Cambridge, 859, Prov. G. Steward Cambs.; A. Hope, Exeter, 39; W. Mason, St. Austell, P.M. 496, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; T. H. Lakes, St. Austell, Cornwall, P.M. 496; W. Nettle, Liskeard, Cornwall, P.M. 510; R. Carter, Falmouth, P.M. 75; W. Cock, Peckham, S.E., P.M. 1597, &c., P.G. Steward Middlesex; A. B. Alexander, Welbeck-street, W., 2029; G. A. Wilson, Stockport, South Australia, 5; T. J. C. Hantke, Adelaide, G.A. Sojourner South Australia; S. G. Jones, Adelaide 32, and Dr. Durford Thomas, Paddington. This brings the list up to 751, and shows that 305 new members joined the Correspondence Circle during Bro. Simpson's year of office. The W.M. elect Bro. Lieut-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., was then presented for installation by Bro. Walter Besant P.M. and Treasurer, after which the ceremony of his induction into the chair was carried out by Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. The Officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year are:—Bros. W. Simpson, R.I., I.P.M., W. M. Bywater S.W., Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, R.I., B.A., J.W. (in whose unavoidable absence the duties of the office were performed by Bro. Bodenham P.G.A.D.C.), Walter Besant Treasurer, G. W. Speth Secretary, Dr. W. W. Westcott S.D., Rev. J. C. Ball J.D., E. Macbean I.G., R. F. Gould P.G.D. D.C., W. M. Williams Steward, and J. W. Freeman Tyler. The W.M. delivered an excellent inaugural address, reviewing the work of the Lodge during the past year, and suggesting the development of which it is still capable. The record of the literary labours of its members in both Circles since the accession of his predecessor was a remarkable one, showing no less than 19 publications of varying importance, but all of solid merit. The paper of the evening was by Bro. W. H. Rylands, on the picture of "Night," by Bro. Hogarth. Bro. Rylands was unfortunately only able to read extracts of this highly interesting paper, owing to the lateness of the hour, a cause which also prevented any serious discussion. This is of less importance than it might otherwise be, as the members of the Lodge and C.C. will have the benefit of receiving it printed in full, in Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, Part III. for 1889. Bro. Williams exhibited a ticket for a series of nine Masonic Concerts, in 1783, at F.M.H., designed by Bartolozzi, and engraved by Cipriani. This will also be reproduced, *fac simile*, in the "Transactions." At the subsequent banquet, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Simpson said—It is now my duty, and a very pleasant one, to propose to you the toast of the evening, that of our W.M. Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Pratt. In doing this I shall follow the custom which has already found acceptance with us, and give you, not a biography exactly, but a short account of some of those things which our W.M. has accomplished. It is at no time a very pleasant matter to listen to a history of your own doings, and I know that our W.M. is sensitive on this point, but he must on this occasion consent to suffer, as the relation will be of interest to all of us, and it is important that the brethren of the Lodge, as well as those of the Correspondence Circle, should know something of the merits of the brother who is to rule us for the time being. Our W.M. is a soldier, a Lieutenant-Colonel in a high and honourable profession. He comes of a family of soldiers, his father held staff appointments as well as a military command in time of war—he was also a Mason. Thus our brother comes to us, bringing with him associations of our Craft descending from father to son. In many respects, a good soldier should be a good Mason. This idea was impressed upon me at the installation of our M.W.G.M. It is now a number of years since that took place, but I have never forgotten the impression produced. The capacious Albert Hall was filled with a great concourse of people who had never met before, but though unknown to each other during the ceremony, the whole body acted as one person, and moved in conjunction with the accuracy of a crack regiment. It then dawned on me that we are a drilled body, obeying orders, and moving at the word of command. Moreover, obedience in other matters is early instilled in us, and unhesitating obedience is the motto of a good soldier. I then formed the opinion

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that a good soldier should be a good Mason, and that a capable officer must make a good W.M. Now in Bro. Pratt we have the good soldier and the capable officer—a good augury for the future of the Lodge under his guidance. It is curious that our rulers thus far have been soldiers. Bro. Woodford, our lamented first I.P.M., began life in the Coldstream Guards; our first Master was Sir C. Warren, then came Bro. Gould, late of the 31st Reg., and although I was never a soldier, I have, as a war correspondent, shared in many of the military campaigns, beginning with the Crimean war. We have now Col. Pratt at our head, the fifth in order, and there were just five soldiers in the nine martyrs who composed the Quatuor Coronati. Our W.M. belongs to the Artillery, which has always been considered one of the educated branches of the Service, but our brother stands still higher, for he has occupied the position of teacher in this higher branch. He has served in that capacity on the educational staff both at Sandhurst and at Woolwich. To this must be added that he is the author of works connected with military education. One of these, entitled Military Law, has gone through no less than five editions, a proof it was fitted for its purpose, and when I add that it was favourably reviewed in the *Saturday Review* you will appreciate its merits. Another work, on *Field Artillery*, our W.M.'s own branch of the Service, was reviewed at great length in the *Times*, and has gone through a number of editions; but perhaps the highest compliment it has received has been its acceptance as a text-book at West Point Military Academy on the Hudson River. We may safely assume some "grit" in a book when the Americans have adopted its teaching. Our W.M. has also written a *Précis on the Franco German War*, besides a variety of papers and notes on subjects connected with Military History and Art, and he has also acted as one of the Government Examiners. These details of literary work will justify our W.M.'s right to take his place in the ranks of the Quatuor Coronati. But his services have not been all of this peaceful character. The smell of powder has been familiar to him in the fields of battle as well as on the practice ground. He has served in India, and took part in an expedition in Bhotan in 1864-65, a rather tough piece of work. Bhotan is in the Himalayas, to the east of Darjeeling, a country of mountains covered with dense forests, where it was difficult for troops to move, and still more so for artillery. Such a region gave the enemy, who were mountaineers, great advantages, one being the opportunity offered for surprises and night attacks, of which they availed themselves on more than one occasion. The campaign was no child's play, but one of great danger, entailing heavy marching and a great deal of hard fighting. But there was another and more terrible anxiety. The Deb Rajah, or Divine King, who ruled the Bhotanese, sent a letter to the Brigadier commanding the British forces, warning him as to what would happen if he continued the attack. Among other threats the missive contained the following:—"I shall send the Divine force of twelve Gods, *as per margin*, who are very ferocious ghosts." The Rajah must have had some Baboo in his pay who had been a regiment clerk in our service, the phrase "as per margin" betrays this; it became quite a stock form among the Baboos, who at one time scarcely ever wrote a letter without introducing it. A story is told of a Baboo who wrote to his commanding officer that he could not come to his work one day "owing to a large boil, as per margin," which was on a certain part of his body. In the face of all difficulties and with the very gods of the locality against them, the force pushed on. The fort of Dalmicote was perched on a high hill; the artillery was brought up and breached the walls, it was stormed and taken, our W.M. being prominent in the attack. He also took part in the actions at Chamurchi and at the Bala Pass. For his services he was repeatedly mentioned in despatches. To all this I may add that he was distinguished with the Gold Medal of the Royal Artillery Institution, in 1871, and subsequently passed through the Staff College. By thus placing before you what our W.M. has done in his military and literary capacities, you will be able to form some idea of what he may achieve in the duties upon which he now enters. I feel sure that he will rule and guide our Lodge well, that he will encourage us in the labours which are peculiar to the Quatuor Coronati, and that, as we are a young body, with much yet to do in many ways in order to carry out the objects we have in view, he will use every exertion to foster and help our studies to the best of his ability. The remaining toasts were the Founders and Past Masters, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Simpson I.P.M.; the Correspondence Circle, by the Secretary, who called for replies from Bros. Dr. Morris and J. Newton; the Visitors, replied to by Bro. Wilkinson in a speech of great humour; and the Officers, in giving which the W.M. pointed out that he measured the willingness of all by the proofs given by Bro. Macbean, who habitually travelled up from Glasgow to carry out the duties entrusted to his care.

TYRIAN LODGE, No. 1110.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Gildridge Hotel, Eastbourne, on Monday, the 28th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Wright, who was supported by his Officers and brethren. The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. A. J. Howard. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Wright. The following Officers were appointed by the W.M., for the ensuing year and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. J. H. Wright I.P.M., W. E. Morrison S.W., J. Creighton J.W., C. L. Norris Chaplain, Charles Tomes Treasurer, C. W. Tomes Secretary, G. Fowler S.D., Vine J.D., W. M. Caffyn D. of C., John Easter Organist, J. D. Skinner I.G., Dicker and Oakden Stewards. Bro. C. H. Haine was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Charities' Committee. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Howard. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

JERSEY LODGE, No. 2163.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Southall, on Monday, the 4th inst., when Bro. S. Mecch was installed into the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was impressively rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. C. Hall, assisted by Bro. W. Seward, P.P.G. Standard Bearer. The following Officers were then invested:—Bros. W. C. Hall I.P.M. and Organist, W. Seward Treasurer, E. J. W. Herbert Secretary, J. Tidmarsh S.W., G. Harper, J.W., W. A. Cocks S.D., W. F. Sanger J.D., C. C. Sanger I.G., C. Mead D.C., S. J. Johnson and W. Field Stewards, B. G. Hanson Almoner. The Rev. E. C. Britton, who had been re-appointed Chaplain, was unavoidably absent. Bro. J. Duffyn was elected Tyler in place of Bro. G. Lane resigned. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the Lodge was in a good financial condition was read and adopted. The resignation of Bros. G. Williams and S. Dyer were accepted. A letter was read from the Secretary of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction. It was decided that the brethren should support this Lodge in preference to starting one in connection with their own. After a new candidate had been nominated, the Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren afterwards dined together. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hall I.P.M. The Visitors present were:—Bros. Taplin P.M., Reid, Fleming S.W., and Marsh 382, Clarke 1612, and Bros. Smith and Webbe (Eton College), who rendered assistance in the musical part of the proceedings.

DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday evening, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, when a large number of the brethren and visitors assembled to take part in the festive ceremony. Bro. James P. Fitzgerald W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. John D. Allcroft Past Grand Treasurer, Bros. Harold Halliday S.W., Joseph Corbett J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe Treasurer, R. D. Cummings Secretary, W. Harding S.D., W. F. Lord J.D., S. Garcia Dir. of Cers., Jas. F. Haskins Organist, G. A. Ayres P.M., John Maclean P.M., L. Engel P.M., J. Miles P.M., O. Barnett W.M., W. Cook P.M., D. Hughes P.M., G. J. Judge I.P.M., Dr. T. Gaton P.M., D. Hughes P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Col. A. J. Bolton P.M., J. Rexworthy, F. Johnson P.M., T. A. Bullock P.M.; and Bros. W. Lawrence, Geo. Rawlinson, J. W. Dixon, J. Demetrius, D. A. Mostyn, H. A. E. Hahn, W. Thomas, Henry Conolly, W. J. Charles, C. J. Howe, F. J. Potter, C. M. Brander, A. Salmon, W. W. Lee, F. H. Macklin, J. F. Jermyn, A. T. Yardley, John Morris, C. P. Coles, Orlton Cooper, &c. Lodge having been opened, Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald proceeded to instal his successor. Bro. Harold Halliday was brought before the Lodge and duly signified his assent to the conditions; he was conducted to the chair of K.S. with the usual ceremony. He was subsequently saluted by the brethren in the three degrees, and then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Joseph Corbett P.M. S.W., J. P. Harding P.M. J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, Robert D. Cummings P.M. Secretary, W. F. Lord S.D., Geo. Rawlinson J.D., W. J. Wetenhall I.G., S. Darcey Dir. of Cers., Jas. Haskins Organist, Geo. Godfrey and A. A. Millward Stewards. At the termination of the ceremony the brethren proceeded to the large hall, where the banquet was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily proposed and accepted, Bro. John Derby Allcroft responding for the Grand Officers. He said that on the roll of their Lodge they had four or five Grand Officers, and though he was the only representative present, the others were well aware that they could see as good work here as in any Lodge in England, and he could safely say that they rightly upheld the integrity of the Craft. Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald then gave the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that Bro. Halliday having been unanimously elected Master was entitled to the loyalty and assistance of the brethren, so that his year of office might be a successful one. No previous Master had ever started with brighter prospects, or with such a brilliant gathering to welcome him, and he predicted that he would have a good time. The W.M., rising to return thanks, was received with acclamation, and briefly stated that he would do his best to deserve the honour paid him by the brethren, and if he could emulate the I.P.M. in his working he could hope for nothing better. He then proceeded to invest Brother Fitzgerald with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, that had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, as a tangible appreciation of his services. Bro. Fitzgerald, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren sincerely for their kind present, and desired specially to thank Bro. Cummings, the Secretary, for the great assistance rendered during the past year. He had always found him ready to put him right in Masonic matters, and when any difficulty arose he was ever ready to smooth it over. The W.M. proposed the Visitors in felicitous terms, and the toast was responded to by Bros. David Hughes, John Maclean, Nathan Robinson, and John Hughes. Several other toasts followed, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent, made more enjoyable by some excellent songs by Brothers A. James, Robert Grice, Walter Coward, and James Kift. A humorous recitation was given by Bro. Macklin.

PEACE LODGE, No. 2269.

THE brethren held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan on Thursday night, the 31st ult., when Bro. Joseph Brown was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. William Goodacre, Prov. Grand Secretary West Lancashire, as ated by Bro. Thomas Milligan, and Bro. James Brindle. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Rev. J. T. Harris Chaplain, J. Smith S.W., J. J. Charnock J.W., Milligan Treasurer, T. Margerson Secretary, J. H. Marsden S.D., John Molyneux J.D., Milner D.C., J. Dawber Organist, Radcliffe I.G., and Baker, Halton, Postlethwaite,

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and Davis Stewards. Bro. M. W. Peace was unavoidably absent through parliamentary duties in London. The Treasurer reported that, after subscribing liberally during the year to the Masonic Charities, there was a considerable balance in the bank to the credit of the Lodge. The banquet, to which over 60 of the brethren sat down, was served at the Assembly Room, Conservative Club, Market-street, the catering by Mr. Wise being highly satisfactory. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and received, and during the evening a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Margeson, entertained the brethren with a choice selection of glees and songs, rendered in an admirable manner.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at eight o'clock p.m. Bros. M. I. Emanuel W.M., J. Liscombe S.W., I. White J.W., H. Saqui Secretary, Goodings S.D., A. Botibol J.D., A. Quadratstein I.G., J. Dancyger Preceptor, Franks, &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Saqui candidate. Bro. Saqui worked the first and second sections of the lecture.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present—Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, Granville W.M., Southwell S.W., A. W. Smith J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Hall S.D., Conford J.D., Danbeny I.G.; Bros. Wood, E. R. Smith, De Paiva, Seton, Simmons, Bush, Burne, Marshall and Sandeman, and Visitor Bro. Rew. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Seton candidate. Lodge was resumed and Bro. Southwell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. He announced the work would be the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation and the charge. Bro. Rew was elected a member, and Lodge was closed.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—At a meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C. Present:—Brothers Belchamber Preceptor, S. Klingenstein W.M., Hardinge S.W., Dixie J.W., A. Williams Treasurer, G. S. Miller Secretary, J. Culver S.D., Davison J.D., Foot I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jakins acting as candidate. Bro. Bladon answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bladon acting as candidate. Bro. P.M. Martin, assisted by Bro. Belchamber, worked the 2nd section of the 2nd lecture. Lodge closed in perfect harmony.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

THE Provincial Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Thursday, the 31st ult. The Hon. and Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Provincial Grand Superintendent, appointed his Officers for the Province for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comps. William Johnson	...	J.
W. M. Lightfoot	...	S.N.
Hon. Claude Lisle	...	S.E.
C. K. Benson	...	Sojourner
Robert Finlow	...	1st A. Soj.
John Morris	...	2nd A. Soj.
Drinkwater	...	Registrar
J. Slack	...	Sword Bearer
S. Cottrell	...	Standard Bearer
J. F. Edisbury	...	D. of C.
Herbert Ellis	...	Organist
Allcock	...	Janitor

BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, No. 159.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Hebart-street, Stonehouse, on the 30th ult., to instal the Principals for the year ensuing—Comps. W. H. Williams Z., N. Radmore H., and C. Marshall J. The installing Officers were:—Comps. J. R. Lord 70, J. Gidley 1208, 2025, and W. Allford. Among the Board of Installed Principals were:—Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. R. Lord, E. Aitken Davies, H. Mortimore, Thomas Geach, R. Pike, R. Lavers, W. Allsford, James Gidley, F. R. Goodyear, S. Jew, C. Nicholson, W. Powell, G. S. Johns. The Officers invested were:—Comps. T. Geach I.P.Z., F. J. Price S.E., J. E. Davis S.N., T. Stoner P. Sojourner, C. Selfick 1st A. Sojourner, J. T. Rooke 2nd A. Sojourner, C. A. Nicholson P.Z. Treasurer, J. Harvey D.C., J. Kerst Organist, E. Dawe and J. Endacott Stewards, and J. Bartlett Janitor. Prior to the installation a candidate was exalted to this degree. The ceremony was ably rendered by Comps. R. Pike, Richard Lavers, and Rev. T. W. Lemon. In the evening the Companions adjourned to the Farley Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, under the genial chairmanship of Comp. W. H. Williams. Excellent songs were rendered by Comps. F. R. Goodyear, Lemon, Dawe, and Endacott. Comp. W. Powell delivered an eloquent recitation which was capitally received.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2245; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2086. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
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Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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Bro. A. F. ASHER, P.M. 1305, *Surrey Advertiser* Office, Guildford.
Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 78, *West Sussex Gazette* Office, Chichester.
Bro. W. J. INNES, 1928, 219 South Lambeth Road, S.W.
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars, S.E.
(Provincial Grand Secretary's Office, Surrey.)
9th November 1889.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,—As the announcement of the retirement of Bro. Frederick Binckes, for so many years Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, may now (at any hour be formally made, and as other candidates for this post have issued their address-es and advertisements, I take the present opportunity of stating that I intend to take part in the contest.

I was initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, in which Lodge I have acted as Secretary, and am now J.W.

For the past two and a half years I have held the honorary appointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary to my brother, Charles Greenwood, P.Prov. G. Sec. for Surrey (85 Lodges and 12 Chapters), of which Province my late father (Brother Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sword Bearer) was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and for thirty years its Provincial Grand Secretary.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 1889.

PROV. G. LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Beach Hotel, Seaton. The West-country brethren commented strongly on the fact that the meeting was held so late in the year, and at a place so inconvenient for the brethren to get at. A meeting of the Committee of Petitions was held previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, presided. The Secretary, Bro. J. B. Gover, reported that the votes received from the Province this year for the great Masonic Charities amounted to 2,900, being an increase of 211 over last year. The voting power of the Province was about four hundred more than it was two years since, and this without taking in about 850 votes which Bro. Whittley secured from outside sources. Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards held in the Assembly Rooms, under the banner of De La Pole Lodge, No. 1181. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion, and every provision made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. Bro. Viscount Ebrington P.M. 251, the Provincial Grand Master, sat on the throne, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers :—Bros. W. G. Rodgers D.M., Major Tracey S.W., the Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., J.W., the Rev. R. Tyacke Chaplain, J. R. Lord Treasurer, G. C. Davie Secretary, Ben. J. Fisher S.D., T. C. Lewarn and A. J. Blamey Junior Deacons, J. Moas Superintendent of Works, C. Watson D.D. of Cers., Major Lewis E. Bearne Sword Bearer, T. D. Ford Standard Bearer, W. Yeo Assist. Secretary, J. Kingdon Assist. Pursuivant, J. Shooter Tyler, J. Algar, H. M. Imbert Terry, A. P. Reece, J. Drennan, Captain Ivemy, and W. Adams Stewards. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that there were on the books of the Lodges in the Province on 31st December 1888, 2,871 Masons, being an increase of 127 over the preceding year; 281 brethren had been initiated into Masonry during the year, being an increase of 50. There were 670 Past Masters on the books of the Lodges. He had received the sum of £10 10s, being a moiety of the sum necessary to obtain a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, together with an application for a similar grant from Provincial Grand Lodge, from each of the following Lodges, viz. : 1254 Exeter, 1284 Topsham, and 2189 Ashburton. The sum of £10 10s, being a moiety of the sum necessary to obtain a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, together with an application for a similar grant from Provincial Grand Lodge, had also been received from each of the following Lodges :—105 Plymouth, and 2189 Ashburton. The Provincial Grand Treasurer reported that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £204, and the total income amounted to £590 18s 11d. After paying grants to Lodges, Charities, &c., there was a balance of £288 10s 2d. The governors of the Fortescue Annuity Fund reported that there were six annuitants on the fund. The principal alterations in the rules which had been revised were :—Instead of giving to the Provincial Grand Master any votes in respect of the sums paid over to the fund by Provincial Grand Lodge, which have hitherto been treated as donations, the new rules provide that each Lodge shall have votes annually in proportion to the amount of its quarterages paid to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Facilities are afforded for inquiries into the position of applicants, and provision is made for excluding from the voters' list the name of any brother who is not considered to be in a position entitling him to become a recipient of the fund. An endeavour is made to secure the right of electing annuitants to *bona fide* donors and subscribers only. The total receipts of the Fortescue Annuity Fund were £336 8s 7d, including a balance of £38 11s 10d, and of this sum £270 had been paid to annuitants. There was a balance in hand of £50 13s 8d. The capital account amounted to £2,558 1s 1d. The reports were received and adopted. The Committee of Petitions, in submitting their annual statement to the Provincial Grand Lodge, reported that their efforts had been as successful as on any former occasion. For this year they had received from the Province 2,900 votes, an increase of 211 over the previous year, and of 400 over 1887. This increase was largely due to a great effort made to support the Provincial Grand Master, who accepted the Chairmanship at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., who by his personal donations of 235 guineas to those Charities, in addition to former subscriptions, was now vice-patron of each, and possessed the largest number of votes in the Province. Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley, by his admirable management was enabled to secure the election of the widow of a deceased brother on the Widows' Fund, and a girl to the Girls' School. He had also helped largely to secure the elections of a widow and a brother. It should be remembered that a greater number of votes was required at each election to elect a candidate, and therefore every Lodge and every brother were earnestly invited to keep their votes for the Devon candidates, and it would much facilitate the arrangements if all votes were sent to the Secretary as soon as received. The Fortescue Fund and the Devon Masonic Educational Fund were doing good in

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relieving deserving Masons and the children of Masons, and each fund deserved a larger measure of support. In these Institutions there were no paid Officers; consequently no pensions, and the money went directly to the purpose for which it was given. At a meeting of the Committee at Exeter in January £15 was voted to two brothers and the widow of a brother. At a meeting of the Committee held that day they had voted and recommended the sum of £100 to Masons and the widows of Masons. In accordance with the by-laws they recommended that the sums necessary to qualify the following Lodges as Life Governors of Institutions who have sent their portion of the money be granted: for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Lodges 1254, 1284, 2189; and for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons and Widows', Lodges 105, and 2189, and that the available balance, £21, be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, &c. (Widows' Fund) and be placed on the list of Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The report was adopted. Bro. Jones proposed Bro. James Templeton P.M. 1332 as Provincial Grand Treas., and Bro. Crabb seconded. Bro. D. Cross nominated Bro. W. Powell P.M. 1205, Bro. Major Tracey seconded, and Bro. C. Watson supported. On a vote being taken Bro. Templeton was elected. Bros. J. Stocker and E. T. Fulford were appointed auditors. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers P.M. 112	...	Deputy Master
H. M. Imbert Terry P.M. 112	...	Senior Warden
Capt. Ivemy P.M. 1135	...	Junior Warden
Rev. A. W. Hamilton Gill P.M. 112	}	Chaplains
Rev. E. P. Hood P.M. 248	... }	
Jas. Templeton P.M. 1332	...	Treasurer
Major G. C. Davie P.M. 251	...	Secretary
H. C. Gappy P.M. 251	... }	Senior Deacons
F. C. Hallett P.M. 303	... }	
D. Banks P.M. 156 ...	... }	Junior Deacons
W. R. Northway P.M. 282	... }	
J. Algar P.M. 39 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
W. Taylor P.M. 328 ...	...	D.C.
W. Adams P.M. 1181...	...	Deputy D.C.
A. P. Reece P.M. 494	...	A.D.C.
Capt. G. Strode Lowe W.M. 1855		Sword Bearer
J. Drennan P.M. 710	... }	Standard Bearers
W. Oakley P.M. 1181	... }	
E. J. Griffiths 847 ...	...	Organist
G. B. Avant P.M. 1443	...	Assistant Secretary
J. Kingdon P.M. 421	...	Pursuivant
R. W. Pitcher P.M. 230	...	Assistant Pursuivant
F. Shooter P.M. 112 ...	...	Tyler
J. Stepleton 666 ...	...	Stewards
R. Dickson 1205 ...	...	
S. Sampson 1254 ...	...	
J. Kevern 1550 ...	...	
S. Tapley 1885 ...	...	

It was decided to place the votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge with reference to the appointment of a Secretary for the Boys' School in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master, and a resolution was passed protesting against the proposal to giving Bro. Binckes so large a pension as £350 per year, and also granting pensions on a similar scale to other Officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge then closed.

PROV. G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

BY invitation of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, the annual communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Loughborough, on Tuesday, the 29th ultimo, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers. In consequence of the accommodation at the regular place of meeting of the Lodge being inadequate for the anticipated large attendance a dispensation had been obtained by the local brethren for their assembling on this occasion at the Town Hall, and great praise is due to them for the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, and for the convenience of the meeting generally. The Provincial Grand Officers in attendance were Bros. S. S. Partridge Deputy Master, G. Toller Past Deputy Master, T. A. Wykes Senior Warden, W. A. Musson Junior Warden, Rev. C. J. R. Scrivan and Rev. R. Colquhoun Faithful Chaplains, R. Waite Treasurer, T. Coltman Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood Secretary, G. Newsome S.D., T. Corcoran J.D., M. J. Walker Director of Ceremonies, F. G. Boden A.D.C., R. Symington Sword Bearer, W. H. Goodwin and J. G. Simpkin Standard Bearers, C. Birch Organist, J. L. West Pursuivant, S. Knight Assistant Pursuivant, T. Carter, J. B. Waring, T. G. Charlesworth, and J. Kidney Stewards, and J. Tanser Tyler. There were also present Bros. Rev. J. Denton and W. Beaumont Smith P.P.G.S.W.'s, H. Deane, W. Keep, and A. M. Tindall P.P.G.J.W.'s, Rev. J. Bird P.P.G.C., W. Vial P.P.G. Registrar, J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.D., T. Worthington P.P.G.J.D., J. Metcalfe and F. B. Wilmer P.P.G. Superintendents of Works, C. J. Wilkinson P.P.G.D.C., J. Herbert Marshall and W. H. Lead P.P.G.A.D.C.'s, W. Wilkinson and G. Jessop P.P.G. Sword Bearers, B. A. Smith, C. Oliver, J. E. Beazeley and E. H. Butler P.P.G. Standard Bearers, R. L. Gibson P.P.G.P., W. Marchant and C. Lowenstein P.P.G.A.P., W. Maurice Williams W.M. 279, F. S. Preston W.M. 59, W. J. New W.M. 1130, C. K. Morris W.M. 1265, W. W. Vincent W.M. 1391, W. H. Key W.M. 2028, E. J. Thompson P.M. 779, F. K. Smith P.M. 1330, R. B. Starkey P.M. 1391, J. B. Fowler P.M. 1560, and also a large attendance of Wardens, Officers, and Members of the several Craft Lodges. Visitor—Brother the Rev. F. Tibbits 2049, Isle of Man. The Craft Lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers entered in procession, and the usual salutes to the principal Officers were given. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the usual preliminary business, including the reading and confirmation of the minutes, was proceeded with, after which came the presentation of reports from the Committee of General Purposes, the Provincial Charity Committee, and the Provincial Grand Registrar. The former made interesting reference to the recent celebration of the jubilee of the initiation into Freemasonry of R.W. Bro. Kelly Past Provincial Grand Master, and also to the occasion, next year, of the Centenary of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, and then dealt mainly with matters of local interest. After discussion with reference to an unauthorised publication in local newspapers of Masonic proceedings at one of the local Lodges, the report was adopted. The report of the Charity Committee, which was of a very satisfactory nature, alluded specially to the support given by the Province during the year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was of a most gratifying character, and having regard to the trying and adverse conditions of things under which the Charity had of late been placed, the handsome contributions from Leicestershire and Rutland had doubtless proved very acceptable. The Committee, in their report, very warmly acknowledged the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. Herbert Marshall P.M. 1007, P.P.A.G.D.C., through which the successful result referred to had been achieved, his list having amounted to £530 5s. The report concluded by recommending the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as the Charity to be specially supported by the Province in the coming year, and the appointment of Bro. A. McTindall P.M. 1330 P.P.G.J.W. as Charity Steward to represent the Province at the next Festival of that Institution. The Report was adopted, as also was that of the Provincial Grand Registrar, on which much trouble had been expended in setting out in tabular form the annual returns and reports from the several Lodges in the Province. According to the latter report the total membership of the Province appeared to be 541, being a net increase of 8 over the returns of last year. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's account having been received and adopted, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services. Bro. R. Waite, who has for several years past ably discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer, was again unanimously re-elected to that office. The following were appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Master as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. C. J. Wilkinson P.M. 1007	...	Senior Warden
B. A. Smith P.M. 523	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. J. R. Scrivan 1285	... }	Chaplains
J. W. Willson 1391 ...	... }	
R. Waite 279 ...	...	Treasurer
J. B. Fowler P.M. 1560	...	Registrar
Rev. C. Henton Wood P.M. 1560		Secretary
W. H. Lead P.M. 1091	...	Senior Deacon
W. Maurice Williams W.M. 279	...	Junior Deacon
C. K. Morris W.M. 1265	...	Superintendent of Works
Miles J. Walker P.M. 1265	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. J. New W.M. 1130	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
W. H. Key W.M. 2028	...	Sword Bearer
E. J. Thompson P.M. 779	... }	Standard Bearers
F. Kemp Smith P.M. 1330	... }	

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G. C. Oliver W.M. 1037	...	Pursuivant
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F. S. Preston W.M. 50	...	
W. H. Silverthorne 1007	...	
C. L. Ferneley 1130 ...	...	Stewards
J. Chambers 1265 ...	...	
J. G. Bower 1391 ..	...	
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In compliance with the recommendation of the Charity Committee Brother Tindall was duly appointed Charity Steward, Bros. C. J. Wilkinson Prov. G.S.W. and G. Jessop P.P.G.S.B. were elected as representative members on the Committee of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. Reference was made by a brother present to the proceedings at the recent Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the subject of the intended retiring pension to the Secretary, but no notice of motion having been given, the Prov. G. Master ruled that any discussion thereon would be out of order. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master suggested that if a desire were strongly expressed on the part of any number of the brethren that the subject should be further considered, a requisition could be sent to the Provincial Grand Master to hold a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose, but he strongly deprecated the adoption of any hasty or immature action on the question. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his willingness to convene a meeting, if such a requisition as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had suggested were submitted to him. A letter was read from the W.M. of No. 279, inviting the Provincial Grand Master to hold the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, for the year 1890, at Leicester, under the banner of St. John's Lodge, it being the completion of the 100th year of that Lodge's existence. A communication was also read soliciting contributions for the erection of a Masonic stall or stalls in the newly-restored choir of Peterborough Cathedral, and a contribution of two guineas from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge was voted to that object. Some other business of a formal character having been disposed of, and letters of apology for absence read from several distinguished brethren, including one from Bro. Kelly Past Provincial Grand Master, the state of whose health prevented his attendance, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Bull's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided. Bro. Earl Ferrers presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. Bro. F. B. Westlake P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.D. was appointed Chairman, and those present included Bros. G. R. Barrett 1205, E. Aitken Davies 1099, A. R. Lethbridge 1847, S. Jew 2258, J. B. Gover 70 (Secretary of the Fund), William Taylor 328, T. J. R. Chalice 1855, William Powell 1205, W. Allsford 202, James Hoyten 223, George Horswill 105, H. Mortimer 159, A. H. Widden 1212, James Gifford 2025, Wm. Trevena 1255, Geo. Whittley 156, Richard Pengelly 70, John Moysey 70 223, John Hammond 1255, W. H. W. Macey 1847, J. Hele 1247, J. R. Lord 1247, W. H. Williams 1847, H. Steele 2189, E. Aitken Davies 1099, F. Hooper 1212, 2025, Frank R. Thomas 189, W. L. Lavers 1255, T. Goodall 1550, G. Wilson 1205, R. Cawsey 230, E. H. Littleton 230, C. H. Cooper 105, H. J. Barter 1247, H. Rogers 1099, J. Bray 1212, J. W. Cornish 223, James Griffin 70, N. Radmore 159, James Gidley 2025, A. Trout 1205, A. C. Titherly 1550, E. Phillips 1212, J. Dyer 159, W. H. Dillon 1099, G. E. Russell 573, A. Roberts 230, and Henry Warren 159. The sum of five guineas was voted to a boy to assist his advancement in life. Bros. J. Griffin, W. Powell, and W. H. W. Macey were appointed as scrutineers. The result of the voting was as follows:—The daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Hoyshe, No. 1099, brought forward 307 votes, total 742; the daughter of a brother of Fidelity, 230, brought forward 409, total votes 691; the son of a deceased brother of Jordan Lodge, No. 1102, 331 votes; the daughter of a deceased brother of Elmes Lodge, No. 1212, 382 votes; the son of a deceased brother of Devon Lodge, No. 1138, 118 votes; and the son of a deceased brother of Friendship Lodge, No. 202, 43 votes. The first two were elected on the Fund. Bros. H. J. Barter and E. H. Littleton, the respective Charity Stewards of the Lodges, who were deservedly complimented for placing their candidates on the list, were nominated as the guardians of the children. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and scrutineers concluded the business of the meeting.

We are informed that the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, now holds its meetings every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Montpelier Hotel, Chaumont Road, Peckham, in addition to the meetings held at the East Dulwich Hotel on Monday evenings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.G.A.D.C. Treasurer, presided; he was supported by Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, C. Kempton, Charles Lacey, J. Newton, W. J. Murlis, William Clarke, David D. Mercer, E. West, Hugh Cotter, Thomas Cubitt, A. H. Tattershall, S. Brooks, John E. Dawson, J. L. Mather, F. Woods, R. Griggs, Charles Daniel, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Webb, W. Belchamber, J. M. Case, J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Halford, T. B. Purchas, Fred. Mead, A. Forsyth, C. F. Hogard, W. A. Scurrah, A. Durrant, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Making, J. Dixon, Thos. G. Ballen, W. J. Crutch, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of five annuitants (four men and one widow), and read a letter from a widow resigning her annuity, as she had inherited some property. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also a letter from the Secretary of the Inland Revenue abandoning its claim to assess the Institution to Corporation Duty. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. A. Farnfield for his services in obtaining this result. The following report from the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Secretary's office was presented, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

To the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 11th September last, "to inquire into the working of the Secretary's office," have to report that they have held two meetings, namely, on the 31st October and 5th of November respectively, and the Secretary produced the minutes containing the report of the Sub-Committee defining his duties and emoluments at the time of his appointment in 1872, and the dates of the minutes showing the various changes in the latter that have been made, also the minutes containing the appointment of a permanent clerk, as well as the report of the Sub-Committee defining the duties and emoluments of the Collector on his appointment, all of which were fully considered and due inquiry made as to whether each had faithfully performed his allotted task. The Sub-Committee have much pleasure in stating that they found such was the case, and that, at the instance of the Secretary, the office hours had been extended from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., such extension having been rendered necessary in his opinion by the ever-increasing work of the Institution.

In view of certain statements that had been made, that the Collector had received commission on sums which had not been received by him, the Sub-Committee desire to call particular attention to Clause 9 of the report of the Sub-Committee appointed on 9th June 1880, to consider the duties to be performed by him, and the commission to be paid, and which report was approved at a Special Committee on the 22nd of June 1880. Such clause is as follows:—

9. "That he be paid a commission of 5 per cent. upon all sums received by him, with the exception of those paid on the day of the Festival and up to and inclusive of the settling day, and also excepting any amounts paid into the office, and for which receipts are given by the Secretary or Clerk."

On inquiry of the Secretary, he pledged himself that in no case had moneys sent to him after the settling day been handed over to the Collector, in order that he should receive a commission on them, unless the person so remitting the money requested that it might be so handed over, and as no member of the Sub-Committee (even including the mover of the resolution upon which the Sub-Committee was appointed) was able to name any one case upon which inquiry could be made, and as no complaint had been received at the office, your Sub-Committee are of opinion that all moneys which the Collector had been paid he was fully entitled to, in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

Looking at the fact that the Committee of Management had lately had so favourable an opinion from Bro. Smith, the Grand Lodge Auditor, as to the mode of keeping the accounts, your Sub-Committee do not think it necessary to again travel over that ground.

Dated this 13th day of November 1889.

Applications were made by two widows for the half of their late husband's annuities. In one case the application was granted, but in the other it was deferred for the necessary certificate. Ten petitions (six male and four widows) were considered, with the result that four of the former were accepted and two refused, and the four latter accepted, the names being ordered to be placed on the lists of candidates for the Election in May 1890. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In.)
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
716—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, 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, 18th NOVEMBER.

18—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
32—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
1075—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)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1707—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)
1635—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)
1733—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2205—Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1393—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
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
421—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
726—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Ledford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
980—Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
991—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1057—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
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Peronine, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Ludlow-brough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1254—Brent, Masonic Hall, Copenhagen
M.M. 324—Hurder, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Corinthian, Radford Hotel, Cottenham-place, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Ledger House Hotel, Surbiton
95—Prince of Wales Star, Clapham Park, Lead Cannon Yard, S.E.
111—Union, Victoria Rooms, Victoria Road, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
162—Confidence, Horns Tavern, Kennington
177—Fortitude, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—Royal Arch, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Canterbury Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
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.
930—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1439—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
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. 1348—Albury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—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

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
828—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
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
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road North, Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrowsbury Arms Hotel, Bingley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2116—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
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. 448—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
R.A. 704—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, 20th 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, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
149—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Mayhury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1159—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Great Hall Road, Grays Park
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 344 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Wandsworth, Victoria Masonic Rooms, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
1621—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1632—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1670—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Cinque Ports, Imperial Hotel, Dalston Viaduct
1691—Londesborough, Railway Arms, John Street, Mile End, at 8. (Inst.)
[illegible]—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
[illegible]—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Nunhead, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
[illegible]—Belgrave Assembly, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, 7a Holly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Pentalpha, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 1044—Duke, 235 White Horse Road, Bow, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1536—Ley Equitan, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 33 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Euclid, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 151—Francis Burdett, Albion Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Rose and Crown, Battersea

29—Royal Kent of Assembly, New Hall, Greenwich
[illegible]—Mount Sinai, Pythagoras Hall, Clerkenwell
[illegible]—Kent Masonic Hall, Castle Hill, Dover

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178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
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
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
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R.A. 1350—Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 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)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bonnet Green Road, S., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1300—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)
1380—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
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)
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
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)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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. (In)
1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (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)
1983—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
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1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1229—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)tion)
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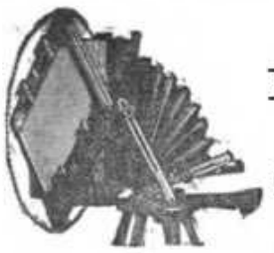
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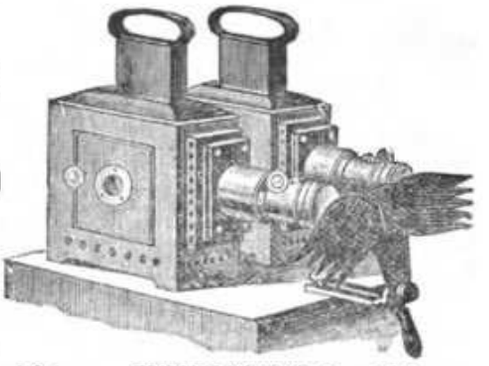
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THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR.

ALTHOUGH every Mason before taking upon himself the duties of Wor. Master pledges himself to discharge the work of the office, we fear there are few who give more than a passing thought as to what that work may involve, or how far they are capable of performing it. In Freemasonry promotion goes, we are told, by merit, but there is considerable difference of opinion as to what really constitutes merit. We have frequently urged that the man who does his best, and works as far as he is able to satisfy those around him displays true merit, and fully entitles himself to advancement and recognition as far as it lies in the power of his Lodge to confer it. But there are others who gauge from a different standpoint. These would have us believe there is no real merit—sufficient to deserve promotion—without letter perfect knowledge of our ritual, disregarding all considerations as to whether the knowledge of the words of the ceremonies has made any impression on the mind or actions of the individual, or whether he is likely to do more than "preach" the gospel of Freemasonry.

We say few men who approach the chair of their Lodge give more than a passing thought to what its acceptance involves, and as evidence in support of our view it is only necessary to count the number of those who, on the eve of advancement, hold back from taking the final step; and further to consider the surprise which follows the retirement of a Senior Warden from the annual ballot taken for Worshipful Master. In some Lodges a hard and fast rule is made, that if, by any chance, the Senior Warden asks to be allowed to stand aside for a time, in the matter of advancement to the chair, he shall lose his turn, and not again be eligible for the ballot until he has re-started from the lowest of the minor offices. This is neither just nor politic, for it forces on the brother an office which he may conscientiously wish to hold back from, and to this cause may be attributed some of the failures which occur year by year among those appointed to rule over us. There is really no excuse for thus penalising the brother who does not feel fully qualified for the Master's chair, or who may have good and sufficient private reasons for keeping back. He may ask to remain in the office of Warden for another year without harming any one in the round of promotion. The Junior Warden gains a year, but not at the expense of those below him, for the Senior Deacon and his followers will reach the east just as soon if they allow the Senior Warden to be passed over for a term as if promotion went strictly in order of seniority. Why, then, should injustice be done? and why should brethren make rules—unwritten though they may be—which so palpably act to the detriment of those who are effected by them?

In considering this subject, it may be asked—On what grounds should a Mason, duly qualified, keep back from the promotion to which he has become entitled by seniority? and for answer it may be urged there are many considerations in the public or private life of us all which may render an adjournment desirable. As it is not always possible to explain such reasons in public, the members of a Lodge should accept the word of any one among them, and believe him when he says delay is necessary. They should do everything in their power to encourage legitimate delay, rather than force a Brother to take upon himself responsibilities he does not feel justified in assuming. But by doing so we are told in some quarters the whole routine of a Lodge is upset, and its management disorganised. This argument seems so absurd to us—as it will no doubt seem to most of our readers—that it would not be worthy of consideration if we did not know of more than one instance of its application.

We never write on such lines as we to-day adopt without positive proof that the evil to which we refer actually exists in our midst, and it is considerable gratification for us to know that some of the subjects we have discussed in the past have only needed bringing to the notice of the Craft to ensure partial or complete reformation. We hope that in this case similar success will attend our efforts, and although, as we have said, we know of more than one instance in which the Senior Warden of a Lodge has been virtually disqualified for promotion simply because he asked for delay, there is one particular case before us in which the rule has been applied most severely, and, as it turns out, most unexpectedly on the brother concerned. His is a prosperous Lodge, and he had good grounds for holding back, a few months since, when his turn for promotion came round. He is now ready and willing to go on, and he and his friends are naturally surprised to learn that many members of the Lodge regard him as wholly disqualified from participating in the ballot for Mastership, which will be taken in a few weeks' time. The brother we refer to asked to be passed over for a year, and retired from office altogether for that period, expecting in the ordinary course of events to succeed to the Mastership at the following election, but, as stated, it is the opinion of many members of the Lodge that he has forfeited his claim, and they intend to pass him over. As they are in the majority they will probably succeed in their intention, and they will do more—they will upset the peace and harmony of their Lodge, even if they do not wholly crush it. Is there any power that can convince these brethren they are acting contrary to the best interests of Freemasonry, or are they to be allowed to proceed with their mistaken ideas of what is right and just? Public opinion is the best and most powerful lever we can call in to the aid of this brother, who considers himself aggrieved, and though it may be specially on his

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behalf we write to-day, there are no doubt many others who will thank us for calling public attention to a somewhat common practice—which is both unconstitutional and actuated by most mistaken ideas as to the true spirit of Freemasonry.

PROGRESSION *v.* STRENGTH.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE question often arises, "Which Lodge is the greater friend to Masonry?" the one that makes the most brethren, admitting almost any one, or that which is exclusive, and hardly ever makes an initiate? Judging by the disposition of Provincial Grand Lodge honours, it seems only too apparent that the former is considered flourishing and prosperous, and must be recognised and rewarded. And yet an analysis of the accounts of such a Lodge are not altogether edifying. We have one before us now. The Lodge has 94 members, 42 dating from 1855 to 1883, and 52 since, the influx of members being on the increase; in 1886 seven, 1887 nine, 1888 eleven, and 1889 ten, up to now three more for initation this month, and another meeting to be held in December. The accounts show that during the last year the balance in hand has been reduced by £20. The members' subscriptions appear to have paid all the legitimate expenses of the Lodge, Grand and Provincial Grand dues, rent, stationery, printing, and postage (£22!), repairs to furniture, donation to Charities, &c, and left £6 over. Then, in order to satisfy the requirements of the fourth degree, for which nearly £90 is required, all the initiation fees, amounting to over £60, as well as the £20 of previous year's balance is absorbed, so that it would appear that this Lodge is enabled to carry on its fourth degree only by admitting as many members as they can scrape together. The W.M. of this Lodge last year received high Provincial Grand Lodge honours (only initiated in 1885), and was received with great demonstrations of appreciation for his prosperous Lodge. And yet throughout the London district there are many, very many, old and tried Masons—P.M.'s of more that one Lodge, supporters of all our Charities, always ready to participate in every good work, not so zealous to admit all sorts and conditions of men, and how are they rewarded? And this opens up another question, whether it would not be better to have a Provincial Grand Lodge for London, through which many of these good brothers would be able to obtain! the purple, the chance of their ever doing so through Grand Lodge being most remote.

Had it been possible it would perhaps have been well if Grand Lodge, when revising its "Constitutions," had decided who should be eligible to be made Masons, or perhaps who should not; for within our experience journeymen plumbers and carpenters, engine drivers, stokers, engineers, stewards, &c., of ships, Custom House officers, &c., &c., not to say uneducated and even illiterate petty tradesmen are often admitted, to the detriment of the prestige of Masonry and the ridicule of an outside public.

MASONIC OBEDIENCE.

THE virtue of obedience to duly constituted Masonic authority is one upon which too great stress cannot be laid in Freemasonry. Order is not only heaven's first law, but the Craft's as well, and its sole guarantee is obedience; while disobedience is the parent of disorder, dissension and distress. Montaigne said truly, "From obedience and submission spring all other virtues, as all sin springs from self-opinion;" while the quaint Quarles taught, "Examine not *why* it is commanded, but observe it because it *is* commanded. True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions;" and Carlyle significantly remarked, "Obedience is our universal duty and destiny; wherein whoso will not bend must break."

The First Great Light in Freemasonry brilliantly illumines the virtue of obedience—implicit, voluntary, free, cheerful obedience, to the Grand Master of the Universe, and His commandments. So the Fraternity of Freemasons expects and requires from every initiate a ready obedience to its Constitutions, Rules, Regulations, Edicts, Usages, Customs and Landmarks. Such obedience was voluntarily, without equivocation, as well as faithfully and solemnly pledged. To ensure the rightful observance of this obligation, it is provided, from the aforetime, the most admirable system of compensations and balances. The Master Mason is to obey the Lodge, the Lodge is to obey the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge is to obey the Landmarks. To determine what these Landmarks are, there is no power higher than that of the Grand Lodge itself, and hence its decision in every case is final. It, and it alone, is supreme and sovereign, and from it there can be no appeal. The Brother who does not yield to its decision is false to his obligation, false to the Craft, and false to himself. If he by any deceit or sophistry blinds himself to the truth, the truth nevertheless remains. Freemasonry always "speaks the truth in love," but if the truth, thus spoken, be wilfully and persistently dishonoured and disobeyed, the Grand Lodge, which is the pillar and ground of Masonic truth, is justified in visiting punishment upon those who are recreant to their Masonic trust. But it always unwillingly punishes. It always remembers that the guilty are its Brethren, and not until they conclusively indicate by their conduct that they are beyond the pale of Masonic Light, beyond recall by fraternal appeal, and self-willed servants of Darkness rather than Light, does it give them over to the self-imposed consequences. There cannot be a more reasonable, a more impartial, a more paternal government than that of Freemasonry, since it is the embodiment of brotherly love. But when its mandate is officially pronounced, that mandate is final and irrevocable. Yet, as St. Paul, the apostle of the mysteries, taught, "rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same."—*Keystone*.

An appeal is being made for funds on behalf of the Parish Church of Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, which is in need of immediate repair, and the Report of the Surveyor makes it evident that unless the foundations are in part rebuilt, the windows repaired, the supports to the galleries looked to, and the floor mended, sooner or later a deplorable accident may be the result. The cost for doing the work is estimated at £3,300, of which one-half has to be contributed by the general public, to meet the other half promised by the Marshall's Trustees. The Rev. A. H. De Fontaine, M.A., Christ Church Rectory, will gladly acknowledge any subscriptions that may be sent to him in aid of this desirable object. Subscriptions may also be sent to the Hon. Treasurer Bro. Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

In consequence of the death of the V.W. Bro. F. Davison P.G.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of the Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has ordered that all Lodges under his jurisdiction shall be suitably draped in mourning, and that all members thereof shall wear mourning for the next three meetings of their respective Lodges, as a token of esteem and respect for a departed Brother whose loss will be universally deplored. The official order for mourning directs that in Lodges—pedestals and candlesticks are to be draped with crape or cloth. Individual Brethren—Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, Masters and Past Masters, three rosettes of black crape on the badge and one at the upper point of the collar. Brethren below the above rank, three black crape rosettes on the badge, white gloves.

The Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, has removed from the Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, to Bro. Harvey's, Tupps Restaurant, 8 Tottenham Court Road, Oxford Street end. Bro. J. C. Smith P.M. 1744 P.Z. 1507 is the Preceptor, and Bro. Wood W.M. 1681 the Secretary. The meetings are held on Saturday evenings, at 8 o'clock. The first meeting at the new quarters took place on Saturday, the 16th inst.

At the last meeting of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton, an inscription was submitted for a brass plate to be erected in the Masonic Hall, Taunton, in memory of the I.P.M. Bro. Brig. Gen. Adair P.P.G.M. for Somerset, who died suddenly, at Bath, early in the year.

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BRO. FALLOWS.

On the afternoon prior to the regular meeting of the Callender Lodge, No. 1052, the W.M. Bro. Acton Williams, and a number of the brethren of this and other Lodges, met at the Mode Wheel Cemetery, near Manchester, to pay the last sad office of respect to the late Bro. P.M. Fallows, who died on the previous Friday afternoon, after a long and painful illness. His death was a great loss to the Lodge, because he was one of the oldest P.M.'s, had been a regular attendant, and was ever ready to help, with heart, hand and purse, any object which meant Charity or the prosperity of Freemasonry. A quantity of very beautiful wreaths adorned the coffin, sent by relatives and friends; one was sent by the employés of the Silver Grid Dining Rooms, of which the deceased brother was proprietor; and a large and beautiful floral square and compass made of choice white roses, with the letter G made of violets in the centre, was sent by the Lodge. After the funeral service in the church was over, and the coffin lowered into the grave, the Worshipful Master, who stood at the head of the grave, holding the floral contribution of the Lodge, summoned the brethren to stand round, and in ancient manner took leave of their departed brother.

BRO. R. J. PATON.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. R. J. Paton, I.P.M. Israel Lodge, No. 205. It appears that Bro. Paton, while passing down Coldharbour-lane, Brixton, either missed his footing or slipped upon something, and his head coming in contact with the kerbstone caused instantaneous death. The deceased leaves a widow and five children.

BRO. R. H. SOOTHERAN.

On Wednesday, 13th inst., Bro. R. H. Sootheran died at his residence, South Parade, Northallerton, at the age of forty-eight. Deceased was well known, not only in North Yorkshire, but throughout the whole of South Durham, he having travelled that district for the well-known firm of Messrs. Ryland and Co., of Manchester, for upwards of twenty years. Latterly he has been in indifferent health, and some six weeks ago he had the misfortune to lose his wife. In fact he has been so seriously indisposed for months past as to be unable to follow his business, but his demise was sudden. He suffered from a complication of ailments, the principal of which was kidney and heart disease.

The current number of the *Masonic Review* fully sustains its character for perfection, so far as the art of typography is concerned, but in other respects we fear it will not meet the demand that prompted its appearance in the path devoted to Masonic Journalism. The brief references it makes to the late Sir Daniel Gooch have appeared elsewhere, and the same remark will apply equally to a large proportion of the other "intelligence" our contemporary indulges in. A splendid specimen of the printer's art is displayed in the portrrit of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, which is everything that could be desired. Bro. Frederick Binckes is the worthy Mason selected for the "At Home" page, and that brother's friends will appreciate the fraternal spirit that pervades the writer's remarks throughout. The portrait of Bro. Binckes is also a very successful one.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C., on Tuesday, 26th inst. Bros. Greenway J.W. 1310 W.M., W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 S.W., H. Esling W.M. 1321 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Potter, Berry, Hunter, Goldfinch, Kirk, Cleghorn, Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Rymer, Brindley, Curzons, Corby, Noakes. Third Lecture—Bros. Powdrell, Esling, Swan.

There was a very full attendance at the Board of Benevolence on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President, Bro. James Brett P.G.P., and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. occupied their respective chairs; Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury A.G.S., W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Neville Green represented Grand Secretary's Office. The Board of Masters was first held, when the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication was read to the brethren. Bro. James Brett proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Grey for the able manner in which he had presided over the Board during the past year. The brethren would not be discharging their duty if they did not take that opportunity of recognising Bro. Grey's ability and geniality, not only during the past year, but ever since he had been President of the Board. Bro. Cottebrune seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Grey returned his hearty thanks, and assured the brethren that he had only endeavoured to do his duty. He had been so ably supported by the other members of the Board that it was a pleasure to work with them in their great and noble cause. The Board of Benevolence having been opened, the brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the October meeting, to the amount of £290. The new list contained the names of 38 petitioners. Two cases were dismissed, as not coming within the rules of the Board, and five were deferred, not being complete. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £805. This amount was made up of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £200, and two recommendations of £50; two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40, and three of £30. There were 11 grants of £20, one of £15, nine of £10, and two of £5.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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The production of "La Tosca" at the Garrick will take place on Thursday, 28th inst. The principal characters will be acted by Mrs. Bernard-Beere, Miss Rose Leclercq, Miss Bessie Hatton, Messrs. Herbert Waring, Lewis Waller, R. Cathcart, Sidney Brough, Gilbert Farquhar, Lawrence D'Orsay, C. Dodsworth, Charles Hudson, F. H. Knight, F. Powell, R. Power, R. Harding, and J. Forbes-Robertson. For the sketches of the costumes Mr. Hare is indebted to the kindness of Mr. E. Abbey, and for the design for the Church of St. Andrea to Mr. E. Salmons, F.R.I.B.A. The dance in act II. has been arranged by Signor Casati, by kind permission of the Directors of the Alhambra Company, while the scenery is by Messrs. Harford and Ryan.

The revival of "The Pink Domiooes" at the Comedy, under the direction of Mr. William Duck, will take place to-night (Saturday). It will be remembered that the comedy is adapted from the French of Delacour and Hennequin, by James Albery. The following are in the cast:—Messrs. Charles H. Hawtrey, Herbert Standing, Alfred Maltby, Aubrey Boucicault, E. Dagnall, A. Bearne, Erskine; Misses Rose Saker, Gabrielle Goldney, Alma Stanley, Fanny Robertson and Eastwell.

Mr. Thomas Thorne returns to the Vaudeville on Thursday, the 28th instant, when he will reopen with the successful comedy drama, "Joseph's Sweetheart." Mr. Thorne will be supported by Messrs. Frank Gillmore, Cyril Maude, F. Grove, C. Harbury, J. S. Blythe, Stanley Hope, and Fred Thorne, the Misses Ella Banister, Sylvia Hodson, Coralie Owen, Rose Dudley, Lillie Bryer, L. Hinton, Kate Fane, and Gladys Ffolliott.

A "Masonic" benefit is a new idea. Such an entertainment wi take place at Terry's Theatre on the 28th inst., in aid of the widow of Mr. Delavanti, a well-known musical conductor. Mr. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer of the Order, gives the theatre, and, with his company, will play an act of "Sweet Lavender." This will be followed by a miscellaneous entertainment, and an interesting feature will be a performance of "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing," in which all the male parts will be played by members of the St. Asaph Lodge of Freemasons, assisted by their wives! On such an occasion as this should have been revived, with full Masonic honours, the time-honoured farce, "The Secret; or, The Hole in the Wall," or a new adaptation, "The Secret; or, The Woman in the Clock Case."—*Daily Telegraph.*

The fourteenth annual report of the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association, whose operations are confined to the Royal Gloucester, Peace and Harmony, and Southampton Lodges, has just been issued. Six benevolent grants were made during the year. The capital account stands at £1,300, and there is a balance of £101 5s at the bankers.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE EAST LANCASHIRE CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE ceremony of consecrating this Lodge was performed on the 15th inst., in the presence of upwards of 300 brethren, assembled in the spacious Drill Hall, at the Headquarters of the 5th (Ardwick) V. B. Manchester Regiment, Ardwick Green. East Lancashire has now reached extraordinary bulk as a Province, Colonel Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master, having now no fewer than 100 Lodges under his control. In further keeping with the name of this hundredth Lodge is the fact that its members are to be drawn from holders of Her Majesty's commission in any of the Services, Naval or Military. A number of members have joined since the warrant was applied for, and the present strength is about 30. Although the consecration took place in the building already mentioned, the home of the Centurion will for a time, at least, be at the Freemason's Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. The Prov. Grand Master being nominated as the first Worshipful Master, the solemn dedication devolved upon the Very Worshipful Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick G. Registrar as S.W., Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes as J.W., and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C. Other Officials of Grand Lodge and distinguished Provincials present were Bros. T. Tew Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, H. Smith Deputy Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, W. F. Smithson P.P.G.S.D. West Yorkshire, J. H. Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer, W. Goodacre P.G. Standard Bearer, George Mellor Deputy Prov. G. Master East Lancashire, J. Chadwick P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Secretary, Edmund Ashworth P.G.D., C. F. Matier P.G. Standard Bearer, and N. G. Philips P.G.D. The Presiding Officer, after opening the Lodge, briefly addressed the brethren. He said they were assembled for the purpose of giving effect to a warrant which had been issued by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master to constitute another Lodge in this Province of East Lancashire, and so to add one more name to the long and glorious record of Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England. He (Colonel Clerke) need scarcely tell the brethren of East Lancashire that their Province had been for many years one of the foremost and one of the most distinguished Provinces that Grand Lodge had upon its roll. They had increased marvellously in the present generation, and now they had met for the purpose of celebrating the unique event of the formation of the 100th Lodge in this Province, a position which had not hitherto been attained by any Province under the Grand Lodge of England. The Provincial Grand Master, with that Masonic spirit for which he had been long and justly celebrated, had been determined to make that a special occasion, and he had, notbwithstanding the various cares and occupations of his public life, come forward to take the chair of that Lodge. It was a compliment which he (the Presiding Officer) was sure would be highly appreciated by the Province over which he ruled. He found that the new Lodge was to be mainly composed of members of the Army. He could not but personally feel that this was very appropriate, because he was sure that those officers of the Army who were going to take part in that Lodge would show the same loyalty to the Craft that he was confident they had hitherto shown, and always would show to their Queen and to their country. The office of consecration was then proceeded with by the Presiding Officer. Bro. the Rev. A. T. Twigg Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bigoe Bagot Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, took part, and the oration was given by Bro. Bagot. Bro. W. O. Pettit Provincial Grand Organist had charge of the musical arrangements, and with him were a party of singing brethren. Colonel Starkie was duly installed Worshipful Master, the Board of Installing Masters numbering 180 brethren, and he invested the following as his Officers for the year :—Bros. Colonels H. L. Rocca S.W., F. Eaton J.W., Clark S.D., Captain Andrea J.D., Colonel Aspland Secretary, Major Allinson Treasurer, Rev. E. B. Bigoe Bagot Chaplain, Captain Booth Organist, Major Hopkins I.G., Captains Thomas and Gilbody Stewards, and Sergeant-Major Hardy, Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry, Tyler. Before the Lodge closed Bro. Captain M. Smith proposed, and Bro. Colonel Aspland seconded a vote of thanks to Colonel Shadwell Clerke, which was heartily accorded, and duly acknowledged.

UNITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, held at Taunton, the following resolution was adopted by acclamation on the proposition of Bro. P.M. Meyler (Town Clerk) :—"That the brethren of this Lodge desire to record upon the minutes their hearty congratulations to their Worshipful Master upon his appointment, by the unanimous vote of the Corporation, and with the cordial appreciation of his fellow-townsmen to the high office of Mayor and Chief Magistrate of his native town." The W.M. responded in a suitable manner, expressing his opinion that his success in business and in public life had been due to the fact that he had acted upon truly Masonic principles, and to the confidence in himself which the work of the Lodge (which is the largest in Somerset) ever since he first took a collar had given him. At the complimentary banquet to the Mayor last week, the Masons present cordially drank the health of their W.M. before he responded to the toast of the evening.

THE PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday evening, the 4th inst., when Bro. George T. Pick was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. There was a very large muster of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The installation was very ably performed by Bro. E. J. Brown. The charge to the newly-installed Master was delivered by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the working tools of a Master Mason being presented by the Immediate Past Master Bro. John White. The Officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M., as follows :—Bros. J. White I.P.M., A. A. Bennett S.W., J. Hardwick J.W., W. Cookow Treasurer, C. T. Townsend Secretary, J. Foakes Jackson Chaplain, Charles Markwell S.D., W. Kemp J.D., E. J. Brown D. of C., Charles Cooke Organist, C. W. Vaughan I.G., Alma Cocks and S. Andrews Stewards, George Gould Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. A. A. Bennett proposed, and Bro. W. B. Hanson seconded, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. White, for the efficient manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year. The proposition was unanimously approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his admiration of the work he had witnessed, and complimented the W.M. and the Lodge on the numerous attendance. The installation banquet was held subsequently, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Pick, who was supported by the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. Boby P.G.S.B. Eng., and about 60 other brethren. The *menu* was an exceedingly interesting production. It contained a splendid cabinet-sized photograph of the W.M., in full Masonic clothing, and smaller portraits of the whole of the Officers. The names of the Officers were also set out, and to each an appropriate Shakespearian quotation was allotted. The photographs were from the studio of the I.P.M. Bro. Jno. White; for the literary work and the general "get up" of the card Bro. W. B. Hanson is entitled to credit; while the catering, not the least important portion of the event, was most satisfactorily carried out by Bro. J. Hardwick. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Mastrr, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, for whom Bro. W. Boby responded. He briefly alluded to the inquiry which was made into the administration of the Boys' Charity, and expressed the hope that nothing which had transpired would induce any Brother to withold his support and sympathy from that Institution. Bro. W. B. Hanson proposed the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded, in an entertaining speech; Bro. Townsend replied for the Past, and Bro. Trew for the Present Officers. Bro. Jno. White, in proposing the health of the W.M., said ever since Bro. Pick joined the Lodge he had done everything in his power to promote its success, and had filled the various offices to which he had been appointed with the greatest courtesy and zeal, and to the entire satisfaction of the Masters under whom he had served. Now that he had been elevated to the proud position of Master of the Lodge, he felt confident that the brethren would show their appreciation of his worth by supporting him most heartily and loyally, and by doing all they possibly could to make his year of office a most complete success. The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud applause, expressed the hope that the brethren of the Lodge would rally round him, and promised that he would do everything he could to conduct the work of the Lodge in an efficient manner. Before sitting down he proposed in complimentary terms the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Brown, who was an indispensable member of the Lodge. Bro. Brown responded, and proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. White. Bro. White responded in felicitous terms. The other toasts were the Visitors, proposed by the W.M. and acknowledged by the Masters of the Lodges represented and other brethren; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. A. A. Bennett, and responded to by Bro. N. Tracy; the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, by various brethren.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 19th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester. Bro. Acton Williams W.M. opened the Lodge in due form and with solemn prayer at 7·30. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Secretary Bro. R. White P.M. The W.M. then proposed his son Mr. Robert Williams for initiation. Bro. Campbell S.W. had much pleasure in seconding the proposition, and on the ballot being taken it proved unanimous. The candidate was then admitted, and after answering the necessary questions he was duly obligated by his father the W.M. in a most impressive manner, the brethren singing Masonic chaunts during the ceremony. Immediately after the obligation, the organ chimed forth that beautiful chant, "Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law." The corner stone lecture was then given by the W.M., and the working tools explained in an efficient manner by the J.W. Bro. Tofthouse. The candidate then retired, and on his return Bro. Campbell S.W. gave the charge after initiation, in an eloquent manner.

HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

THE annual meeting was held on the 14th inst., at Home Park, Stoke. Two candidates were admitted, and three more proposed. Bro. Jeremiah William Foster was installed W.M. Bros. W. H. Gillman, W. J. Stanbury, E. Aitken-Davies, H. Rogers, all of 1099, were the Installing Officers. The Officers invested were :—W. Bro. H. W. Pengelly I.P.M., Bros. G. Vanstone S.W., S. J. Page J.W., W. Bros. S. Panter Treasurer, W. J. Stanbury Secretary, Bros. G. H. Olver S.D., W. H. Dillon J.D., S. L. Edgcumbe D.C., S. Fry A.D.C., G. F. Miller Organist, W. H. Bird Assistant Organist, W. H. Penrose I.G., A. Moore, A. G. Friend, T. H. Hamley, W. Frost Stewards, J. Rashbrooke Tyler. W. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was re-elected representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the Treasurer with the inscription—

"Presented to W. Bro. S. Panter P.M. by members of Huyshe Lodge in memory of his fiftieth birthday."

Bro. S. J. Page made the presentation on behalf of the donors in a

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very eulogistic acknowledgment of the many services of Bro. Panter to the Lodge. That day happened to complete Bro. Panter's first half-century, might he long live in the second. The Lodge resolved to hold the annual banquet this year in the handsome new refectory just added to the Hall.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and friends. In consequence of the death of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.), the Lodge was draped in black, and the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. The ceremony of installing Bro. Hickie, who had been elected W.M. for the ensuing year at a previous Lodge, was admirably performed by Bro. C. Slaughter, his predecessor in office. After the installation, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. Slaughter I.P.M., J. Greenaway S.W., H. G. Sherwin J.W., J. T. Stransom (re-elected) Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary, T. P. Stewart S.D., S. Biggs J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. (1436) D.C., W. B. Biddles Organist, R. E. Hodder I.G., W. C. Long, W.M., Colebrook, and R. F. Hart Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler, R. Dowsett Almoner. When the ceremony had been completed, the W.M., in a few well chosen sentences, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Slaughter, in recognition of the excellent manner in which he fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Slaughter suitably returned thanks for the handsome gift made to him. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was served in good style by Bro. Flanagan P.M. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed. In returning thanks for the Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. R. Bradley said that it is anticipated that Berks and Bucks would be divided into separate Provinces. There were thirteen Lodges in the former, and twelve in the latter. The health of the W.M. was received with great cordiality, and he, in response, expressed an earnest hope that he might be able to maintain the traditions of the Lodge in respect to charity, to working, and to a thoroughly fraternal feeling. The Masonic Institutions were proposed by Bro. E. J. Blackwell, and responded to by Bro. W. Ferguson P.M., who has on more than one occasion been a Steward at the annual Festivals of the Charities. Bro. Arthur Welch P.M. proposed the Visitors, and Bro. Nottage, W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, and Bro. Turner, of the Herschel Lodge (Slough), returned thanks. The Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters was next proposed, and a special tribute paid to the manner in which Bro. Slaughter had filled the office of W.M. Bro. W. W. Ridley P.M. gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Stransom and E. W. Ridley. The W.M. proposed the Fellow Craft, Bro. Farrer. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Lodge of Union and the Kendrick Lodge, and much regret was expressed at the absence of the former (Brother W. Sherwood), from indisposition. Bro. C. Hawkes returned thanks for the Union, and Bro. B. W. Bennett W.M. for the Kendrick Lodge. Bro. J. T. Dodd (Mayor of Reading), who was warmly received, proposed the Wardens and other Officers of the Grey Friars Lodge, and Bros. Greenaway and Sherwin responded. The Tyler's toast, the last on the list, was duly given. The Grey Friars Lodge always makes a point of having singing at its dinners, and this year the musical arrangements were unusually good. There were some capital songs by Bro. Taylor (a professional vocalist, who sings ballads most charmingly), Bros. Hodder, Herm, Biddles, Smallwood, Long, and others. The W.M. presided in an able manner, and made some spirited speeches. All the brethren stand clear of tediousness; the songs went extremely well, and the meeting altogether was a most cheery one.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE 21st anniversary meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, on Friday evening, the 1st instant, when Bro. Charles Walter Lord was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of the brethren, the members of the Lodge present including Bros. Charles Joslin W.M., Charles W. Lord S.W. (W.M. elect), Mitchell Reid J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Joseph F. Hills P.M. Treasurer, Henry C. Pratt P.M., W. Inglis Mason I.P.M., C. W. Grimwood P.M., D. Alston P.M., W. H. Smith, George H. Grimwood, Frederick Wheeler P.M. Secretary, William Bailey S.D., E. Andrews J.D., Bernard H. Horst D.C. and Organist, Harris Hills I.G., Joseph George Steward, J. S. Stuart, H. F. Hills, Rev. David Hughes, J. W. Thornber, J. S. Carlton, R. S. Joy, C. J. N. Row, E. S. Garrett, E. C. Maulden, N. Aprile, W. L. Lewis, Rev. W. T. Corfield, W. Simpson, George Grant, J. C. Sheeham, John Moye, Charles Sewell, and W. G. Normandale. The visitors included Bros. Wm. Clarke P.M. 114, Rev. A. Campbell Chaplain 2166, J. Barrett Leonard 917, Zach. Hunt 2154, S. Taylor 1823, J. M. Jones Organist 1965, C. E. Porter 879, T. Stokoe 1823, James Bardwell I.G. 1823, A. Taylor S.W. 332, W. W. Campion J.D. 1823, Fredk. C. Atkinson S.W. 376. The installation was ably and impressively performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Officers for the year were invested by the W.M., as under:—Bros. Charles Joslin I.P.M., Mitchell Reid S.W., Wm. Bailey J.W., Rev. David Hughes, B.A., Chaplain, Jos. Hills Treasurer, Fredk. Wheeler Secretary, H. C. Pratt D.C., Bernard Horst Organist, Eph. Andrews S.D., Harris Hills J.D., Jos. George I.G., Robert S. Joy Steward, H. M. Sholl Tyler. After the investment of the Officers, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in a felicitous speech, presented to Bro. F. Wheeler, on behalf of the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Lodge, a very handsome gold watch, "as a slight token of their esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary to the Lodge during the past fifteen years." Bro. Wheeler, in acknowledging the presentation, said the work he had done in connection with the Lodge had been a labour of love, and had brought its own reward. He was deeply grateful to the brethren for their very handsome present. After the transaction of Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. J. George The newly-installed W.M. Bro. Lord presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (the Rev. C. J. Martyn), Bro. W. Clarke, the Immediate Past Master and other brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bros. Jos. Hills proposed the Grand Officers, for whom Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn and Wm. Clarke responded. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Lord Henniker, who, he said, was in every way worthy of the high position he held. Bro. F. Wheeler proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers, and referred to the splendid manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev C. J. Martyn. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master responded in a neat and humorous speech, and before sitting down proposed the health of the W.M. The Worshipful Master briefly responded. Bro. William Clarke proposed the Masonic Charities, and referring to the recent inquiry with respect to the administration of the Boys' Schools, said that whatever else may be said of Bro. Binckes, there was no doubt that he had been a very powerful lever in the great Masonic body, and had the welfare of the Institution at heart. But even if one brother had failed, he asked was there any reason why they should withhold their support from the Institution? He was confident that in spite of all that had transpired the Masons of England would have faith in the School and would do all in their power to promote the welfare of so noble an Institution. Bro. C. J. N. Row, whose name was coupled with the toast, in the course of his response, stated that the Province commanded 3608 votes, and although the Stour Valley stood fourteenth in numerical strength, it was fourth in voting power. The other toasts included the I.P.M., the Secretary and Treasurer, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1544.

THE brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Camborne, on the 13th inst., when the installation ceremony was most efficiently performed by I.P.M. Bro. J. Pengelly, assisted by P.M.'s Bailey, Rodda, Peadray, and Bate. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Thomas Burge W.M., Richard Rowe S.W., John Newland J.W., William Vial S.D., W. H. Trevithick J.D., W. N. Trounson I.G., H. P. Vivian Secretary, J. Whitworth Assistant-Secretary, E. Lakey Treasurer, W. Bailey Organist, E. Vine Chaplain, A. Dunkin D.C., Taylor, Gardener, Hocking, and Jackson Stewards, T. Bartle Almoner, and J. Pengelly C.S.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A MEETING was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Present:—Bros. V. Wing W.M., Harding S.W., Sandalls J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Williams I.P.M. Secretary, Oliver S.D., Coombes J.D., Collings P.M. D.C., Wright I.G., Grundy Steward, Fayers Assistant Steward, Stacey P.M. Organist, Gordon Assistant Organist, Walkley Tyler; P.M.'s Pardoe and Collick. Visitors: Bros. March W.M. 1360, Lyon 185, Spong 2020, Tucker J.W. 144, Joyce 1158, and a good muster of members. After preliminaries, Bro. Saines was raised to the 3rd degree, and Bros. Colverd, Lloyd, and Metherell were passed. A ballot having been taken for Messrs. Alfred Woodward, Louis Nathan, Richard Ambler, and William Inglis Richardson, they were regularly initiated into the Craft. A letter was read from Bro. P.M. Robinson, apologising for his non-attendance, also a letter of acknowledgment and thanks for relief from the widow of a late member of the Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. Hatfield P.M. Royal Arthur Lodge, forwarding a copy of "Liber Musicus" for the use of the Lodge. It was unanimously decided to accept the gift, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor. On the motion of Bro. Pardoe P.M., seconded by Bro. Grundy, it was unanimously decided to present Bro. Robinson with a jewel, in recognition of his services as Secretary. The business being ended the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Wednesday, the 4th December. After the usual repast, the W.M. proposed the ordinary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received. The W.M. (by the I.P.M.), the Initiates, Visitors, the Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers (all by the W.M.), were duly received and responded to, and the Tyler closed a very enjoyable evening, agreeably enlivened by the services of Bros. Colverd, Green, Lyon, and Walter Joyce, the latter with recitations, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and "William Tell." A brilliant pianoforte duet was contributed by the Misses Silcock, daughters of the genial host.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No 1816.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on the 24th ult. Over sixty brethren were present, and among the earliest to arrive were Bro. J. T. Kinipple W.M., Past Masters Bros. Chas. Reeves, W. Watkins, D. Hodges, and C. W. Correl; Officers: Bros. H. Sinclair S.W., T. W. Clements J.W., Geo. Morris Treasurer, H. Rodger P.M. Secretary, Albert Govier S.D., W. B. Abrahams J.D., R. W. Carroll I.G., D. Meiklereed D.C., H. W. Sherwin Organist, and Stewart Tyler. Members—Bros. E. Smith, John Smith, E. Haysom, T. Cowell, F. Garrood, B. Charig, Bradford, A. Read, Jas. Adams, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. L. T. Conbro P.M. 1365, R. W. Galloway 1602, J. Brooks 51, C. Cooper 898, G. T. Williams 898, G. G. Duck 898, H. Cooper P.M. 898, C. Gammon 704, J. Mills 1765, &c. The Lodge being opened, Bro. Cray was elected as a joining member. The W.M. Bro. J. T. Kinipple, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Watkins and others, initiated Messrs. G. R. Shrimpton and T. G. Holttum; and Bros. Adams, Horlock, and Grimwood were passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Sinclair, was then presented to the W.M. for installation, and having responded to

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the usual charges, was duly installed by Bro. C. Reeve in the chair of K.S. The installing Officer performed the ceremony in a most impressive and earnest manner, delivering all the addresses with the greatest precision and accuracy. The new W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Clements S.W., Albert Govier J.W., George Morris Treasurer, H. Rogers Secretary, W. B. Abrahams S.D., R. W. Carroll J.D., D. Meikleread I.G., F. Garrood D.C., Bradford S.S., A. Read J.S., H. W. Sherwin Organist; and Stewart Tyler. The W.M. then presented the P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. J. T. Kinipple, at the same time congratulating him in the name of the Lodge for the manner in which he had conducted the business during his term of office. Bro. Kinipple having feelingly and suitably responded, after "hearty good wishes" the Lodge was duly closed. The brethren then retired to the Queen's Room, where a splendid banquet was served, in a manner that could but enhance the pleasure of all who were participants. This important ceremony passed, the loyal toasts, the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were received with enthusiasm, and in a no less hearty manner the M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and all the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. I.P.M. Kinipple then proposed the Worshipful Master, mentioning that he was the third initiate of that Lodge who had arrived at the honourable position which he had now attained; to which Bro. H. Sinclair replied, stating that he intended to fulfil all the duties of his high office faithfully and justly. In reply to the toast of the Immediate Past Master Bro. J. Kinipple referred to the present prosperity of the Lodge, and claimed the consideration of the brethren for his endeavours to put the Lodge in a sound financial position; even if he had incurred some little imputation for closeness, it was all for the good of the Lodge, and on Masonic principles. Replying for the Installing Master, Bro. C. Reeve referred to brotherly love as a first condition of Masonry, and expatiated eloquently on the virtues of temperance and charity in all things. The P.M.'s and the Initiates having been adequately proposed and acknowledged, the W.M., in giving the Masonic Charities, expressed his resolution to take a Stewardship at both the approaching Festivals of the Old People and the Girls' School. On the list being sent round, the handsome amount of £63 was quickly subscribed, and was gratefully acknowledged by the W.M. To the toast of the Visitors Bro. H. Cooper felicitated the Lodge in warm terms on the true Masonic spirit evident among them, and was followed in the same sense by several other visitors. Amongst others responding for the Officers, Bro. H. Rogers said that during the whole term of his Secretaryship, he had a good record to report, and that the prosperous condition of the Lodge continued to increase, and was never more apparent, nor its progress more certain than at the present moment. The Tyler's toast concluded an evening delightfully spent. During the intervals between the toasts and the replies, several brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the company by their vocal and instrumental performances. Among these were Bros. I.P.M. Kinipple, Duck and Gammon, whose efforts were highly appreciated and applauded. The Organist of the Lodge effectively accompanied, and filled up the interval with solos.

EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 463.

A MEETING of the members of this Lodge, one of the oldest in the Province of Surrey, was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that in April last this Lodge celebrated its Jubilee, and the brethren to do honour to one of the staunchest Masons the Province has ever produced, resolved to re-elect to the chair Bro. George Price Prov. Grand Treasurer. Brother Price joined Freemasonry fifty years back, in this Lodge, and four years after filled, with credit to himself and pleasure to the members, the Master's chair. Since then he has kept up his association with the Lodge, and though now in his eightieth year, displays a lasting and continuous interest in its welfare. On the occasion we are now more especially considering Bro. George Price opened his Lodge at five o'clock, when he was supported by Past Masters C. H. Woodward (Secretary), Dr. F. Nicholls, J. K. Pitt, W. Sharp; W. F. Haines S.W., J. R. Hubbard J.W., R. W. Price Treasurer, B. Williams S.D., Thos. Griffiths J.D., J. W. Hollwell Steward, Thos. Huntley I.G., and Lane Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were the Deputy Prov. G. Master (in charge of the Province) Bro. Frederick West, F. Cambridge W.M. 2096, F. Wright J.D. 2128, J. S. Fraser P.M. 2096, Reginald Piper I.P.M. 1872, J. Kilvington W.M. 1790, C. Everist P.M. 720, H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, Joseph D. Langton P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, W. G. Fenn W.M. 538, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After preliminaries had been fully observed, Bro. Edwin Plats was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Dr. Nicholls P.M. conducting the ceremony in a masterly manner. The ballot was taken for Mr. William John Russell, a candidate for initiation, a gentleman well known to residents of Croydon. The result was in favour of the candidate. A similar verdict was given on behalf of Brother Abraham Charles Crossley, of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, who desired to join Lodge 463. Brother Woodward now took the chair, and the candidate was introduced and regularly initiated into the first degree in Freemasonry. Now Bro. Price resumed his position, and Bro. C. H. Woodward, as the oldest Past Master after Bro. George Price, rose. In graceful and eloquent terms Bro. Woodward described how gratified the members were that they still had with them a brother who could claim an uninterrupted association with their Lodge for fifty years' duration. For himself, he thought this was almost, if not quite a unique event, so far as the Craft was concerned. Four years after his initiation, Bro George Price was elected Worshipful Master; twenty years later he (Bro. Woodward) followed as W.M.; there were at the present time 18 Past Masters on the roll of the Lodge, which he ventured to assert gave evidence of the interest the old members still hold in its working. To celebrate in a fit and proper way this event in the Lodge's history, a small committee had been formed, while a desire had been expressed by some of the members of the George Price Lodge, which may be considered somewhat of an offshoot of the East Surrey, and which Lodge meets in the same hostelry, that they should take part in providing the necessary funds to carry out the object contemplated. The Chapters also which met at the Greyhound expressed a wish to assist, and consequently it had been decided that the presentation should embody a life-like presentment of their esteemed Worshipful Master, which might for ages yet to come hold a place where the members of the several Lodges and Chapters assembled, and be handed down so long as the Lodge had a place for meeting in. Bro. Woodward now unveiled the portrait, which had been executed in the highest style, by Mr. S. L. Phillips, of East Croydon. The likeness is a "speaking" one, and has been produced from an enlarged photograph, reflecting credit upon, and adding lustre to the fame of the talented artist to whom it had been entrusted. Bro. George Price, in thanking the brethren for their generous gift, said it gave him infinite pleasure in accepting it. In the course of his long career he had been made the recipient of many honours, but nothing had given him greater pleasure than the intimation that day of their good feeling towards him. He was pleased at the suggestion that Bro. Woodward had made. Here, where the Lodges and Chapters with which he was associated met, was its proper abiding place. To the several members who had acted upon the Committee, and especially to Bro. Woodward, his best thanks were due, for the uniform kindness they had ever shown towards him. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. A banquet followed, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured. A very pleasant evening was spent, some capital songs being given, Bro. Williams especially distinguishing himself in this regard.

HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970.

ON the 5th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, for the installation of the W.M. and investment of Officers for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. T. D. Marshall, presided, and was well supported by his Officers and brethren. The Provincial Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., accompanied by Bro. R. Hudson Provincial Grand Secretary, and many of his Provincial Officers, paid his first visit to the Hadrian Lodge. Upon the Lodge being opened, the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form by the brethren, and the Provincial Grand Master took the chair. After some preliminary business, the W.M. Bro. T. D. Marshall, in most respectful terms, welcomed the Provincial Grand Master to the Lodge, and asked his acceptance of an illuminated and handsomely framed address. The lettering and adornment was the work of Messrs. Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, and was very tasteful. The name and number of the Lodge, with a picture of Hadrian, was upon the side design. The address was read by Bro. Marshall. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledging the welcome and the address, congratulated the Lodge upon its steady progress, its excellent balance-sheet, and their assistance to the Masonic Charities, particularly the Durham Masonic Educational Fund. He assured them that he felt great pleasure in visiting the Lodge, and he was more pleased, if possible, because he had received a very pleasing surprise in the valuable address they had given him. Nothing could give him more satisfaction than to find that his efforts were well received by the brethren. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Ross, then took place, Bro. Walter Ross acting as installing Master. The newly-installed Master invested the following Officers for the year:—Bros. T. D. Marshall I.P.M., J. H. Penny S.W., George Harland J.W., Sinclair Oates Chaplain, T. Coulson P.M. Treasurer, D. Walton Secretary, J. W. Henderson S.D., R. H. Copeland J.D., J. J. Athey D. of C., J. Tate I.G., W. Thomas S.S., R. Farmer J.S., T. Potter P.M. Tyler. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and in the evening the annual festival took place, the W.M. Bro. J. T. Ross in the chair.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

IN the presence of about 70 brethren, representing the leading members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Leeds Lodges, and visitors from neighbouring towns, the installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on the 9th inst. W. Bro. Watson P.M. Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, the W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by the following Officers:—W. Bros. Trevor I.P.M., Charles Middleton S.W. W.M. elect, J. J. Fretwell J.W., Tom Atkinson Secretary, Robt. Abbott Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Evans Chaplain, A. Butterworth S.D., B. S. Bailey J.D., R. A. Smithson Assistant Secretary, Thornton Jones as I.G., and Jas. Buckley Organist. Among others present were V.W. Bros. Dr. Smyth Past Grand Chaplain of England, R. Craig P.P.G.D., Joseph Binney P.M. P.P.G. Registrar, C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, Sam Fitton P.M. P.G.A.D.C., Major Moore P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Matthewman P.G. Assistant Secretary, Allinson P.M. P.P.G.D., and many others. The Lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, the minutes were duly adopted, and then Bro. Chas. Middleton was presented by Bro. Trevor for the benefit of installation. The obligation was impressively administered by Bro. Robt. Craig, after which the Officers were called upon to hand over their collars, beginning at the Junior Officer. Previous to the opening of the Board of Installed Masters, the W.M. Brother Watson returned thanks to the brethren for their kind and courteous treatment of him during the time he had ruled over the Lodge. Especially were his acknowledgments due to his Past Masters, who had been such a support to him during the past year. There had not been the slightest appearance of discord, and that being the case he would be wrong if he laid down the reins without thanking all. They had supported him nobly, and he had done his best to deserve their support. He also warmly thanked his Officers, singling out for special commendation Bro. Trevor D.C., and Bro. Tom Atkinson the Secretary. The last named brother had been exceedingly active and zealous, and his duties had been performed

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in a way that was beyond all praise. He had thought no labour too great to carry out his work in a satisfactory manner, and the Lodge had been the gainer thereby. Bro. Trevor, too, had been a tower of strength. Brethren having retired from the Lodge, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation completed, it being taken part in by Bros. Watson, Dr. Smyth, C. L. Mason, Craig, and Trevor. Afterwards Bro. Chas. Middleton, the newly installed W.M., invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John James Fretwell S.W., Tom Atkinson J.W., Rev. J. H. Evans Chaplain, Robert Abbott Secretary, Robert Craig P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. Preceptor, Arthur Butterworth S.D., Benjamin Sykes Bailey J.D., Tudor Trevor P.M. D.C., R. A. Smithson I.G., H. B. Abbott Assistant Secretary, J. T. Jones, E. Ellis Stewards, James Buckley Organist, Samuel Barrand Tyler. Bro. Watson I.P.M., the Prov. Charity member, reported that during the year the brethren had endowed two chairs, to the amount of 20 guineas. During the past four years that Lodge had sent up to our great Institutions a total of 420 guineas, which all must admit was a noble result. He never pressed for contributions, believing that all Masonic Charity should be voluntary, and the result had shewn the wisdom of this course. He earnestly appealed for future support, and said his position as their Charity member had always been a proud and a happy one. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smyth, seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, Bro. Watson was unanimously re-elected Charity member for the ensuing year. Bros. Trevor and Fretwell S.W. were unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Local Charity Committee. The W.M. (Bro. Chas. Middleton) then, on behalf of the brethren of Lodge Prudence, presented to Bro. Watson a handsome Past Master's jewel of the Lodge pattern, and bearing the word "Founder" on a special bar, Bro. Watson being one of the founders. In making the presentation, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him at being the vehicle through which the Lodge presented that mark of esteem. The year that had just closed had been a very happy one, and he hoped they would always be able to keep up the harmony and good feeling which had, since its formation, characterised their Lodge. Bro. Watson was as highly esteemed in the Province as he was in that Lodge, as was evidenced by the fact that the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew had raised him to the purple by making him Grand Supt. of Works. His labours, too, in connection with the Provincial Library at Wakefield were well known and appreciated, and that work would remain as an enduring monument of his Masonic research and skill long after he had passed away. The members of that Lodge could not respect him more highly than they did, and he hoped Brother Watson would wear the jewel as a solid and visible sign of their appreciation of him both as a man and a Mason. Bro. Watson, who was most cordially received, thanked the brethren with great warmth, and said that the foundation of the prosperity of the Lodge had been well and truly laid by the Past Masters. When he was installed he succeeded to no unpleasant legacy, and he was glad to know that he handed on the work to his successor as free from doubt and difficulty as he received it. The interests of Lodge Prudence had ever been in his mind, and he had striven to the best of his ability to promote them. The jewel he should wear as a recognition from his brethren, as a proof that they recognised that he had striven, and not in vain, to promote the best interests in their Lodge. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, a resolution of condolence was passed to Bro. Fretwell, who has just lost his father. This duty was most sympathetically and gracefully performed. It having been briefly but feelingly acknowledged, the Lodge closed in peace and harmony and with solemn prayer. The à la fourchette was served by Bro. Barrand, in the banqueting hall, at which most of the brethren were present. The W.M. most genially presided, and a long toast list having been gone through, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, Bro. Jas. Buckley, the talented Organist, taking charge of this part of the programme with his accustomed success. At ten o'clock the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful and happy installation meetings yet held in the history of this Lodge.

BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

A VERY pleasant time resulted from the meeting of this Lodge, on Monday last, when the members assembled at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, under the presidency of their Worshipful Master, Bro. M. J. Jessop (P.M. 1261). Bro. Jessop was supported by Bro. Charles Hogard, Past Grand Standard Bearer, as I.P.M.; in the absence of Bro. L. Kool the S.W.'s chair was taken by Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 1612, &c., S. B. Joel J.W., J. Joel Treas., M. J. de Leeuw Sec., Thos. Honey S.D., J. B. Joel I.G., J. H. Gluckstein Steward, Walkley Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Fred. Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, B. H. Joseph P.M. 43 P.P.G J.D. Warwickshire, Max Mendelssohn I.G. 212, Dr. B. C. Scott 1297, W. Lloyd S.W. 145, W. Mundy 1839, Herbert Sprake 2192, J. C. Rivers 1879, A. E. Sarti P.M. 180, G. Harwood 813, J. Abrahams 359, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed the ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation—Mr. Edmund John Whiteway, who was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. C. F. Hogard; the second candidate was Mr. Joseph Polak, and he had for his sponsors Bros. De Leeuw (Secretary) and Kool (S.W.) The result was unanimous in favour of each candidate. Bro. Richard Warner of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, desired to become a joining member, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he took his seat as a member of the Barnato Lodge. The name of another gentleman appeared on the agenda paper as a candidate for our mysteries, but through illness he was unable to attend on the present occasion. The two candidates named above were introduced and initiated by the W.M. The Worshipful Master, addressing the brethren, stated he had now a mournful duty to perform. At their last meeting they had with them a respected member of the Craft, a Past Grand Chaplain, one who was an honorary member of the Barnato Lodge. He referred to the late Bro. Weldon, who had acted as the Grand Chaplain at the consecration of their Lodge. The brethren would all remember Bro. Weldon's towering height, and would recognise the immensity of brain power which he possessed. His orations were at all times practical, and would hold in the memory of those who had had the privilege of listening to them. Their deceased brother had been with them on several occasions since their inauguration night, and he would be long remembered by those who had on such occasions met him. Bro. Jessop concluded by proposing that a vote of condolence be sent to the son of the late Rev. Brother Weldon, expressing the sympathy the Lodge felt with the family in their bereavement. This was seconded by Brother Acworth the acting S.W., and unanimously agreed to. In the course of the evening it was proposed that the services of Bro. Hogard, who had devoted himself most assiduously in the formation of the Lodge, and who had rendered good service as I.P.M., and W.M. in the enforced absence of Bro. J. Da Silva, should receive some slight recognition. Brother Barnato proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be provided, and the presentation made at the next meeting of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Jessop the W.M., and supported by Bro. Acworth, who expressed his gratification that the suggestion he incidentally made at the last meeting had so soon been acted upon. The proposition was unanimously agreed to. Reference was next made to the very successful ball held by the Lodge last year, when a sum of close upon £60 was raised for the Lodge Benevolent Fund. It was now decided that a second ball should be held, to take place at the Hotel Metropole, on or about 7th January next. After some other matters had received attention Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by the Bros. Baker, the service being superintended by Bro. Sams. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. These having received full honours, the health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, and Bro. F. Binckes acknowledged the toast. Bro. Hogard next gave the health of the W.M. The way in which the mention of Bro. Jessop's name had been received was an earnest of the esteem in which all the members of the Lodge held him. As a worker Bro. Jessop had established for himself a reputation, and this had been confirmed by the way in which he had initiated the candidates that night. He had so endeared himself to the Lodge that no further words were necessary to commend the toast. The W.M. gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him, and assured the brethren he should at all times strive to advance the best interests of the members. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. said accession to membership was a desirable feature in all new Lodges. In the Barnato they did not go out into the highways and byeways, but when eligible candidates presented themselves, and were properly vouched for, the Lodge would give them every encouragement. This had been the case with the two gentlemen who had been received into the Lodge that evening, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink a toast in their honour. Bros. Whiteway and Polak briefly acknowledged the honour done them. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Past Masters, referred to the absence of Brother J. Da Silva. Brother Hogard in reply said he was assured the brethren one and all trusted Brother Da Silva was securing a bountiful supply of that commodity they so much coveted. For himself, he was intensely gratified at the kindly expression of approval that had been given to his poor services. The other toasts given were the Visitors, for which Bros. Josephs, Lloyd, Rivers, Sprake, Morgan, and others responded; the Officers, responded to by the Acting S.W. and the Secretary. A special toast in honour of the brother after whom the Lodge is named was entrusted to Bro. F. Binckes, who gracefully referred to what had been done by the Lodge since its formation, and to the interest Bro. Barnato had taken in the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Barnato made a suitable response, and shortly afterwards the Tyler closed the meeting. Some capital songs were given, Bro. Lloyd especially distinguishing himself. By request, Bro. Morgan recited the "In Memoriam" lines, and Bro. Wright's musical interpolations rendered these very solemn and effective. As accompanist during the evening Brother Wright was all that could be desired.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. H. Saqui W.M., Goodinge S.W., Liscombe J.W., Samuels J.D., Cohen I.G., P. M. Emanuel S.D., S. Dancyger Preceptor. Visitors:—Bros. Isaac Davis P.M. (Niagara Frontier Lodge, No. 132). The work of the evening comprised the ceremony of raising, with traditional history, Bro. Quadratatein candidate. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, and the fourth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. A. J. Marks.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Present—Bros. F. C. Dixie W.M., Culver S.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Foot J.D., Marcus I.G., and several brethren, who duly signed the attendance book. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother F. Smith acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. E. Smith answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. E. Smith candidate. Bro. Belchamber, assisted by Bro. Weedon, worked the second section of the lecture. Lodge was formally lowered, and closed in perfect harmony.

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I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

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I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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Bro. Goldsmith was initiated in the Chiselhurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the *Press Association*, and in that capacity was well know to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 1889.

WHAT A CALIFORNIAN THIRTY-THIRDER SAID ABOUT PAPAL ASSUMPTION.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

WITH all due respect to the Pope, it cannot be denied that the Popes have always been more inveterate "ancient landmark sticklers," than the most orthodox Masonic luminaries were; and, like our American Christian Masons, the Popes always had *a one-sided golden rule unto themselves*. The Pope says, "You must do unto me as you wish that I should do unto you, but I may do unto you what I would not that you should do unto me. You must not persecute me or mine for conscience sake, but I may persecute you and yours for conscience sake. I may erect statues in honour of those who died for my opinion, but you must not erect a statue in honour of one who died for your opinion. And these notions are defended because they have become ancient landmarks. By hook or crook the Popes once obtained power to tyrannize over the Romans, and they claim the right to tyrannize over the Romans for ever. In 1738 a Pope condemned Freemasonry as a great sin, and almost every Pope since then has repeated the same nonsense. This, however, not only did not injure Masonry, but it actually served to swell its ranks, for those Catholics who were initiated into Masonry before the Pope issued his first anti-Masonic Bull, must have become convinced that the Pope *was not infallible*. Others who were born in the Roman Catholic faith, but for some reason became sceptical, rushed into Masonry to learn what it was all about; and Protestants rushed into it because the Pope condemned it. The Pope's Bull against Masonry may therefore be put down as a *Papal blunder*.

Again, the present generation of Italians have ceased to believe in the Pope's *one-sided golden rule*, and have therefore erected a statue in honour of Giordano Bruno, who was burned by the Holy Inquisition in A.D. 1600. Thereupon His Holiness assumed a ludicrous air of offended dignity, issued a protest against it, and ordered the Catholic dignitaries the world over to have it read in every Church in *Catholicdom*. Now, in every organisation, whether it is Masonic, or political, or ecclesiastical, those who aspire to a high position must ingratiate themselves into the leader's graces by praising up with all their might the leader's policy. Yes, right or wrong, they must say it is right. Hence our American Catholic Churchmen, in their deliverances on the Bruno question, actually *outpoped* the Pope himself, for besides denouncing the Romans for the gross insult given to the Church in condemning its actions of bygone days, they added a bitter dose to the Freemasons. Now, if Bruno had been a Mason, there would have been some reason for mixing up Masonry with Bruno's sins. But as Bruno was not a Mason it was simply absurd to lug Masonry into connection with Bruno's sins.

Again, a priest attached to the mission of San Jose, in California, has evidently been on the look out for something that would give him a chance to ingratiate himself into favour with his superior. The authorities of Pleasanton happened to invite a Masonic Lodge to perform a little harmless Masonic flummery in laying the corner-stone of a school house. Thereupon our priest of San Jose went to work and made a great splurge about it in the newspapers; he considered it a gross insult to his Church for the town authorities to honour Masons, whom all the Popes in 1738 hated and detested. This, however, provoked the Most Puissant Thrice Illustrious Bro. Edwin A. Sherman 33°, and at the celebration of St. John the Baptist's Day by the Gethsemane Chapter of Rose Croix, Scotch Rite, our valiant champion armed himself, figuratively speaking, *cap-à-pie*, and with a battle axe in one hand and a sledge hammer in the other, he struck away right and left against the Papal assumption and presumption, and the following paragraph from the pamphlet wherein the oration was printed will show how highly Bro. Sherman's efforts were appreciated by all the Masonic high luminaries who heard him. It says:—

"Although the address occupied an hour and a quarter in delivery, yet it was listened to with interest and wrapt attention to its close. Its telling points and deductions met with frequent and hearty applause, and on motion of Bro. James B. Merritt 33°, it was unanimously ordered to be printed, and a collection was taken up to aid in the payment of the same."

The orator confined himself chiefly to two subjects, namely, the wickedness of the Papacy and the history of Masonry, to which I may add the virtues of Masons and Masonry were not forgotten. Thus, according to the orator's notions, there was no such thing as *Jesuitism* in Masonry—no lying, no deceiving, no breaking of solemn promises; in short Masons are models of perfection, while, on the other hand, Popery is as bad as anything could be; it seeks to enslave us, it is an enemy to education and enlightenment, it was the assassin of hundreds of thousands when it had the power to do so with impunity. The assassination of Henry III. and of Henry IV. of France, of William of Orange, the repeated efforts made to assassinate Queen Elizabeth, the massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day, the attempt made to blow up the Houses of Parliament by Guy Fawkes, the Horrors of the Holy Inquisition, &c., &c., are given. But the most startling charge against the Jesuits I found on page 15. This is as follows:—

"Foiled at last in their schemes in that direction, the hour appointed for his assassination comes, and the Jesuit conspirators, with their instruments, murder Abraham Lincoln, the martyr President of these United States, whose death by them had been decreed nearly ten years before. The Jesuit Archbishop Bourget, of Montreal, with other Jesuit priests, See Pierre and Boucher, are accessories to the crime. More cunning and adroit in their next act of foul assassination in covering their tracks, and James A. Garfield, our brother and President of the United States, is added to their bloody trophies of murder and death, because certain appointments would not be made by him to suit them. Will not our people open their eyes and see?"

Now, as we must take it for granted that Masons never invented lying history, but have always been strictly truthful, as Masons we are therefore bound to believe what a Mason says, especially so one who received the very highest light in Masonry—an actual thirty-thirder of the Scotch Rite. But as *we* have to enlighten Catholics, Bro. Sherman ought to have furnished, in foot notes, or otherwise, the names of the books, *chapter and verse*, where his authorities can be found.

The two subjects treated in Bro. Sherman's Oration are, as it were, sandwiched from beginning to end, that is, a thick slice of the sins of Popery is followed by a thin slice of Masonic history. I shall, however, omit as much as possible allusions to Popery, and confine myself to specimens of Masonic history. Well, after a few hard blows with the sledge hammer, comparing the Vatican to "a venomous old rattle snake whose teeth are gone," he goes on thus:—

"But let us go back to the beginning of the very fountain head, and briefly trace the history of this antagonism from its commencement. . . . "While Freemasonry was purely operative and confined itself to the erection of Churches, . . . palaces, . . . and fortifications, . . . it received the encouragement, support, and patronage of Popes and Emperors, and Kings who acknowledged the supremacy of the papal authority; but when scholars and philosophers began their investigations and researches in the realm of science and philosophy, penetrating deeply into the arcana of the hidden mysteries of nature and the universe, and brought forth the grandest discoveries of the age in which they lived, that they too might travel in foreign countries like the Wise Men of old. . . . they, united with the guilds of operative Masonry, were received and accepted as brethren, and the moral and philosophical tenets and principles of our Order were engrafted in the constitution of the Craft.

All which doubtless charmed Bro. Sherman's listeners, who, of course, believed every word, for he went on to show that the Masons began to claim the right to investigate for themselves about science and what not, and then goes on to say:—

"This by our enemies is, and always has been, regarded as rank heresy, and under this pretext of heresy the cupidity, avarice, envy and hatred in the early part of the 14th century towards our ancient brethren of the Knights Templars, who were deceived, entrapped and betrayed, their Grand Master De Molay, with thousands of others, were burned at the stake," &c.

"The Bible, as been a chained prisoner in all monasteries and religious houses in Europe, but few, besides the monks, were permitted to . . . . read it. Among the Templars were found a few who

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could read and write, and they being operative Masons also . . . . found time at intervals to secretly read, understand and explain the Scriptures themselves. At that time, figuratively speaking, the souls of men throughout Europe were in irons. Edward the 2nd . . . . was engaged in a struggle to seize the kingdom of Scotland, but Robert Bruce . . . . with the aid of the remnant of Knights Templars, who had found shelter under his protection, with 40,000 men, on the 24th June, defeated him" . . . This remnant of Knights Templars were consolidated with the Knights of St. Andrew of Scotland, and in honour of the victory won on St. John the Baptist's Day, he instituted the Order of Rosy Cross, of which we, Masonically speaking, are the descendants."

Who, after reading the above, will deny that America not only beats the world in art, science, war, &c., but it also beats all creation in knowledge of Masonic history; and it is no wonder at all that Bro. Sherman's lecture was so heartily applauded by the most learned Masons in the world. But yet I beg most respectfully to point out, as I did before, the want of historic authority to substantiate it.

I would like to give a few more *tit-bits*, but space will not allow it. However, I cannot refrain from adding the following newly discovered or revealed fact. Our 33rd Scotch Orator said :—

"William III., observing the fidelity and loyalty of the Freemasons to the government of England, became their patron, and, as a distinguishing mark of his favour and appreciation, directed that their lamb-skin aprons should be bordered with blue, and that the insignia of the Masters and Wardens and other Officers should also be blue, as a badge of honour and fidelity, which colour has been continued by the Craft every where to the present time, and our Symbolic Lodges are generally known as 'Blue Lodges' for this [or the above] reason."

I shall only say—Thank you, Bro. William III., for having made us into *Blue Masons*, and thank you, Bro. Sherman, for having *discovered and made known such an important historical fact*.

P.S.—After the above was ready for mailing, I consulted Chamber's Cyclopædia, Articles "St. Andrews" and "Thistle," from which I learn that Bro. Sherman must have been mistaken in his statement that Bruce *united the Knight Templars with the Knights of St. Andrews* after the battle of Bannockburn, because, in the first place, the Order of the Knights of St. Andrew did not exist before the days of James V., or two hundred years after the battle of Bannockburn was fought; and secondly, I have perused a poem, in two volumes, called "The Bruce," of the "English Text Society." It was compiled in 1375 by a Church dignitary. It gives the history of the struggles and battles of the time of Robert Bruce, and I am sure that no mention was made in the whole poem either of Knight Templars or Knights of St. Andrew. Unless, therefore, Bro. Sherman can furnish conclusive evidence that there were in Scotland in the days of Robert Bruce both Knight Templars and Knights of St. Andrew, I am very much afraid that the Catholic priest at San Jose mission and all other Catholics will never stop *poking fun at all* the *Scotch Rites*.

BOSTON, U.S., 14th October 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

AT a meeting held on the 14th inst., at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Bro. W. M. Robins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 67.

AT the Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport, on Thursday, the 31st ult., Bro. J. Williamson S.W. was duly installed to the chair of W.M. by Bro. Cartwright W.M. Bro. Williamson appointed the following brethren Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. Cartwright I.P.M., Booth S.W., Armitage J.W., Worsnop Treasurer, Crossley R.M., McClelland M.O., Atkinson S.O., Foster J.O., Hudson Secretary, Lomas S.D., J. C. Armitage J.D., Harrison I.G., Scott Tyler. There was a good attendance.

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"The Ship was saved by Laughing!" Song. Written by Philip Dayson, composed by Edward M. Chesham.

"We met too late." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Lovett King.

"Jack's Dilemma." Song. Written by Clifton Bingham, composed by Joseph L. Roeckel.

"Lusitania." Song. Written by Wilfred Mills, composed by Edward St. Quentin.

"Weatherwise Notions; or, My new fashioned Barometer." Song. Written by Sidney Bourne, composed by Herbert W. Schartau.

"A Garden of Memories." Waltz. Composed by May Ostlere.

"Lusitania." Waltz. Composed by Florence Fare.

"Pick me up." Polka. Composed by Florence Fare.

London: ROBERT COCKS AND CO., 6 New Burlington Street, W.

THE above selection is calculated to suit the tastes of all lovers of music. For singers Messrs. Cocks have provided songs for both ladies and gentlemen. "The Ship was saved by Laughing" is a fine, jovial, and cheery composition, by Philip Dayson and Edward M. Chesham. It is admirably suited for a bass or baritone voice. "We met too late" is another pleasing song, written by Clifton Bingham, and composed by Lovett King. The music is catchy and tuneful, and does the composer credit. Clifton Bingham is responsible for the words of "Jack's Dilemma," which has been set to appropriate music by Joseph L. Roeckel. The theme is pretty, and will become popular. "Lusitania" is a splendid song; Edward St. Quentin's music is bright and agreeable, and the words so pleasant that it makes a really delightful piece. The comic singer is also provided for in this selection; "Weatherwise Notions; or, My new fashioned Barometer," is a truly comical song written by Sidney Bourne, and set to music by Herbert W. Schartau. All the verses are in good taste, and what is, perhaps, more to the point, are amusing. A charming waltz is May Ostlere's "A Garden of Memories;" it has been founded on Michael Watson's well-known song, and although comparatively easy, is most tuneful. Florence Fare has furnished a smooth and pleasing waltz from "Lusitania." The refrain of the song is brought in in such good taste that one is inclined to start dancing at once. "Pick me up" is a capital polka, and an easy one to dance to. Florence Fare is responsible for it, and here again good work has been done. The frontispiece is most appropriate to the title. All these dance pieces are such that should make the selection of music for a ball programme an easy matter.

"Funiculì, Funiculà." Waltz. Composed by Josef Meissler.

London: G. RICORDI AND CO., 265 Regent Street, W.

THE refrain of this popular song has been utilized by Josef Meissler to found his waltz "Funiculì, Funiculà" on. We can only say that it is a most agreeable and tuneful one, and bids fair to become as popular as the same composer's "Dream Faces." We can heartily recommend it to those fond of dance music.

LEEDS MASONIC LOCAL RELIEF FUND.

THE annual meeting of this Fund was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. Allinson P.M. P.P.G.D., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. The other brethren present included W. Bros. Robert Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Trevor P.M., Rickard P.M., Fretwell S.W., Smith W.M., and Robert Lucas, the Secretary. Bro. Rickard presented the annual report, to the following effect :—We have much pleasure in presenting you with the annual report of the Leeds Local Relief Fund. The year closed on the 31st day of October, when the books were duly audited, found correct, and signed. It will be known to you that two years since it was recommended that all cash in the hands of the Almoner at the close of the financial year should be repaid to the Treasurer, and the books balanced accordingly. This has been done, and we think with good results. During the year 66 persons have applied for assistance, 44 were considered worthy and relieved. In some instances we noticed with satisfaction that the Almoner has consulted the President, Treasurer and members of the Committee, and on one occasion the Committee met to consider a peculiar case which had arisen. The relief from November 1888 to October 1889 included 44 persons, of whom 20 were under the English Constitution, 9 under the Scotch, 4 under the Irish, and 11 under Foreign Constitutions. The total amount of relief distributed during that time was £9 12s 3½d, giving an average per case of 4s 4½d. It is worthy of notice that during the last nine years 30 applicants more than in the previous ten years have been relieved, with a decreased expenditure of £16 4s 4d. There is a small amount of 19s 2½d due to the Treasurer; a call on each Lodge of 1s per member is necessary. This amount in all probability will suffice for two years. The funds of the Society are being wisely and judiciously distributed by the Almoner. (Signed) José Rickard I.P.M. 304, and Wm. Bingham W.M. 1012. This report was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Bro. Tudor Trevor, seconded by Bro. Smith. Bro. Allinson was elected President for the ensuing year, Bros. Rickard Vice-President, Craig Treasurer, Barrand Almoner, Rickard and Fretwell Auditors, and Robert Lucas Secretary. A vote of thanks to Bro. Allinson concluded the meeting.

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QUID pro QUO.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems to me that for some time past the Provincial Masons have had more than their fair share of talk—they have long enjoyed more than their fair share of benefits—in connection with the great Charities of the Order; and I think it is about time some of the loudest of the Provincials should be met on their own lines. I am afraid I shall make a poor stand against the utterances of the country folk, but "even a worm will turn," and it is about time that London—or some one on behalf of London—turned their attention to the subject.

I am averse to a strict debit and credit account being kept in regard to subscriptions and donations paid to, and benefits received from, the Charities, but there is such a thing as justice, and it is most unjust for those who get the most out of the Institutions to make the loudest complaint about their management. To be more precise in what I mean, I will refer to one or two matters that have recently come under my notice.

In your report of the Grand Master of West Yorkshire's speech, at the Provincial meeting recently held at Huddersfield, I gather that our distinguished Bro. Tew has a very good opinion of what his Province has done for the Boys' School; he has also some strange ideas. He is reported as having said:—

"In a Province like West Yorkshire, the passing of a formal resolution . . . . . , and only confirming it hereafter upon the Provincial Grand Lodge 'Minutes,' like many Provinces, and taking no further action to *enforce* the views of this Provincial Grand Lodge, would hardly be compatible with our *desires for the welfare of this School, considering the large amount of money contributed by the Lodges* which, since 1871, is upwards of £12,000."

(The italics are mine.)

Now, Bro. Tew—and Brethren of West Yorkshire generally—I, as a Londoner, while admitting that the £12,000 you boast of is a large amount of money to be contributed by your Lodges, ask—What have you had in return for it? Perhaps a few figures will assist you, and I accordingly give a summary of the number of West Yorkshire cases which have been on the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, during this period, in which you boast of having contributed your £12,000:—

1871	11 Boys
1872	14
1873	12
1874	13
1875	12
1876	12
1877	13
1878	16
1879	19
1880	20
1881	20
1882	21
1883	23
1884	16
1885	12
1886	16
1887	20
1888	23
1889	24
19 years	317 Boys

an average of 16⅔, or, to be less cumbered with fractions, let us say 16¾ Boys per year. How far has your splendid contribution of £12,000 paid the cost of these 317 Boys?

£12,000 spread over 19 years gives an average of £631 11s 7d per year, and this, divided between 16¾ Boys, gives about £37 17s 10½d per child, so that West Yorkshire has maintained 317 children during the last nineteen years, at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at about £12 per head—at the very lowest—less than they have cost the Institution. As the average number of beneficiaries is 16¾ this means that *each year since* 1871 West Yorkshire has benefitted from the Boys' School to the extent of about £200 *more than its Lodges and the Province has contributed*, and yet the Provincial Grand Master talks of "enforcing" the views of his district in regard to the future conduct of the Institution.

Well may Bro. Tew say the Province of West Yorkshire "desires the welfare of this School." Who would not desire the welfare of a concern yielding a clear profit of at least £200 on an outlay of £631 11s 7d a year? But there are also many side issues that might be considered in this matter. I am very much mistaken if the £12,000 referred to by Bro. Tew does not include the purchase of one or more perpetual presentations, so that—if I am correct—West Yorkshire has not only had upwards of 20s in the £1 for its subscriptions, but has also secured valuable rights in the Institution, so long as it lasts, and yet the Province grumbles! Truly it may be asked—What do they want for their money?

Yours faithfully,

A VERY PRESENT.

ROYAL ARCH.

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FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 202.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 14th inst., to instal the Principals for the year ensuing, viz.:—Ex-Comp. H. Langmead Z., ex-Comp. J. Leonard H., and Comp. R. Carter J. The Installing Officers were ex-Comps. R. Lavers P.Z. 202 P.P.G.S.B., and W. Allsford P.Z. 202 P.G.P. Soj. The Assistants' Officers were invested as follows:—Comps. D. Sendy S.E., and Geo. Bray S.N., Ex-Comp. H. Welch Treasurer, M. Axworthy P. Soj., Geo. Hancock 1st Assistant Soj., W. G. Coombes 2nd Assistant Soj., and Thomas Shears Janitor. The Treasurer reported a balance in favour of the Chapter.

INKERMAN CHAPTER, No. 1222.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, on Monday the 28th ult., when Comp. W. H. Wooller was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. G. E. Alford as H., and Comp. G. H. Perrett as J. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Comp. Colonel Long. The following Companions were invested with the collars of office:—Comps. H. B. Ffarington S.E., T. Cogle S.N., W. M. Forty Treasurer, W. E. Perrett D.C., S. Sellick P.S., F. Blackmore 1st Assistant Sojourner, H. Butt 2nd Assistant Sojourner, J. James Janitor *pro tem.* The visiting Companions were:—Comps. Colonel Long P.G.H. of Somerset, P.S. Warne G.S.E. of Kent, F. Glover Z. 41, J. Knight H. 41, G. H. Bartlett J. 41, E. F. Wade Z. 41, Barnes 397, W. C. Thomas 2025.

We hear that Messrs. Dean and Son, have been authorised to produce an illustrated coloured toy book depicting the scenes in Barnum's Exhibition, entitled "Barnum's Great Show," which will be published immediately. Messrs. Dean have engaged the services of the well-known artist Mr. Dudley Hardy, to execute the designs for this work.

The principal features of "Christmas Arrows," the extra Christmas number of "The Quiver," is a one-volume story by L. T. Meade, entitled "Frances Kane's fortune," and in addition there are contributions by the Rev. P. B. Power, the Rev. W. Landels, the Rev. F. Langbridge, Ruth Mitchell, and others.

We learn that Messrs. Cassell and Company are producing a "Little Folks Autograph Book," which will be presented with the January number of "Little Folks Magazine" (published on the 19th December), commencing the new volume. A new serial story by W. Clark Russell, author of "The Wreck of the Grosvenor," will be commenced in the January number.

The Editor of "Great Thoughts" has made arrangements with Dr. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, London, to contribute a serial story, entitled "The History of a Soul; or, Robert Elsmere's Contrast," to commence with the new volume, 4th January 1890.

"Illustrations," Mr. Francis George Heath's pictorial magazine, will this year have its first double Christmas number of illustrated stories, &c., in lieu of its ordinary December number. The publishers will be Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co.

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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, 23rd NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruc
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)tion)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
2183—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.)
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
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1633—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1823—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—Mallot and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
82—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)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 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, 26th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
185—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Hoxton-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1347—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)
1572—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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1947—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, LeadenhallStreet
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 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, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
259—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
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 North, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 168—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 731—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 1396—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking

WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
329—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
813—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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1589—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, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 158 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 730—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Shuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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)
111—St. Luke, White Hart, Kings-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, 395 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)

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749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1506—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)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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 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)
1636—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2192—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 763—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. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
295—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Knill's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1006—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staffordshire
1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1525—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1458—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1560—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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)
790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
934—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1338—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1393—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)
1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst.)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1 303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
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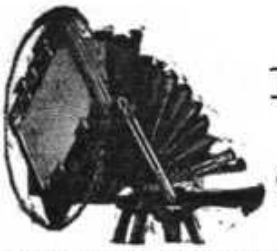
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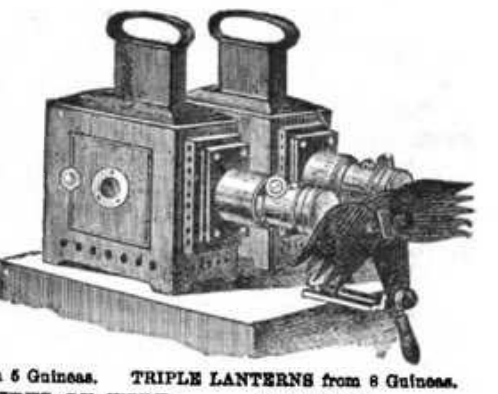
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LODGE HISTORIES.

THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

(Continued from page 321).

IN our last notice of this History we spoke of a proposal made on the 1st October 1816, as to the division of the Province of Yorkshire, and promised to refer more fully to the subject. In the chapter of the History devoted to it reference is first made to the original formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and the appointment of various brethren as Prov. G. Masters. Then we are told that no further particulars are known as to the length of time during which this West Yorkshire Grand Lodge existed; indeed, as no records of its proceedings have been discovered, doubts have arisen as to its existence. Brother Crossley considers it probable this Provincial Grand Lodge fell into abeyance some time after 1765, while in 1774 the whole of the county appeared to have been placed under the jurisdiction of Sir Thomas Tancred. Sir Walter Vavasour, Bart. afterwards presided over the Province, and was succeeded by Richard Slater Milnes, who in turn was followed by Robert Pemberton Milnes. It was during the presidency of this latter Brother the Province was divided into two parts, as we know it to-day:—North and East Yorkshire and West Yorkshire.

The minute of 1816, already referred to, speaks of the great and increasing number of Lodges in the West Riding of the county—then 31 in all—and remarks it is highly necessary the new laws respecting Provincial Grand Lodges should be observed. The distance of most of the Lodges from York and the time and expense required to attend there rendered compliance with the laws difficult, and it was on this ground the division of the county was suggested; Leeds or Wakefield being named as the home for the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West Riding. This alteration, it was considered, would enable three-fourths of the Lodges to attend without either inconvenience or expense, while it was further pointed out that both towns were near the seat of the then Provincial Grand Master. These suggestions were drawn up in the form of a resolution, but it was afterwards decided not to send them in that shape, and a memorial was substituted, which was in due course transmitted to the Provincial Grand Master, and, in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary in London.

Among the matters touched upon in this memorial was a suggestion that "as the Provincial Grand Lodge is a representative body, composed of the Provincial Grand Officers, also the Past Masters and Wardens of every Lodge under its jurisdiction, it ought not to be attached to any particular Lodge (as is the case at present), but should be a separate and distinct body of itself, the present Constitutions having provided a fund for its support." Further reference was made to the necessity of appointing to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master a brother of "highly respectable character and a man of business," who should be a Past Master (not an acting Master of any private Lodge), while, "in order to prevent jealousies, and to establish union and brotherly love . . . . . the assistant and subordinate Grand Officers should be annually chosen from the Masters and Past Masters of the different Lodges, and not more, if possible, than one Officer from a Lodge."

It seems somewhat strange in these days to read of Private Lodge making such suggestions to the rulers of the Order as are here referred to, and which may be said to have now long become recognised as part and parcel of the groundwork of Masonic supervision. We may imagine from this memorial that the Lodge of Probity, if not the actual proposers of all that is set out in the memorial, were at least among the first to officially direct the attention of the Craft to the proposed alterations, and it must be matter for considerable gratification among those now associated with the Lodge to learn that their predecessors took so active and important a part in the promotion of Freemasonry in its earlier days, and its subsequent management.

We are told the whole district, with the exception of Doncaster, gave the project a hearty support, but, as may be imagined, many difficulties arose. The York brethren particularly were averse to the division, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (the Hon. Lawrence Dundas) being expected to show opposition to it, or anything which lessened the importance of York, of which he was at the time parliamentary representative. His father (Lord Dundas) was Deputy Grand Master of the Empire, so that the opposition he could bring to bear was of no mean character. In an interview between the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Bro. John Robinson, of Wakefield, who took considerable interest in the movement, the former, while receiving his guest "with respect and politeness," explained he could not thoroughly comprehend the intention "of the memorialists." To attempt to draw anything from the City of York, he said, would be looked upon with great jealousy, and, instead of cementing the brotherhood, would be more likely to create a schism amongst them. This high official, however, gave expression to his readiness at all times to do everything for the benefit and satisfaction of the Craft consistent with his duty to all parties. He observed that the neighbouring Lodges were inclined to have an annual, biennial, or triennial meeting amongst themselves, and thought such meetings should be encouraged so long as they were conducted properly. We are told the whole question was well ventilated, the various Lodges throughout the West Riding being almost unanimous in petitioning for the division.

The Provincial Grand Master ultimately came to the conclusion that a meeting of the Worshipful Masters who had petitioned for the division should be held, and this was accordingly arranged at his residence, at Fryston, on the 3rd February 1817. The result of this meeting was that the Provincial Grand Master "perfectly agreed to the substance of the memorial, and promised to use his interest with H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Some delay occurred in consequence of illness in the family of the P.G.M., but the petition to Grand Lodge was submitted to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex in May, accompanied with an expression of the Provincial Grand Master's opinion as to its reasonableness. It appears to have been favourably received by the Grand Master, but no official notification of the prayer of the petition being granted or otherwise seems to have been received in Yorkshire until March 1818, when the Grand Secretary, in a letter to the W.M. of Probity Lodge, after remarking that he is quite unable to say anything respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge, states that "in the next Calendar the Lodges will be divided under their respective Provinces." Here the matter seems to have rested until the following December, when the Probity Lodge

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forwarded a memorial to the Board of General Purposes, praying their assistance in forwarding the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province. A similar memorial was sent from the Sheffield brethren. The petition of the Probity Lodge was duly presented, and is reported as having received consideration, but more important than all it led to a reply to the effect that "instructions had been sent to Lord Dundas two years previously, appointing him Grand Master of the North and East Ridings, and requesting him to call that Province together; he was requested also to communicate with Right Worshipful Bro. Milnes, and to inform him of his appointment as P.G.M. of the Western Division." Lord Dundas reported to the Board he had never received those instructions, and the matter had again to stand over. Subsequently the Leeds brethren were apprised that the question had been settled, and that Wakefield had been appointed the headquarters for the Province of West Yorkshire. This rumour gave rise to some correspondence, and a meeting was called, the result being that a petition was presented in favour of Leeds being the home of Provincial Grand Lodge, while the district chief was asked to suspend his decision on the matter until the sense of the Lodges at large had been taken.

Further correspondence on this subject (notably two letters from Bro. M. J. Naylor, D.D., Vicar of Wakefield, and afterwards Provincial Grand Chaplain) go to show that the brother appointed to rule the Western Province was very lukewarm. Bro. Milnes even went so far as to say that he almost despaired of the general co-operation of the Lodges concerned; he hardly knew to what Lodges his authority extended; or whether Yorkshire formed one entire Province, or was sub-divided into as many Provinces as Ridings. However, he appears to have moved in the matter, and the result was a communication from the joint Secretaries of Grand Lodge, under date 13th October 1819, to the W.M. of the Probity Lodge, recounting what had been done by the Grand Master in July 1817 (when the Province was really divided) and informing him that a copy of the letter then addressed to Bro. Milnes had that day been forwarded by post at the command of the Grand Master. The hope was expressed in this letter to the Probity Lodge that the R.W. Brother referred to (Bro. Milnes) would "now adopt such measures as may be in conformity with the directions of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and for the prosperity of the Order under his jurisdiction." After all this it was but reasonable to expect that the Provincial Lodge would be regularly started, but unfortunately this was not the case. The lukewarmness of the Provincial Grand Master asserted itself, and no action appears to have been taken on his part. This led to another memorial (August 1820) from the ever active Lodge of Probity, praying that the Provincial Grand Lodge should be assembled "according to the Constitutions of the Fraternity." The effect of this memorial is not known—there is no minute or record which would lead to the supposition that a meeting was held or that a Provincial Grand Lodge was formed.

In February 1821 the Probity Lodge, at the request of the Leeds brethren, took the initiative, and called a meeting of Masters and Officers of the Province. This meeting was held at the New Inn, Bradford, when it was stated that Bro. Milnes had resigned his position as Provincial Grand Master. At this meeting Lord Viscount Pollington was recommended to the Grand Master as "a person in every respect fully qualified" for the appointment, and it was agreed a memorial should be presented to the Duke of Sussex, containing the recommendation, while a further communication should be addressed to Lord Pollington, informing him of the wish of the meeting, and earnestly requesting him to accede to it.

All these matters were carried through in regular order, the prayer of the petition to the Grand Master was granted, and the Provincial Grand Lodge held its first meeting at Wakefield, on the 18th November 1822. The P.G.M. was duly installed and invested the following April, and in his selection of Officers he fully recognised the claims of the Probity Lodge, as the moving spirit in the new order of things, to special recognition. One of its members was appointed the first Junior Provincial Grand Warden, another first Prov. G. Secretary, and another a Prov. G. Steward.

This, in brief, is the history of the formation of one of the most important—if not the chief—among the Provincial Grand Lodges of English Freemasonry. We have seen how it was inaugurated, on a sound basis—not, however, without considerable trouble and perseverance on the part of the promoters—and, in the words of the historian from whose work we have gathered our facts, we may conclude with the remark: "it has since continued to work for the good of every individual Lodge, and for the Lodges of the whole Province collectively."

There may appear to be little in association with all this to justify its being included in the History of the Lodge of Probity, but, on the other hand, we have seen that it was really this private Lodge that led and forced the establishment of the Provincial one, and such being the case, full credit should be awarded them for their labour. As we have said above, it must be very gratifying to the members of the Lodge to-day to know it was their ancestors who brought about so important a change in the affairs of the Craft as is here referred to. We hope that similar enthusiasm may for all time actuate the Lodge and its members.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC ANTIQUITY;

BROTHER GOULD'S NEWLY ASSUMED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A FEW days after John Brown was executed in Virginia, for creating an anti-slavery riot, Mr. Wandell Phillips said, at a public meeting in Boston, that slavery died with John Brown. "You may imagine it (he said) to be still alive, but I tell you it is dead—past resurrection;" and he compared the then slavery to a tree that was severed from its root. "The tree (said he) seems to be still alive, its leaves continue to be green, and it has sufficient vitality left to shoot forth new buds, but yet the tree is virtually dead. The same simile may be applied to *Masonic Antiquity*, the *Antiquity* of *Speculative Masonry*, &c., which still seem to be alive. You may here also point to its green leaves, in the shape of Bros. Yarker and Professor Hayter Lewis in England, to Bro. MacCalla and all other American pious Masonic editors, pious chairmen of Committees of Correspondence, pious St. John's Day orators, and all other American pious Masonic officials, who are, or pretend to be, as *green* about Masonic history as *grass* after a shower in the month of May. Yet Bro. Albert Pike, whose interest obviously is to encourage and perpetuate Masonic *greenness*, says, in a recent number of the *Voice of Masonry*:—

"Our American Masonry can only be reinstated in that high consideration among men which it once enjoyed, by doing something that shall prove its title to it. The mystery that once surrounded it is dispelled. The fictions on which it so long relied have been dispelled by its own historians.

And now read what Professor Max Müller urges about the kind of evidence required to prove anything. He said:—

"No one would venture now-a-days to quote from any book, whether sacred or profane, without ever asking these simple, yet monotonous questions, viz.: When was it written? Where and by whom? Was the author an eye witness? or does he only relate what he has heard from others? And if the latter, were his authorities at least contemporaneous with the events which they related? And were they not under the sway of party feeling, or any other disturbing influence?

I shall now, figuratively speaking, place Professor Max Müller in the chair, and submit to his judgment the value of the evidence furnished by our oldest MSS. for the antiquity of Masonic *degrees, the antiquity of speculative Masonry*, and the *antiquity of Masonry itself as an organization.*

The first of the said old MSS. is known as the Halliwell Poem, or, as Bro. Gould calls it, "The Regius Poem." Now, nobody knows its author's name or where it was written, but it was doubtless written in the 15th century. The first event we find recorded therein is that Euclid was the originator of the Masonic Brotherhood. Now Euclid lived in the third century before Christ, and the Regius Poem was written in the 15th century after Christ, the poet therefore wrote about an event that took place about seventeen hundred or more years before his time, and all the authority he gives for his statement is, that those who will read and look, may find that story in an old book. He does not say that he had ever read it in an old book,

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he does not give the title of that book, nor when it was written. Hence, Professor Max Müller would undoubtedly discard the poet's evidence of the Euclid story as *worthless*.

The second piece of information derived from the said poem is about the organization of Masons in England by Athelstan. Now, Athelstan reigned in England either from 924 to 940, or from 926 to 942 (for the early writers differ about the said dates). The poem was therefore written about five hundred years after Athelstan's reign. Now, I have carefully read all the Monkish chronicles published by Bohn, from the days of Athelstan and onward, and I cannot find in any of them the story about Athelstan's Masonry, and all the evidence the poet appealed to for confirmation of Athelstan's Masonry was confined *to mere hearsay*. The same poet also informs us that Nabogodon's son had built "The Tower of Babyloyne seven miles high," and for obvious reasons I believe no more in his Euclid and Athelstan Masonic stories than I believe in his Tower of Babel story.

The next in order of Masonic MSS. is known as the Matthew Cooke MS. Here also the name of its author and where it was written *are unknown*. The said author begins the History of Masonry with Lemech: he Masonized Noah, Nimrod, and Abraham. Now, Abraham is said to have lived about 1900 years before Christ, and Euclid (as already stated) lived about 300 years before Christ, but the author of the Cooke MS. informs us that when Abraham was in Egypt he taught Euclid geometry. The said author repeats the Euclid story, and also the Athelstan story with a little variation. He says that the youngest son of Athelstan organized the Masons and bought a charter of his father. He also informs us that King Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre were Masons, and that a son of King Hiram was Solomon's master builder. The name of the master builder, however, he did not give. (The poet knew nothing about Solomon's and Hiram's Masonry). But what authority did the author of the Cooke MS. give for his statements about Solomon and Hiram. Well, he refers us first to the Bible, where it is written that Solomon had four score thousand Masons, and adds, "And in other Chronicles it is said, and in old books of Masonry, that Solomon confirmed the charges that David his father had given to Masons," and I rather guess that for obvious reasons Professor Max Müller would not consent to receive any such evidence for proving the antiquity of Masonry.

Next in order of succession is the MS. printed by Bro. Sadler in his "Facts and Fictions." The year when that MS. was written was erased, but "December 25th" was left untouched. Bro. Sadler and Bro. Henry Jenner are, however, of opinion that it was written in 1585. I have, in a former paper, pointed out the impossibility of fixing dates to undated MSS., merely because the handwriting resembles the style of penmanship of a certain period. The MS. in question, I believe, was not written before 1585; it may, however, have been written thirty years after 1585. But, assuming that Bro. Sadler's date is correct, in the first place the name of its author and where it was written is unknown, and second, the said MS. is simply an abridgment of the Matthew Cooke MS.; the same stories, including the story of Abraham teaching Euclid, are repeated. But it furnishes new information also. It informs us that King Athelstan's son, referred to in the Cooke MS., was named "Edwin," that King Hiram's son, referred to in the Cooke MS. as Solomon's master builder, was named "Aynone," that the famous first Masonic assembly in England was held at "York," and that "Naymus Grecus," who helped to build King Solomon's Temple, went to France and taught Masonry to Charles Martel. If that be so, Bro. Naymus Grecus must have been over 1700 years old when he taught Masonry to Bro. Charles Martel.

The next in order are about forty or more similar MSS. to the above. Brother Hughan named them "Ancient Charges," &c. Nearly all the copies that were written before 1717 repeat the Euclid and Abraham story; some repeat the Naymus Grecus story. They differ, however, about the name of King Hiram's son. One gives "Amon," another "Banian," another "Anjon," another "Ayon," another "Aymon," another "a man," another "Hyman," &c., but in no pre-1717 MS. can the name of Hiram Abiff be found, nor do any of the said MSS. hint at the existence of Masonic *degrees*, or "Speculative Masonry," that is in accordance with our sense of the phrase. It is evident, therefore, that Speculative Masonry and Hiram Abiff's connection with the Craft was unknown to the pre-1717 Masons; and here is what Bro. Gould himself taught us before his conversion to the old Masonic belief. He says, on page 366 Vol. II. of his History:—

"I am aware of no evidence to justify a belief that the circumstances of his [Hiram Abiff's] decease, as narrated by Anderson, were in any shape or form a tradition of the Craft before the year 1723."

And now let us test the value of the evidence furnished by the pre 1717 MSS. by the rule laid down by Professor Max Müller.

Question 1st. When were the said Masonic MSS. written?

Answer: In some cases hundreds of years, and in some cases thousands of years after the events they relate are said to have happened.

Question 2nd. Where were they written and by whom?

Answer: Nobody knows.

Question 3rd. Was the author of each MS. an eye-witness? or does he relate what he has heard from others, and if the latter, were his authorities at least contemporaneous with the events which they relate?

Answer: They were not eye-witnesses of the events they relate, but in some cases they claim that their narratives may be found in nameless or undescribed books and chronicles, and in other cases they confess that their narratives were derived from mere hearsay.

Question 4th. Were not the authors of these Masonic MSS. under the sway of party feeling, or some other disturbing influence?

Answer: There can be no doubt that the writers of the said MSS. were under the sway of party feeling, and that they were either grossly ignorant or grossly unscrupulous.

Well, I think that Professor Max Müller would not accept the statements of the said MSS. as evidence for Masonic antiquity.

The said MSS., however, furnish some information, viz.:—

First. We can infer from them that there is no evidence in existence that before the middle of the 15th century Euclid's and Athelstan's Masonry was known to any one.

Second. There is no evidence that before the Reformation the Masonry of King Solomon and of King Hiram was known.

Third. There is no evidence that before 1585 it was known that Athelstan had a son by the name of Edwin, or that the first Masonic assembly held in England was at York.

And Fourth. There is not a particle of evidence to prove that either Masonic *degrees*, or Speculative Masonry, or the connection of Hiram Abiff with the Masonic Craft, was known to either English, Scotch or Irish Masons before the year 1717.

(To be continued.)

BOSTON, U.S., 23rd October 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Crowle, on Thursday, the 21st inst., Bro. Jack Sutcliffe Prov. Grand Master presiding. The Treasurer's report, showing a balance in hand of £35, was received, and Bro. Charles Scorer was elected Treasurer, and Bro. William Lancashire Tyler. Among the Officers appointed were:—

Bros. Stainforth	... ...	Senior Warden
Baines	... ...	Junior Warden
Rev. L. Gaskick	... ...	Chaplain
Chas. Scorer	... ...	Treasurer
A. Whyes	... ...	Registrar
W. F. Morton	... ...	Secretary
E. Cousans	... ...	Junior Deacon
W. H. Roberts	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
J. F. Johnson	... ...	Assistant Director of Cers.
Wm. Lancaster	... ...	Tyler

It was resolved that the next Lodge should be held at Gainsbro'. A banquet was subsequently provided, over which the Provincial Grand Master (Brother Sutcliffe) presided.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th December 1889, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September for confirmation.

2. Nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

7. 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 Canynges Lodge, No. 1388, Bristol	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate	60	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1544, Camborne	60	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, Hampstead	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London ...	200	0	0
A Widow of a Brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541, Newcastle-on-Tyne	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that, acting under the advice of the Grand Superintendent of Works, they have had the electric light introduced into the premises of Grand Lodge under his supervision.

The installation is being carried out, on very favourable terms, by Messrs. Laing, Wharton and Down, and the Board hope and believe that the new light will not only greatly increase the comfort of the brethren attending Grand Lodge and using the private Lodge-rooms, but will also materially conduce to the preservation of the costly gilding and other decorations of the building.

The Board submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3973 7s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £26 7s 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th November 1889.

9. APPEAL.

By Bro. Henry Godber P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Burma, dismissing his complaint against the said Lodge for permitting Bro. Joseph Dawson P.M. to withdraw his resignation of membership of the Lodge, which had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary and entered on the minutes.

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. Brown, William Peter	90
Bunker, James	1158
Chapman, George B.	27
Candy, George A.	901
Dairy, Charles	141
Grieve, James Burgess	1351
Haslip, Lewis Christopher	813
Langley, George R.	183
Read, George	511
Shedd, Ebenezer	276
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. 2327—The St. Oswin Lodge, North Shields, Northumberland.
2328—The Albert Victor Lodge, St. Saviourgate, York, N. and E. Yorkshire.
2329—The Victoria Lodge, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.
2330—The St. Lawrence Lodge, Padsey, W. Yorkshire.
2331—The Ravenscroft Lodge, Chipping Barnet, Hertfordshire.
2332—The Borough of Greenwich Lodge, East Greenwich.
2333—The Quetta Lodge, Quetta, Beloochistan, under District G. Lodge Punjab.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HORWICH LODGE, No. 2324.

THE consecration of a new Lodge at Horwich, No. 2324, Province of West Lancashire, took place at the Public Hall, Horwich, on Wednesday, 13th inst., by Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. England Prov. Grand Secretary. There was a large assemblage of brethren from surrounding towns present. The Consecrating Officer was assisted by Bro. J. D. Murray Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; the Senior Warden's chair was taken by Bro. Lambert, and the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. Slyman, whilst Bros. Dr. G. H. Whitaker and A. H. Crump acted as Organists. At the close of the consecration, Bro. Goodacre duly installed Bro. J. Rogers P.M. of the Strangeways Lodge as first W.M., Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker as first S.W., and Bro. H. R. Thornton as first J.W., in accordance with the terms of the warrant which had been read by Bro. Betley. The following Officers were also invested, the address in each instance being delivered by Bro. Slyman. Bros. R. Hampson Treasurer, J. G. P. Simpson Secretary, A. H. Crump S.D., W. H. Muckley J.D., E. Hindley I.G., P. Coulthurst Dir. of Cers., W. Varley and Joseph Crankshaw Stwds., J. Dent Tyler. Numerous proposals were taken for joining members, and eight proposals for initiates. Lodge was finally closed by Bro. Rogers, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet, which had been provided in excellent style by Bro. J. Walker.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. OSWIN'S LODGE, No. 2327.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 18th instant at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, for the purpose of consecrating the above Lodge. The order of ceremony was of exceptional interest, and was compiled and arranged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. Richard Henry Holmes. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. R. H. Holmes D.M., Faraday Spence S.W., George Simpson J.W., Rev. M. Greene Chaplain, Ralph Carr Treasurer, Andrew T. Aitchison Registrar, Benjamin J. Thompson Secretary, Thomas S. Hudson S.D., A. Hepburn J.D., James Treble Superintendent of Works, Adam Robertson Director of Ceremonies, W. H. Ryott Assistant Director of Ceremonies, H. R. Small and J. W. Matthews Standard Bearers, R. Seaton Organist, John Kidd Pursuivant, Joshua Curry Tyler. Among the principal Past Provincial Officers present were:—Bros. Addison Potter, C.B., J. Spearman H. Hotham, C. A. Busbell, J. Straker-Wilson, J. Page, Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., Past Wardens; J. M. Winter, John Strachan, H. S. Bird, T. Gillespie, Past Registrars; J. H. Bentham, J. W. Gibson, W. M. Lyon, A. M. Loades Past Deacons; Rev. H. Bott Past Chaplain, R. H. Dickenson Past Superintendent of Works, S. M. Harris and T. Dining Past Assistant Directors of Ceremonies. The visiting Officers from the neighbouring Province of Durham were:—Bros. W. Logan P.G.D.C., John Wood P.P.G.W., J. Tillman F.R.I.B.A., P.P. Superintendent of Works, J. C. Moore, Walter Rose, J. Barker, and others. The petition and warrant for the new Lodge were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. B. J. Thompson. The Chaplain, on the dais, the Rev. M. Greene, gave an eloquent address to the Lodge, and the prayers and portions of Scripture during the consecration of the Lodge were most impressively read by the Rev. T. B. Nichols. The musical portion of the ceremonial was rendered by Bros. D. Whitehead, J. Nutton, J. Walker, and J. Leatham of Durham Cathedral Choir, Bro. Seaton, of Hexham Abbey Church, P.G.O., presiding at the organ, the brethren of the Lodge joining in the choruses in an effective manner. The dedication and constitution of the new Lodge took place in due form, these important functions being fulfilled most ably by the Provincial Grand Master Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., assisted in an able manner by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. H. Holmes. The new Lodge was declared duly constituted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. Adam Robertson. The whole ceremony, it should be added, was worked in the most solemn and impressive manner. After the consecration of the new Lodge of St. Oswin's, the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of the Officers took place, the Officers of the new Lodge being:—Bros. J. D. Gillespie W.M., W. Carnaby I.P.M., W. B. McLearon S.W., W. Reed J.W., J. W. D. Wallace Treasurer, J. W. Lambton Secretary, Isaac Black S.D., Thomas Young J.D., Adam Traill D.C., F. Graham Organist, J. E. Talbot I.G., E. Marshall and J. Joel Stewards, A. Mustart Tyler. The above Officers having been invested, the proceedings afterwards terminated, and the lodge was closed.

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HARMONY LODGE, No. 275.

ON Sunday morning, the 10th inst., the Centenary of the above Lodge was celebrated, when about 400 or 500 members of various Lodges in the West Riding Province attended divine service at Huddersfied Parish Church. They met at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, and walked from thence in procession to the church. Masonic clothing was worn, and the weather being fine a large number of people witnessed the procession. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West Riding brought up the rear. They were headed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew (who was preceded by a Sword Bearer, and supported by the two Standard Bearers) and Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master. On arriving at the gates of the Church the brethren drew up on each side of the street, in order to allow the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge to walk through, each of them saluting the Provincial Grand Master as he passed. The brethren filed in afterwards, and followed the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge into church. At the gate the procession was met and preceded into church by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, M.A., Vicar of Huddersfield, and the Churchwardens (Messrs. Alfred Sykes and W. H. Armitage), each of whom bore his staff of office. The service was commenced with "All people that on earth do dwell." The Rev. C. Dudley Lampen, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Huddersfield, and Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, intoned the service. The first lesson—1 Kings viii. 22 to 54—was read by Bro. A. J. H. Fletcher, M.A., Chaplain No. 275; and the second—1 Corinthians xiii.—by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, M.A. Litany was said by the Rev. W. H. Norman, M.A., Curate. Under the superintendency of Bro. J. North, the choir ably led the musical portion of the service. The Jubilate Deo was sung to Sullivan's service in E., and the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," (Clarke-Whitfield), was also rendered, the solos in which were given by Bro. W. Riley and Masters Binns and Easter. After the singing of the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," the Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, Vicar of Pulloxhill, Ampthill, Bedfordshire, and Past Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, preached from the words—"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith," (Galatians vi. 10). The collection taken on behalf of the Huddersfield Infirmary amounted to between £31 and £32, and was conveyed to the communion rails, to be received by the Vicar, by the Right Worshipful Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who was accompanied by the Churchwardens and the Sword and Standard Bearers. When the service was over the Masons returned to the Masonic Hall.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 1502.

BRO. ANDREW KIRKPATRICK, a former occupant of the chair of this Lodge, was, on the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The proceedings were opened by Bro. David Gabrielson, the retiring W.M. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. E. H. Cookson W.M. 32, James T. Callow P.P.G.T., Thomas Salter P.P.J.G.D., C. Loker P.M. 241, Haydn P. Cowell 591, Bert Striem 1928, Edwd. Wertheim, Eagle Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, L. Woolf, Dr. R. Robertson J.W. 786, M. Prenslau 249, J. Forsyth W.M. 1173, and G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. elect Bro. Kirkpatrick was presented for installation by Bros. Maurice Hart and A. Aronsberg, and the ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Gabrielsen. Subsequently Bro. Kirkpatrick invested his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Archer D.C., Rev. H. M. Silver Chaplain, D. Matthews S.W., G. Thierry J.W., A. Gabriel re-elected Treasurer, W. W. Mellor re-elected Secretary, M. Karet S.D., J. O. Roberts J.D., J. Vos I.G., J. C. Lemmens, B. Marcus, J. W. Brien and L. Hammerstein Stewards, and D. Gabrielsen I.P.M. Bro. Williamson was reappointed Tyler. On the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Cookson, in responding to the toast of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge past and present, expressed the satisfaction he experienced in being present and witnessing such efficient working. As the brethren knew, he had for some time past been precluded from fulfilling his Masonic duties in the way he should have desired, but now that he had terminated his mayoral duties, he would go more into the Masonic world.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation of the W.M. took place in the Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 11th inst., and the event was invested with more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the Lodge was tyled for the first time since the restoration and adornment of the building. The Lodge-room had been thoroughly renovated, painted, and decorated; new oak seats have been fixed on both sides below the dais, and these have been covered with crimson velvet; the floor has been carpeted, and the room is now one of the most suitable and handsome apartments for purposes of Masonic work that can be found in the country. The carpet may be described as being a magnificent Masonic one, having a blue ground with Masonic devices woven in, and surrounded with the Royal Arch border. The staircase has also been carpeted and painted; the two lower rooms have been painted and fitted with patent ventilators. The entrance hall has been laid with encaustic tiles by Bro. F. Rawlings, and in the Lodge-room itself a sunlight has been fixed in the centre. The roof has been painted in an ethereal blue colour, artistically relieved with groups of stars in gold, the upper panels of the walls being filled in with wall frescoes, the subjects being Egyptian Masonic groups, which have been executed in a masterly style by Bro. Whytehead P.M. The carpet for the large hall, it may be mentioned, and also for the staircase, have been specially woven to the order of Bro. W. Brown at the works of Messrs. Crossley, of Halifax. The painting and decorations have been carried out by Mr. Pearson, Goodramgate, York; and the upholstering work and seating by Bro. A. Chapman, of Petergate, York. The work has been superintended by a committee under the chairmanship of the W.M. Bro. S. J. Dalton. It will be further satisfaction to the brethren to know that a contract has been entered into for the completion, up to a certain point, of the organ, and this work will be carried out during the early part of next year by Messrs. Denman and Sons, Skeldergate, York. It is also contemplated, at no distant date, to erect a suitable lavatory, and to add to the rooms available for Masonic ceremonial purposes the upper floor of the Tyler's cottage, reserving the lower floor for cooking purposes. When this is done the suite of Masonic rooms will be perfect. The brethren with visitors from the West Riding of Yorkshire and other Provinces assembled at the Hall, St. Saviourgate, at three o'clock, and after the transaction of the usual routine business, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. George Chapman, was presented for installation to the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who at once proceeded to induct Bro. Chapman into the chair as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—Bros. S. J. Dalton I.P.M., W. Lackenby S.W., W. Storey J.W., Rev. R. P. T. Tennett Chaplain, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, J. H. Shonksmith S.D., P. Pearson J.D, Geo. Lamb D.C., J. L. Spetch I.G., W. S. Child Organist, F. W. Halliwell, W. Sharp, G. Pook, J. Smith Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, T. B. Whytehead Preceptor and Librarian. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Very Rev. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy P.G. Master North and East Yorkshire, T. W. Tew P.G. Master West Yorkshire, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, W. Reynolds P.G. Treasurer, and a large number of brethren of eminence in this and other Provinces, all of whom tendered their best wishes for a prosperous year. In addition to the Brethren and Officers of the Eboracum Lodge, the following visitors were present:—Bros. J. W. Woodall 200 P.G. Treasurer England, W. H. B. Atkinson P.M. 910, W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, J. S. Rymer P.M. 236, S. Chadwick P.M. 1040, D. J. O. Donoghue P.M. 57, W. Baldwin P.M. 630, H. E. Coussans P.M. 297, J. H. Taylor W.M. 1991, C. M. Forbes S.W. 236, C. E. Wright 236 and 357, T. E. Jackson 1448, C. Anderson 236, T. Laverack 1991, J. Sutcliffe 1991, C. Garrood 1991, &c. The ceremony of installation and the addresses to the various Officers were forcibly given by the Installing Officer, who was afterwards appointed the Charity representative for the Lodge during the ensuing year. The annual banquet, supplied by Bro. Halliwell, was held in the evening at the De Grey Rooms, when the W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. Border W.M. York Lodge, and Bro. Crummack, of York Lodge, and also by the visitors who had attended the installation ceremony, the invested Officers, and a large muster of the brethren of the Lodge. During the evening several glees and songs were given by a quartette, consisting of Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, Sutcliffe, Sample, and Child, in good style, Bro. Child, the Organist of the Lodge, presiding at the piano. Bro. Horner, Baldwin, and other brethren added to the after dinner programme.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. C. H. Cohen W.M., Ansell S.W., Poppmacher J.W., H. Saqui Secretary, Dodd S.D., Samuel I.G.; A. J. Marks, Rubenstein, Friedlander, Emanuel, Garrard, P. Cohen, Quadratstein, Mendosa, &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Rubenstein acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were creditably worked by the W.M., in the absence of Bro. Preceptor Dancyger, whose duties to his mother Lodge caused his absence.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach has notified his intention of holding the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire in Gloucester next year, and by invitation of the Dean and Chapter it is contemplated holding Provincial Grand Lodge in the Chapter-room of the Cathedral, with a special service for the occasion.

By the kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester, a musical service will be rendered in the Cathedral on the evening of the 9th December, by the brethren of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156. The sermon will be preached by Brother the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A. A collection will be made in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Brother J. Baker was installed on Tuesday, the 26th instant, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE yearly meeting of the Provincial Lodge of Wiltshire was held at Trowbridge, on Wednesday, under the banner of Lodge of Concord, No 632, of which Brother J. Pocock is the W.M. The presence of the members of Friendship and Fidelity Lodge, 1271, Bradford, and White Horse Lodge, 2227, Westbury, was also specially invited, and they attended in considerable numbers. The brethren attended in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, at about 2·30, and considerable attention had been devoted to make the building attractive, and in every way worthy of the character of the gathering, by displays of plants and flowers in pots at many a coign of vantage. Even the handsome room, devoted for the first time to the purpose of a Freemasons' Lodge, was made still more pleasing by the addition of ferns and flowers. The brethren of the Province attended in considerable numbers, several Officers of the English Grand Lodge being amongst their number, and the efforts of members of the receiving Lodge to give fitting welcome to their brethren from a distance was highly creditable. After a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Methuen, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Past Grand Warden of England Sir Gabriel Goldney. The roll of the Lodges in the Province was then called and responded to by representatives in every case, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held in Swindon in 1888 confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were then presented, and Provincial Grand Registrar's report, which showed the total numerical strength of the eleven Lodges to be 517, as against 499 last year. The cash receipts 1889 amounted to £759 6s 3d, as against £833 3s 11d, whilst the expenditure was £816 17s 7d, as compared with £805 11s 4d. The amount distributed in charity was nearly the same as last year, being £173 9s 7d. The benevolent fund account showed an amount invested in 2¾ per cent. stock of £415 17s, being an addition of £80 13s 2d. For the first time since the formation of this Fund, a grant of £20 had been made from it during the past 12 months. The report further spoke of the great loss sustained in the Province by the death of Bro. W. Nott, of Devizes, and that the high appreciation of his merits, and the assurance of the sympathy of the Craft had been made by the Committee to the widow and children. In his address, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master thought the report and various accounts on the whole were satisfactory, and proposed that a donation of twenty guineas should be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and ten guineas to the Boys. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen, and hoped that his voyage to the Cape would return him home very much benefited in health. It was in conjunction with Bro. Methuen that the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, whose death he was sure they would all greatly deplore, did so much to resuscitate the Prov. G. Lodge of Wilts some 36 years ago, which up to that time had sunk into abeyance. He suggested that the Prov. Grand Secretary should send Lady Gooch a letter of condolence from Provincial Grand Lodge of Wilts, offering her all the sympathy a Masonic mind could give her. Another deplorable departure from amongst them was that of Bro. W. Nott, of Devizes, for many years Secretary to the Charity Committee, not only in this but in seven other Provinces with which Wiltshire was connected, but he was pleased to state that the help of Bro. the Rev. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, had been secured as hon. secretary of the Charity Association. He expressed his delight at meeting so many brethren that day, and congratulating them upon the appearance of Prov. G. Lodge, made special reference to the noble building their Bro. W. R. Brown had given to the town of Trowbridge. The acting Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows :—

Bro. Rev J. A. Lloyd 1583	...	Senior Warden
G. Ll. Palmer 632	...	Junior Warden
W. Humphreys 663	...	Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626 (re-appointed)		Treasurer
J. H. Foley 632	...	Registrar
Harry Bevir 355 (re-appointed)	...	Secretary
C. N. P. Phipps 2227	...	Senior Deacon
W. R. Brown 632	...	Junior Deacon
T. S. Hill 632	...	Superintendent of Works
J. Chandler 355 (re-appointed)	...	Director of Ceremonies
F. Kelland 632	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
T. C. Hopkins 663	...	Sword Bearer
H. Millington 632 (re-appointed)		Organist
J. Pocock 632	...	Pursuivant
J. W. Jones 632	...	Assist. Pursuivant
Hale 1478	...	Stewards
Read 1478	...	Stewards
J Savory 355 (re-appointed)	...	Tyler
W Dean 355	...	Assist. Tyler

After considering certain alterations in the bye-laws, the alms bag was sent round, and resulted in the sum of £4, which, upon the proposal of Bro. G. Ll. Palmer, was given to the Trowbridge Cottage Hospital. This closed the business of the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Woolpack Hotel, provided by Mrs. Barton, to which about 70 sat down, presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. On the removal of the cloth Sir Gabriel gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. W. J. Mann proposed the health of the Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, in felicitous terms, and emphasising particularly the eminent services rendered by Bros. W. Beach, Sir G. Goldney, Lloyd (whose oration at Westbury many would remember), F. H. Goldney, Tombs, Howard and others, most of whom responded, the remarks by Bro. Beach on the principles of Freemasonry being greatly admired and appreciated. The toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was entrusted to Bro. W. R. Brown, who expressed the pleasure they all felt in seeing him once more amongst them, and in such good health. Sir Gabriel replied in an amusing speech, and after a few other Masonic toasts the proceedings closed. Bro. Millington presided at the organ in the Lodge-room, and the pianoforte at the banquet. The last assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Trowbridge was in November 1879.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royalty.—There is much that is clever and witty, and more that is bright and amusing in Mr. Cecil Raleigh's burlesque "The New Corsican Brothers," but the entire piece must be condensed and rearranged before it will have a chance of success. As a two act extravaganza it should go well after some more serious *pièce de résistance*. The incorporation of incidents from the novel "Mr. Barnes of New York" only serves to complicate matters, and in spite of their utmost endeavours the actors can make nothing of the piece. Mr. Arthur Roberts, upon whom falls the principal work, fills the dual rôle of the two brothers, and endows the characters with numerous touches of humour, but the result is not satisfactory. Miss Kate Chard plays with plenty of fun, Mr. John Clulow gives a fine rendering of the Corsican Danella, and Mr. D. Brand, Mr. J. Wilson, and Miss A. Liddon also merit mention. The scenery is very pretty and a numerous chorus brightly costumed give due effect to the tuneful music of Mr. Walter Slaughter.

Comedy.—The pleasant memories evoked by the revival of the late James Albery's adapted Comedy "The Pink Dominoes" are tinged with sad reflections at the untimely fate of the talented writer, who died some three months ago; however, the space of twelve years which have elapsed since the original production of the piece at the Criterion, has not diminished the public interest in it, and the peals of laughter that resounded through the house on Saturday showed that playgoers are as ready as ever to appreciate a good thing. Moralists may perhaps urge that this piece smacks too much of the Palais Royale, and that the lessons taught are unprofitable to the young, still we venture to believe that it is possible to enjoy the fun without imitating the faults or in any way sanctioning impure ideas. The revival has the advantage of Mr. Herbert Standing in his original character Sir Percy Wagstaff, and his conception of the light hearted man of the world is as good as ever. Mr. Chas. H. Hawtrey now essays the part of Charles Greythorne, and, though the rendering is entirely different to that of Mr. C. Wyndham, we imagine it loses nothing by the change, but is perhaps a trifle serious. Mr. Alfred Maltby is exceedingly droll as Joskin Tubbs, and Mr. A. Boucicault is interesting as Henry Greenlanes. Miss Alma Stanley makes a distinct advance by her portrayal of the hypocritical Rebecca, of which character she gave an effective rendering. Miss Rose Saker as Lady Maggie was excellent, and Miss Gabrielle Goldney looked very pretty as Sophia. To many present the scene of "Cremorne" appeared strange, as the place is now merely a memory, but the sage opinions of Brisket the waiter were heartily enjoyed. In fact the laughter was continuous throughout, and at the final fall of the curtain the performers were greeted with vociferous cheers, so there is little doubt but that the revival of the comedy will command a lengthened run.

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T J Ralling PAGDC, PG Sec Essex, PM [and Sec 51
Fredk Binckes PGSB
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Wilhelm Ganz PG Organist
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Henry Pullman JW 8, GS

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Jno Chynoweth PM 4, PGS
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Rowland Plumbe PM, PGS
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John M Stedwell WM 23, PGS
Geo Simonds PM 23, 788, 946, PGS

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Edwd Armitage PM 859, PPGW Cambs
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B R Bryant PM 1329, PG Std Br Suffolk
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J B Blackmore PM PG Chaplain Suffolk
P Allez PM 1452, PPGW Suffolk
Herbert J Haricup PM 929, PPADC Suffk
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Sheppard E JW 141
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Southall Samuel JD 280
Sim Maj-Gen E C 1383 1591

Taylor Severn WM 731
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Thomas J G PM 871
Thompson H PM 177 1158 PZ 819
Thompson H Hugh PM
Turner C PM 1011 2156
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Tufnell Thomas IPM 2068
Thule L SW 359
Truscott Arthur J SW 1254
Toulmin A jun JW 1503

Valentine N V PM 1017
Valeriani E L P PM 1687
Venn Henry PM 23 49
Vennell G A PM 165
Vine Sir Somers IPM 2190
Valon W A SW 429 PM 1209
Vandyke SW 1017

Warner T C WM 2256
Wetzlar C G WM 141
Williams R W WM 193
Walford J E PM 1493 1772 [PZ 1489
Walker PM 1666
Wall J B PM 1473
Wallace E PM 907 PZ 214
Weeden C PM 811
Weingott C C PM
Weld Henry C PM 1579
Wells H W PM 1671 2020
Wemyss Col F C PM 1615
Wendover E PM 171
Western Edwd PM 2038
Westley W W PM 186 SW 1381
Wheatley Harry PM 1613
Whetham Stephen PM 707
Whitby E A PM 1475 PZ 1329
White J PM 388 PZ 288
Whiting R PM 67
Wicks H J PM 1269 Z 1269
Wigg John PM 1351
Wildash J H PM
Williams Alfred PM 49
Williams Alfred H PM 2156
Williams F H PM 18
Williams-Freeman Capt PM
Williams William, JP PM 2005
Williamson Wm B PM
Willis Basil PM
Wilmot Chas PM
Willoughby Robt PM PZ
Wilson C PM 1329 1963
Wilson E C PM 99
Wilson Jas PM 1963
Wilson Thos PM 1328
Wood H PM 538 PM & Sec 1269 [PZ 538 1269
Wood H Sadler PM 2006 2024
Woods C A PM 145
Woods J H PM
Woodward Wm PM 1929
Wright Hy PM 1827
Wotton Edward SW
White Richd JW 1328
Wilde Col E R N JW 1718
Winterton Chas JW

Yates Edmund PM
Youle H F PM

Zielty T PM

A. M. BROADLEY, P.M. 1717 & 1835, P.Z. 1717, P.D.D.G.M. Malta,
Secretary (pro tem).

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879. (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GORDON SMITH, M.A.

Barrister-at-Law.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

Evershot, Dorchester,
13th November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Secretaryship, it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the post, and I trust to be honoured with your support.

I am a solicitor, 37 years of age, a member of the Incorporated Law Society, and for the last eleven years in practice at Evershot and Yeovil, in partnership with my Father.

My Masonic career is shortly as follows:—

Initiated, 1112, Shirley, Hants, in January 1878; Joined 1367, Beaminster, and 329, Yeovil, Somerset, 1878, Member of 1168, Sherborne, and Member of the Correspondence Circle Quatuor Coronati, 2076. W.M. 1367 in 1883, and W.M. 329 in 1887, P.G. Registrar Dor et 1884.

Exalted, 707, Bridport (since removed to Beaminster), 1883, and at present Z. P.G. Registrar (R.A.) Dorset, in 1887. Joining Member of 329.

Advanced in Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, in August 1884, at present J.W. Joined No. 162, Yeovil, and at present S.D.

Took the 18° in Weymouth Chapter R.C. in June 1884; at present First Gen.

Served as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the Girls' School in 1887; as Steward for the Province of Somerset for the R.M.B.I. in 1888; and as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the R.M.B.I. in 1889. Life-Governor Girls' School; Life-Governor R.M.B.I.; Life-Subscriber Dorset Masonic Charity.

Since July 1887 Hon. Secretary Dorset Masonic Charity.

I hold high testimonials from R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest P.G.M. Dorset, M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montague G. Supt. Dorset, and R.W. Bro. Rev. Mortimer Heath P.G.M.M. Dorset; and as to my capacity as an accountant from Messrs. Kain, Brown and Co., Chancery Lane, the well-known Law Accountants; copies of which I shall be pleased to forward if wished.

Besides the above-named, I have the support, amongst others, of the following distinguished brethren:—R.W. Bro. the Earl of Beotive, M.P., P.G.M Cumberland and Westmoreland, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, M.E. Comp. Rev. H. Adair Pickard G. Supt. Oxfordshire, and M.E. Comp. Lord Henry Thynne G. Supt. of Wilts, and of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province of Dorset.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. BASKETT.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1889.

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P.G. CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 3·30 p.m., by the invitation of Perseverance Chapter, No. 275. Comp.

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Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, presided, and he was numerously supported by the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past; also Companions from the following Chapters, viz. :—61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 302, 304, 306, 307, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 827, 837, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1513. Apologies for absence were received from the following Provincial Grand Officers, Comps. J. E. D. Darling P.Z. 139 P.G. Sword Bearer, Wm. Greaves P.Z. 289, P.G.A.D.C., J. R. Welsman P.Z. 600, and John Gerrard P.Z. 154 P.G. Stewards. Comp. Alfred Stott Z. and Officers of the Perseverance Chapter, No. 275, opened the Chapter at 3·15, and at 3·30 Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., and his Officers entered and opened Grand Chapter. After preliminaries, the minutes of the meeting held at Harrogate, on Wednesday, 1st May 1889, were presented for confirmation, read, and confirmed. The roll of Chapters and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers was called. The Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address :—

PRINCIPALS AND COMPANIONS,—At the most agreeable and satisfactory meeting at the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, on First of May, under the auspices of Chapter 1001, I received two invitations for this, the November Convocation, viz.: "De Grey and Ripon" 837, "Ripon and Perseverance" 275, Huddersfield, and I exercised my prerogative in favour of the latter, being more accessible to the majority of Companions, particularly at this usually inclement season; and I am sure the representatives of the Ripon Chapter, viz.: Companions Tupman and Pickersgill will acquiesce. It is with much regret we hear of the continued and serious illness of Companions Reverend W. C. Lukis and R. E. Collinson, of their Chapter. This is the forty-ninth meeting of this Grand Chapter, the seventh in Huddersfield, and the fourth under the banner of "Perseverance" Chapter. I am glad to observe "Prosperity" 290, and "Truth" 521, well represented. These three Huddersfield Chapters have an aggregate of 120 members on their rolls, 38 of whom are P.Z.'s. As members of the Craft, on 10th November they assembled to take part in celebrating the Centenary Festival of "Harmony" Lodge, No. 275, in solemn service at the Parish Church, Huddersfield, so kindly placed at their disposal by the Vicar—where upwards of 400 brethren were present, having marched in procession from this Hall. I hope that the hearts of the brethren were filled with gratitude to the Most High, for the privilege of assembling in His Holy Temple, and listening to an eloquent sermon delivered by Companion Reverend P. F. J. Pearce, M.A. May the blessed words—Health, Peace, and Good-will—abound in our hearts, and be wafted over the surface of the globe and promote the happiness of all, and so join mankind together by the indissoluble links of friendship—Peace and Harmony. May the second Centennial of Lodge 275 be as remarkable as this one, not only in the external circumstances of the numerical attendance, but for devoutness and sincerity. Our Treasurer has given notice of his intention to move that this Prov. G. Chapter contribute towards the rent and expenses of the offices of Prov. G. Lodge, where the business of this Grand Chapter is carried on, and I hope you will agree to support the proposition. There is also notice by Companion William Watson, Hon. Librarian: "That each Chapter be invited to supply a photographic copy of its Charter," to be placed in suitable books in our Library, in the same manner as the Lodge warrants, there being 70 out of the 74 already received; in this motion I also heartily concur. He and I feel grateful for your money contribution to the Library, which—I am glad to say—is from time to time gathering rare and valuable Masonic Works, and I trust, in time, will be in possession of as large and interesting a collection as that of the Quatuor Coronati—or even Grand Lodge itself. In conclusion, I have only to say we have 37 Chapters on the roll, with 1189 members; 101 Companions were exalted in 1888; on the other hand, there are figures I commend to the serious consideration of the 330 present and past Principals, as they suggest most serious and anxious thoughts for the continued prosperity of the Chapters; as many as 30 Companions have resigned official connection with the Chapters, 15 more were excluded, and 63 remained in arrears. Two Chapters are in a weak and exhausted condition—certainly an effort should be made to prevent these Chapters lapsing altogether. With these few and somewhat common-place observations and sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire, I beg you to accept the thanks of your Superintendent, and the present and past Provincial Officers, for your loyalty and devotion to ourselves and the affairs of this Convocation, and for the kind reception accorded to us this afternoon.

Comp. Henry Oxley Prov. G. Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved, and Comp. Alfred Stott Z. 275 seconded, and it was resolved :

"That a contribution of twelve pounds (£12 0s 0d) per annum be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter towards the rent and other expenses of the offices of Provincial Grand Lodge in Wakefield."

Comp. William Watson, pursuant to notice, moved, Comp. William Harrop seconded, and it was resolved :

"That each Chapter in this Province be invited to supply a photographic copy of its Charter on a similar plan to those obtained from Craft Lodges (size 12in. by 10in., carbon process, unmounted), to be sent enclosed in stout pasteboard tube for safety, to E. Comp. William Watson, 28 East Parade, Leeds."

Comp. Mason delivered the mystical lecture in his usual able manner. Invitations to hold the annual meeting in May 1890 were received from the following Companions, viz. :—Comp. Wm. Gaukroger P.Z. 61, to meet under the banner of Sincerity Chapter at Halifax; Comp. Arthur Tupman Z. 837, to meet under the banner of Marquess of Ripon Chapter at Ripon; and Comp. Wm. Watson P.Z. 304, to meet under the joint banners of Chapters 289, 304, 306, and 1042, at Leeds. The P. Grand Superintendent thanked the Companions for their cordial invitations, and said he would shortly make his decision known. It was then moved by Comp. Richard Carter Prov. G.H., and seconded by Comp. George Brooke Prov. G.J., and resolved :

"That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Z. and Companions of Chapter Perseverence, 275, for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the Companions."

Provincial Grand Chapter was shortly afterwards closed. Tea was provided at the Queen's Hotel, the Provincial Grand Superintendent presiding over about 50 Companions.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

ON Thursday, 21st inst., the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, held his annual Provincial Grand Chapter, under the banner of the Francis White Chapter, No. 1437, at Romford, and the proceedings throughout were most successful. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in the Romford Public Hall shortly after 5 o'clock, the Grand Superintendent being supported by Comp. E. J. Barron P.Z. and Treasurer 214, acting Prov. G.H., and Comp. Alfred Welch P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J., acting Prov. G.J., several distinguished Grand Officers, and most of the other Provincial 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 Provincial Grand Chapter (held at Chelmsford) having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Scribe E. Comp. Ralling read letters from several Companions, regretting their inability to be present, including Comps. Lord Brooke, M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., Thomas Fenn, E. Letchworth, R. Clowes P.Z. 51 P.P.G.R., &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 in the number of contributing members; the Auditors reported a balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer of £21 odd. The Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Companions, congratulating them upon the satisfactory condition of the Province. Progress there had been, which, though not of an extensive character, was steady and assured, and therefore more lasting. He announced that the meeting next year would be at Southend. On the motion of Comp. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, seconded by Comp. Fred. Wood,, the Companions unanimously re-elected, for the sixth time, Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. and Treasurer 276, as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, as follow :—

Comp. Rev. Thos. Cochrane Z. 1437	...	H.
G. H. Finch H. 2005	...	J.
Thos. J. Ralling P.Z. 51	...	S.E.
F. B. Page Z. 214 ...	...	S.N.
A. Mead Z. 276 ...	...	Registrar
G. Harrison I.P.Z. 51	...	Sojourner
R. J. Warren H. 1437	...	1st A. Soj.
G. R. Dawson H. 1000	...	2nd A. Soj.
T. G. Mills Z. 51 ...	...	Sword Bearer
R. G. Kellett J. 276	..	Standard Bearer
A. Lucking P.Z. and S.E. 1000		D. of C.
R. Jennings 1437 ...	...	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 Francis White Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, which was unanimously carried. The Grand Superintendent then, in feeling terms, referred to the fact that they had been deprived, at the opening of their proceedings, of the presence of their Provincial Grand H., Comp. Merritt, who was prevented from attending by the sudden death of his father. He proposed that the Provincial Grand S.E. be requested

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to write a letter of condolence to Comp. Merritt. This was carried. Before closing the meeting the Grand Superintendent gave a hearty welcome to Major-General Laurie, District Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who had honoured them by becoming their guest that night. Major-General Laurie acknowledged the salutations of the Companions. Between 30 and 40 Companions afterwards dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, the repast being well supplied by Bro. Peter Reynolds. The Grand Superintendent presided, in his well-known genial manner, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed. Among the Companions present at the meeting, besides the Officers above-mentioned, were Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie Royal Union Chapter, Nova Scotia, Comps. G. Cooper P.A.G.Soj., H. J. P. Dumas P.G. Sword Bearer, Charles Belton P.G. Sword Bearer, F. Wood P.Z. 1000, F. W. Imbert Terry P.Z. 214, F. A. White P.Z. 1437, W. Bridgland P.Z. 1000, H. Mason P.Z. 1437, Wm. Clifford 51 H. 2182, G. B. Gilbey S.N. 1437, H. Gamble Hobson J. 214, J. S. Hammond 1437, J. Lewis Thomas P.G. Sword Bearer.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 22nd instant, at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Grammant Z., Captain Vincent H., C Fleck J., Stone S.E., Addington S.N., Murché P.S., Fred Hilton Preceptor, R. J. Voisey Treasurer, Davis, G. S. Moore, Eedle, and others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Captain Vincent was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Comp. Whitby was heartily thanked for presenting the insurance policy to the Chapter. Comps. Grammant and Addington were also thanked for their indefatigable exertions, which had been crowned by obtaining such excellent collars for the Officers of the Lodge.

The nominations for the office Grand Treasurer will have to be made at Grand Lodge on Wednesday. Brother Augustus Harris has a very influential body of supporters. On page 359 and 360 of our present issue we give a full list of the brethren who form his Committee. We have heard rumours that other candidates will present themselves to oppose Bro. Augustus Harris, but this question will be definitely settled on Wednesday.

Our Secretaries are now making arrangements for their next year's Festivals. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, has kindly consented to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

We are gratified in being able to announce that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, has consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Croydon, on the 26th February 1890.

The installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, took place on Thursday evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The outgoing Worshipful Master Bro. G. F. Edwards installed as his successor Bro. F. G. Barns, C.C.; the ceremony was carried out in an efficient style by Bro. Edwards. We shall give a full report in our next issue.

The members of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which has recently been shifted from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, to the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, on Tuesday celebrated their removal with a supper. We shall give a full report in our next.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces his annual Concert will take place at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, Peckham, on Tuesday next, the 3rd of December. On this occasion the performance will be divided into two parts; in the first of these will be given a Sacred Cantata, "Joshua," by Bro. Seymour Smith, while part II. will comprise a miscellaneous selection of vocal and instrumental music. The following well known vocalists will assist:—Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Meta Russell, Miss Katie Heath (pupil of Mr Seymour Smith), Madame Raymond; Bros. Lester, G. T. Carter, C. A. White, Edward Dalzell, Charles Butler, W. G. Hazelgrove, James Budd; the members of the St. Augustine's (Honor Oak) Choral Society (Choir Superintendent, Mr. R. J. Bishop). Pianoforte, Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Seymour Smith. Organ (Mustell), Mr. Donne Smith; Concertina, Mr. Richard Blagrove: Cornet, Mr. Walter Morrow; Conductor, Mr. Seymour Smith. Tickets—reserved 3s; 2s, 1s,—may be obtained of Bro. Seymour Smith, 24 Carden Road, Nunhead Lane. Doors open at 7·30; commence at 8 o'clock. We have a liking for Bro. Smith's annual gatherings; we are sure to fall across several old friends.

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, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 London-wall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
176—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, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7·30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1416—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—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.)
1586—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1609—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)
1743—Perseverance, 33 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
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. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
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
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Potty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire

928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1103—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1150—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
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
1542—Legionum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby

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R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
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, 3rd DECEMBER.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 5
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
35—Robert Burns, 8 Totenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
101—Temple, Flip 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 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
254—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)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1331—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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
1696—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 555—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
255—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
568—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcast'e
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
820—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Hute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1074—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Canada, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Hull
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveden.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2135—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 263—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 660—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 845—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 863—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1631—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
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. 115—Ledford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
5—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnesbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mare, 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 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1634—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In
1962—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
1923—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, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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. 1639—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 33 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
96—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
135—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
138—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
336—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
337—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
439—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
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, Horsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Dunstan-in-the-Grove
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaftesbury
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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
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.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—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)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
878—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—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)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5.30. (Inst)
1485—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1912—West Middlesex, Bull Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1914—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1922—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1926—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1972—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street

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1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
1772—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)
1996—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. 78—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (Inst).
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, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
81—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
89—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
125—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
265—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling ton
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.
327—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Balfring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
1076—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Shalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1347—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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1839—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. 303—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 364—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
R.A. 1236—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Burton
M.M. 85—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
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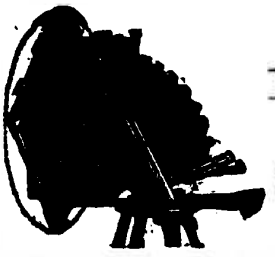
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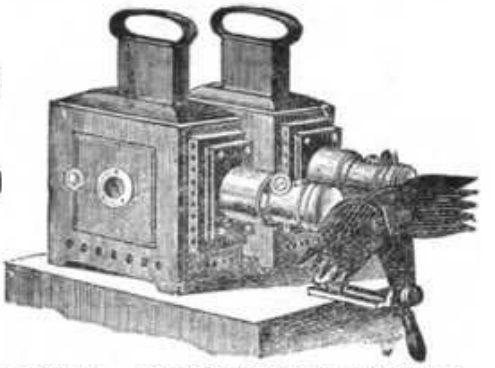
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LODGE HISTORIES.

THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

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AS we have already mentioned, the records of this Lodge from 1822 up to 1847 have been lost, and accordingly very meagre details of its doings during that period are forthcoming. Every available source has been drawn upon to supply the missing link, but, as may be expected, not very much has been accomplished. The records of Provincial Grand Lodge have, however, supplied something, and this, with other matter, is included in Chapter XII. of Bro. Crossley's History. At one part of the period referred to great depression appears to have reigned among the members, and it is a wonder the Lodge did not cease to exist. The returns at the beginning of 1822 show that there were 20 subscribing members, which number varied from time to time, going as low as five, whilst in 1847 there was the goodly roll of 62.

A curious and humorous entry appears in the Provincial Grand Lodge records of 1827, which goes to show the position some of the members of Probity considered their Lodge held. From this it appears that Bro. C. Whiteley, of Halifax, had written to a Brother at Wakefield, in somewhat un-Masonic terms, besides holding out a threat "to lay the conduct of the Provincial Grand Lodge before the Lodge of Probity." These matters the brethren assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge considered "as an evidence that Bro. C. Whiteley must have altogether forgotten the respect he owes to this Provincial Grand Lodge, as this Lodge would think it highly derogatory to its dignity to answer for its proceedings to any Provincial Lodge whatever." This record may well be termed "humorous," but no doubt there were brethren in those days—even if there are not still some among us—who would feel quite justified in asserting themselves in an equally officious manner.

In 1837 Probity lost its companion Lodge of Halifax—the Lodge of Harmony, which was removed to Huddersfield, "where it has since had a prosperous career." This separation, after harmonious relations in the same town for some fifty years, did not break the friendship between the two bodies, as is evidenced from one of the earliest records in the next minute book of the Lodge of Probity, where, under date 3rd January 1848, it is stated that a Brother Peace, from the Harmony Lodge, took the chair, and being assisted by several other brethren from his Lodge went through the opening and closing ceremonies of the three degrees. From this it would appear the Probity—which we have seen was at all times ready to render help to others—was not always averse to receive it also.

In July 1838 an important event was celebrated—the Centenary of the Lodge's existence. It was not then customary to grant Centenary Warrants, as is now done, but it is recorded that a dispensation was issued for the brethren to walk in procession to the Parish Church, to celebrate the event. An account of the proceedings on this important occasion appears in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for September 1838, and this account is embodied in the Lodge History before us. From it we gather that the "Jubilee" was held at the Old Cock Inn. The prayers at the church were read by the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, special psalms and lessons being selected for the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Naylor, of Wakefield, Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached an excellent sermon, from 1 Peter xvii. 26—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." The Provincial Grand Organist (Bro. Walton, of Leeds) sang "Comfort ye my people," in excellent style, supported by a Bro. Sugden and the choir. The proceedings of the day terminated with a dinner, harmony and brotherly love prevailing, it being really "the Masons' holiday." Several local dignitaries of the Craft were present at the proceedings.

On 23rd October 1844, the half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held, under the banner of the Probity Lodge. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough P.G.M. presided, and he was supported by upwards of two hundred brethren—a goodly assemblage for that period, we consider. On this occasion two very handsome silver vases were presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Chas. Lee), who in acknowledgment specially thanked the members of the Probity Lodge, by whom the idea of the presentation had been first mooted. In recognition of the toast, Success to the Probity Lodge, which was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, it was stated that the Lodge had then sixty members on its roll.

On the 3rd January 1848, Provincial Grand Lodge again held its meeting under the banner of the Probity Lodge, on which occasion Bro. Lee D.P.G.M. presided. In 1849, a Lodge of Instruction was formed, meetings to be held every second Wednesday succeeding regular Lodge night. At the same time a desire was expressed to re-open the Chapter of Sincerity, and steps were taken accordingly, for it is recorded that at the next meeting £10 was voted to be applied towards the restoration of the Chapter. About this time also a Lodge Building Fund was formed, so that everything points to increased interest and activity at this particular period.

In 1849 a dispensation was granted, enabling the Lodge to attend the funeral of an old member—Bro. Christopher Rawson—in association with which record is appended an extract from a speech by this esteemed Brother, delivered at the laying of the foundation stone of the Halifax Literary and Philosophical Society's Hall. The ceremony does not appear to have been a Masonic one, but Bro. Rawson's speech was eminently Masonic, and is fittingly introduced in the records of his Lodge. The 22nd September 1851 was a special day for Yorkshire Freemasonry, a special meeting of Grand Lodge of England being then held at Bradford, on which occasion the M.W.G.M. Lord Zetland presided, and the foundation stone of St. George's Hall was laid with Masonic honours. Between 30 and 40 members of Probity were present on this occasion, and one of its members—Bro. Lawrence Bramley—was appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

In January 1852 Probity once more entertained Provincial Grand Lodge, as it has done on subsequent occasions. In the following November the Mayor of Halifax invited the Lodge to join in a procession to the memory of the departed Bro. Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington. A number of brethren accepted the invitation, and attended a public funeral service at the Parish Church. At a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge (6th July 1853) a letter was read from Grand Lodge, severely censuring the Probity and other local Lodges for alleged irregularity in working, and the Provincial Grand Lodge at once passed a vote of censure on its sub-

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ordinates. The brethren of Probity, however, with their old spirit of independence, considered the censure quite undeserved, and protested most strongly against it, a mass of correspondence resulting. It appears the irregularity consisted in conferring the third degree on a brother seventy-four days after he had been passed to the second, this ceremony being unfortunately postponed from the regular day, in consequence of the Lodge quarters not being available. The W.M. of the Lodge communicated the facts of the case to the Board of General Purposes, and having satisfactorily explained the cause of the irregularity, the censure was withdrawn, and matters appear to have been satisfactorily arranged. From the brief details given in the Lodge History we think the brethren of Probity are once more to be congratulated on the result of their zeal, high handed though it may appear to the ordinary observer. Even Provincial Grand Lodge felt it necessary to make a concession to the Probity over this censure, for in a kind letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master it was hoped that the appointment of the worthy Senior Warden (of Probity) as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer would be accepted as the olive branch of peace by the Lodge. This complimentary appointment is all the more marked because it had not been customary in the Province of West Yorkshire for such a post to be given to any Brother not a Past Master.

Since this time the Lodge has always been to the fore in taking part in public affairs, and has well maintained the energy for which it has always been famous. Among other events in which the Probity Lodge took a part may be mentioned the laying of the foundation stone of All Souls' Church (April 1856), of the Sowerby Bridge Town Hall (May 1856), the corner stone of St. Augustine's Church (1873).

(To be continued.)

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight presided; Bro. the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master Norths and Hunts acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Sir Victor Hedworth Williamson as Senior Warden, and Bro. the Hon. W. W. Vernon P.G.J.W. as Grand Junior Warden. After the formal opening, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 4th September were read and confirmed. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, then rose. He said I beg leave to nominate our Illustrious Brother the Prince of Wales to be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. Happy for me—indeed, I may say happy for this Lodge, and happy for the Craft—the nominor of such a nominee is perfectly independent of the aids of oratory or rhetoric, inasmuch as the name of our Most Worshipful Grand Master is engraven upon the heart of every true Mason. Lord Bacon said, "Princes are like to heavenly bodies which cause good or evil times, and which have much veneration and no rest." If I were asked to point to a Prince who in all history has earned and deservedly enjoyed more veneration than others, I should point to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. If I were asked to point to the Prince who has least rest, whose mind is most occupied by good works, whose heart is moved by a desire to serve his fellow creatures, I should again point to His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I feel I need say no more, and I formally nominate the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the present to be our Grand Master for the ensuing year. Brother Sherriff Harris—Most Worshipful Master in the chair, I have great pleasure in nominating for the post of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year a brother whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of the land—Brother Augustus Henry Glossop Harris—a member of the London County Council, and of Drury Lane, Covent Garden, and other theatres. He has been for many years a Freemason, having been initiated, passed, and raised in the St. Clair Lodge, No. 349, Edinburgh, in 1875; he afterwards joined the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, London; and in 1885 became one of the founders and the first S.W. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1886-7 he served the office of W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge. He is M.E.Z. of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59; he is Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities; he has given special prizes to the Masonic Schools, the pupils of which he has entertained at Drury Lane Theatre. I beg to nominate Bro. Augustus Henry Glossop Harris for the office of Grand Treasurer. No response was given to Bro. Beach's inquiry—Has any brother any other candidate to propose? and we can therefore heartily congratulate Brother Harris on his "walk over." Brother Beach, in re-investing Brother Robert Grey as President of the Board of Benevolence, to which post he had been appointed, said—I congratulate you on having been again appointed by the Grand Master, and I congratulate Grand Lodge on having a brother in the office whose services have been so cheerfully, willingly, and ably given. Bro. Beach announced that the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence who had been nominated by the brethren were Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, and as those brethren were the only brethren nominated, he declared them duly elected. The twelve Past Masters nominated for the Board of Benevolence were:—

Bro. Brown, William Peter	90
Bunker, James	1158
Chapman, George B.	27
Cundy, George A.	901
Dairy, Charles	141
Grieve, James Burgess	1351
Haslip, Lewis Christopher	813
Langley, George R.	183
Read, George	511
Shedd, Ebenezer	276
Taylor, Robert J.	144
Woodward, Alfred Cooper	1538

and as only twelve were required, he declared these brethren duly elected. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. —Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—Before the report of the Board of Benevolence is put, I should like to propose one vote, which I am sure will obtain the approval of every member of this Grand Lodge; it is that the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Brett and Bro. Cottebrune, the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, for the kind attention and the constant and unwearied perseverance with which for many years past they have attended the meetings of the Board of Benevolence. It is all very well for us to talk about our grand Masonic Charity, and the way in which it is dispensed, and it is all very well to plume ourselves on the way we relieve, month after month, candidates who appear before us for help, but it is mainly to those, who, month after month, attend the Board of Benevolence that our thanks are due, for the constant and unwearied attention they pay to those meetings. I therefore propose our hearty thanks to Bro. Brett and Bro. Cottebrune, the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence for their constant and unwearied attention to the Board of Benevolence for many years past. The Earl of Euston seconded the motion, which was carried nem con. The next business was the consideration of the report of the Board of Benevolence, the full text of which we gave last week. Bro. Robert Grey, President, rose and said that before moving that the recommendations from the Board of Benevolence be confirmed, he would wish to call the attention of Grand Lodge to certain irregularities that occurred, as far as the Board was able to know, in the petitions that were set before the Board of Benevolence, and he ventured to think that that was the first time that it could be laid before the whole Craft. According to Section 244, when a petition came before the Board from a Lodge, the Lodge which recommended the petitioner should state that "We, the undersigned, the Master, Wardens, and majority of the members of the Lodge, in open Lodge assembled," recommend the case. Frequently petitions came before the Board of Benevolence signed by the Master and Wardens and one or two of the brethren. No doubt it was an inadvertence on the part of the Lodge. Surely they could not think that the Master and Wardens carried the whole weight of the Lodge, or that that was sufficient. In fact they were not the majority, and although the Board had not absolute proofs of it they believed that was the case. Now that he had called attention to the matter, he hoped

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they would conform to the Constitution in that particular. He hoped that no harm had happened to any petitioner in that respect, but certainly it could do them no good if their case was recommended by so few members of their Lodge. He would now move that the several recommendations of the Board of Benevolence be confirmed by Grand Lodge. The motion that the report be received and entered on the minutes, moved by Brother Thomas Fenn, having been carried, Brother Fenn said he would like to explain to the brethren that the electric light with which the Temple was now illuminated, for the first time, was quite of a temporary and experimental nature. It was only that night at 5 o'clock that the connection was made with the works of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Association, whose works were close at the back of Freemasons' Hall. The brethren would see they were by no means complete, nor was the light so brilliant as it might be. He hoped on the next occasion of the meeting of Grand Lodge it would be found to the great advantage of the brethren, and would be an addition to their comfort. Unfortunately they would see that some of the lights were not perfect, and one in particular which happened to be over the portrait of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was not alight. But all these things would be set right in a very short time. Brother Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, then brought up the appeal:—

> By Bro. Henry Godber P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Burma, dismissing his complaint against the said Lodge for permitting Bro. Joseph Dawson P.M. to withdraw his resignation of membership of the Lodge, which had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary and entered on the minutes.

Brother Philbrick said the ruling of the District Grand Master against which this appeal was brought was this:—"Ruling, 9th June 1889, that these was no confirmation of the minutes accepting Bro. Dawson's withdrawal; in fact, though Brother Dawson tendered his resignation it was never accepted by the Lodge; it was, therefore, never in form according to the bye-laws of the Lodge, and therefore the District Grand Master dismissed the appeal." Now he (Bro. Philbrick) could not help thinking that the question which the District Grand Master had to solve in this appeal was entirely answered by his own ruling. It had been ruled by his (Bro. Philbrick's) distinguished, and, he was sorry to say, deceased predecessor, Bro. McIntyre, and it had always been held as accepted law, that Masonry being a voluntary Society, the moment a brother announced his resignation and communicated it to his Lodge he ceased to be a member of the Lodge. It was customary to accompany the resignation with terms asking the Lodge to accept it, and often—usually—with expressions of good feeling and regard and attachment to the Lodge. But those were individual matters which did not affect the status of a brother as a member of the Lodge; he had a right to withdraw on signifying his intention to the Lodge; and when he withdrew, and said he withdrew, and signified it to the Lodge, it was no longer in the power of the Lodge to retain him against his wish as a member of the Lodge for a single day. That ruling was clearly laid down by Bro. McIntyre in 1874, following a long succession of precedents; it was referred to in the record of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of that day. I remember, as appears by the paper he (Brother McIntyre) said something to the same effect—to the effect that he concurred in that ruling. Here the brother who was about to retire from the Lodge wrote, on the 29th June 1889, to the Secretary: "Dear Sir and Brother, From what has lately transpired in the Lodge I have no other alternative than to tender my resignation of membership, which I trust will be accepted with regret, by the end of this month." That was communicated to the Lodge 832 at their next regular meeting. Of course the brother was not present; he resigned on the 31st of January, two days before the date of the letter. That was entered on the minutes; so that the brother *de facto* ceased to be a member of the Lodge. Afterwards some of the brethren desired that he might reconsider his determination. Of course it was too late as far as membership of the Lodge was concerned, and then they passed a resolution that he should come back to the Lodge, that he should not cease to be a member, and that he should withdraw his resignation. The resolution had not been communicated, and it was not a matter for the Lodge to express its feelings upon—they expressed a wish that should withdraw it, and he refused to do so. Under those circumstances it was quite clear that there had been a resignation on the part of this brother; he had communicated it to the Lodge, and that, *ipso facto*, made the resignation, whether the Lodge accepted it or not, and the Lodge had nothing to do with it. Under those circumstances, the ruling that there was no withdrawal, he thought, proceeded on an entire misconception of the case. Therefore, as the facts stood, the resignation, he thought, did take effect, and that the action of the District Grand Master could not be supported, and that this Grand Lodge must hold that he was wrong. He, therefore, begged to move that the appeal be allowed, and the decision of the District Grand Master be reversed, and the Grand Lodge declare that the resignation of Bro. Dawson communicated to the Lodge virtually caused his resignation of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Fenn in seconding the motion said, Grand Lodge after its former decision could not come to any other conclusion. Bro. J. S. Cumberland said, taking it from the ruling of the Grand Registrar, once a brother sent in his resignation it was final. Although between the sending in of the resignation and the meeting of his Lodge an opportunity might occur for doing so, he had no power to withdraw it. If the brother wished to remain a member of the Lodge he must be re-proposed and balloted for. After some remarks by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C., Bro. Philbrick said he had been appealed to to make a statement of Masonic law besides that which was required by the case in hand. At the same time, having listened to the remarks of the brother who had first spoken, he thought in his case the right and true course was pursued, viz.: that the brethren who had resigned in open Lodge had to submit to their names being balloted for again, the fees of the Lodge were remitted, and they resumed the status of members among their brethren. It was always bad to quote oneself as an authority. From the moment a member in the Lodge said "I resign," his membership was ended, and a line was struck. That was the dividing line. Of course a brother might repent of retiring; he might write a letter; but if he communicated it to the Lodge, of course it was beyond his own control; when he had communicated it to the Lodge, then the line was drawn, and he could not become a member again, except under such circumstances as had been alluded to by Bro. Smyth. That was, he thought, a very intelligible and clear rule to be laid down; it avoided difficulties; but it was exactly in accordance with what every one would understand when he said if he as a commercial man wrote and said, "You have the offer of certain matters," and the person to whom he wrote back had said, "I accept the offer," that was a bargain. If the person said, "I disclaim it," and wrote to disclaim of his own motion, why then he had effectively disclaimed it. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, with diffidence, begged to differ from what had fallen from Grand Registrar. He agreed with him that were the resignation was accepted the withdrawal from membership should stand. But the brother should have the power and liberty to withdraw his resignation until the meeting of the Lodge. It seemed to him a commonsense view of the case. Until a resignation was accepted, he did not think it was final. The motion of the Grand Registrar was then put, an carried, and Grand Lodge was closed.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has consented to preside at a Festival Dinner, on 11th December next, at the Hotel Metropole, in aid of the funds of the Bethnal Green Free Library. This Library depends entirely for its support upon voluntary effort. His Royal Highness will be supported by members of both Houses of Parliament and other influential friends of the institution.

The Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, will be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, William the Fourth, East Greenwich. The Grand Secretary, Brother Colonel S. H. Clerke, who will be assisted by several of the Grand Officers, will conduct the ceremony, which is fixed to take place at 4 p.m.

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MASONIC ANTIQUITY;

BROTHER GOULD'S NEWLY ASSUMED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

(Continued from page 355).

As belief and disbelief is independent of human will, I cannot blame Bro. Gould for his "new departure," as the Editor of the *Freemason*" called it, but when he undertook to convert others to his changed belief, he ought to have furnished better reasons than he did in his Commentary on the Masonic Poem and in his Glasgow address.

Briefly, Bro. Hayter Lewis, in November 1886 informed the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, that Professor D. Marks had seen an Arabic MS., in Hebrew characters, about seven years ago, in which the Hiramic legend was given, and Bro. Lewis added:—

"I have since then been informed that a MS., which seems to be of the character above referred to by Dr. Marks, is said to have been in the Cambridge University Library, and very possibly may be the actual one to which he refers."

This theory of Professor Hayter Lewis Bro. Gould attacked, in the *Philadelphia Keystone* of 4th December 1886. I was informed privately that while Dr. Marks claimed to have seen the Arabic MS. in the Bodleian Library, upon inquiry no such MS. was to be found there. Recently, however, Bro. Gould has changed his opinion; the first reason he gave in his Commentary of the Masonic or "Regius Poem" is as follows:—

"About ten years ago an Arabic MS. came to the notice of Professor Marks . . . . This work referred to a sign or password known to the Masonic brotherhood, each letter being an initial of a separate word, which word makes up the sentence, 'We have found our Lord Hiram.' The title of the M.S., Dr. Marks says, has passed out of his memory, but he belives it was an introduction to the Sunnah, and the date he assigns to it is that of the 14th century. The book was found by him, to the best of his recollection, in the Bodleian Library, and he adds, 'I made out its meaning readily, inasmuch as the passage referred to Masonry, which, by the bye, it traced up to the Patriarchs, if not to Adam himself." (Regius Commentary, p 13.(

As I have in a measure been instrumental in directing the investigation of the Cambridge MS. referred to by Bro. Hayter Lewis, I will first furnish evidence that no such a MS. ever existed in Cambridge.

First, in the *Freemason* of 1874, page 584, Bro. Hughan stated that he had read an article by Bro. Jacob Norton, stating that the Rev. George Oliver, in his "Freemason's Treasury," said, that Desaguliers and Anderson obtained the Hiramic legend from idle tales taken out of the Jewish Targums, which were published in London, A.D. 1715, from a MS. in the University Library, at Cambridge. Hence Bro. Hughan urged Bro. Woodford to make inquiry into the case. A few days after the above was published Bro. Woodford received from me a similar request for inquiry. On page 610 of the same volume of the *Freemason* is the following reply:—

"Bro. Hughan's note has anticipated Bro. Norton's, so we do not deem it needful to publish it . . . . We are authorised to state that Bro. Woodford is at this moment engaged in inquiries at the Cambridge University and at the British Museum, endeavouring to verify Dr. Oliver's original statement."

On page 719 of the same volume I find as follows:—

"Some reference has recently been made by Bro. Hughan and Bro. Norton to some tales from the Talmud, published in 1715, and alluded to by Dr. Oliver. I have had a long search made. No such a book . . . . exists, at any rate of that date [but he heard] that such a book was published at Amsterdam (not in London) in 1715."

And promised to make further inquiry. On page 75 of Vol. VIII of the *Freemason* (1875) Bro. Lewis may read as follows:—

"In answer to Bro. Hughan, Mr. Bernsley, the Librarian of Cambridge University, tells me there is no legend to be traced. Indeed, it could not well be in the Targums. Oliver's statement is therefore incorrect."

In other words, Oliver *invented the story* about the Cambridge MS. Hence Bro. Hayter Lewis must therefore give up the idea that Dr. Marks ever saw such a MS. at Cambridge.

And now for another statement made by Dr. Marks. But I must preface by stating that I made the acquaintance of the late Bro. Henry Faudel, of the firm of Faudel and Phillips, in Newgate-street, in 1853, when he told me that Masonry *was not ancient*. Bro. Faudel was a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, was Grand Deacon in 1846, he was acquainted with the German and French languages, possessed an excellent library, was a friend of Dr. Crucifix, was appointed by the Doctor as his executor, and for two years after Dr. Crucifix demised, Bro. Faudel virtually edited the *Masonic Magazine*, or whatever its name was. And this will account for his knowing, as early as 1853, what no other English Mason seems to have known before 1866, when Bro. Findel's English edition was first printed, viz., that our Masonry *was not ancient*.

Our acquaintance ripened into friendship. During my subsequent annual visits to England I spent many evenings at Bro. Faudel's house, in Regent's Park. In the Spring of 1857 I met there Dr. Marks, who, in the course of conversation, told us that in a preface to a copy of the "Zohar" he once found the Hiramic legend, but he could not remember in what edition he saw it. Bro. Faudel then turned to me, with a smile, and said, "So, after all, I was mistaken."

Now, I confess that Dr. Marks always had an exceptionably high character for truthfulness. It would therefore be wrong for me to charge him with inventing his statements. But, on the other hand, it is possible that the "Zohar" he saw may have been printed after 1730, and the writer of its preface may have been a Mason. And as to the MS. which he saw about ten years ago, I verily believe that he saw a forged copy; the said MS. may have been manufactured in the 18th or even in the 19th century. Dr. Marks is doubtless a *tip top* Hebrew scholar, but it does not follow that he is also a *tip top* expert in judging the difference between a genuine and forged MS. Every one knows that from the earliest time MSS. have been forged. The book called the "Zohar" *is a forgery*. It was ascribed to the pen of Rabbi Shimon Ben Yechnai, who lived in the 2nd century. But Dr. Graetz, in his History of the Jews, proved that it was manufactured in the middle of the 13th century (See *Masonic Magazine*, Vol. VII. p 528). Dr. Krause, the great Masonic *sceptic*, was imposed upon at York, early in this century, with a Charter alleged to have been copied from King Athelstan's original Latin copy of his Masons' Charter, which was confirmed in 1806 by somebody who called himself "Stonehouse." Not many years since, the late Bro. Woodford got hold of an old Masonic MS., on which was inscribed the name of *Inigo Jones*, with a date A.D. 1610, but it is known now to have been manufactured in the middle of the 18th century. The Rev. Bro. Kira of Canada exhibited a Masonic MS. in 1860, written in Scarborough, Yorkshire, dated 1505. As soon as I saw a printed copy thereof, in 1873, I at once pronounced it a 1705 MS., and not of 1505; and when the said MS. was produced, it proved that I was right, that a good figure 7 was changed into a 5 (read my letter in the *Canadian Craftsman* of March 1874, p 89). The Malcolm Charter, the Cologne Charter, and the Frederick the Great Charter are also Masonic forgeries. We see now that forged MSS. have deceived scholars, doctors and clergymen. And as the strongest reasons exist about the alleged antiquity of the Hiramic legend, I must conclude that Dr. Marks, like many other scholars, was deceived by a forged MS., and I think that if the above arguments were submitted to Dr. Marks' consideration, that he would himself admit the possibility of having made such a mistake.

The next argument of Bro. Gould rests upon the poem called "Urbanitatis," which, according to the opinion of its editor, Mr. Furnival, was written in about 1460, and a hundred lines of which poem the author of the Regius poem welded on to his own poem. This poem was designed to teach good manners, and the following are specimens of the manners it taught, viz.:—

"When you come before a lord take off your cap or hood, and fall on your knee twice or thrice. Keep your cap off till you are told to put it on. Hold your chin up. Look the Lord in the face. Keep hands and feet still. Don't spit and snot. Break wind quietly. Behave well when you go into the hall. . . See that your hands are clean and your knife sharp. Don't clutch the best bit. Keep your hands from dirtying the table cloth, and don't wipe your nose on it, &c."

And again, in the Masonic Poem, are the following lines, which I give from a modern version, viz.:—

"By old time written, I find
That the prentice should be of gentle kind,
And so, sometimes, great lords' blood
Took this gemetry that is full good."

Mr. Furnival, the editor of "Urbanitatis," remarked on the above lines:—"I should like to see the evidence of a

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lord's son, having become a working Mason and dwelling seven years with his Master, hys craft to learne." Our Bro. Gould, however, deduced from the fact of the attachment of the poem called "Urbanitatis" to the Masonic Poem, that there must have existed at that time a Masonic Guild composed wholly of non-operatives, or Speculative Masons, for whose instruction in good behaviour the "Urbanitatis" Poem was tacked on to the Regius Poem. He says:—

"The conclusion, therefore, to which it seems to me we are directed by the evidence is, that the persons to whom the text of the Regius MS. was sung or recited were a guild or fraternity from whom all but the memory or traditions of its ancient trade had departed."

In short, because the "Urbanitatis" Poem was tacked on to the Masonic Poem, Bro. Gould came to the conclusion that a "Speculative Lodge" existed in the 15th century. But according to my way of reasoning, I think the case was directly the reverse. I have no doubt that the author of the "Urbanitatis" designed his poem for the instruction of the most rude, ill behaved, and dirtiest class in the community, who had not sense enough to take off a hat in the presence of a nobleman, who were accustomed to spit and snot when in company with their betters, who used to clutch the best bit when eating with others from the same table, who used to wipe their noses with the table cloth, &c., &c. Hence, if the author of the Masonic Poem was not sure that a large portion, at least, of the Masons of his day were not equally dirty, rude and ill-mannered with those above described, he would never have insulted the Masonic fraternity by tacking on the Poem "Urbanitatis" to his own. The fact that he did so proves to my mind conclusively that the Regius Poem was intended for the instruction of a Guild, composed, in a large measure at least, of anything but well behaved gentlemen.

And with regard to the question which puzzled Mr. Furnival, about the allusion of the Masonic poet to the "old time written," that "some times great Lords' blood took this gemetry, &c." The poet did not say that in the 15th century there were among Masons members who could boast of having descended from great lords, but refers to "old time written." Hence, he doubtless referred to his own invention about the sons of the Egyptian nobility, whom Euclid taught "gemetry," *and that is all he meant.*

In Bro. Gould's lecture, at Glasgow, he produced fresh arguments in favour of his new theory. He said:—

"But a paper by Professor Hayter Lewis—'Scotch Masons' marks compared with those of other countries'—read before the British Archæological Association, at its recent session in Glasgow, could be deemed by many persons to have gone a long way towards reinstating the old belief or tradition."

Here follows a long string of conjectures, inferences, and so forth, but which may be reduced to two points. First, that in the 13th century was introduced, with the early pointed style of Gothic, an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparently from the East. Second, that Masons' marks do not appear to have been commonly used in Europe before late in the twelfth century.

But, in the first place, I heard from an eye witness that the stones of the old Roman aqueducts have Masons' marks on them; and second, what has the "Pointed Style" and Masons' marks to do with Speculative Masonry? I have asked two stonecutters, a German and an Englishman, why they marked the stone they wrought, and the answers in both cases were, "that in case of any fault the overseer might know whose work it was." If Bro. Lewis would take the trouble to question any stonecutter about making marks on the stones, he would receive the same answer I received. Now, I want Bro. Lewis, to inform me by what method of reasoning he came to the conclusion that thousands of years ago Masons had different reasons for marking their stone than Masons to-day have? But that is not all. In the 13th century the "Pointed Style" was known in Germany, and German stonecutters also made marks on the stones in the 13th century. But for all that Bro. Speth has proved that the German Masons knew nothing about secret signs, words, secret initiation, or any kind of Speculative Masonry. Hence, Masons' marks furnish no evidence of the existence of Speculative Masonry before the year 1717.

The last argument (as far as I can understand) of Bro. Gould is based upon a supposition that the three degrees after 1717 were received without a murmur, hence the said degrees must have been inherited from olden times, &c. But in the first place, it is well known that the Grand Lodge would not allow Lodges to confer the 2nd and 3rd degrees before 1725, hence if the three degrees had been an old "inheritance," the Lodges would never have submitted to being deprived of their time immemorial privilege for a moment. Second, when the Grand Lodge repealed that law in 1725 but very few Lodges availed themselves of it. This was one of the arguments of Bro. Gould in the *Keystone* of 1886, he stated that even as late as 1752 there was still a Lodge in England whose W.M. was only a Fellow Craft. And third, if the mere fact (supposing it to be a fact), that because there was no murmur against the three degrees after 1717, is to be received as a proof that the three degrees were *an old inheritance*, then Bro. MacCalla may with equal reason prove that *Templarism* is an old inheritance; Bro. Yarker may prove that *Memphisism* is an old inheritance; Bro. Edwin A. Sherman may prove that *Rosy Crossism* was inherited from Robert Bruce, and other members of that "school" (as Bro. Gould styled them) may prove that every *moonshine* Rite or Degree that has been palmed off on credulous Masons from the beginning, *up* or *down*, to the invention of the *Mystic Shrine* and the American Masonic something known as "No. 101," are all old inheritances. To which I may add *Hiram Abiff's monument*, and St. John the Evangelist's Grand Mastership, when upwards of ninety years of age. If, therefore, my good Bro. Gould wants to convert us to his new embraced belief he must furnish better arguments than he yet has done; and until then I must continue to believe that neither "Speculative Masonry" nor Masonic *Degrees* existed before 1717.

Boston, U.S. 28th October 1889.

Obituary.

BROTHER JOHN LAVER, P.M. 211.

By the sudden death of this highly respected brother the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, has lost another of its most devoted members, while the Craft in him will miss one of its most consistent supporters. Brother Laver died on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at his residence, Sutherland Gardens, Paddington. He was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, in the year 1855, at its then headquarters, the Blue Boar, High Holborn. He filled the chair of No. 211 in the year 1860, and it was during his year that the St. Michael's Lodge removed to the hostelry where it now meets,—the Albion, Aldersgate Street. Bro. John Laver, since the death of his old comrade Brother Charles Greenwood, has filled the position of Father of his Lodge. He was held in the highest esteem by his brother members, who invariably gave full consideration to any suggestion he thought fit to offer. His funeral took place on Wednesday, at the Old Churchyard, Walthamstow, in a family grave that contains the remains of his father. Amongst those who attended to pay a last tribute of affection to a worthy man were his son, Mr. Francis Laver, Messrs. R. H. Aveling and Charles Capper (sons-in-law), Mr. R. Sedgwick (executor), Mr. H. Stephens (solicitor), Mr. F. Harvey and Mr. Robert Davey (representing Messrs. Peters and Sons, the firm with which our deceased brother was associated). St. Michael's Lodge was represented by its W.M. Bro. Henry Lindfield, and by Bros Alfred Green P.M. (Treasurer) and W. W. Morgan P.M. Several of our late Bro. Laver's tenants (he held some house property at Walthamstow) also were in attendance to pay their last respects to a kind and considerate landlord.

BRO. WILLIAM BALL.

The remains of the late Bro. Ball, of the Stockwell Lodge and Chapter, No. 1339, were interred on Tuesday last, the 3rd inst., at Kensal Green (the oldest Cemetery around London). In addition to the relatives of the deceased, there were present Bros. A. G. Boswell W.M., H. Moss P.M., E. H. Minns S.W., Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey P.M. Secretary, and several other members of the Lodge. At the close of the funeral service, the family and Masonic brethren gathered round the grave and dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin. One brother was the bearer of a Masonic wreath. The course of the late Bro. Ball's life was conducted on true Masonic principles.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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ROYAL NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 59.

ON the 18th ult., an important meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, when Comp. Augustus Harris was installed M.E.Z. by the retiring Z. Comp. Alfred Williams. Amongst those present were Comps. Col. Townley Caldwell, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the Earl of Euston, Sir J. Monckton, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and C. F. Matier. At the close of the ceremony the brethren repaired to the Great Hall, where a *récherché* banquet was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the superintence of Bro. J. Dartnall.

ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 422.

COMPANION ALFRED KIRK was installed M.E.Z. at Gainsborough, on Monday evening, the 25th ult., the other Officers being Comps. F. Baines, F. J. Southby S.E., Wright S.N., Liversidge P.S. and Treasurer, W. Mason 1st A.S., Rev. C. E. Laing 2nd A.S. Scott Janitor.

MARK MASONRY.

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The Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday last, at the Holborn Restaurant. For some reason, which we are totally at a loss to understand, we are never furnished with the necessary documents whereon to base a report of these half-yearly meetings. We may have something to say on this next week. One feature, however, we have been requested to mention. There were two candidate nominated for the post of Grand Treasurer, the election for which office will take place in June next. The two candidates are Bro. C. Gilles and Bro. George Gardner. Bro. Gardner was initiated in the Domatic (Craft) Lodge, No. 177. He is a founder, P.M. and Secretary of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012; founder and W.M. of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2030; Z. Kensington Chapter, No. 1381; I.G. Thistle Mark Lodge, No. 8; founder, P.M. Treasurer Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357; P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey; founder and Treasurer Chiswick Lodge of Instruction. Brother George Gardner has also served thirteen Stewardships to the different Institutions, and is a Vice President.

ST. WILFRID'S LODGE, No. 209.

AT the installation meeting on Monday, the 11th ult., at Alford, Bro. Geo. Bosson was installed Master of that Lodge by Bro. G. Green. The appointments were: Bros. W. Mason I.P.M., T. A. Handsley S.W., E. A. Young J.W., Jno. Davies M.O., T. C. Johnson S.O., J. E. Mason J.O., G. Green Treasurer, C. Smyth Secretary, R. Garfit S.D., H. Christian I.G., Burridge O.G. Other appointments stood over. Several Provincial Officers were present.

BEECHAM'S ILLUSTRATED CHRISTMAS ANNUAL.

THE craze for light reading at the Christmas Season seems to be as pronounced as ever, and our popular Advertisers seem fully alive to this fact. Last year the Proprietor of Beecham's Pills, a medicine which has deservedly secured for itself a high repute, both in this country and abroad, issued what may be styled "a wonderful pennyworth." Mr. Beecham this year seems to be equally successful; his second annual issue is before us, and the book is undoubtedly superior to its pioneer. It contains 100 pages of original tales specially written by the following well-known and eminent authors:—Joseph Hatton, Florence Marryatt, Fergus Hume, Sarah Hamer, George Manville Fenn, James Greenwood, H. F. Wood, Ida Lemon, Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., Howard Paul, Dr. J. W. Kirton. It is well printed, in clear type, and being quite a marvel at the price, as far as literature is concerned, is likely to take rank as one of the best Magazines of the season. The proprietor of "Beecham's Pills" deserves the encouragement of lovers of fiction for the treat he has placed within the reach of all.

MARRIAGE.

STEDALL-JOYCE.—On the 30th ult., at All Saints, Fulham, by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, vicar, ALFRED STEDALL jun., of the Chestnuts, Denmark Hill, to FANNY EDITH, daughter of Bro. W. JOYCE, of Westfield Terrace, Fulham.

DEATH.

LAVER.—On the 28th ult., at Sutherland Avenue, Paddington, Bro. JOHN Laver, in his 70th year.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—The success that attended the production of Mr. Buchanan's version of Fielding's novel "Joseph Andrews" was sufficient reason for Mr. Thorne to resume the comedy for his autumn season, and the reception accorded to it last week proves the correctness of the genial manager's perception. Additional interest is lent to the revival as many of the characters are sustained by performers other than the original caste, and they have had the advantage of an extended country tour before appearing in London. Mr. Frank Gillmore now undertakes the rôle of the hero, with considerable ability, and Miss Ella Bannister gives a graceful interpretation of the persecuted Fanny; Miss Gladys Ffolliott plays Lady Booby with discretion, Miss Sylvia Hodson makes a capital Mistress Slipslop, and Miss Coralie Owen endows the small part of Mrs. Adams with much pathos. Another new comer is Mr. C. Harbury who is very effective as the dignified Sir George Wilson. Of course Mr. Thorne resumes his inimitable impersonation of Parson Adams,—he could not well be spared,—and was greeted with tremendous applause when he made his appearance on the stage. Mr. Fred Thorne returns with his clever character sketch of the drunken Welsh parson still further delineated. Mr. Blythe also appears again as the Gipsy Jim, and Mr. Cyril Maude as the young beau, Lord Fellamar, enacts the part in a manner that could hardly be surpassed. The same careful stage arrangements and appropriate scenery are presented; and the new act drop, by Mr. Walter Hann, representing Windsor Castle from the Thames, was much admired. We can safely predict a further run of prosperity for the piece, which affords an admirable illustration of English life during the last century.

St. James's Hall.—We recently paid a visit to the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, at their hall in Piccadilly, and, judging from the reception given by a good audience to the different artistes, they remain as popular as ever. Starting in the goood old-fashioned style, with songs, comic and sentimental, to be followed in the second part by miscellaneous items, the present programme thus formed is a most attractive one. Such popular vocalists as Messrs. Ralph Hunt, Stockwell, Vernon Reed, Leo Kloss, T. Spurr, Walter Hawkins, P. Gaulois, Clement Stewart score well in the sentimental line, while the comic business is well kept going by Messrs. G. W. Moore, Eugene Stratton, Sam Raeburn, T. Somers, T. Birchmore, and Pete Dwight. The first part concludes with a grand selection from Auber's opera of "Massaniello," which is splendidly rendered by the choir and orchestra of the company. In the second part we have Mr. P. O. Shortis exhibiting his skill as a banjo and violin player. The music that this gentleman gets out of these two instruments is something to be remembered, and clearly puts Mr. Shortis nearly, if not quite, at the top of the tree in this special line. This is followed by a capital song and dance by Mr. T. Somers, and then comes "Sim Dimpsey," given by Messrs. Eugene Stratton, Sam Raeburn, and Pearce. Signor Benedetto, the male soprano, is certainly worth hearing, while the peroration on modern events by Mr. Tom Birchmore is very amusing. Mr. Sam Raeburn gives an amusing banjo selection of quaint parodies, after which the entertainment is brought to a close by a laughable sketch, entitled "Military Tactics." We may add that the programme throughout is a capital one, and will repay any one who may go to hear it.

Rapid progress is being made at Drury Lane with the Christmas pantomime, which is to be produced on Boxing night. The subject is "Jack and the Beanstalk," which Messrs. Augustus Harris and Harry Nicholls have made very amusing. The following company has been secured:—Messrs. Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Dan Leno, Chas. Laurie, Brothers Griffiths, George Conquest jun., Leopold Brothers, Tom Pleon, Walter Stanton, Harry Payne; and the Misses Harriett Vernon, Marie Faudelle, Marie Duggan, Agnes Hewitt, Edith Charteris, Rosie Deering, Sybil Grey, with Mdlle. Zanfretti and Æuea (the Flying Dancer). The music is by Walter Slaughter, the scenery by Messrs. Dayes and Caney, Kontsky and Perkins, and the dresses have been executed by Auguste et Cie., Mons. Landolff, Paris, Miss Palmer and Mrs Atkins.

Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera will be produced at the Savoy Theatre this (Saturday) evening.

"Master and Man," by G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt, is in active rehearsal, and will be shortly produced at the Princess's.

The circus at Covent Garden this year promises to be much better in all respects than its predecessors. Attractions of all kinds are promised, while for children a grand spectacle pantomime on the subject of "Cinderella" will be provided. Mons. Raney has been engaged as equestrian director.

Mr. Henry Irving announces two special matinées of "The Dead Heart" on Monday and Tuesday, 23rd and 24th inst., at half past two, on which occasions there will be no evening performance.

The Alhambra announces a special matinée for Saturday, the 14th inst., when the Naval and Military spectacle, "Our Army and Navy," will be presented. Herr Sandow and Professor Attila will perform their marvellous athletic feats; while James Fawn, Harry Randall, Walter Munroe, Miss Marie Coleridge, Marie Lloyd, Rezene and Robini, Walter Stanton and Mddle. Tina, the Brothers Wilson, and various other artistes will appear.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Edward Terry is beginning to feel the strain on his system consequent on the work entailed by the run of "Sweet Lavender," and notwithstanding its success it will probably have to be withdrawn early in the ensuing year to enable the eminent comedian to take a few weeks necessary rest. It is not yet decided what attraction will be put on at this theatre during the proprietor's temporary absence, though several offers from popular entertainers are being considered.

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Enjoy the good cheer, with its puddings and pies!
But while fun and feasting the joyous pulse thrills,
Remember the virtues of famed BEECHAM'S PILLS.

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And the youthful idea will the easier shoot!

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To distant America, south of the line,
They oft were despatched in this year 'eighty-nine.—
But reader, adieu; for our space quickly fills;
Take BEECHAM's best wishes, and take—BEECHAM'S PILLS!

POSTSCRIPT.

A word to the wise.—BEECHAM'S ANNUAL is OUT!
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1200 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
GORDON SMITH, M.A.
Barrister-at-Law.

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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 1889.

P.G. LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held, on the 29th ult., in the Assembly Room of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master occupied the principal chair, supported by Bro. Edmund Ashworth acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. H. Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer, and a numerous retinue of Provincial Officers past and present. Bros. J. O. S. Thursby and N. A. Earle were in their respective positions as Senior and Junior Wardens, and the other present Officers in attendance were Bros. the Revs. E. Bigoe Bagot 62, and E. T. Wigg 2279 Chaplains, W. S. Boddington 1253 Registrar, John Chadwick 44 Secretary, Hamlet Lees 1863 S.D., Edwin Hardman 274 S.D., W. T. Schofield 1219 J.D., Thomas Woodcock 191 Director of Ceremonies, Chas. E. Collingwood 298 Deputy Director of Ceremonies, Samuel B. Priestley 219 Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Charles Brierley 42 Sword Bearer, Henry Taylor 286, and Whitfield Thompson 1534 Standard Bearers, Walter O. Pettitt 1055 Organist, James Newton 37 Assistant Secretary, Joseph Bridgford 1077 Pursuivant, William Cartwright 633 Assistant Pursuivant, Kenneth Maclean 1030, Ed. Geo. Lingard 1030, James Cookson 1030, J. H. Edmondson 274, James Taylor 274, and Ashworth Law 274 Stewards, Thomas Higson 348 Tyler. Of the 100 Lodges in the Province, representatives were present from 98. The Prov. Grand Master presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a set of golden vessels of consecration. He said he wished the brethren to accept them as a gift commemorative of the fact that theirs was the only Province in which the 100th Lodge had been consecrated. At the 100th consecration eight Officers of Grand Lodge were present, and five of them took part in the ceremony. He trusted that the vessels might long be of service, and that Lodges would continue to increase in the same proportion that they had increased during the period of his happy reign over this influential Province. Bro. J. Heelis proposed a hearty vote

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of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his gift. Bro. J. O. S. Thursby, in seconding the motion, said the handsome present was but another proof of the interest Bro. Starkie had always shown in Masonry, and an addition to his many acts for the benefit of the Order. The motion was put by Bro. Edmund Ashworth, and carried with enthusiasm. Bro. Major J. W. Allison was re elected to the office of Treasurer until May next, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Bro. J. W. Edwards, who was invested with that rank at the last annual meeting. At a later stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master said he was sure the brethren deeply regretted the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Edwards. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Edwards, expressing deep sympathy with her in her still greater loss, and also recording their admiration of Bro. Edwards's worthiness as a Mason, and their recognition of his valuable services to the Charities and to Provincial Grand Lodge. The motion was carried. Bros. J. Studd and W. R. Sowter were re-elected Auditors, and Bro. Middleton was elected to act with them. The Provincial Grand Secretary read a report of the Charity Committee, and this was adopted, and new by-laws drawn up by that Committee were approved of. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, there was a Court of Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. Bro. Chadwick Secretary read a report. It said that last year he had to regret a considerable falling off in the support accorded by Lodges and individuals to the Institution, the result, no doubt of the large amount sent by the Province to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. This year a very different state of things existed, mainly brought about by the letter issued by the Provincial Grand Master to the Lodges in the Province, drawing their attention to the resolution passed at the last meeting of Governors—"That it is desirable to give to our local institution during the next year our first consideration and principal support," and also by the energy of the Treasurer and the Chairman of Committees. The receipts were:—From Lodges, last year £114 3s, this year £520 18s 11d; from individuals, last year £153 14s, this year £409 8s; totals from all sources, last year £576 14s 7d, this year £1208 11s. In each instance the figures were made up from January to November, and since the account for the present year was drawn up a sum of £150 had been received. The expenditure to the 1st November 1888 was £616 13s 7d, £400 in Consols and £119 12s 11d in the bank, while the expenditure to the 1st November 1889 was £471 5s 6d, £8 new investments, and 1038 6s 6d in the bank. While the Institution thus made progress he could not too strongly urge upon the individual members of the Province its claims for their support. Its usefulness was capable of continued extension, while the help it was bestowing by the education given to the children of many of their late brethren was, they believed, incalculable. They had during the year upon the books for education 21 boys and 14 girls, and it was a pleasing feature that since the establishment of the educational part of the Institution they had had income sufficient to educate all the children brought before the Education Board that were eligible without having to resort to an election. On the motion of Bro. Sillitoe, seconded by Bro. Nicoll, the report was adopted, and the meeting closed with an expression of thanks from the chair to the brethren for their exertions during the year.

After carefully considering the relative qualifications of the thirty-four candidates who presented themselves, the Provisional Committee have selected the Rev. Harry Hebb, M.A. Oxon, to succeed the Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., as the Head Master of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, at Wood Green. The new Master will, subject to the approval of the General Committee, which meets this (Saturday) afternoon, at four o'clock, enter upon his duties on the 1st January next.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 2325.

THIS Lodge was consecrated, in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies, on the 21st ult., by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and in presence of a large assembly of members of the new Lodge and visiting brethren. The ceremony of consecration was performed at the Masonic-buildings, Lord-street, Southport, where the brethren of the Rose of Lancaster Lodge will in future meet, on the third Thursday of each month. The consecrating Officers present were Earl of Lathom D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, Presiding Officer; Thomas Clarke Prov. G.R. S.W., Rev. J. K. Turner P.G.C. Chaplain, T. L. Murray Director of Ceremonies, and W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Secretary. The Visitors included Bros. George Mellor P.G.D. D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, Rev. J. S. Gardner P.P.G. Chaplain West Lancashire, J. Sutton P.P.D.G.D.C., Herbert Kidson P.G.S., J. N. Patterson P.G.D.C., S. M. Harris P.P.G.D.C. Northumberland, J. J. Lambert P.P.G.R., D. Gaskin P.P.G.T., and J. C. Robinson P.A.G.D.C. The Lodge having been duly constituted, the investiture of the Officers was duly proceeded with. Bro. Wm. Platt P.M. was installed in the chair as the first Worshipful Master, Bros. W. J. Warden and C. Watson being appointed as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. In the course of a brief address to the brethren, Lord Lathom said he believed there was a necessity for a new Masonic Lodge in Southport, and that the Rose of Lancaster Lodge would be very numerously attended.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 2328.

ON the 26th ult. a new Lodge of Freemasons was constituted, in York, under the title of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328. The ceremony took place in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren. We understand that H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor gave special permission for the naming of the Lodge, signed the petition to the Grand Master for the warrant, and has since consented to be enrolled as an honorary member of the Lodge. The impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. W. H. Cowper P.M. 602 P.P.G. Registrar N. and E. Yorkshire, T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, and the Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.G. Chaplain of England. Bro. the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Arthur Perceval Purey-Cust, D.D.), a Past Grand Chaplain of England, was installed in the chair as the first Master, and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead S.W., H. L. Swift J.W., Wm. Lawton Treasurer, C. E. L. Wright Secretary, J. E. Jones S.D., and E. Ralph Dodsworth J.D. The Worshipful Master with the brethren dined together at the Station Hotel.

PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 772.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 28th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room at the George Hotel, Glastonbury, when Bro. W. G. Brown S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. M. Bright D.P.G.M. South Wales. At the conclusion of the business the usual banquet took place at the Hotel, a splendid repast being laid on the table by Host Leach. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

THE members held their installation banquet in the new refectory attached to the Lodge-room, Home Park, Stoke, on the 28th ult. Bro. J. W. Foster the W.M. presided, Bros. G. Vanstone S.W., and S. J. Page J.W. being in the vice-chairs. Those present included Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189, P.P.G. Chaplain, P.P.J.W.; W. J. Stanbury P.M. and Secretary 1099, W. H. Gillman P.M. 1099, R. W. Pitcher P.M. 230, &c. A substantial repast was provided by Bro. Williams, of Fore Street, Devonport. A capital musical entertainment was given by a band under the direction of Bro. G. Miller, Organist of the Lodge. Bro. E. Roseveare P.M. was in excellent voice, and sang "My Pretty Jane" in his own inimitable style. Equally successful was Brother Gillman's rendering of "Who shall be King." Bro. E. Roseveare gave a clever ventriloquial sketch, introducing some smart and humorous local references. In the course of the evening various complimentary remarks were made respecting the enterprise of Lodge Huyshe, in building and fitting up such a handsome refectory.

KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

BROTHER JOSEPH MOLYNEUX was, on the 27th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, at Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster Road, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The new Master was installed by the retiring W.M. After his installation Bro. Molyneux proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James A. Kellie I.P.M., Charles Johnson S.W., William Bushell J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Chaplain, Joseph Croxton Treasurer, John Milne Secretary, John Macaulay S.D., Joseph Ricketts J.D., George Eyton Organist, Dr. H. R. Powell I.G., T. W. Wood, J. Wallace, C. F. Reid, Edwin C. Gaskill Stewards, and Chas. Bargery D.C.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel. The W.M. of the past year Brother George Frederick Edwards was early in attendance, and the Lodge was formally opened at the time named on the summons. Among those present were Bros. F. G. Barns W.M. elect, W. Jerrett Miller P.M. (Treasurer), W. Worrell P.M. (Secretary), P.M.'s W. F. Smart, A. Le Grand, W. J. Collens, E. Kidman, W. T. Heath. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. T. R. Parrell I.G. 960, Lieut.-Col. H. Gardner 1718, D. Campbell Steward 1365, T. W. Pritchard I.G. 742, C. Stanger W.M. 12, C. N. McIntyre North J.W. 1559, W. W. Westley I.P.M. 186, W. Medwin P.M. 1615, A. A. Jones 975, H. Garrod P.G.P., H. J. Felton I.P.M. 1056, L. Ferguson I.G. 1997, M. J. Russell 95, J. R. Morgan 569, W. Hancock S.D. 2191, W. Morley W.M. 1769, J. Salmon P.M. 2077, J. W. Tyler S.W. 2077, A. Mullord P.M. 1288, H. Von Joel P.M. 957, W. J. Andrews 1329, E. T. Pearce 1260, H. J. Powell S.D. 1801, A. Paterson S.D. 1804, W. Woodruffe P.M. 957, T. G. Doughty 1287, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 65, R. Lyon 2272, John Trent 2030, C. P. Bellamy I.P.M. 2021, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was received and adopted. Bro. A. E. Samuell, a candidate for the second degree, was then introduced, and successfully passed his examination. He was entrusted, and then left the Lodge. After advancement, the candidate was re-admitted, and the ceremony of passing was worked on his behalf, thus giving him the opportunity to take his place as a Fellow Craft Freemason. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. G. Barns, C.C., was then presented, and Bro. Edwards commenced the ceremony of installation. In due course the Board of Installed Masters were called upon to assist, and Bro. Barns was regularly installed into the chair of the Lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted by the brethren in the three degrees. The investment of Officers followed, the brethren named being chosen for their respective offices:—Bros. G. F. Edwards I.P.M., E. Brooks S.W., Henry Heck J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, J. F. Haden S.D., H. Harker J.D., Dr. Pickett I.G., E. J. Beagle D.C., R. C. Wilson A.D.C., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, M. Woolf Assistant Steward, Louis Reinhardt Tyler. The first duty of the W.M. was to present to his predecessor the elegant jewel of the Lodge. This had been voted at the last meeting, and the W.M in making the presentation to Bro. Edwards congratulated him on the admirable way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past year. The brethren with the most perfect unanimity had voted the jewel, and he (Bro. Barns) had great pleasure in being the medium for its presentation. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. G. F. Edwards P.M.
By the Brethren of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766,
To evince their appreciation of his efficient services whilst presiding over them as W.M. for the year 1888-90.

The compliment was modestly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Edwards, who assured the brethren that his interest in the welfare of the Lodge would be sustained so long as he was associated with Freemasonry. We may mention here that Bro. Edwards was also made the recipient of a Past Master's collar and jewel; this was inscribed as under:—

Presented to Bro. G. F. Edwards P.M.
By the Members of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766.
Nov. 28th 1889.

The other business of the evening comprised the election as a re-joining member of Bro. John Greenslade. Mr. George Pearce, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. F. G. Barns and seconded by Bro. W. Worrell, successfully underwent the ordeal of ballot, and was initiated by his old friend the new W.M. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Hutchinson, who had recently lost his wife. The W.M. announced that a "Lady's Night" would be celebrated early in the new year, and after some other matters had received attention, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, under the superintendence of the new proprietors of the Cannon Street Hotel, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all who sat down. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were briefly given, and the brethren did them full honour. In speaking of the Pro G. Master, the D.G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. dilated on the zeal and ability shown by our Masonic rulers. It was perhaps a matter for regret that the accommodation provided at Freemasons' Hall did not meet the requirements of the brethren at all times, notably when the election of Grand Treasurer took place. This, however, did not militate against the services rendered by the Grand Officers, who were ever ready to advance the best interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Garrod Past Grand Pursuivant replied. Bro. Salmon, C.C., was also called upon; he advocated a subsidiary Grand Lodge, or its equivalent, for London. Bro. Salmon also made reference to the ability displayed by the W.M. in initiating the candidate of the evening. Bro. G. F. Edwards proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. During his term of office the presiding Officer is essentially the fountain head, and in the William Preston, so far as regards Bro. Barns, there could be no question as to his capability to provide for the welfare and happiness of the brethren. In reply, Bro. Barns felt he could scarcely command a supply of words, but he felt animated by a strong desire to carry out his duties in a satisfactory manner. The brethren were to a certain degree sponsors for him, inasmuch as they were responsible for having placed him in his present exalted position. He could assure them their confidence should merit his highest consideration, and he trusted to give them, one and all, satisfaction. At this stage of the proceedings the Charity Box was passed round, and £4 1s 6d was realised. This sum was devoted to the assistance of Mrs. Ramsay, a lady with whom the William Preston Lodge evince a vast amount of sympathy in her misfortunes. The health of the I.P.M. was the next toast. The brethren would all agree with him (the W.M.) when he said they had had a very enjoyable year. Bro. Edwards had never lost an opportunity of promoting the comforts of his brethren, and those who were associated with him in the battle of life. He had striven, successfully striven, to advance the Lodge, and his endeavours had been eminently satisfactory. The compliment was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Edwards. The health of the Initiate was the next toast; the W.M. trusted that he would become one of the lights of the William Preston Lodge. He (the W.M.) had been an old companion of their Initiate; they had known each other since they were boys. Their Initiate was no chicken; this year he had celebrated his jubilee birthday, and he, his old friend, looked forward to do the same next year. Bro. Barns said he was intensely gratified in being privileged to initiate Bro. G. Pearce into the William Preston Lodge. After reply had been made, the Visitors were complimented, and Bros. Morley, Hawkins, Morgan, and others responded. For the Treasurer and Secretary Bro. Miller replied, and the S.W. and J.W. responded for the toast given in their honour. The proceedings were enlivened with some good songs, and it was at a late hour that the Tyler brought this successful meeting to a close.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, the 13th ult., the installation meeting was held, by kind permission of the Mayor (J. Clifford, Esq.), in the Maidstone Town Hall. This Masonic event is always looked forward to with interest by many of the leading Masons of the Province of Kent, and this year the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Smith Eastes added special importance to the gathering. Bro. T. I. Barden was the W.M. elect, and he was duly installed into the chair of the Lodge by his predecessor Bro. J. Beavis Groom, who performed the interesting ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bros. G. T. Ker and D. Walsh took the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. F. W. Wright P.M. admirably filled the office of Director of Ceremonies. After the installation, the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. I. Barden, presented to Bro. J. Beavis Groom, on behalf of the Lodge, a valuable Past Master's jewel as a memento of services rendered the Lodge during his term of office. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the Lodge, and among the visitors, in addition to Bro. Smith Eastes D.P.G.M., and Bro. Alfred Spencer Provincial Grand Secretary for Kent, were Bros. G. F. Baker W.M. 503, Atkinson W.M. 2305, G. Baker P.M. 503, A. B. Urmston J.W. 1725, Wallis P.M. 503, Elmore P.M. 503, Foord P.M. 503, Silas Wagon P.M. 1063, F. Gordon P.M. 1063, J. H. Clarke P.M. 391, 639, 503, Sharman P.G.S.D. Cambridge, Austin S.W. 709, Hope Secretary 503, Robson 503, Hickmott 503. At 5.30 p.m. the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was supplied by Mr. W. W. Frost. Bro. Barden W.M. presided, and he was supported on his right by Bros. Eastes and Spencer. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. Eastes in his speech, paid a high compliment to the very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, after whom the Lodge is named. His remarks were received with great applause. Songs were sung in capital style by Bros. Robson, Taverner, Ellis, Jenkinson, and Simmons. Appended is the list of Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Beavis Groom I.P.M., W. Burge Stenham S.W., R. McVicar J.W., G. Roberts Dann Treasurer, D. Walsh, M.D., B.Sc., Secretary, W. Payler Dickinson S.D., W. F. V. Simmons J.D., F. W. Wright P.M. D.C., H. F. Whyman Organist, C. R. Wind I.G., E. Gratwick S. Steward, Ambrose Roberts J. Steward, J. Gowan Tyler, G. Tailor Ker Charity representative. The event proved to be one of the most successful gatherings held in the county for many years.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Peckham Public Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Frederick Dann, assisted by his Officers, at which Bro. H. E. Reed was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and Dr. Johnston, M.R.C.S., was initiated into the Craft. A ballot was taken for several joining members, and propositions received for joining the Lodge and for initiation. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Abrahams W.M. 72, Penny P.M. 1679, and G. C. May 1901.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge of Instruction having removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, to the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, the members celebrated the event, and opened the new season with a supper, on Tuesday evening of last week, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Haller, Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge. Among those present were the following Past Masters of the Prosperity:—Bros. Daniel, Ferry, Chicken, Roberts, Dyson, and Walker, and, in addition, a number of members of the Lodge of Instruction. The repast having been partaken of, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening, commencing with that of the Queen and the Craft, which was suitably introduced and duly honoured. Bro. Daniel was entrusted with the toast of the Acting Master, Bro. Haller. Bro. Daniel considered the duty entrusted to him was an important one—it was really the most important toast of the evening. Speaking to members of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, he felt sure they were all aware of the ability of the brother who was that evening presiding over them, while he could vouch for his efficiency in the mother Lodge. That evening's gathering reminded him of the old days of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which he was pleased to see going on so auspiciously. The meeting that day was a poor one compared with what they had expected, so many who had promised to attend were not present, but as they had given financial support to the gathering they had shown their appreciation of what was being done, and their desire to co-operate in the good work, which all hoped would be continued in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, both under its present chief and those who succeded him. Bro. Haller suitably replied. He was

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not so constant an attendant at the Lodge of Instruction as he could wish, and indeed owed his position that night to the fact of his being present W.M. of the mother Lodge. He specially journeyed from Newcastle to be present, and was amply rewarded by the reception accorded him. Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction was the next toast. Lodges of Instruction were far more important, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, than many Masons seemed to imagine. The proceedings at weekly meetings of these Lodges, when brethren attended in their regular every day surroundings, did much to impress them with the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, and teach them the lessons of its beautiful ceremonies and ritual. Freemasonry, indeed, should give a colouring to the every action of a true brother. He (Bro. Haller) should take the opportunity of mentioning their Lodge of Instruction at their next regular Lodge gathering, and should then impress on the members the desirability of supporting it. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. Talbot, the Preceptor, whom the Worshipful Master characterised as a man well able to give the instruction necessary in such a Lodge as theirs. He was really marked out as a leader among his fellows, and well deserved the high honour conferred on him. They must all hope his present actions would ultimately lead him to the highest rungs of the Masonic ladder. Bro. Talbot returned his sincere thanks. He assured those present he actually loved the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Every week he liked it more and more, and his only regret was that a larger number of brethren did not avail themselves of its gatherings. It would be their constant endeavour to impart all the instruction it was in their power to give. The toast of the Visitors was heartily given, and to this Brother Hetheridge replied, after which was given the Masonic Press, acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., who spoke of his experiences in the Lodge some thirteen years before, when he remembered being coached by its members in the earliest lessons of Freemasonry. The toast of the Treasurer was given, and it having been acknowledged the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. E. Ansell W.M., S. Danoyger S.W., A. Botibol J.W., A. J. Marks S.D., H. Saqui (Secretary) J.D., J. Goodinge I.G.; Bros. Samuel, Garrard, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garrard candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Saqui, and the 2nd section by Bro. Goodinge. It was settled that the 15 sections be worked on the third Tuesday in January 1890.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 3rd inst. Brethren present were J. Greenway Preceptor, T. Marshall W.M., H. Esling S.W., E. L. Berry J.W., Geo. Swan P.M. Secretary, W. O. Welsford S.D., G. Grimes J.D., E. D. Rymer I.G.; Bros. Price W.M. elect 1321, Graham W.M. 1559, Ray P.M., Hunt, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The first and second sections of the first lecture were then worked by Bro. Greenway, who has quite recently accepted the Preceptorship, and is displaying great energy and ability in his work, thus convincing the members of the wisdom of their choice. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. Bro. H. Esling W.M. of the mother Lodge was unanimously elected to the chair of W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The Lodge meets every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, at the Mona Hotel as above; sections of the lectures are worked, and ceremonies rehearsed at each meeting. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, S. Lea Smith W.M., Besant S.W., Billinghurst J.W., Mapleton Secretary, De Paine S.D., E. R. Smith J.D., Marshall I.G.; Bro. Room (P.G. Secretary Middlesex), and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Toulmein acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. It was unanimously decided that the Lodge take a share in the Second Langton Benevolent Association now being formed. Bro. Room expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in visiting the Lodge, and congratulated the members on its excellent working. Soon afterwards the Lodge was closed. Brethren desirous of joing the Second Langton Benevolent Association now being formed should apply to the Hon. Secretary, Brother Gordon Smith, 2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, when there were present Brothers Marcus Preceptor, Foot W.M., Cox S.W., Hart J.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Taylor S.D., Dutton J.D., Plummer I.G., and several P.M.'s and members. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dunlop candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of passing, Brother Ensworth acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The 15 sections will be worked here, by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, on the 2nd Tuesday in January next.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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 (Instruct)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker 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.
1339—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 8.30. (Inst.)
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 Broadgate, 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, 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Laron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Mary ebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2039—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. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

[illegible]—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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
605—Mortague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Iron Gate at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hornsey, Hornsey Hall, Crouch
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen's School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Cavendish House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1868—Felicity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1877—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyrrhe, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 557—Valiestri, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

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M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
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 Town, at 8. (Inst)
229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1595—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. (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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

88—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
136—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
181—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
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
475—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
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
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
792—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
863—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Wrabbilly
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road North, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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. 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
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 162—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Legard, 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
117—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett Road, S.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Harvey, 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. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
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.)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1923—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, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, 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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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
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
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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Steine, Brighton
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heebam-on-Trent.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2048—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
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. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliffe, 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. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
114—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.
536—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
634—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)
764—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Soutnern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1218—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
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1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1564—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)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1625—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1628—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. (In)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1714—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1792—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1990—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. (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. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
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215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
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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.
565—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
754—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
845—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North Shields
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
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1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1304—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
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1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Tulse
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall Loughton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
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
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1893—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Grayshone, Foresters' 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. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (I
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)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In
1305—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)
1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst.)
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. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 8. (Instruction
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
443—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Greenwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Brighton Bazaard
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
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. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
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1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

2060—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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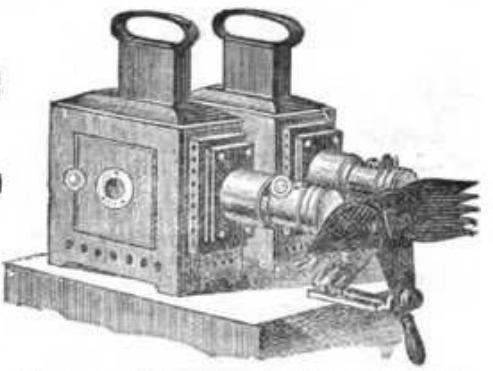
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RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

THE decision arrived at by the brethren assembled at the last Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, coupled with the opinions expressed by the Grand Registrar and others, on the subject of resignation, will set at rest a point which has been a subject of contention among a section of the Craft for some time past. Strange ideas exist in regard to a Mason's right of withdrawal from his Lodge, but it seems to us the ruling of the late Bro. McIntyre is in every respect the correct method of settling the question. This ruling, which the present Grand Registrar tells the Craft has always been held as accepted law, is to the effect that Masonry, being a voluntary Society, the moment a brother announces his resignation and communicates it to his Lodge, he ceases to be a member thereof. There is no option open to any one in the matter. If a brother resigns, the Lodge must accept his resignation, and he, on his part, must abide by his act, even though he may regret it a few moments afterwards.

The whole subject has been raised in Grand Lodge on an appeal from a Past Master of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, who lodged a complaint against his Lodge for permitting one of its Past Masters to withdraw his resignation of membership after it had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary. The complaint was, in the first instance, submitted to the Grand Master of the District, and he took upon himself to dismiss the complaint—an error of judgment on his part, as has now been decided by Grand Lodge. The complaint was justifiable, and the Lodge was in error in allowing the withdrawal of a regularly communicated resignation; which, it must be understood, requires no formal acceptance by a Lodge, and is not at any time a discussable subject, for if a brother once tenders his resignation his membership thereupon ceases, although it is customary for the Lodge to formally accept it—a practice which the recent discussion in Grand Lodge has shown to be wholly unnecessary. This rendering of Masonic law may have some peculiar effects, as we think it is not an uncommon practice for resignations to be tendered, and subsequently withdrawn, although we suppose that in such cases, when they are withdrawn, with the sanction of the members, the matter settles itself, all concerned being parties to the agreement. On the other hand, last week's decision shows that an individual member of the Lodge may upset the wish of the remaining members in this respect, and can compel the resignation to be carried into effect if he chooses to assert himself, for such is the outcome of the whole subject, as decided by Grand Lodge.

We do not think the full effect of this ruling has been generally appreciated in the past, and it will be well if some of those who are likely to tender their resignation, if everything does not proceed just as they wish it in their Lodge, will bear in mind for the future that it is not a question of the resignation being accepted or otherwise, by the entire Lodge, but rather the possibility of its being enforced by one particular member. We will not go so far as to say that it is a common practice for members to threaten resignation if they do not get all they desire, but such a course often occurs—it is even carried into effect up to a certain point, the resigning brother flattering himself that the Lodge will not agree to the resignation being accepted, or even if they do so at first there is the possibility of matters being patched up afterwards. But we do not believe this class of brethren ever thought it was in the power of one member of the Lodge to enforce their resignation, neither do we think the general body of the Craft were aware of the full effect of the particular law which governs the matter. It is certainly putting tremendous power in the hands of the minority, of a single member in fact, and appears to forcibly impress on the Craft the need for caution and thorough determination before expressing a desire to withdraw from a Lodge.

We have known instances where brethren have resigned immediately on the announcement of an adverse vote, or on some unexpected proposition being brought forward and carried, and they have regretted their action almost before they had time to leave the Lodge. Some of their friends have persuaded them to come back, withdraw their hasty resignation, and go on as before. But did it ever strike the members that any one among them could have compelled the completion of the resignation, and the expulsion from the Lodge of the brother concerned? In many cases we may say, decidedly not, and we are convinced that only a small minority of Craftsmen ever recognised the full power they possessed in this respect. We have even known a proposal to allow the withdrawal of a resignation to go to the vote, and to be opposed—though unsuccessfully, when it now appears that all that was necessary was for one of the objectors to enforce the resignation, which, as we have said, is not an optional subject, to be settled one way or the other, according to the vote of the Lodge, but a matter governed by the laws of the Craft, and that too in a most definite way.

The discussion of this appeal case led to other considerations in regard to retirement, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, for instance, asking if it was to be understood that once a brother sent in his resignation it was final, and whether, although between the sending in of the resignation and the meeting of his Lodge, an opportunity might occur for doing so, he had no power to withdraw it? This, as Bro. Philbrick said, was asking for a statement of Masonic law outside of that required by the case in hand, but he recognised the importance of the subject by answering the questions addressed to the Grand Lodge. "From the moment a member said, 'I resign,'

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his membership was ended, and a line was struck. After that he was no longer a member of the Lodge, and should he desire to again become associated with it a fresh proposition and a fresh ballot would be necessary. This may be a severe way of asserting the laws of the Craft, but, as was pointed out, it was a very intelligible and clear rule to lay down, and it avoided difficulties. Many of our readers, who have had experience in regard to the resignation of members from their Lodges, will no doubt be able to apply this ruling to special cases, and then appreciate the principle on which it is based. The consideration of the whole subject of resignation may be said to have been re-opened by this discussion of last week, and as good must result from a better knowledge of the laws which govern Freemasonry, we are very pleased it received so much attention from the officials and members of Grand Lodge.

No. 79 ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

As it is now about two years since the question about No. 79 was discussed, I must briefly give an explanation for the information of late subscribers to this paper, namely:—In the London edition of Smith's Pocket Companion, 1735, No. 79 in the Lodge List is followed by a blank, but in a reprint of the same book in Dublin, in 1735, the blank was filled up with "The Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia, 1st Monday." Now, since 1874, the Philadelphians set up a claim that because Daniel Coxe was appointed Prov. G.M., in 1730, over New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and because a Lodge was started in Philadelphia in 1731, and because the said Lodge dubbed itself "Grand Lodge" in 1732, therefore Philadelphia must have received its Masonic authority from Daniel Coxe.

As previous Masonic historians, *as a rule*, always reasoned after the above fashion, it is no wonder that Bro. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, at once converted the highest American Masonic luminaries to his new theory. But, strange to say, our English Masonic writers were also sucked into Brother MacCalla's delusion. I, however, endeavoured to show up the baselessness of Bro. Mac Calla's reasoning, but for some time it was uphill work. About a dozen years ago Bro. Hughan got hold of the Dublin edition of the "Pocket Companion," and finding therein that No. 79 was then located in Philadelphia, he of course published his discovery, which naturally filled the hearts of our American Masonic luminaries with gladness. For instance, I happened by mere accident to take up the Cincinnatti Masonic Review, and to my surprise I saw an article headed "What will Jacob Norton say to it?" The heading was followed by an article from the *Keystone*. Jacob Norton, however, did say something, and he convinced impartial readers that Brother Mac Calla's reasoning was fallacious. The last contention I had about No. 79 was with Bro. John Lane, for having put into his "Masonic Records" about No. 79 the words from the Dublin Pocket Companion, to which, however, Bro. Lane added—"This in the Dublin List of 1735. Warranted for America, but probably Warrant never used." Recently, however, even Bro. Hughan pronounced that No. 79 having ever been connected with Philadelphia was "exploded" (that is Bro. Hughan's own word), and I was in hopes to hear no more about No. 79, but about a month ago a Brother called my attention to Bro. Lane's new book, viz., "Hand Book for the Lists of Lodges," to the following, viz.:—

"It is only necessary for me now to remark that it may be fairly assumed that the interpolation of 'The Hoop in Water Street,' &c., into a copy of what was virtually an official List would scarcely have been made without some reason that at the time appeared both adequate and satisfactory to the compiler of the [Dublin] List."

But with all due respect to Bro. Lane, the Dublin List *was not an official List*; the compiler was appointed by *nobody to make the said Lodge List*, and we do not even know about his character or by what name he was called; and, on the other hand, Bro. Smith must have acquired his information either from a previously printed List, or from the Grand Secretary of England direct; hence, if even no other evidence existed, I think that the evidence derived from Bro. Smith's own Lodge List, that No. 79 was erased in 1735, is certainly preferable to the evidence furnished by a nameless Dublin individual. And now for the evidence about No. 79, obtainable both direct and indirect.

First, No. 79 was in 1731 located at the Castle, in Highgate. Second, it paid to the Grand Lodge of England £2 2s for its charter. And third, the names of the Officers and members of No. 79 were placed on a Record in 1732, which Record I saw myself. So much for direct evidence that No. 79 was a London Lodge in 1732. And now for indirect evidence that No. 79 was never sent to Philadelphia.

First, it seems that no official Lodge List was printed in London either in 1730, 1731, 1732, or 1733. Hence Dr. Rawlinson took the trouble during the summer of 1733 to compile a List of Lodges for his own use. This he could not have done without consulting the Grand Secretary. The Lodges in the said list are brought down to No. 116, and in the said List No. 79 is followed by a blank.

Second, in 1734 Bro. Pine published an *official* engraved Lodge List. The last Lodge on the said list is No. 128, and its date is 5th November 1734, and in the said official List No. 79 is also blank.

Third, as already stated, Smith's own Lodge List of 1735 (but really of 1734) agrees with the other compilers of Lodge Lists, that No. 79 was erased. Thus no one in London during the year 1734, or to very near its close, seems to have had the least idea that No. 79 was ever sent to Philadelphia. And now let us see whether any one in Philadelphia knew that Lodge No. 79 was located there?

I have already referred to the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia in 1731. Now Benjamin Franklin was Masonized there in 1731. In 1733 he visited Boston, where he met with Henry Price, and where he probably saw Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, from which he learned that he was after all a mere *bogus* Mason. Price then claimed to be Grand Master of New England only, and had no jurisdiction over Pennsylvania. In 1734 Franklin was elected *so-called* Grand Master in Philadelphia. In 1734 he republished Anderson's Constitutions, and Price acted as Franklin's agent for the sale of the said Constitutions, and letters were evidently exchanged between them. But while Franklin was pondering in his mind as to how he could get his Lodge legalised, something was brooding in Philadelphia, and he saw something in a Boston paper, which caused him to write an official letter to Henry Price, and on the same sheet he wrote a private letter, giving further explanation. In the official letter Franklin wrote as follows:— 1733

"We have seen in the Boston prints an article of news from London, importing that at a Grand Lodge held there in August last, Mr. Price's Deputation and power was extended over all America. . . . . We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province, which seems to want some sanction of some authority derived from home to give the proceedings and determinations of this Lodge due weight, to wit, a Deputation or Charter granted by the Right Worshipful Mr. Price," &c.

In the private letter Franklin said:—

"I beg leave to recommend their [the Philadelphian brethren's] request to you, and to inform you that some false and rebel brethren, who are foreigners, being about to set up a distinct Lodge in opposition to the old and true brethren here, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch, and the Craft is to come into disesteem among us unless the true brethren are countenanced and distinguished by some special authority as herein desired. I entreat, therefore, that whatever you shall think proper to do therein, may be sent by the next post, or the next following."

Now, any one who can understand the English language must admit—First, that up to 28th November 1734 (the date when the above letters were written) the Philadelphia Lodge had never received any authority from any one; and second, as Franklin mentions in his letters his own Lodge and a *rebel Lodge*, he must therefore have known nothing about Lodge No. 79, at the Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia. It is indeed not impossible that the "rebel Lodge" may have held its meetings at the Hoop, in Water Street, but can any one believe that the said rebel Lodge was No. 79?

To the above I must add that on the 24th of February 1735 the Master and Wardens of No. 79 attended the Grand Lodge of England. And Picard's engraved Lodge List, which terminates with No. 129, showing that it was printed after Pine's 1734 List, but it must also have been

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issued before 11th June 1735. Well, on Picard's Lodge List, above "79," is engraved "Little St. Martin's Lane," and above that is engraved *two angelic figures holding up a crown*, and, in a Lodge List of 1736, I find that No. 79 was located at the "Two Angels and Crown, Little St. Martin's Lane."

Taking, therefore, all these facts into consideration, I must come to the conclusion that the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion was, like many other Masonic scribblers, *a mere blunderer*. The truth is, Philadelphia had no legal Masonry before 10th July 1749, when Thomas Oxnard, of Boston, who was Grand Master of North America, made Benjamin Franklin Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Such being the case *it must be mere cheeky assumption* for any one to call Philadelphia "Mother of Legal Masonry in America," or to claim precedence or priority in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Boston, U.S., 15th November 1889.

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DOES any one know that a fraternity exists in India under vows of brotherly love, secrecy and universal benevolence, savouring much of Freemasonry, quite entitled to the above designation?

It must have been remarked by all who live in India that the bhisti or water-carrier everywhere is distinguished by a coarse red cloth tied round his waist. His capacity, however, is so humble that I do not think many have troubled themselves to ascertain anything about his business or antecedents. After a life-long residence in India the writer, though always much interested in the manners and customs of the people, has only just discovered that this red cloth, besides its utility as a protection against wet, is the sacred insignia of a very large and liberal fraternity, inhabiting the whole of India, and willing to accept within what they consider a holy brotherhood all classes of people that will take the vows of their humble guild and credit its traditions.

The subject in this very illiberal and bigoted country, and at the present time when the insociability of the different classes of the inhabitants is on the tapis, is one that should be of special interest, as illustrating the possibility of combination in India without regard to creed, and particularly to Freemasons, who, I believe, have already traced a Craft in some respects similar to their own existing in Afghanistan.

The burden of a very old English song is—

> "And I hope that his soul in heaven may dwell,
> The first who found out the leather bottell,"

and I suspect that the use of skin and leather bags as receptables for liquids may be traced to the most primitive times with all people. I remark this, as it leads me to believe that the mussuk or leather bag of the bhisti was known in India, as leather bags for irrigation and huge raw hide bottles for keeping *ghi* certainly were, long before the advent of the Mahomedans, and that the guild has a Hindu and far more ancient origin than the rather prejudiced brotherhood of the present day, chiefly Mahomedans, assigns to it.

The bhisti of the present day says that he is a follower of the great Khwaja Khidir, a prophet now in heaven, placed in special charge over all the waters of the earth, and that his apron is the archetype of the red cloth now worn round the loins by bhistis generally. Who this gentleman was historically I leave to those to discover who have more leisure than myself. It may be useful to note that there is a place in Calcutta called Kidderpore. Certain it is that the investiture of the *longi* or apron is a ceremony carried out in the presence of a meeting of the brotherhood and after the aspirant has been tutored by a *guru* or preceptor in the mystic observances and identifying questions and answers of the Craft and has taken vows. One of these vows I know to be never to refuse a drink of water to any soul that asks for it, never to demand payment but to beg it if in need, and not to press if refused; never to refuse a drink to the thirsty, even if giving it results in inconvenience to yourself, as for example when going a distance with a full waterbag, for opening it and giving out only a small portion of the contents would have the effect of making the water shake, which is unpleasant to the carrier. Another vow is always to help a brother of the apron when in distress, assist his family should he die, and start his boys in life with the implements of the profession.

When a member of the fraternity meets a person he does not know, with a *longi* round his waist and carrying water, he proceeds to put to him certain questions, the answers of which are known only to the initiated, and are secrets never yet divulged to others. Some of these questions are:—How many mouths has a well? How many mouths has a mussuk? How many straps in a mussuk get wet and how many remain dry? and the like. If the man displays ignorance he is reported to the brotherhood as one carrying on the profession out of the pale of the fraternity, and is promptly obliged to select a preceptor and get properly instructed and initiated. Caste and creed have nothing to do with the matter. Hindu bhistis who wear the *longi* sit in *panchayat* with Mahomedans, and, as far as I can see, there is nothing to prevent Christians joining the brotherhood.

A master-bhisti is recognised by his proficiency in leather work and leather decoration. One is spoken of as being to make leather *hookah* bottoms of such strength that they recover their shape after a heavily-laden cart has gone over them.

Bhistis never hesitate to take service in any part of India, and you rarely meet an old bhisti who has not travelled, and who does not, when applying for a place, talk of having gone with Mr. Thompson to Assam, and with some one else to Peshawar, and to a dozen other opposite points of India. The reason is that they know they will find, like Freemasons, a protecting brotherhood everywhere. They are less liable, I understand, than any other Native camp-follower to shirk the battle-field; and their neutrality, evinced in the moral obligation to give drink to friend or foe being recognised by all, secures them an immunity from hostile interference that would not, I am afraid, be accorded to a Sister of Mercy. The quickness and ease with which bhistis organise a strike must have been often remarked, particularly in hill stations.

With regard to the strap and hook worn over the shoulder by the bhisti for suspending the bucket while filling his bag and the leather belt worn over the apron, I believe their adoption is not enforced by the brotherhood; but as the alternative in the absence of the hook is to suspend the bucket by holding the rope with the teeth, Hindus, who are very particular about contamination, refuse to drink water from those who do not wear it. I have not had an opportunity of analysing the cause of objection by the Hindus in the Punjab to drink from bhistis who do not wear a leather belt over their aprons.

A bhisti who, by some extraordinary good fortune, sat on the throne of Delhi for a few days, is said to have issued a leather currency: a leather disc with a gold pin riveted in the centre, worth about Rs. 2-8. I have never seen a specimen myself, but have heard of the existence of the coin; and if my memory does not deceive me, Thomas says something about it in his *Chronicles of the Pathan Kings*. The motto of every true bhisti should be, "There is nothing like leather." I feel sure that similar associations will be found to exist in many other Indian trades and professions.—*Allen's Indian Mail.*

Sir Henry Morland, Scottish Grand Master, presided on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Bombay, the occasion being the presentation to the Duke of Connaught of the patent of his nomination as Honorary Past Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in India. Five hundred European, Parsee, Mohammedan, and Hindoo brethren, from all parts, attended the Lodge. A grand banquet, at which covers were laid for 300 persons, was afterwards given. The entertainment was altogether a very brilliant and successful one.

Bro. W. J. Terrill S.W. has been unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Thomas Gill re-elected Treasurer, for the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 967.

The annual festival of the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, was celebrated at Portmadoc on the 4th inst., when Brother J. E. Greaves (Lord Lieutenant of Carnarvonshire) was installed W.M. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. W. Jones-Morris.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, J.P., Speaker of the House of Keys) the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, on Thursday, the 21st ult., at five o'clock. The Provincial Grand Officers occupied the Lodge Room of the Athole Lodge, and were received in the Lodge Room of the Tynwald Lodge, where the members of the various Lodges of the Island, who were not Provincial Grand Officers, had assembled. Provincial Grand Lodge was immediately opened, Bro. J. A. Brown Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, who, in consequence of a domestic affliction, is at present off the Island. All the Lodges in the Island were represented, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 28th November 1888, having been confirmed, several letters of apology were read from brethren who were unable to be present. The reports of the General Purposes and Charity Committees were also submitted and approved. From these it appeared the Island had twice been honoured during the past year by the Provincial Grand Master presiding over the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, London, in the absence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was also reported that B. G. Wood, one of the sons of the late Dr. Wood, an esteemed member of the Order, has been elected to the Boys' Masonic School out of a large number of candidates. During the subsequent proceedings hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Brothers W. Goodacre Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, and T. H. Nesbitt P.G. Secretary Isle of Man, to whose exertions the election of this candidate was mainly due. The Prov. Grand Secretary than read an elaborate and exhaustive report of the proceedings and work of Freemasonry during the past year; giving an analysis of the work and financial position of each Lodge on the Island. The report was received with marked attention; and the Prov. Grand Secretary was warmly applauded as he resumed his seat. Bro. the Rev. E. Ferrier Prov. Grand Chaplain proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the excellent report that he had prepared. Personally, he had some knowledge of the difficulty experienced in drafting such reports; therefore he had all the more pleasure in proposing the motion. Bro. G. C. Heron Past Grand Standard Bearer England cordially seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. S. Webb P.G.S.W., and heartily adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary having returned thanks, it was announced that the Benevolent Fund of the Province had increased to a most gratifying amount during the year. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Brother Alexander Bruce was unanimously re-elected. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Officers, Bro. R. Swinnerton most efficiently acting as the Director of Ceremonies. We append a list of the Officers:

Bros. S. Webb P.M. 1004 ..	...	Senior Warden
Henry Brearley P.M. 1004	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Ferrier P.M. 212 (I.C.)	...	Chaplains
Rev. W. Morris P.M. 1075	...	
Jas. Hodgson P.M. 2049	...	Registrar
Thos. H. Nesbitt P.M. 1004	..	Secretary
E. J. Bowman P.M. & Sec. 1242	...	Senior Deacon
L. G. Hannay P.M. 1004	...	Junior Deacon
Wm. L. Wild P.M. 1075	...	Superintendent of Works
Robt. Swinnerton D.C. 1242	...	Director of Ceremonies
Chas. M. Challender P.M. 2050	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
Walter Jas. Brown P.M. 1242	...	Sword Bearer
Wm. Kissack P.M. 1242	...	Standard Bearers
M. W. Corran P.M. 1004	...	
J. A. Mylrea Organist 2049	...	Organist
Frank J. Johnson P.M. 1242	...	Assist. Secretary
G. J. Nattan P.M. 2050	...	Pursuivant
Thos. S. Aylen J.W. 2197	...	Assist. Pursuivant
John Craine W.M. 1275	...	Stewards
W. R. Davis J.D. 1242	...	
Wm. P. J. Pittar 2049	...	
W. Colquhoun Secretary 2050	...	
Jas. Gorry 1242 ...	...	Tyler

The collection for the Benevolent Fund having been made, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due from, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Mona Hotel, where a most récherché banquet had been provided for them.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

AT the meeting on Tuesday last the Lodge was presided over by the W.M. (Bro. Hy. Lindfield), who was supported by Bros. H. Nash S.W., Alfred Green P.M. (Treasurer) as S.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper S.D., W. Kirkland J.D., Dyer I.G., Banks Tyler. There were also present P.M.'s Hentsch, Usher Bach, W. W. Morgan. Visitors—Brothers J. G. Yolland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Herts, E. P. Delavante, &c. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Charles Hale, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. Percy Burr Steward, and seconded by the Secretary. The announcement was then formally made of the death of the Father of the Lodge, Bro. John Laver P.M., and a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the deceased's widow and family. Bro. Arthur Bingley Spawforth was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, while the candidate named above, for whom the ballot had been unanimous, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. conducting both ceremonies. After routine work Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, and spent a social hour together.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE annual meeting was held in the Board-room of the Corn Exchange, at Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 5th inst., and was rendered specially interesting as being the Centenary of the Lodge. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Langham) through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. Wilson Metcalfe P.M. Among the visitors present were Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar D.P.G.M., Thomas J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. England P.G. Secretary Essex, Joseph Sadler P.G. Treasurer, T. Winter Parker W.M. 650, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.G.S.W., A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. Christy P.M., F. J. Nunn S.W. 2063, Fred. Horsman W.M. 51, Jno. Taylor jun. P.M. 1817 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, &c. The principal business of the evening was the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. T. R. Jarvis S.W.), which ceremony was ably performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bro. A. Welch P.M. P.P.G.J.W., to both of which brethren the hearty thanks of the Lodge were returned for their services. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Charles Williams S.W., F. H. Meggy J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, Arthur Mead Treasurer, W. A. Kyle S.D., J. C. Smith J.D., J. P. Lewin Secretary, Andrew Durrant D.C., H. W. Tanner I.G., E. W. Holland and A. J. Pitts Stewards, T. S. Sarel Tyler. The W.M. drew attention to the fact that this was the Centenary of the Lodge, a fact of which they were all proud, and proposed that steps be immediately taken to obtain a warrant empowering the members to wear the Centenary jewel. This was seconded by Bro. Dr. Shedd, and carried with great heartiness. The W.M. having been elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, the proceedings closed. Between 40 and 50 brethren subsequently dined together at the White Hart Hotel, a splendid dinner being well served by the host, Bro. Hipkin. The new W.M. presided, and was supported by the brethren whose names are given above. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding for the toast of his health, referred to the interesting fact of the day being the Centenary of the Lodge. A hundred years, he said, slipped very glibly from the tongue, but they must recollect it meant that several generations had passed away since Freemasonry was established in the town of Chelmsford. It was gratifying to find that the Lodge established 100 years ago was still flourishing, and he took it to be an earnest of the confidence which, as an old P.M. he felt in its future, that Bro. Goodchild had not only some time ago introduced his son, but to-day had introduced his son-in-law also. Later in the evening the subject of the Centenary was referred to by the W.M., who stated that he had the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's assurance that not only would he do all he could to forward their application for a Centenary Warrant, but also should be pleased to, when the document was ready, attend a meeting, and present in the Lodge the first jewels to its members.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, when Brother John Woodmason P.M. P.P.G.D. opened the Lodge for the last time during his year of office as W.M. The main feature of the evening's business was of course the installation of Bro. Reuben C. Green W.M. elect. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Parkhouse Treasurer, and Bro. G. Davis P.M. the Preceptor of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, and it is needless to add that the working was all that could be desired. The W.M. was well supported by his Officers, and among the visitors were Bros. Robert T. Cooper 130, W. J. Mason W.M. elect 2246, Richard S. Sly P.M. 1653, F. L. Chandler P.M. 1567, W. Middleweek J.W. 1793, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, W. C. Williams P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, N. Moss P.M. 184, William Mote 1206 P.P.G.S.W. Kent, Geo. Inglish 901, J. Turner 1767, J. P. Pearson 1196, Philip Monson P.M. 1194, J. H. Hayden 901, J. R. Crook 733, Fredk. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge P.G.S.B., E. Connell 1512, G. Wilson Watts P.M. 194, and Edmund Routledge P.M. 1635. After the banquet which followed the Lodge meeting, a long list of toasts was proposed from the cross table, where Bro. Green, the new W.M. proved himself to be as efficient a host as he is a Mason. The toast the Queen and the Craft was of course disposed of in a few words, the Master merely saying that though they were members of a secret society they had as a first principle loyalty to the Queen, her crown, and dignity. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was followed

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by the National Anthem. The toast H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., was also disposed of in a few words, and was likewise duly honoured by the brethren. The next was a special toast, the Earl of Carnarvon, always a separate toast in this Lodge, because, as the Master said, they had been authorised by his lordship to bear his name and arms, a privilege for which they had always been grateful since the foundation of the Lodge, in 1876; visitors would therefore understand why they made that a separate toast. In proposing the toast of the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said that, as a young Mason, he was not prepared to criticise those eminent Masons. He knew, as they all did, that the Grand Officers did excellent work, and seeing those who were present to represent the Grand Lodge, they could do no less than drink to their very good health. They were fortunate on that occasion in the presence of Bros. Cama, Binckes, and Rogers. Bros. Cama and Rogers were members of the Carnarvon Lodge, and the worthy Bro. Binckes, he was proud to say, was a somewhat frequent visitor. In proposing this toast he associated with it the names of those three brethren. Bro. Rogers said he was very proud to respond to the toast in the character of one of the present Grand Officers, who, he hoped, had the entire confidence of the Craft. He was especially proud to return thanks for the Grand Officers in that Lodge because it was the Lodge in which he had been initiated. Bro. Cama also responded. Bro. Woodmason I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in reply Bro. Green said he thanked the brethren for having drunk the toast, because he believed that they not only drank to the office he held, but drank to the man himself. He had to thank them for their cordiality, but their numbers prevented him thanking them as he should like to do. The kindness that had been shown to him, and to one nearest and dearest to him, who had now retired from work, had stimulated him (the W.M.) to work up to the office which he now held, but he was afraid that the very high standard of work which had been set up in that Lodge would make his task a hard one. He hoped, however, that he should be able to preserve the kind of work they had set up in the Lodge. He would leave it to them to judge him when his year of office was over. He knew that they would extend to him the right hand of fellowship, and it was in reliance upon their support that he said he believed he should be able to get through his year of office to their satisfaction. He would say no more now, as they had so many visitors, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they had received the toast of his health. Bro. Green then proceeded to say that he had a duty cast upon him which he would now attempt to execute with a great deal of pleasure. It was to introduce to them two joining members to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, who had been elected, in the course of the evening previous to his installation. They were Bro. Capt. James and Bro. Edmund Routledge. Those brethren were well known, and they were all very glad that they had become members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Capt. James said he rose with very mixed feelings to return thanks for the honour and kindness displayed to him and Bro. Routledge. He had been extremely struck with the way in which the W.M. (the worthy son of a worthy father) invested his Officers for the next year. Some little reference had been made to the fact that Bro. Routledge and he were sitting side by side on that occasion, in allusion he presumed, to the fact that their seats—if they got them—in another place would be cast on different sides. Brethren might be satisfied that Bro. Routledge and he would be united in this—that differences of opinion should never alter friendship. Bro. Routledge, in responding, said that he was present on Monday at a very extraordinary entertainment, in which two circuses were going on at the same time, and it occurred to him whether it would not have been better if his brother joining member had been able to perform in one circle while he (Bro. Routledge) performed in another. He spoke simply on his own account, as he should be the last man to say that his (Bro. James's) entertainment should be shortened in the least degree. Before he was a member he had had the pleasure of partaking of the boundless hospitality of the Lodge, and now that he was a member he hoped he should remain one for many years to come. He was gratified to think that he was the invited guest of their Worshipful Chairman, a brother for whom he had the greatest esteem, and whose respected father he had had the pleasure of knowing for a great many years. There was only one other he had been connected with longer—Bro. Pierson—on whose authority he was informed that he had been intimate with him for 52 years. He regretted to say these were the last dying notes of the swan, for he could never again address them as a visitor, and he could not think that he should ever rise to such a position as would enable him to address them in another capacity. The brethren had probably seen in the Barnum show two marvellous freaks of nature, the Siamese twins. Whether or not the brethren agreed with him that Bro. James and himself adequately carried out the functions of the other twins it was not for him to say; but Bro. James never left him. The W.M. then briefly proposed Success to the Masonic Charities, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes, in reply, said that it was now some five or six years since he was at that Lodge on a similar occasion, and he thanked them for the continued and continuous support rendered to the various Masonic Institutions by the Carnarvon Lodge. He did not know that he could single out any Lodge that had done more than the Carnarvon. Their Master said that he would make his remarks as brief as possible, and he (Bro. Binckes) was sure that no words of his were needed. All that he had to do was to return his very sincere thanks for the Institution with which he was still associated for the support which had been afforded it by the Carnarvon Lodge, and he need hardly say that whatever might be his destiny or his fate he trusted that the efforts of Bro. Woodmason might be as liberally supported in the present as the efforts of others had been in the past. He did not want to make any sensational observations, but with regard to the Masonic Institutions, the time lately had not flowed as quietly as usual. There was a fierce light that during the last two or three years had beaten upon various bodies and various institutions, and he did not know why they should expect that the Masonic Institutions should be an exception. Why the Boys' School had been selected for attack he did not know, but he thought he could say a few words that would show them that after all said and done that Institution was not deserving of the grave censure that had been passed upon it. But he was there as a visitor, and he would be sorry to be tempted to make any observations of a controversial nature. He thought, however, he would not find one dissentient when he said, if faults be found, let those faults be remedied, but do not let them interfere with the flow of charity, which had for its object the maintenance, education, and clothing of four or five hundred of the children of Freemasons. Bro. Binckes added that he was delighted to be there that evening as a not altogether unwelcome guest, and still—however imperfectly he might have discharged his duties—as earnest now as ever he was in the cause of Masonic Charity. Time was a great consoler, and it was also a great avenger, and he hoped as it went on feelings would be toned down and opportunity given for dispassionate judgment. In conclusion, he hoped that the efforts of the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge in the ensuing year would be directed one and all to do what they could to place the Carnarvon Lodge in 1890 in connection with the Festival of the Boys' School in the same proud position as it had held in the past. Several other toasts were proposed, including the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. Sly, Dr. Cooper, and Leete; the Treasurer and Secretary, responded to by Bros. Marlis and Parkhouse; the Preceptor, for which Bro. Davis returned thanks; and the Officers of the Lodge, to which the J.W. replied, in the absence of the S.W., who had been obliged to leave before the toast was reached. In proposing the Past Master's health, Bro. Green included the presentation to Bro. Woodmason of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the Lodge, and for which Bro. Woodmason, in his reply, made suitable acknowledgment. The intervals between the speeches were enlivened with some pleasant vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Miss Florence Kent, Mr. Walter Turner, Bros. T. W. Heath, W. A. Vincent, and Master Felix Lochner (violin). Bro. Russell Lochner presided at the pianoforte.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE No. 2201.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their closing meeting of the year at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday afternoon, the 30th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes. The principal business of the meeting was the initiation of Mr. Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P., Mr. Alfred Scott, and Mr. Chapman Marshall; the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. A letter was read from the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, expressing his deep regret at the death of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford, and also a letter from Mrs. Gerard Ford in graceful acknowledgment of the vote of condolence forwarded her by the Lodge. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they partook of an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes presided. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. after proposing the Queen and the Craft and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, gave the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which Bro. Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes responded. He said the members of Grand Lodge who were present had been especially interested in the ceremony of the afternoon, and that the Earl of Sussex Lodge was honoured by numbering among their brethren both of the Borough Members of Parliament. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Sussex Masons, he said, knew the deep interest the Provincial Grand Master took in the Province, and his sympathetic letter, read during the afternoon, testified to his great concern in everything relating to Sussex Freemasonry. They all wished him a speedy return, and were prepared to give him a hearty welcome. The W.M. then gave the W. Provincial Senior Grand Warden in charge Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. He said that the brethren of the Province had full confidence in Bro. Marriott, and felt that while he was in charge the Province was well represented. The Present and Past Provincial Officers were all true and trusty, and fully prepared to carry out any duty entrusted to them. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to respond, was cordially received. Speaking for himself and the other Provincial Officers, he said they were all prepared to do their duty in their respective high positions. He had been gratified in attending the Lodge that afternoon, and witnessing the initiation of the three new members, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke had carried out the ceremony. Bro. T. Billing Prov. Grand Junior Warden also acknowledged the toast. He congratulated the three initiates upon becoming members of such a Lodge as that of the Earl of Sussex. Representations had been made to him of the duties which would devolve upon him if anything happened to Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott. He trusted nothing would happen to him; but, in case of emergency, he and the remaining Officers would do their best. Bro. Crawford J. Pocock also responded. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott next proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and spoke in high terms of the zeal and energy which Bro. Clowes displayed in Freemasonry. Bro. Richard Clowes was greeted with hearty and prolonged applause on rising to respond. He thanked Sir W. T. Marriott for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their generous reception of it. He was proud to be the W.M. of such a distinguished Lodge, and trusted always to retain the good wishes of the brethren. As they would not meet again till next year he heartily wished them all a "Merry Christmas," and a "Happy New Year." He then gave what he termed the toast of the evening, the Initiates. He said he

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regarded their initiates as the coming Officers and Worshipful Masters of the Lodge. The Lodge was proud to receive them. Brother Gerald Loder numbered at least 7132 Brighton friends, all of whom had sent him birthday cards on the 28th of October last, and those who did not agree with his views would wish him "Many happy returns of the day." Bro. Scott recalled the name of an honoured Brother—John Henderson Scott—and if their newly-made brother followed in his footsteps the Lodge would, indeed, be proud of him. Bro. Chapman Marshall, an accomplished musician, would, he said, be able to add to their pleasures. He heartily welcomed the three initiates, and congratulated them upon having been initiated by the Grand Secretary. Bro. Gerald W. E. Loder was warmly applauded on rising to acknowledge the toast. Thanking the brethren for the too flattering manner in which they had received the toast, he said the initiates, and not the Lodge, had been honoured that afternoon. He had attended many ceremonies, but he could sincerely say that none had made such a deep impression upon him as the ceremony of his initiation. He felt grateful that he was able to respond in another capacity from that which he had recently occupied, and that he was not expected to make a set speech. He looked forward with pleasure to his association with Freemasonry, and would work assiduously and earnestly in its promotion. He trusted he would then be able to respond in more eloquent and appropriate terms. Bros. A. Scott and Chapman Marshall also responded. The W.M. proposed the Visitors. Bro. F. West P.G.D. responded, and after thanking the Lodge for enabling him to be present at the afternoon's ceremony and sharing their hospitality, said it would be better for the country at large if Masonic principles were more fully carried out, and that speeches in high places would be more moderate and conciliatory. Bros. Sir Somers Vine, J. Blundell Maple, M.P., and Augustus Harris, also briefly responded. The W.M. gave the Past Master. The Lodge deeply regretted, he said, the loss of their first W.M.—the late Bro. Gerard Ford. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was their only Past Master, and while he continued to take an active part in Freemasonry the Earl of Sussex Lodge would flourish. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott responded. Alluding to the late Bro. Ford's ability and zeal, he said their lamented brother had also time to devote to Freemasonry. He himself had not an abundance of time to spare, but he was as firm a believer as their late brother in the principles of the Craft. They were indeed grand principles, and he would defy the representatives of any religious creed to take exception to either of them. If those principles were not only professed but carried out the work would be much better. The W.M. submitted the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. C. W. Hudson and R. Pidcock responded. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening a pleasing selection of vocal music was sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Bro. A. King, and Mr. Martin Barling, the last named taking the place of Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Organist of the Lodge, who had arranged the programme, but was prevented by illness from being present. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE members of this Lodge had a regular "field-day" in Freemasonry last Wednesday, when the brethren assembled at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of their new Master for the ensuing year, and to receive and welcome three additional candidates for Masonic privileges. The W.M. Bro. Joseph Cox opened the Lodge soon after four o'clock, and was assisted by Bros. H. J. Thrower S.W., L. A. Harrison J.W., C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, Louis Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., H. G. Gush P.M., J. Funston P.M., F. Matthews I.P.M., S. Smither P.M., and Edward Smith P.P.G.J.W. North Wales. There were also present Bros. W. Beasley S.D., S. Batcheler D.C., R. S. Ricketts Organist, H. Waynforth, J. Tidball, W. Snellgrove, B. Nicholson, F. Meriton, G. Colls, W. Shurmur, W. E. Johnson, W. H. Mills, S. Bertin, L. Levy, H. Levy, J. Mordecai, H. Joseph, F. F. Kaufman, Ungar, R. Jeremy, F. E. Abbott, H. Johnson, J. Barnes, J. James, C. Gamage, J. A. Fagg, S. J. Thrower, W. Blenkinsop, S. Alberts, W. D. Lee, W. H. Toye, Orlton Cooper, &c. The usual business of the Lodge being disposed of, Bro. Louis Stean P.M. proceeded with the installation ceremony. We may here mention that Bro. Stean is eighty years of age, and boasts of having been a Mason for nigh upon sixty years, so may well be considered as one of the fathers of the Craft, and the Saint Leonard Lodge may be congratulated on possessing such an ardent worker. Bro. Henry J. Thrower having signified his assent to the usual conditions, was duly installed in the chair, and was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren. Bro. Geo. T. Barr acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bro. L. A. Harrison S.W., W. Beasley J.W., J. Cox I.P.M. pro tem Treasurer, C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, W. Shurmur P.M. S.D., S. C. Kaufman J.D., F. Meriton I.G., S. Batcheler D.C., L. Levy and H. Levy Stewards, R. S. Ricketts Organist, J. Very Tyler. Bro. Joseph Cox was subsequently invested with the Past Master's jewel, for which he expressed his thanks. Mr. Thomas W. D'Aubney, Mr. George Bishop, and Mr. Benjamin Jacobs, having been balloted for and approved, were introduced into the Lodge, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the new W.M. The business of the evening having thus come to a satisfactory termination, the Lodge was closed about eight o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Edward Smith Past P.G.J.W. North Wales. Brother J. Cox I.P.M., in submitting the health of the Worshipful Master, said he had many reasons for being pleased that he was permitted to propose that toast. In the first place Bro. Thrower was a personal friend of many years standing, he was engaged in the important duty of bringing up and educating some of the young generation, and he had worked his way up from the ranks through all the stages until at length he found himself in the chair, and thereby had attained the highest honour. He felt assured from the way in which Bro. Thrower had commenced his duties that evening that he would have a prosperous year of office. The W.M. in his reply stated that ten years previous he was occupying one of the chairs on his right (those of the initiates), and he was then told, by perseverance and hard work he might attain the position of Master. Bro. Stean had initiated him into the Lodge, and he was proud at having been installed by him also. It seemed as though Bro. Stean had taken a fresh lease of life, and he fervently trusted that the Lodge might have the benefit of his services for many years to come. He then called upon the brethren to honour him as Installing Master. Bro. Stean in acknowledging the compliment said that he was the first Master of the Lodge, which had now been established for eleven years, and he had done his utmost to keep it in a flourishing state. It had been said that the brethren got tired of the long addresses, but he trusted that every young Mason would uphold the ancient traditions. He was sure that if these innovations continued, universal confusion would ensue, and it was necessary that there should be a standard of excellence in order that the various Lodges might work in harmony. He was initiated in 1830, and had been a preceptor of different Lodges of Instruction for more than twenty-five years, and had ever carried out the ritual in accordance with the old traditions; while he was permitted to work the ceremonies there should be no deviation. This he was sure would be for the benefit of the Craft in general and their Lodge in particular. Other toasts followed, and the company separated at a late hour.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 29th ult., at Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Captain R. J. Vincent M.E.Z., T. Grummant H., V. T. Murché J., C. H. Stone S.E., Benedetti S.N., Stone P.S., G. L. Moore, Towers, Hill, Addington, R. C. Davis, Eedle, &c. Comp. Hilton rehearsed the ceremony of installation of H. by request, and did himself great credit by the performance. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating candidate. At the meeting on the 6th instant there were present:—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Eedle M.E.Z., Benedetti H., Wingham J., Stone S.E., Moore S.N., Grummant P.S., and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Benedetti was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was resolved that on the 20th inst. the Chapter will be adjourned till the first Friday in January 1890.

MARK MASONRY.

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WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, 27th ult., when Bro. A. F. Brereton was duly installed by Bro. T. C. Hopkins. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Brothers H. J. Johnson S.W., J. Pocock J.W., W. S. Bambridge M.O., Rev. W. Humphreys S.O. (acting Chaplain), B. W. Croes J.O., F. T. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, H. H. R. Chapman Registrar, H. Howse P.M. Secretary, W. F. Gaby S.D., F. G. Billingham J.D., J. A. Randell P.M. D.C., T. C. Hopkins P.M. Organist, F. Reynolds I.G., C. R. Barnes Tyler. Bro. Hopkins performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and afterwards delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren.

The next annual meeting of the Northumberland Provincial Grand Lodge will be held under the banner of the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, and the meeting will probably be held at Blyth, in the autumn of next year, under the presidency of Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart, M.P., Prov. G.M. There is a movement on foot in Blyth for the building of a Masonic hall, and the project has been most favourably received by Sir M. W. Ridley, who has promised to offer a site for such erection.

On the 4th instant, the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, elected Bros. F. J. Price W.M., H. Mortimer Treasurer, and W. J. Bartlett Tyler.

Bro. A. H. Pilcher has been installed as W.M. of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 972, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sibert Saunders P.M. 1915. The brethren, to the number of sixty-four, including thirty-eight visitors, afterwards adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. H. Ward.

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THE Great Western Railway Company have made liberal arrangements for the convenience of their Christmas passengers. Tickets will be issued at no less than 11 of their City and West End offices in the Metropolis, viz.: 193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn Circus; 29 Charing Cross, 5 Arthur-street-east, London Bridge; 82 Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 26 Regent-street, 269 Strand, 67 Gresham-street, and 4 Cheapside; at all of which places tickets can be obtained on and after Wednesday, 18th December. This arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station, and with a view to add still further to the convenience thus afforded the booking office at the Paddington Station, will also be open for the issue of tickets each day for a week before Christmas Day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between (and including those days). Cheap tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to stations in the West of England; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London.

On Tuesday, 24th December, the 6·20 p.m. fast train from Paddington, usually running to Bristol only, will run to Exeter, and the 1·0 and 5·0 p.m. fast trains (1, 2, and 3 class) from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; a special fast train to the West of England, going through to Penzance, will leave Paddington at 11·50 p.m. midnight on 24th December, and carry third-class passengers at reduced fares. On Tuesday, 24th December, a special train will leave Paddington at 10·0 p.m. for New Milford, calling at the same stations as the 9·15 p.m. ordinary train.

On Christmas Day the usual Sunday Service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas Day, the 5·30 a.m. newspaper train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, and Swansea, and will connect at Oxford with trains to Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley and Wolverhampton.

In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources, by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations, will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester and New Milford.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 16th December, to Tuesday, 24th December (Sunday excepted), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted—at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company:—15 Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64 Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285 High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly-circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria Street, S.W.; 231 Edgware Road, W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 108 New Bond Street, W.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E., &c. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below: On Friday, December 20th; Saturday, December 21st; Monday, December 23rd; and Tuesday, December 24th, the 1·15 p.m. from Euston will be divided—the first portion will leave Euston at 1·10 p.m., and will convey traffic for Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Blackburn, Bolton, Fleetwood, Barrow, Lancaster, Windermere, and Carlisle. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, a special train will also leave Euston at 2·50 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Northampton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line and Stafford, in advance of the 3·0 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4·30 p.m., Euston to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4·25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4·30 p.m., and convey passengers for Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The night Irish mail, due to leave Euston 8·20 p.m., will not leave until 9·15 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12·0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5·15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, as on ordinary week days. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, with the following additions:—The 5·15 a.m. newspaper express from London (Euston) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Crewe, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The 7·15 a.m. down day Irish mail from Euston to Holyhead, and the 11·30 a.m. up day Irish mail from Holyhead to Euston, will be run on Christmas Day the same as on week days. The down mail will call, if required, at Rhyl, Conway, and Bangor, and the up mail, if required, at Bangor, Conway, Colwyn Bay, Rhyl, and Holywell. The 11·17 a.m., Chester to Birkenhead, will wait at Chester the arrival of the 7·15 a.m. from London. On Thursday (Bank Holiday), 26th December, numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important cities and towns will not be run.

NEW MUSIC.

All Music 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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"All in the wild March Morning." Song. Written by William Twamley, composed by C. F. Horan.

"Stories." Song. Written by Mary Mark-Lemon, composed by A. H. Behrend.

"The Albert Victor Waltz." Composed by Felix Burns.

"Un Chant D'Amour Valse." Composed by Felix Burns.

"May Queen." Country Dance. Composed by Felix Burns.

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WE have received a capital selection of music from Messrs. Patey and Willis, got up in a careful style. "All in the wild March Morning" is a good, spirited and attractive song, written by William Twamley and composed by C. F. Horan. The words are interesting, while the melody is tuneful. Mary Mark-Lemon and A. H. Behrend's song "Stories" is, we feel sure, destined to become one of the attractions of the season. Good words, set to a most attractive and melodious refrain, make up a really charming composition. The compilers of ball programmes have also had their wants looked after. "The Albert Victor" is a capital waltz, easy to play, and a good one to dance to. "Un Chant D'Amour" is another spirited piece, with a catchy and melodious refrain. Both these waltzes have been composed by Felix Burns, as also has "The May Queen," a country dance for the pianoforte, which is a piece admirably suited for the drawing-room; the music is not difficult, yet tuneful, and will become popular. We recommend all these pieces to the notice of our readers.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Kilburn Town Hall.—On Tuesday last a dramatic recital took place, which deserves special notice from the fact that Miss Ethel Davies, who gave it, showed quite exceptional elocutionary and dramatic powers, which augur well for her future should she be persuaded to devote that future to art. Her recitations included the whole range from comedy to tragedy, and it says a great deal for her powers that only in the case of the somewhat hackneyed "Charge of the Light Brigade" were we disappointed. Her recitation entitled "A Lawn Tennysonian Idyll" was particularly effective. Among those who assisted were Mr. Lawrence Kellie, who sang with feeling the well known song, of which he is the composer, "Douglas Gordon," and Miss Hope Temple, who gave an effective rendering of the song "Because I love thee." Miss Hope Temple, whose pupil Miss Davies is, must have been gratified at the success of the evening's entertainment.

A recent number of the *Melbourne Age* contains the following letter:—

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Referring to the above subject and the controversy it has evoked in your columns, I should like to correct your last correspondent, "Grand Chaplain," on a matter of history. First of all, though, let me explain that I have been for a number of years a subscribing member to one or more Lodges in different parts of the world, and that, like many active Masons, I have long been in the habit of treating the misrepresentations and falsehoods fulminated against the Order by the Roman Catholic Church with the supreme contempt and indifference they merit. In other words, if it pleases the clerics of that church to vilify and misrepresent an honourable, a loyal, and a philanthropic Institution, they are welcome to the pleasure it affords them; but it does not harm Freemasonry in the least. I am therefore not about to combat the Rev. Father Cahill's statements; but, as I have said, desire to point out an inaccuracy on the part of "Grand Chaplain." His reference to Sir Christopher Wren and the supposed connection of that great architect with the Freemasons is entirely erroneous. It has never been proved that Sir Christopher was a member of our body; indeed, there is no official document or authoritative record existing in support of a statement that appears to have had its origin in the imagination of an enthusiastic and not over careful writer of the last century. Elias "Ashworth" should also be printed Ashmole.

Yours, &c.

14th October. L.

DEATH.

PRICE.—On the 11th inst., Anne, the wife of Bro. Harry Nelson Price, of 129 Kennington Park Road, S.E.

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GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

ON DECEMBER 18th, and during the Week, CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS, available on forward journey from December 21st to 23rd, and for return up to December 29th inclusive, will be issued, as well as *ordinary* tickets, at PADDINGTON, Victoria, Battersea, Chelsea, West Brompton, Kensington (Addison-road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, and Westbourne Park, and at the Company's Receiving Offices, viz.: 193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, Holborn-circus, (Bartlett's-buildings), 26 Regent-street, 269 Strand, 29 Charing-cross, 5 Arthur-street-east, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44 Crutched-friars, 67 Gresham-street, and 4 Cheapside, to BATH, Bristol, Taunton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c.; also to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to most of the **Stations below Bristol.** The tickets will be available by all trains from Paddington except the 11'45 a.m. Express.

Ordinary tickets issued in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use any day between (and including) those dates.

Tuesday, December 24th.—The 11'45 a.m. from Paddington will carry passengers to the Minehead Branch. The 1'0 and 5'0 p.m. trains (1, 2, and 3 class) from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance.

The 8'20 p.m. from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter, calling at Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, and Tiverton Junction, reaching Exeter at 11'40 p.m., and will convey passengers for stations on the Barnstaple Branch. In connection with the Weymouth portion of this train, a Special will be run from Witham to Wells.

A Special Fast Train will leave Paddington at 10'0 p.m. for New Milford, calling at the same stations between Swindon and New Milford as the 9'15 p.m. ordinary train, and will convey passengers for the Llandyssil Branch. A Special will leave Oxford at 10'5 p.m., Abingdon 10'9, Radley 10'15, and Culham at 10'23 p.m. in connection with this train, returning from Didcot after arrival of the 10'0 p.m. Special.

A SPECIAL FAST TRAIN (1, 2, 3 class) will leave Paddington at 11'50 p.m. Midnight, on December 24th, for Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot (for Torquay and Kingswear), Totnes, Kingsbridge Road, Plymouth, and stations thence to Penzance. The cheap tickets will be available by this train.

On **CHRISTMAS DAY** the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but the 5'30 a.m. newspaper train will run as on week days to Oxford, Weston-super-Mare, and Swansea. The train will be five minutes earlier than usual between Didcot and Oxford, so as to connect at Oxford with the 7'25 and 7'40 a.m. trains, thence to Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, &c.

For further particulars see special bills obtainable at the Company's Stations and Offices.

By. LAMBERT, General Manager.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2696. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 1889.

HAMPSHIRE AND I. OF W. EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the Festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, under the presidency of the Chairman (the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight). The D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), the Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Sir William King), and other well-known members of the Craft were unavoidably absent. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Edgar Goble), the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. John W. Gieve), the Rev. J. N. Palmer (P.G. Chaplain of England), the Provincial Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Major W. Campbell P.M. 257), and the Hon. Secretary of the Institution (Bro. G. F. Lancaster). The company included Bros. Henry Cawte, S. R. Ellis, E. S. Main, W. A. Hill, T. H. Williams, Thomas W. Haydon, J. G. Mason, W. Miller, R. G. Pither, W. H. Sperring, W. J. Townsend, Henry Edwards, H. Simes, E. Godwin, George W. Peel, Fred. Avery, George Backler, W. F. Westerman, Bernard Harfield, Charles Dobson, Francis Orford, Lieut. T. Cowd, F. H. Woodrow, W. Bates, J. Collings, H. W. Smith-Parsons, J. E. Buck, R. Boughton-Smith, Arthur J. Firth, G. F. Brown, Fredk. P. Ansle, &c. An excellent dinner was served under the direction of Mr. Pearce, the steward of the club, a string band, conducted by Bro. T. F. Wilton, played choice selections. Grace before and after the repast was said by the Rev. J. N. Palmer, after which the Provincial Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Craft. Loyalty to the Sovereign of their native land was, he said, a duty incumbent upon all Englishmen, and discharged with the greatest pleasure, because they cherished love towards her person and a devoted attachment to the institution of which she was the head. Freemasons yielded to no section of the community in loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, who had presided over them with such great advantage to their Institution for many years. From the moment that His Royal Highness had acceded to the wish that he should like to be their head, Freemasonry had grown to an almost unexampled extent, and the interest which he had taken in the work of their Order had been of the utmost advantage to and reflected the greatest credit upon it. Looking forward to the time when he must be the head of this Kingdom, though he might not then act as their Grand Master, he was sure that His Royal Highness would not relinquish the love which he bore towards Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Master submitted the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. The Rev. J. N. Palmer Prov. Grand Chaplain, in responding, said that as a Province they ought to congratulate themselves that they had a man to rule over them who was looked up to in Grand Lodge with such thorough respect and esteem as their Grand Master was. He had often presided at Grand Lodge, and whenever he was called upon his decisions were marked by calmness and prudence, and were universally accepted. Bro. E. Goble, in proposing the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Chairman, said that in his capacity as Provincial Grand Secretary he had great opportunities of seeing the work that was done by their Grand Master. From his youth up he had been a Freemason, and ever since he had joined the Craft he had worked hard in the cause. He was initiated in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, and he had manfully worked himself up from an "entered apprentice." He had done everything that one could for the cause of Freemasonry, and he could look back with a large amount of pride to a few years ago when he sat as Chairman at the Festival of one of their London Charities, and when the largest sum ever gathered into that fund on such an occasion was received. Whenever there was a call upon him they would always find him to the front, and he was there to-night to put before them the cause of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational and Benevolent Institution. He hoped that when they heard their Honorary Secretary speak they would hear of a good sum being gathered for the Institution, which he looked upon as almost absolutely necessary for this Province. The toast was drunk with cheers. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said that it had given him very great pleasure to be there that evening. It was quite true, as Bro. Goble had said, that from the time he was initiated into Freemasonry he had taken a great interest in the welfare of the Craft, and one of the first things he undertook after he had been made a Mason was the Stewardship of one of their Masonic Charities. He thought that gave him the first insight into the good the Craft was doing, because he saw the vast benefits that accrued from the cause of education being carried out at one of their great institutions, and he then made an inward resolve to do all he could to support an Order conferring such great advantages. He did not think he had relaxed his efforts in the cause, neither did he think that his ardour was damped in any way, and he had done his duty whether in a low position or the high one which he now filled for the benefit of the Craf . He was quite sure that it was working a great good amongst those children who had no means of supporting themselves, and in a social point of view, because it brought men together and made them friends in the time of need, uniting them in a bond of brotherly love. Freemasonry did not only a great work in their own social gatherings and in their own country, but was a benefit with regard to the relationship of one country with another. He appealed to them to adhere to the ancient rules of the Craft, and not to allow innovations to be introduced which would destroy the essential principles established by their forefathers. Let them adhere to their ancient principles and traditions, and do their best to fulfil them themselves and transmit them to their descendants. He acknowledged the support he had always received as Grand Master of that very large and important Province, and said it was a great gratification to him to come amongst his brethren and receive such a hearty welcome as he had received that evening. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Worshipful Brother J. E. LeFeuvre Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past. He said that he was sure that Bro. LeFeuvre would have been there if he could have managed it, but unfortunately he was in the North of England. They all knew the interest he took in this Province and also in Grand Lodge. He was for many years Provincial Grand Secretary, and in that very onerous capacity always did good service, and his ability and geniality commended him to all his brother Masons. The Provincial Officers, present and past, always rendered him the most ample assistance in the promotion of Masonry in that Province. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. J. W. Gieve, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who, he said, had served with great credit to himself, and had given the greatest assistance to Grand Lodge. His office required considerable tact and ability, and he had received from Bro. Gieve the greatest assistance. Bro. Gieve, in responding, said the Provincial Officers all felt bound to support the Grand Master in every possible way that lay in their power. He felt it an honour to work with so able a Mason, who was looked up to not only by the brethren of that Province but throughout England, and more especially by those who were connected with the Grand Lodge. Meeting together to celebrate the second anniversary of that institution he congratulated Bro. Lancaster on its present position. He (Bro. Gieve) had received, with a certain deduction, the legacy of £200 of the late Major Hooper, a Past Warden of the Province, and suggested that it should be invested for the benefit of this institution, and adding that this would be for the brethren to decide at the Provincial meeting to be held in January. The Provincial Grand Master next introduced Success to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. He said that but for the inclement weather the attendance would have been much larger, and mentioned that one eminent Mason in that locality had intended to come, but was prevented through being unwell—he referred to Colonel Crease, a Past Master of the Phœnix Lodge. The interest which had been felt in this institution was very great and unexampled. He thought the balance sheet in their hands showed that it had been very successful. There were great Masonic institutions demanding large support from the Craft, which they had received with no unstinted hand from the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. There was a time when their charities received more support from London than the country, where they were not then sufficiently known. But in time they became better known, they received very great support from the Provinces, and now the great central charities were not only supported by London but very much from the Provinces. There were large Provinces, which, though they gave great support to these charities, could not expect to get their children elected very often. If they got one elected every year or two it was all they could expect. When they had a great number of Lodges in a Province, with a great many brethren, the demands upon the charities became greater than they could bear, and naturally there was some call for fresh institutions which might take up those who could not expect to get into the larger charities. Therefore he thought a very good work was done when, through Bro. Lancaster, this charity was established. In most of these things some one must pull the stroke oar, give an impetus to it and put his shoulder to the wheel, and Bro. Lancaster, with unexampled energy, had instituted and, with the assistance of others, carried out this great work. He thought it reflected great credit upon him and the brethren who had supported him that the institution had borne such good fruit, as there were now no less than six children receiving the benefits of education. He thought the institution well deserved the support of Freemasons in the Province. In smaller Provinces it could not be expected that a local charity should receive sufficient assistance to render it successful. It seemed almost doubtful, even in this Province, whether a charity could be supported, but no doubt it was doing a great and important work in the cause of charity. He should be very loath himself to support it if their central Charities were in consequence to suffer to any extent. But such was not the case, and, on the contrary, they did their utmost to support this institution in harmony and side by side with the great Masonic Charities of the Order. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lancaster, who had done such very good work in starting the institution. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, in reply, said that when he had the pleasure to bring this idea to the front and submit it to a few friends in the room overhead, he had no idea that it would reach such successful results as it had done. He explained why a festival had not been held last year, and read a list of subscriptions, amounting to £449 10s 3d. Although they would have liked to see a large number present, the magnificent total—the result of the exertions of 23 Stewards, two of whom had not yet made their return—was matter for great congratulation. The last toast was the Stewards, proposed by Bro. Goble, and responded to by Bro. E. S. Main, who referred to the fact that in two years the Province had subscribed £1764 to this institution, besides what it had given to the central Charities.

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CONSECRATION OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE, No. 2332.

WE have on previous occasions called attention to the fact that in no district in the kingdom is there more zeal displayed in advancing the best interests of Freemasonry than in the South-eastern part of London. We shall not attempt to account for or explain the charm, the attraction,—or to decide the knotty point whether it is the hope of benefits to be afterwards secured,—that may be the motive that draws so many to our ranks in this particular quarter, but take it as accepted the power must be a potent and a mighty one. Moreover, we are proud to be in a position to record that our brethren thus located are not perfunctory or half-hearted in what they set about. When they undertake the duties of Stewards at each or other of our Festivals, it goes almost without a doubt that their Lists will be substantial ones; if a Masonic Hall is needed, there is but little difficulty in raising the necessary funds, while as for competency as workers the South Easterners can satisfactorily hold their position in the foremost rank. Under all these circumstances, then, it cannot be matter for wonder that the necessity for a new Lodge in the district asserted itself, and Greenwich was selected as the most fitting place for the brethren to meet at. A strong contingent of brethren now combined, and the following constituted themselves a band of Founders:—Bros. A. H. Bateman P.M., W. T. Hunt P.M. 79, C. C. Featherstone, H. T. Grey, J. O. Pearson, J. Harper, A. Morgan, S. W. Phillips, G. P. Carter, T. P. Newton, E. G. Grove P.M., E. Jerrard, J. J. Pitt, J. G. Thomas, Daniel Bear, E. Barale, E. Watkins, E. W. Carpenter, A. H. Oakley, T. D. Hayes P.M., J. W. Boord P.M., W. J. Woodwell, B. R. Banks. The next proceeding was to select one of these to conduct the preliminary negociations, and we venture to say a wise choice was made when our good brother A. H. Bateman P.M. was induced to undertake these duties. In due course the prayer of the Petitioners was granted, and Wednesday, the 11th inst., was fixed for the consecration. The Masonic Rooms, at the William the Fourth, East Greenwich, was made headquarters, and here on the day we have named the brethren assembled at four o'clock. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D. as S.W., Lieut-Col. George Haldane P.G. Sword Bearer as J.W., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and Col W. Bristowe P.G. Sword Bearer as I.G. Amongst those who were present were:—H. Nuding P.M. 140, A. W. Kemp 1924, W. Rowley P.M. 1924, A. Zimmer Carl G.A.L. Frankfort-on-the-Maine, R. J. Amos 871, J. L. Watts P.M. 158, C. N. Syder I.P.M. 79, Alfred Baigent 1032, C. Newman 1597, W. Wilkinson 1531, G. Whitley S.W. 871, W. C. S. Burney W.M. 140, H. K. Lewis 140, Thomas Kemp 871, Thomas Heaps Sec. 1973, W. Cuming I.P.M. 1593, W. B. Wallack (Argonauts), J. Ingle J.W. 79, H. Stevenson P.M. 1613, T. S. Warne P.P.G. Senior Warden Kent, Thomas W. Hayes P.M. 913 P.P.G. Senior Deacon Kent, Doctor George Mickley P.M. 449 P.P.G.S.W. Herts, A. Hubbard 813, C. Jolly P.M. 1472, T. J. Merritt 1924, E. C. Lister W.M. 1320, J. W. Phillips 186, P. Newbould P.M. 426, J. B. Sherring W.M. 186, Andrew Holmes W.M. 548, Edm. Leaphard 147, John Cook 147, J. G. Milbourne P.M. 13, W. J. Newell S.W. 73, A. Brokenshire 871, R. Stringer P.M. 871, G. Brown P.M. 169, A. A. Frigaut 171, C. Beckett 2000, R. Price P.M. 1320, W. Hutchinson 1765, E. W. Snow 55, H. Sadler G. Tyler, R. A. Rose 1314, J. Elliot P.M. 1973, C. Kedgley W.M. 79, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Slyman P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Thos. Hutchinson 1900, W. J. Bennett 211, T. W. Wern P.M. 33, Thos. Smith 38, W. C. Bell 860, E. J. Williams P.M. 1539, Thos. Bugler 1638, W. F. Crook P.M. 1275, E. J. Gittin S.W. 179, Dr. Wendt G. Secretary German Correspondence, W. J. Blakey P.P.G. S.W. Kent. After the brethren had taken their places no time was lost; Col. Clerke opened the Lodge. After the Hymn "Hail, Eternal," the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren, and the Chaplain gave the Opening Prayer. The Petition and Warrant were read, and then the Grand Chaplain delivered the following Oration:

BRETHREN,—With all that is great, and good, and useful, whether in the past, present, or future, our Craft has a natural sympathy. You have therefore chosen a most appropriate name for your new Lodge in calling it the "Borough of Greenwich." There are few places in England which are more full of history and interest. Situated as it is on the Water Way to London, and on the earliest English road—the Watling Street, which runs from Dover to York through your Borough, it has always been, from the earliest times, a place of note. The little green village of the Saxons has grown with our country, and has borne its share in making England what it is.

It would be impossible for me in the few minutes at my disposal to attempt even an outline of your history. I will select only a few of those practical works of usefulness, wisdom and mercy, with which your Borough has has had a close connection, feeling sure that these bright memories of the past will stir up your new Lodge to copy and emulate them. And first as to your share in that great work of the past, the Watling Street, first a British track and then a Roman Road. At one time it was probably the only means of communication from one end of the kingdom to the other. In making and maintaining this road, for possibly more than a thousand years, Greenwich has had its share.

Man is socially and intellectually bettered by being brought out of the narrow limit of self and of his own locality into communion with his fellow man, and so that early historic road was one of the means of preventing England continuing separated into many isolated kingdoms; was one of the means of consolidating us into that strong and loyal nation which as yet neither the traitor within or the foe without has been able to rend asunder.

Emulate, my brethren, the example of your ancestors, and in your times do all that lies within your power to preserve and cultivate the fraternal unity of our great Empire.

Created a borough in the year 1557, your town quickly sprang into importance, and for more than one generation Kings and Queens dwelt amongst you, at the Royal Palace of Greenwich, which was partly built by that great operative mason Inigo Jones.

Nor was it merely a pleasure resort for English Royalty. Charles the Second, in 1675, founded your Royal Observatory. It was founded because it was represented to the king that for the want of accurate astronomical observations his pilots and sailors were placed at a disadvantage. He declared at once that English sailors should not want what their king could give them, and so the Observatory, which makes the name of Greenwich known in every part of the habitable world, had its origin.

Is there not here again a spirit truly in accordance with our Craft? England has ever been ready to supply all that was needed for her servants' use. The English nature takes a pride in maintaining for England her proper place—the van of science and civilisation. The Liberal Arts and Sciences are under the special protection of our Order, and I need hardly remind every Craftsman of his duty.

One feature more in your past history. William the Third and his Queen devoted Greenwich Palace to its great object, namely, the relief and support of seamen of the Royal Navy. Our Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren contributing his time, labour and skill without any emolument or reward.

Brethren, here again is a matter for you to imitate. Give, if you can, your money, give any how your time and your skill to the sacred cause of Charity. Remember that true charity does not limit herself to pecuniary help. Do not think that money is the only thing you have to give. Many a good work languishes, not from want of funds, but from want of interest. Much money is thrown away and wasted because it is not accompanied with sympathy. May your Lodge learn how to give liberally, and, moreover, join to all its gifts the golden touch of brotherly love.

The ceremony was then completed in the manner that characterises all the work of our Grand Secretary. Lodge having been resumed, the W.M. designate, Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., P.M. P.G.D., was introduced and regularly installed as the first Master. The following were appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. A. H. Bateman P.M. acting I.P.M., Capt. Blakey P.M. P.G.W. Kent S.W., Henry Roberts P.M. J.W., W. T. Hunt P.M. Treasurer, George P. Carter Secretary, A. H. Oakley P.M. S.D., J. G. Thomas P.M. J.D., J. J. Pitt P.M. I.G., A. H. Bateman P.M. D.C., Kipps P.M. Organist, Watkins P.M. Steward, Spinks Tyler. Colonel Clerke delivered the addresses, and on taking his seat a cordial vote of thanks was voted him for his services. In addition, the Consecrating Officer with the brethren who had assisted him throughout the day were made honorary members. The W.M. next made complimentary allusion to the excellent work done by the acting Secretary, Bro. P.M. Bateman, and he was made the recipient of the Founder's jewel of the Lodge. This the brethren had decided to present him with as a slight recognition of the zeal he had displayed in the formation of the Lodge. The jewel is of neat design, and embodies the coat of arms and motto of the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. In acknowledgment Bro. Bateman modestly referred to the duties he had had cast upon him, and congratulated himself that he had performed them to the satisfaction of his brother founders. Several gifts of "portables" towards the decoration and furnishing of the Lodge were then announced, and we are assured that in this regard the members will be in possession of all they require at no distant date. Brother Bateman contributed the Volume of the Sacred Law. The names of ten candidates for initiation were handed in; a Committee was formed to frame Bye-Laws, and the Lodge was closed. An admirably served banquet followed; Bro. George Burney, mine host of the William the Fourth, having spared no exertions to make this part of the entertainment a success. A full toast list was afterwards gone through, but we were compelled to leave at an early hour; we must therefore content ourselves with an outline of the speeches. The preliminary toasts were loyally honoured. The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, with his characteristic brevity, replied for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Colonel S. H. Clerke; Bro. Boord was an old P.M., and received the collar of Senior Grand Deacon in 1876. He had, however, from a variety of causes not been so active a Mason in recent years as of yore. He was however a most popular man in the Borough of Greenwich, and he (the speaker) ventured to say no more acceptable choice could have been made for the first W.M. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge. In reply, Bro. Boord thanked the Grand Secretary, and assured the brethren so far as his time would permit he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge and its members. In replying to the toast of the Consecrating and Installing Master, Colonel Clerke made reference to each of the brethren who had assisted him on this occasion; no better qualified brethren could have been found. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Officers, the Charities, &c. The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. Kipps P.M., who was assisted by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, and Hubbard. The furniture and appointments were supplied by Messrs. Spencer and Co.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, presided. Amongst others present were, Bros. George Plucknett, G. Everett, C. F. Hogard, G. Corble, W. Masters, J. Glass, Joseph D. Langton, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, F. E. Bennett, William Smith, E. Valeriani, E. de la Coste, C. H. Webb, E. Chamberlain, Stanley J. Attenborough, W. W. Morgan, J. S. Cumberland, Gordon Smith, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., the Rev. R. Morris, M.A., W. Maple, Arthur H. Scurrah, G. P. Britten, A. Durrant, Alfred Lamb, G. R. Langley, G. P. Gillard, J. H. Hawkins, W. M. Stiles, J. Newton, C. D. Mote, E. St. Clair, Andrew Motion, A. J. Dixie, W. H. Saunders, C. Motion, Edwin Storr, and F. Binckes Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (Secretary). The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, those of the Provisional Committee were read for information. On the motion of Bro. Dixie, seconded by Bro. Cumberland, the selection of Rev. H. Hebb as the new Head Master was approved. The report of the Provisional Management Committee, relating to Dr. Morris, stated:—

"The Provisional Management Committee has considered the claim of Dr. Morris against the Institution upon the termination of his services," and "under all the circumstances, the Committee recommends that a sum of £500 be offered to Dr. Morris in settlement of all claims under the agreement and in lieu of notice, and by way of recognition for his services to the Institution, as the Provisional Committee cannot see its way to recommend the granting of a pension to Dr. Morris."

A long and stormy discussion ensued, but general confusion seems to prevail as to what was the result. With respect to Bro. Binckes's retiring allowance, the Provisional Committee say:—

"Having regard to the small majority with which the resolution as to Bro. Binckes's retiring allowance was carried, and the various other circumstances connected therewith, they ask the Court not to proceed further with the resolution granting a pension of £350, and to substitute in place thereof one of £250."

Three petitions were considered, with the result that one was deferred and two accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in April 1890. Four applications made in respect of grants towards outfit were acceded to. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The December meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Freeman, James Brett, Alex. Mullord, David D. Mercer, G. Bolton, W. J. Murlis, J. Newton, J. M. Case, Thomas Cubitt, William Smith, Charles G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Charles J. Perceval, Charles Lacey, W. Pierpoint, W. A. Scurrah, John Bulmer, Chas. Daniel, J. L. Mather, Sam. Brooks, H. Cox, James Fraser, C. H. Webb, Thomas G. Bullen, Hugh Cotter, W. Belchamber, W. H. Perryman, Hugh M. Hobbs, Geo. W. Marden, John Larkin, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). After confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one widow annuitant and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and an application from the widow of a recently-deceased candidate for half her late husband's annuity was granted. Eleven petitions (seven men and four widows) were considered; of the male petitions five were accepted, one deferred, and one rejected; while the widows were accepted, the names being ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May 1890. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Bro. T. Foley has been elected the Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, for the ensuing year.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

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 DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
48—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.
862—Whittington, 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.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
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.)
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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
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

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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)
196—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (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)
933—Belhouse, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Throgmorton Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Harcourt-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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.)

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1471—Islington, Champion, Alderesgate 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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
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.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

313—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
341—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall Liverpool
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
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1561—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
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. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Board 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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Dope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 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, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1923—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, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cobhatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Susex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Oponshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
853—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
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, Worsington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1068—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.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Charbley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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
186—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—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.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst
1555—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)
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, Aboburch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
1781—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)
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.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford,
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Barrowhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1289—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mary's School, Surbiton
2107—Ethelreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 77—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, 20th 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
107—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.)
705—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—Beaucentre, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1451—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)

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R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
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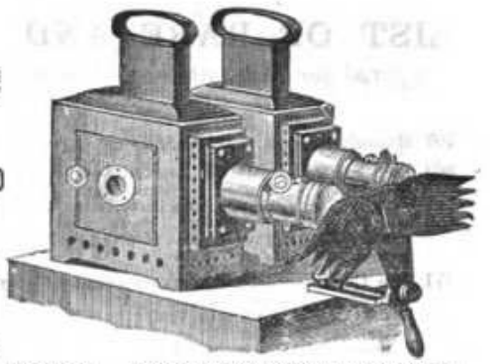
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SEASONABLE GREETINGS.

BEFORE the next issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE reaches our subscribers, the Christmas term of Festivities will be in full swing. To one and all our kind friends we tender our best wishes that it may be a period free from anxiety and trouble. May comfort and happiness reign supreme with them and theirs, and may the new year, so soon to be entered upon, be as successful as any they have yet had experience of.

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AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONRY.

THE Craftsmen of the Australian Colonies are to be commended for the enthusiasm they display in matters relating to Freemasonry, which has been particularly active in their midst during the last few years. Independent Grand Lodges have been formed, and influential support has been secured, with results of the most satisfactory character. Recent advices from South Australia give full details of the installation of the Governor of that Colony—the Right Honourable the Earl of Kintore—as Most Wor. Grand Master, in succession to Chief Justice Way, who had occupied the chair of South Australia since its formation, on the 17th April 1884, and had recently resigned his position—as he often promised he would do—so soon as South Australia had, as the Queen's representative, a gentleman who was a member of the Order, and who would accept supreme power among the local Freemasons. We are heartily pleased that our brethren in this distant part of the Empire should have succeeded in enlisting the good offices of so distinguished a personage as the governor of their colony, not only because of the status it gives to Freemasonry, but also because Lord Kintore is known on this side of the world as a staunch and able Craftsman. There is no fear that South Australian Freemasonry will suffer at his hands, and we know enough of our colonial brethren to be sure that their new Grand Master will lose nothing by the part he has taken in connection with Australian Freemasonry—it is really a case of mutual advantage, with perhaps greater benefits likely to accrue to the South Australian Grand Lodge, than it can confer on the illustrious nobleman now at its head. But he is not the brother to make a hard bargain under such conditions, and we can imagine the pleasure with which he has entered upon his new duties in connection with Freemasonry, and the gratification he will feel in discharging them to the best of his ability.

Soon after his arrival in the colony, Lord Kintore was made the subject of a Masonic welcome, and an address "conveying cordial, loyal, and fraternal greetings" was presented to him. Shortly afterwards he signified his desire to connect himself with one of the local Lodges, his choice falling on St. Andrew, No. 19 (formerly No. 555 under the Scotch Constitution), among whose Past Mast he is now enrolled. His election as Grand Master followed immediately after, and with it came an alteration in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the office of Pro Grand Master being created. This office has been conferred on the retiring Grand Master, who will, therefore, continue to be practically the working head of the Craft in the Constitution, the members of which will thus retain the valuable services of their first Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of which Lord Kintore has assumed the head has 37 private Lodges under its dominion, with a roll of 2093 subscribing members, and embraces the entire Craft of South Australia, with the exception of the Leinster Lodge, which still holds allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It is expected that next year the Governor of the Colony will assume the position of First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia, which is now held by his predecessor in the Grand Mastership of the Craft—Chief Justice Way; while it is not too much to expect that some of the outside degrees may secure his lordship's patronage, he having already won high positions in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, besides being a Past Grand Master of English Mark Masonry.

Since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge in South Australia, Masonic differences in New South Wales and Victoria have been peaceably adjusted. Each colony had for many years a local Grand Lodge, but in each case it represented only a minority of the Craft, and was not recognised by the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom, or the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of the same Constitutions in the colonies. The success of the South Australian movement, however, indicated the mode in which union could be brought about, and the example so set was followed first in New South Wales and afterwards in Victoria. In the former colony a United Grand Lodge was inaugurated on the 16th of August 1888, when his Excellency Lord Carrington was installed as Grand Master, the ceremony being performed by his Honour Chief Justice Way. Early in the present year the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted, and the Hon. Sir William Clarke, Bart., was chosen and installed by Lord Carrington as the first Grand Master. Both of these Grand Lodges, which are junior to that of South Australia, were represented at the installation of Lord Kintore. Lord Carrington and Sir William Clarke played an important part in the proceedings, and they were accompanied by a number of members of their respective Lodges.

The gathering was held at the Town Hall, Adelaide, on the 30th October, the building being admirably suited for the ceremony, and specially decorated for the occasion. It was estimated that considerably over a thousand members of the Order were present, the meeting really being the most numerous and brilliant ever seen in connection with South Australian Freemasonry. The Grand Master (Hon. S. J. Way) and his Officers were regularly saluted on their entrance, and Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Canon Poole) giving the prayer.

Next in the order of the proceedings was the reception of the members of other Grand Lodges. The first to be admitted were P.P.G.T. of the Irish Constitution (Bro. his Honour Judge Boucaut), P.P.D.G.M. of the I.C. (Brother Fiveash), and P.D.G.M. of the English Constitution (Bro. A. Hardy). These brethren took their places on the dais to the extreme left of the Grand Master. Next the

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Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Sir William Clarke, and his Officers were received, Sir William being seated on the left hand of the Grand Master. The Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. Lord Carrington, and his Officers were the last to be admitted. His Excellency was accorded the seat of honour to the right of the Grand Master, while on the left was the Grand Chaplain of New South Wales, the Bishop of Bathurst.

The Grand Master said :—

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia I have to tender a most hearty welcome to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and brethren of the other Constitutions who have honoured us with their presence on this occasion. The presence of the M.W. Grand Master of Victoria is especially welcome to us. He has come a great distance, at considerable inconvenience to himself, for the purpose of taking a part in the interesting ceremonial. I also desire to thank the M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales most cordially for his attendance. This is not the first occasion on which the Grand Lodge of South Australia has been honoured by the presence of Bro. His Excellency Lord Carrington. He has travelled 1200 miles to be again of great service to South Australian Masonry, and therefore we should be exceedingly ungrateful if we did not accord him a hearty welcome to this Grand Lodge. M.W. Grand Sir, I ask you to honour us by presiding on this occasion, as Installing Master, to induct into his office our M.W. Grand Master elect, Brother His Excellency the Earl of Kintore.

In response to this invitation, the M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales, Lord Carrington, took the chair, and at his request the Grand Secretary read the certificate of the election of his Excellency the Earl of Kintore as Grand Master, and the commission authorising the Grand Master of New South Wales to instal him. At the conclusion of this formal proceeding, his Excellency the Governor was announced, and, the brethren upstanding, was escorted to his seat. During the reception, a grand march was rendered by the organist and orchestra, with vocal accompaniment by the choir.

(To be continued.)

MASONS' OPINIONS ON THE BIBLE QUESTION.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE 25th of February 1888 number of this paper has an article of mine about an attempt made in Illinois to expel a brother from Masonry on account of his disbelief in the Bible, with Bro. Robbins' report against the said attempt. Bro. Robbins' report stirred up the ire of some zealots, and to judge from their writings in their reports in 1888 and 1889, one would suppose that Bro. Robbins was the first Mason who maintained that belief in the Bible was not essential to Masonry. In order, therefore, to disabuse the minds of those who may have been misled, I shall give *all the extracts* collected by Bro. Chase, of Massachusetts, in his "Digest of Masonic Law," touching the question at issue, which will show that even what I may call in the dark ages of Masonry, as far as knowledge of history is concerned, for some reason or other prominent Masons maintained the same views on the Bible question as Bro. Robbins does to-day, and if Bro. Robbins is a Masonic *sinner* he is not the first Masonic sinner in that direction. And now for the extracts :—

1st. "According to what is generally received as 'Ancient Masonry,' a candidate must be 'a good and true, or man of honour and honesty,' and before his initiation must acknowledge his trust in God (an Atheist cannot be made a Mason). In our opinion any further religious test is not necessary, and to require that a candidate profess in a belief in the divine authenticity of the Bible, or a state of future reward and punishment, is a serious innovation in the very body of Masonry."*

"We now hold as our forefathers held, and as we hope our posterity to hold, that from the votaries of Masonry is expected and required a sincere belief in the existence of a God, the Creator and Governor of the world; and that beyond this great principle of faith, it is not lawful to impose any religious test as a requisite for admission to our mysteries."

(*Committee of Foreign Correspondence of Virginia* 1848, *which was endorsed by the C. of F.C. of New Hampshire in* 1849.)

2nd. "It is anti-Masonic to require a religious test, other than the candidate should believe in a God, the Creator and Governor of the Universe. (*Resolution of the G.L. of Alabama*, 1848.)

3rd. "We can find no reason for interdicting any otherwise worthy applicant who firmly believes in the existence of a Supreme Being; nor can we allow any right to interrogate him further as to his religious belief.

(Hubbard. *C.F.C. of New Hampshire*, 1857. *And the above opinion was endorsed by Bro. O'Sullivan G. Sec. and Sec. of F.C. of Missouri, in* 1858.)

4th. "The Grand Lodge of Vermont condemns as un-Masonic the introduction of any test of a sectarian character. The only faith required of a candidate is a belief and trust in God; without this no obligation would be binding on him. (Haswell, *C.F.C.*, 1849.)

5th. "*Resolved* that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the exclusion of any class of men from the privileges of Masonry who believe in the existence and moral government of the Supreme Being, evinces a spirit adverse to the genius of our institution, and that it is an assumption of power not sanctioned by the ancient usages of the Craft. (*G.L. Massachusetts*, 1843.)

6th. "The true doctrine on this subject has been well laid down by our illustrious brother Prince Murat, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France. All men who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe; who believes in the immortality of the soul, and consequently in an eternal well being; every man who feels the love of his fellow man vibrate in him is acceptable among us. ([Rob] Morris, C.F.C. Kentucky, 1857.)

7th. "*Resolved*. That this Grand Lodge is clearly of opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry, and that a denial of the same is an offence against the institution, calling for exemplary discipline." (*Ohio*, 1856.)

Hence, if an Ohio Mason does not believe in the existence of witchcraft, or that the *world moves*, and similar notions that have been exploded by science, *he must be expelled from Masonry*. Mackey, however, did not agree with the Ohio luminaries. He said :

"The Grand Lodge of Ohio attempted to amend, as they supposed, the law, and at once the universality of the institution is destroyed, and none but the Christians become eligible for initiation."

8th. *Resolved*. That candidates for Masonry should be required to avow their belief not only in the existence of God but in the divine authenticity of His word, as revealed in the Bible. (Storer, C.F.C. *Connecticut*, 1858.")

The above resolution was *rejected*.

9th. "The only declaration of faith necessary on the part of a candidate, before initiation, is the profession of belief and trust in God. But we also say that a man who *declares* his disbelief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Bible cannot be made a Mason. (Brown, *C.F.C. Florida*, 1858.)

10th. "Your Committee believe this (Ohio Resolution) all wrong. The Jews, the Chinese, the Turks, each reject either the New Testament or the Old, or both, and yet we see no good reason why they should not be made Masons. In fact, Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible. It is not founded on the Bible: if it was, it would not be Masonry, it would be something else; Masonry is a mere charitable institution—nothing else, and it is founded upon tradition. Solomon, to whom it is traced, and who is said to have been the first Grand Master, never heard of the New Testament. He was not a Christian. We must, therefore, either blot out the memory of Solomon, and also that of the other Grand Masters, or we must not insist upon a belief in the authenticity of either the Old or New Testament. The position which Christian Masons assign to the Bible is very natural, but not a necessary one. It is thus to them as Christians, but not as Masons." (Sayer, *C.F.C. Alabama* 1855.)

11th. "Freemasonry calls no man to account for his belief of any religion on the globe. (Const. of the Grand Orient of France.)

12th. "We would require no express declaration of a belief in either the Old or the New Testament as an open qualification of a candidate; but we feel bound to adopt the views of the Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of Iowa. Without the Bible there is no Masonry." (Daniel, *C.F.C. Mississippi* 1857.)

13th. "*Resolved*. That the Grand Lodge of Texas declares that a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable pre-requisite for Masonic admission, and the Grand Lodge does not mean to exclude the Israelite whom it does not regard as being disqualified for the mysteries of Masonry." (*Texas*, 1857.)

Why Israelites, who disbelieve in what Christians regard as the most essential part of the Bible, are not excluded from Masonry is a puzzle which no one can solve. I must, however, add that Bro. Mellen, Grand Secretary of Mississippi, in his magazine, viz., *The Acacia*, criticised and condemned the action of the Grand Lodges of Texas and Ohio, in both his volumes, published in 1855 and 1856. Yes, quite as severely as Bro. Robbins did.

14th. "No religious test shall ever be required of any applicant for initiation other than a stedfast belief in the existence and perfection of Deity, and no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall receive any candidate without the acknowledgment of such belief." (*Constitution of Nebraska.*)

15th. "The religious views of a candidate are not regarded at all. It is sufficient if he believes in the existence and providence of God." (C. W. Moore 1849.)

* For brevity sake the letters "C.F.C." at the end of the paragraphs stand for "Committee Foreign Correspondence."

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And again:—

"No Christian doubts the authority of the Bible, and in this country we need not trouble ourselves much about any other class of people. We place it upon our altar as the Word of God; the initiate is practically taught to regard it; and we take it and enjoin others to take it as the rule and guide of our conduct. This is enough. If any others who are not willing so to recognize and take it, we are not bound to receive them. Every Lodge is to judge of the fitness of its own candidates; let this suffice, and remove not the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set." (C. W. Moore.)

Bro. Chase, the author of the book I am quoting from, endorses Bro. Moore's letter, but gives no date thereunto, nor where to find the said letter.

16th. "Masonry simply requires of the candidate his assent to one great fundamental religious truth, the existence and providence of God." (*Declaration of five thousand Freemasons of New England*, 1831.)

17th. "Do you seriously declare upon your honour that you believe in the existence of God and a state of future rewards and punishments." (*Regulations in Tennessee from* 1823 *to* 1843).—To which the author adds, in a foot note, "It is but just that we inform the reader that this regulation was nearly a dead letter during the twenty years it remained among the regulations."

18th. "It is clearly settled that in the first degrees of Masonry, religious tenets shall not be barrier to the admission or advancement of applicants, providing they profess belief in God *and* His *Holy Word*." (*Resolution in Ohio*, 1820.)

19th. "No test except belief in God who governs the Universe, should be exacted." (C.F.C. of Rhode Island, 1850). Similar resolutions were adopted in Ohio in 1850, and Alabama in 1848.

20th. "If the applicant believe in the moral law (the Ten Commandments) and governs himself accordingly, we can require no further." (Rob Morris, American Freemason, Vol. III., p 121.)

21st. "By the usages and principles of our Order, he who does not believe in and acknowledge the Bible as a rule and guide of his conduct, ought not to be received into our Order." (HUBBARD, *Ohio* 1858.)

22nd. "With the spirit of the TEXAS resolution we cannot concur. It is not Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. In the latter, a belief in Deity, in God, or rather trust in God, is all that is required of a candidate." (*C.F.C. of Rhode Island*, 1858.)

23rd. "The Grand Lodge of Iowa recognises no religious creed or dogma as a pre-requisite to gain admission into the portals of her temple: all she requires is, that the candidate should believe in the existence of God, the Creator of all things, and be freeborn, of lawful age, and well recommended as a good man and true. (PARVIN, 1849.)

24th. "*Resolved*. That Masonry, as we received it from our fathers, teaches the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, and that the views of candidates on this subject should be ascertained by the Committee of Inquiry, or otherwise, as well as their other qualifications and fitness to be received into the Order." (*Iowa*, 1855.) "We protest against all such innovations," said Bro. Barber, of the C.F.C. of Arkansas in 1856.

25th. "It is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that no man can become a Mason unless he can avow a belief in the principles contained in the Holy Bible, and that the demand for such a belief does not conflict with the universality of Freemasonry." (*Resolution. Nebraska* 1858.)*

The above extracts prove, in the first place, that Bro. Robbins did not originate the idea that belief in the inspiration of the Bible was not essential to Masonry. Secondly, a majority of about two-thirds of the above quotations accord with Bro. Robbins' views on the question at issue. And thirdly, while the names of those who maintained that belief in the Bible was necessary for Masonry are unknown outside of their respective jurisdictions, the names of Mackey, Moore, and Morris had a world-wide reputation during their lifetime, and notwithstanding their *faults and shortcomings* Masonic students will have to consult their writings as long as Masonic students exist.

Another fact must be noticed. The opponents of Bro. Robbins not only resorted to the style usually adopted by theological debaters of *bluffing*, &c., but one of them even called Bro. Robbins an unbeliever in the Bible. Now, what Bro. Robbins believes and disbelieves I do not know; but I maintain that the mere fact of his belief about the Bible as far as Masonry is concerned cannot prove his disbelief in the Bible, for otherwise we must assume that Mackey, Moore, Morris, the five thousand Masons in New England in 1831, and all the names mentioned in the above extracts who advocated the same views that Bro. Robbins does, must also have been disbelievers in the inspiration of the Bible.

The fact is our Masonic bigots are imbued with the spirit of the "Holy Inquisition," and I verily believe that if they had the power they would act as badly as the Inquisition did.

Boston, U.S., 4th December 1889.

* Chase's "Digest of Masonic Law," from p 206 to p 210.

MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND LODGE.

THE members of a Grand Lodge are such as are designated members by its "Ahiman Rezon" or "Book of Constitutions." At different eras in the history of the Craft, the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions have been composed of different classes of members. As to this each Grand Lodge is a law unto itself. At the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717, it was composed of Masters and Wardens of all the regular Lodges, with the Grand Officers. Since then various regulations have been adopted. In some jurisdictions, as in Pennsylvania at the present time, the Grand Lodge is composed of "the Grand and Past Grand Officers; the Masters and Past Masters by *two* years' service, and Wardens of all Lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it and under its jurisdictions, and the elected representatives of such Lodges." In other jurisdictions, the Grand Lodge is composed only of Masters and representatives,—Wardens and Past Masters not being members; while in still other jurisdictions Masters and Wardens are members, Past Masters only being excluded. These variations in practice are due, in the main, to the recognized necessity, in the largest jurisdictions, of keeping Grand Lodge within such bounds as to membership as shall enable it to transact its business with satisfaction to itself. An unusually large deliberative body is always cumbrous. It becomes a question, first, how to seat such a body in a Masonic Temple—for a public hall is *not* to be thought of for use as a tyled Lodge; and, second, how to readily handle a body which may become so numerous as to amount almost to a mob. Hence it is that in *all* Masonic jurisdictions which contain a large constituency of Lodges and Freemasons, some modification has been made of the early system, of including all Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters in Grand Lodge.

We have been confronted with this question in Pennsylvania, and three years ago a slight modification and only a slight one, was adopted, to wit, to measurably limit the further growth in numbers of Grand Lodge by including Masters and Past Masters by *two* years' service only; instead of by *one*, as theretofore. For three years we have had this system in operation, and as far as our observation has gone the system has worked exceedingly well. Auxiliary and very important advantages have also sprung from it. The two years' service of Masters has the better prepared them to preside over their several Lodges. They have become better workers and superior rulers; they have grown more experienced in all of their duties, and the Craft at large has been advantaged accordingly.

We know of no honour that a Lodge can bestow superior to that of the Mastership of the Lodge. Every Master should be gratified to serve for two terms, and we believe the large majority of them are; but it appears that some of the Wardens do not fancy serving two years as Wardens. If Wardens really desire to be capable, proficient and duly instructed Masters, two years' service is necessary. In Grand Lodge, however, the Grand Officers by re-election have always served two years in each of the four stations, making in all *eight* years; why, then, should not the officers of the constituent Lodges serve *six* years?

Let us remember, the great body of the Craft has interests in the welfare of the Fraternity. The Craft will be best served by the capacity and ability of Lodge Officers to perform accurately and strictly their duties. Suppose it should be determined to return to the former practice of Masters serving but a single year. Then we would be immediately confronted with the necessity of limiting the membership of Grand Lodge in *some other way*. What way should that be, which would be more acceptable to the Craft at large than the present two years' service of Masters to ensure their permanent membership? Shall the Wardens be cut off from membership? Or shall the Past Masters? Some regulation of this kind would be necessary. We have three hundred and ninety Lodges at the present time in Pennsylvania, and these add, under the present regulation, three hundred and ninety Past Masters to Grand Lodge every two years; but if we should go back to the old regulation they would add that number *every year*.

We invite the Brethren to carefully weigh these considerations, and pause before they proceed to change the present regulation. A Lodge has a far higher purpose than to be a manufactory of members of Grand Lodge—

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especially when that body is already so numerous that it would be well if it should be limited to its present number. Limited it must be, as all thinking members will admit, so that if we go back to the old practice of making Masters permanent members after *one* year's service, we must then *ex-necessitate*, adopt some other means of accomplishing that which the present two years' service, in part at least accomplishes. What shall it be? Shall the Wardens in service we cut off from membership, or shall Past Masters, or both? Or shall all of these alternates be avoiding by adhering to our present two years' regulation?

—*Keystone.*

MASONIC NOVELTIES.

HUMAN nature presents many of the same distinguishing features in all ages and among all nations. The love of the new and strange, appears to be a fundamental element of human character. Man is always an inquirer; he seeks to get outside the beaten paths and make discoveries which shall help him to a wider range of thought, vision, and experience. His curiosity, his ambition, not less than the imagination and mercurial forces of his nature, impel him to make many new departures, some of which are to be counted as helps, and others as hindrances, to his progressive career.

There are people, and classes of people, in whom this tendency shows itself as having more than ordinary influence. The dwellers in Athens two thousand years ago were a very curious people. There congregated the philosophers from all of the then civilized world. There flourished innumerable systems and associations that indicated the ardent search of the Athenians after wisdom. It was commendable that there should have been so much of mental activity displayed, and such abundant provision made to satisfy the investigating temper of the age; but the old Athenians are not to be commended that they were such ardent seekers after new things. Many of the Athenian writers, Demosthenes and Thucydides among the number, censure their countrymen because they were so unsettled in their thought and determinations, and because they were so quickly attracted to novelties of one sort and another. St. Luke, in the Christian Scriptures, makes mention of the fact that curiosity and love of new and strange things were characteristics of the people of Athens; "For they spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear, some new thing."

One modern society is infected by the same passion, and consequently there is a tremendous rush for new systems theories, forms, and schemes, in business undertakings, the departments of related life, and in the varied departments of ethics, morals, and religion. The old system does not satisfy, the former method does not please, while that which is presented in the form of novelty seems to be invested with a peculiar charm. Members of the Masonic Fraternity, sharing in the common feeling, are attracted to what they deem to be some new and better expression of the system in which they have been instructed, and turn greedily to some organisation, denominated Masonic, that is supposed to far outrank the old Craft institution. Imaginative and curious brethren, looking always for novelties that may be labelled Masonic, are quickly attracted to fanciful schemes and newly formed associations, often manifesting an enthusiasm in their support not shown to the old organisation.

"On what basis does your new society rest, and what are its special recommendations?" was the question addressed not long since to a zealous brother who was advocating a modern association notable for its high sounding titles and large pretensions. "O, it is the best kind of Masonry," was the reply. "Every Craftsman will be sure to like it; I tell you, the Lodge will seem a tame affair after you have entered our new society." Thus extolled by its forwarders and leaders, claiming to be in some way Masonic, but to be a more select and attractive organisation, the pretentious organisation gets a start and flourishes for a time to the satisfaction of all concerned, though it happens, not infrequently, that credulous brethren, who have given their time and money to foster the interests of the new rite, are brought ere long by an unwelcome experience to consider that "All is not gold that glitters."

The present is not the first period in the history of Freemasonry, when systems, rites, and orders, holding a more or less closely defined relation to the Craft, have been put forth in its name and under its auspices. A hundred years ago Continental Europe was filled with societies claiming a descent from or an alliance with the Masonic institution. Then new rites were instituted, elaborate rituals put forth, systems and organisations being established on a basis of fanciful, often ridiculous, representations, which proved, ere long, to be too great a load for the newly formed societies to carry, and consequently they toppled into ruins, or became merely the adjuncts of a political or selfish crusade. Count Cagliostro projected several such organisations, giving to them special interest and attraction by the Egyptian and Oriental features made conspicuous in their forms and ceremonies. Only Masons were admitted, and they were made to believe that the new society was the latest and highest evolution of their own institution. It was not long, however, before the new movement received a severe check, and soon it was regarded as in no proper sense connected with Freemasonry.

From Cagliostro's day until now there have been seen the flashing of many new lights upon the Masonic firmament. Zealous brethren have sought to originate new schemes and systems for social and beneficial purposes, and calling the new rites or orders by the Masonic name they have found plenty of curious Craftsmen to follow them into the seemingly attractive paths of progress. Legitimate Masonry has suffered sometimes by reason of such new schemes and organisations, and sufficient warning, it would seem, has been given against the misleading lights that from time to time shine out upon the Masonic way. The ancient and well defined system of Freemasonry, as understood and practised by the fathers, may well claim our warmest devotion and best offices. It cannot be greatly improved upon; nor does it require the addition of any new and fantastic forms of expression to commend its principles to those who are first made Masons in their hearts, or to augment the scope of its practical usefulness. Brethren, let us "Prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday evening, 21st of January 1890, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bro. S. Dancyger S.D. No. 205 will preside, supported by Bros. B. Da Costa J.W. 1349 S.W., J. Dancyger 205 J.W., W. Richardson S.W. 174 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. H. Saqui, J. W. Goodinge, Emanuel, A. J. Marks, S. Lichtenfeld, W. Richardson, H. Lichtenfeld. Second Lecture—Bros. Garrard, J. Dancyger, N. Isaacs, L. Simmons, Speller. Third Lecture—Bros. Shurmur, B. Da Costa, H. Harris.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.J.W. of Devon, Provincial Prior, &c., of Hertford College, Oxford, late Vicar of Buckerell, Devon, having performed the statutable exercises, has by decree of the Convocation of his University, been admitted to the Degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Divinity, by acclamation.

Bro. C. Woods, No. 1869, P. Soj. elect No. 1275, has been selected by the Evening Class Committee of the London School Board as Organizer and Correspondent for Evening Classes for Chelsea and Westminster.

We learn that with Numbers 327 and 328 of *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, published on the 1st and 8th of January respectively, a complete copyright novel of incident and adventure, entitled "Manleverer's Millions," by Mr. T. Wemyss Reid, author of "Gladys Fane," will be given in addition to the ordinary contents of the *Journal*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Albion Tavern, E.C. Present:—Bros. R. W. Tweedie W.M., Colonel Sir Norman W. Pringle, Bart., S.W., G. Greiner J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle Secretary, J. P. Murrough S.D., M. F. Tweedie J.D, R. F. Gould (P.G.D.) P.M., Sir Alfred Dent (K.C.M.G.) P.M., W. Noakes P.M., G. C. Andrew P.M., W. Bohm P.M., S. Shorter P.M., Adam Pringle P.M., J. A. Maitland, W. Kidner, J. P. Fearfield, E. Greiner, J. M. Mitchell, M. A. Tweedie, Rev. R. I. Woodhouse. Also the following Visitors:—Bros. Edward Terry Grand Treasurer, E. J. Barron P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., Col. R. W. Eddis Grand Superintendent of Works, Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, W. H. Rylands P.G. Steward W.M. 2, Lieut-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., W.M. 2076, B. A. Charlesworth 357, George Gardner W.M. 2309, W. Batt P.M. 162, J. E. Page 540, J. W. Noakes 1962, E. North, W. G. Poole 860, C. G. Poole 1892, R. Sheriff W.M. 196, J. H. Smith P.P.G.C., H. Reid P.M. 142, W. Clowes 2012, E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 143, A. Rewtor 1159, G. R. Dusby P.M. 59, S. E. Southgate S.W. 700, G. Boulton P.M. 143, L. Hansard P.M. 1506, W. H. Hooker 1670, T. H. Gardiner 1150, E. Roberts 917, and T. Lawler 1296. Among those who were unavoidably prevented from attending were the Grand Registrar, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary, Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D., P. de Lande Long P.G.D., E. Letchworth P.G.D., Walter Besant Treasurer 2076, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.W. 2076, Serjeant Robertson, and others. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been duly confirmed, Bro. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, and installed, according to ancient form, by Bro. R. F. Gould. The following office-bearers were then invested:—Bros. R. W. Tweedie I.P.M., G. Greiner S.W., J. P. Murrough J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Secretary, M. F. Tweedie S.D., J. P. Fearfield J.D., E. Greiner I.G., and B. Banks Tyler. All business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts met with a due and fervent response. Bro. E. J. Barron P.G.D. replied for the Grand Officers, and Bros. W. H. Rylands P.G. Steward W.M. 2, and Lieut.-Col. Pratt W.M. 2076 for the Visitors. The toast of the evening, the Memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge, was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Wilkinson. Space altogether forbids our doing justice to this Oration, which will take rank among the best efforts, in a similar direction, of Bro. Wilkinson. But we have much pleasure in reporting the excellent speech of the W.M., with which our notice of this most interesting meeting must be brought to a close. In replying to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Sir Norman Pringle said, Bro. P.M. Tweedie, I thank you for the kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and you, brethren, most heartily, for the cordiality with which it has been received. I have been longer than some of you in climbing to the position in which I now find myself, but the exigencies of military service, by requiring me to be present with my regiment abroad, have operated to a certain extent to my disadvantage, Masonically, by arresting the flow of promotion which in the ordinary case would have carried me through all the minor offices, and rendered me eligible for the chair some years before it has actually been my good fortune to fill it. But I cannot thank you too warmly, or those brethren who kindly stood aside that I might last year be invested with the Senior Warden's collar, thus conveying to me the gratifying assurance that both the members and Officers were conscious of my wish to work up to the chair, and of the causes which had prevented me from so doing. Soldiers who are Masons have to contend with very grave disabilities, from which other sections of our Fraternity are exempt. Prominent among these is the constant shifting of quarters, which renders it impossible for a military brother, except on very rare occasions, to remain at any one station sufficiently long to reap the reward due to faithful service in the subordinate offices by election to the Master's chair. I was appointed an Officer of this Lodge in 1880, but vacated the appointment on joing the headquarters of my regiment at Malta. Returning to England, I again took office, but only to again vacate it by embarking for active service in Egypt. Since then I have been an office-bearer in Lodges at Malta and Gibraltar, and lastly (until my promotion to-night) for the third time as one of the subordinate officers of No. 92. In former days things were very different. At one time almost every British regiment had a Lodge attached to it, and to the influence of these military or travelling Lodges is due much of the Masonic progress of the last century, more especially in America. There was a famous Lodge in my own regiment, formerly the 38th Foot, now the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire, for which a warrant, bearing the number 441, was granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1765. This Lodge had a remarkable history. The records of the regiment, the Lodge-chest, warrant, and jewels were on one occasion captured by the enemy. The regimental records were never recovered, but the property of the Lodge was returned intact. Later in its career its proceedings, from the publicity accorded them, were a common topic of discussion in the Masonic Press. But I shall here only mention that Lodge No. 441, in the 38th Foot, was one of the nine Lodges present at the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1782, and an officer of the regiment and the Lodge, Lieutenant John Studholme Brownrigg, was elected the first Senior Grand Warden of the new governing body. Of these nine Lodges which took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New York, it is not a little remarkable that no less than six were attached to British regiments then forming a portion of the garrison. I have been unable to resist this passing allusion to an old and distinguished Lodge, attached for upwards of a century to the regiment which I have so recently had the honour to command. The Lodge was in working order up to 1860, but, owing to our being split up in detachments, then ceased to work. But I must now endeavour to show you that there are other and stronger reasons than the pleasing associations connected with my own regimental career, for the wish I have so long entertained to fill the important office in which I have been this evening so ably installed by Bro. Gould, P.M. Moira Lodge and P.G.D. In England, so far as I am informed, there is no documentary evidence relating to the actual proceedings of Lodges which is of older date than the Grand Lodge of England. By this I mean that there are no Lodge minutes on record earlier than 1717. The W.M. of the oldest English Lodge I am glad to say is present, and at a later period I dare say he will kindly put me right if I am wrong in that supposition. To proceed, however, with my remarks. In Scotland the circumstances of the Lodges were very different, and both minutes and records abound. From these I shall next make a brief selection. It would appear from the oldest minute book of St. John's Lodge, Kelso, which dates from 1701, that in that year, "George Faa was the Master." This name is well known on the Border, being the name of the Royal Family of the Gipsy tribe located there. In the next year, under the date, Kelso, 2nd June 1702, the minutes record that "the Company of Masons have selected the honourable Sir John Pringall to be Master in place of the deceased deacon Faa, and to continue as Master until St. John's day next, when the Company shall again have it under their consideration whether to elect another or continue the said Sir John Pringall." When St. John's Day arrived, Sir John Pringle was unanimously re-elected. And here I must pause to explain why these extracts have never been recited to you. It would seem that in 1702, or fifteen years before there was a Grand Lodge of England, my direct ancestor—at how many removes I cannot at the moment say, without reference to family documents—succeeded either the King of the Gipsies, or one of that royal line, as Master of the Kelso Lodge. One more quotation and I have done. The Grand Secretary of Scotland, in his history of the Lodge of Edinburgh, records under the date of 24th June 1670, the admission of Walter Pringle, Advocate, as "brother and fellow-craft." This Walter Pringle was the brother of my direct ancestor, Sir Robert Pringle, and with his name, I reach the highest point to which I can trace my Masonic pedigree, that is to say, 219 years from the present date. But it will suffice, I hope, to establish the point which I am anxious to submit for your consideration. It is, that the love of Masonry, with which I sincerely trust I am imbued, has come down to me by inheritance, and that in seeking admission into the Craft, as well as in my fortunate selection of a Mother Lodge, I have been guided by an instinctive feeling, which has happily caused my feet to tread in the footsteps of those brethren of my name and family, in the 17th and 18th century, whose connection with the Lodges of Edinburgh and Kelso respectively I have briefly adverted to. Lastly, Brethren, and I hope that I have not fatigued you with my remarks, let me assure you that during my year of office it will be my constant aim to act according to the traditions of this chair, and to fill as worthily as I can a seat which has been well and usefully occupied, both by brethren in the remote past, and by the goodly array of Past Masters now present, in times with which we are more familiar.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 9th inst., when the brethren elected Bro. Samuel Edgcumbe W.M. Bro. J. T. Browning, declined to allow himself to be re-elected as Treasurer, pleading various engagements. Bro. A. W. Spinney was then elected to succeed him. Bro. W. H. Phillips was re-elected the Tyler. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Browning for the able and efficient services he had rendered the Lodge as its Treasurer for the past five years.

BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

A LARGE and representative body of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 5th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. H. C. Casley as W.M. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.S.W. England, the chair of S.W. being occupied by Bro. Peter de Lande Long P.M. P.G.D. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. Tidbury, M.D., I.P.M., Sam. Geoding S.W., Thos. Palmer, Mus. Bac., J.W., R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, W. Boby Treasurer, B. P. Grimsey Secretary, A. F. Penraven S.D., C. E. Tempest J.D., W. Clarke D.C., Thos. Palmer Organist, Thomas B. Read I.G., F. J. W. Wood and J. R. Geard Stewards, George Gould Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a most récherché banquet was served, in the style for which the British Union Lodge has long been famous. After the usual Loyal toasts, given by the W.M., and received with full Masonic honours, the W.M. gave the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom R.W. D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, present and past, coupled with the name of Wor. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, who, in responding, made special allusion to the interest he had ever taken in the administration of the affairs of the Masonic Girls' Institution, and the great benefits derived therefrom by candidates from the Province of Suffolk. The toast of the R.W. Lord Henniker P.G.M., the V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past, was responded to by Bros. Flintham and Tracy. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Installing Master (Wor. Sir John Monckton), who had done him the honour eleven years ago of installing him into the chair of W.M. of the British Union Lodge, and had now come down at no small personal inconvenience to perform the same ceremony. Although Bro. Sir John Monckton was a member of the Lodge, it was no small honour for the brethren to have among them so distinguished a Mason, ranking as he did among the very highest in England, whilst on the Continent he had a wide-spread reputation, having received distinctions at the

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hands of monarchs, who knew his worth. Bro. Sir John Monckton, in responding, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to lend his services to the British Union Lodge, more especially when relatives of his own were in so prominent a position in the Lodge as they now were, and he hoped that he might live to perform the same offices for succeeding generations. Bro. R. Tidbury I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., eulogising Bro. Casley as one of the mainstays of the Province of Suffolk. The W.M. responded in an eloquent speech, in which he exhorted the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge to assist him in making his year of office one of the most successful in the annals of the Lodge. The Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Wm. Clarke, was responded to at some length by Bro. H. M. Harvey. The toast of the Visitors, cordially proposed by the W.M., and received with full honours, was responded to by Bros. S. J. Morley, G. T. Pick, and Hall, the latter brother asserting that if the newly-elected Master showed half the ability in the administration of his Masonic duties that he displayed in the exercise of his municipal office in Aldeburgh, the British Union Lodge had indeed reason for congratulation on his accepting the chair. The toast of the Past Masters, proposed by the W.M., was briefly acknowledged by Bro. G. S. Elliston. For the Officers of the Lodge the S.W. Bro. Samuel Gooding, and the J.W. Bro. T. Palmer briefly responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable and successful ceremony to an end. During the evening some excellent songs were contributed, by Bros. Brookes of Norwich Cathedral Choir, Copeland, Henry Miller, and G. T. Pick, the accompaniments on the pianoforte being ably rendered by Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Organist to the Lodge.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 225.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Geo. Powell Price was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Geo. Abbott acted as Installing Master. The Officers for the year were invested by the newly-installed Master as under:—Bros. S. G. Morley I.P.M., Rev. S. Maude S.W., W. J. Whitehead J.W., Rev. S. Maude Chaplain, J. Talbot Treasurer, J. Napier Secretary, H. W. Cook S.D., J. Stringer J.D., H. Cockrell I.G., Geo. Abbott D.C., W. Wilkinson Organist, J. Ball Steward, G. Gould Tyler. The installation banquet was held, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, and after an excellent *menu* had been duly discussed, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Garwood proposed the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.M. Suffolk, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Eng. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. N. Tracy responded for the present Officers, and Brother Byford for the past Officers. The W.M. proposed the Installing Master, and complimented Bro. Abbott upon the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Bro. Abbott suitably replied. The I.P.M. Bro. Morley proposed the Worshipful Master, and referred in eulogistic terms to the praiseworthy manner in which Bro. Price had filled the various offices of the Lodge. The W.M. responded in a neat and appropriate speech. Bro. Geo. Abbott proposed the Immediate Past Master, and said St. Luke's Lodge had had a very successful year under Bro. Morley's Mastership. Bro. Morley having responded, Bro. Cook proposed the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Tracy responded in an able speech, in the course of which he made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions. Bro. Noble proposed the Visitors, for whom Brothers Casley, Younger, and Pick responded. Bro. the Rev. S. Maude proposed the P.M.'s, for whom Bro. Talbot responded. The W.M. gave the Officers of the Lodge, for whom Bros. H. Cockrel and W. Wilkinson responded. The speeches were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast. The musical programme included two violoncello solos by Bro. Charles Nairn Price, and vocal selections by Bros. J. Talbot, George Abbott, G. T. Pick, A. Raphael, and W. Wilkinson; a recitation by Bro. Whitehead, and pianoforte selections by Bros. F. Perkins and C. N. Price.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 306.

THERE was a large representative gathering at the annual meeting, on Friday, the 6th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Tom Batt. The assembly included Bros. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., J. C. Malcolm P.P.G.R., J. W. Fourness P.P.G.Treas., S. Freeman P.P.G.D., and many other Past and Present members of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Batt was installed by Bro. C. E. Breen. The new Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. J. B. Jowett S.W., B. Pounder J.W., Harris S.D., Jervis J.D., J. Dyson P.M. Treasurer, W. Tate Secretary, the Rev. C. A. Lambert, vicar of Weeton, Chaplain, J. W. Cleland I.G., J. E. Musgrave Organist, T. F. Towers and F. P. Cooper Stewards, and S. Barraud Tyler. Afterwards the brethren and visitors dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

TEES LODGE, No. 509.

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Stockton, on the 5th inst. The Lodge was formed in the afternoon, with Bro. Alexander Inglis W.M. in the chair, when Mr. Councillor F. L. Dodds was balloted for and initiated. Thereafter Bro. M. B. Dodds S.W. (Town Clerk of Stockton) was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. M. Watson. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Alex. Inglis I.P.M., J. Holt S.W., J. Burton J.W., W. M. Watson Treasurer, I. H. Hart Secretary, T. R. Clephan S.D., J. H. Clegg J.D., Alex. Iley D.C., R. J. Talintyre Organist, A. Jobling I.G., W. C. Park and George Grainger Stewards, and B. R. Smith Tyler.

ST. HELEN'S LODGE, No. 531.

THE annual installation of W.M. was held at Hartlepool on the 5th inst. Bro. W. Belk the W.M elect was installed by Bro. J. Hunter. After the ceremony the W.M. chose as his Officers:—Bros. Walter Shaw I.P.M., J. Vickers S.W., Arthur Hardy J.W., P. J. Johnson Treasurer, W. R. Austin Secretary, John Metcalfe D.C., H. C. Marston S.D., W. Price J.D, J. Hall I.G., W. Derry and J. Pounder Stewards, and James Armstrong Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, the W.M. elect presiding.

BLAGDON LODGE, No. 659.

THE annual meeting was held on the 5th inst., in the Mechanics' Hall, Blyth. The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. H. Lake, presided, and there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge, as well as several visiting brethren. After the Lodge had been duly opened and some business of minor importance transacted, the installation of Bro. Walter W. Horn, W.M. elect, was proceeded with, the ceremony being most impressively given by Bro. A. H. Lake W.M., assisted by Bros. Ed. Forster, Jas. Carmichael, Jas. Eadington D.C. After Bro. Horn had been duly installed into the chair of K.S., the investiture of Officers for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Bros. Alf. H. Lake I.P.M., A. T. Lynn S.W., John Tweedy J.W., W. Robson Secretary, James Hogg Treasurer, W. L. Johnson Registrar, James Eadington D.C., Thos. Scott S.B., W. Soulsby J.D., Launcelot Carr I.G., Thos. Usher Tyler. After the business of the Lodge had been transacted the retiring W.M., Bro. Alf. H. Lake, was presented by Bro. Ed. Forster with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the Officers and members of the Lodge. Bro. Lake suitably responded, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Dun Cow Hotel, where a splendid repast was provided by the proprietor, Bro. Alex. Urwin. The presentation jewel, which was of a most chaste design, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. Alfred H. Lake, by the Officers and Brethren of the Blagdon Lodge, as a mark of respect and esteem. 5th Dec. 1889."

CLIFTON LODGE, No. 703.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., at the County and Lane Ends Hotel, Blackpool, was held the annual meeting of St. John, and the installation of Brother S. Hill S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge was opened at 1·30, by Brother John Nuttall W.M., there being a large attendance of brethren. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by Brother Forrester; and the Provincial Lodge of West Lancashire by Brother Goodacre P.G. Sec., and Brothers Chaddeton and Gardner. The Lodge being opened, the previous minutes, &c., passed, the installation ceremony was performed in a very efficient manner by Brothers Hopwood and John Nuttall, retiring W.M. The following Officers were then "collared," and received an address, suitable to each Officer, from P.M. Hopwood:—Brothers W. Peters S.W., J. Bennett J.W., Joseph Hopwood Secretary, Albert Fisher Organist, R. A. Whiteside S.D., S. Beverley J.D., J. Walsh I.G., E. Wolstenholme and J.W. Clayton Stewards, T. Hopkinson Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Hopwood, and to the Wardens and Brethren generally by Brother Winn, of Fidelity Lodge, 1256, after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to the banqueting room, which was prettily decorated, and the tables loaded with a sumptuous repast. The Mayor (Brother Alderman Bickerstaffe) on entering the room was very cordially received. A *récherché* dinner was served by Brother H. Nicholson, and the usual toast list was afterwards gone through.

INVICTA LODGE, No. 709.

THE installation festival was held in the Bank-street Hall, Ashford, on Friday, the 6th inst., when Bro. H. E. Austen was duly installed into the chair by his predecessor, Bro. the Rev. G. D. Pagden. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the country, including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. James Smith Eastes, and other present and past Provincial Officers. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for ensuing year:—Bros. Blaxland S.W., B. Snell J.W., C. S. A. Atkinson Secretary, J. Brothers Treasurer, T. Kingsnorth S.D., J. Creery J.D., A. Legge Organist, J. Kingsford I.G., H. J. Bracher and E. Ballard Stewards, J. Cooke Tyler. The banquet was held at the Whitfield Hall, and was served by Bro. A. H. Foster, Kent Arms Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 837.

THE installation of Bro. Joseph Brooks Parkin as W.M. of this Lodge was held recently at the Town Hall, Ripon, when there was a good attendance of members of the Lodge and brethren from the Provinces of Durham and of North and East Yorkshire. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. F. Smith jun. W.M. The following Officers were appointed for the coming year:—Bros. F. Smith jun. I.P.M., Rev. J. A. Naylor S.W., J. W. Atkinson J.W., J. D. Waller Treasurer, W. B. Smith Secretary, R. Wilkinson S.D., W. E. Dixon J.D., F. Smith sen. D.C., S. Jacob Organist, W. S. Snow I.G., Thorp Tyler, W. Harrison Almoner, A. Tupman Charity Member. The Worshipful Master presented Bro. F. Smith jun. with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the members of the Lodge.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual banquet on the 4th inst., at Bro. N. Bray's Commercial Hotel, Saltash. Sixty-eight brethren were present. Bro. W. T. Naucarrow, the W.M., presided. The whole of the Past Masters, members and visitors, who attended at the installation on Monday, and all the Officers invested were among the company, with the exception of the I.P.M., Bro. W. R. Rawling, whose official duties unavoidably caused his absence. The Mayor of Saltash, Bro. W. Dusting jun., Bros. J. Doy P.M. Restormel 580 P.G.D.C., W. L. Lavers P.M. 1255, and T. C. Betty W.M. 557, Callington, were also among the guests. The

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catering and all other details of the banquet gave great satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. A capital entertainment was furnished by musical Brethren, among whom were Bros. W. L. Lavers, T. A. Rawling, Rev. T. W. Lemon, T. D. Netting, W. Dusting, Miller, and Taylor.

SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE, No. 1254.

BRO. A. D. TRUSCOTT was installed W.M. at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, on the 2nd inst. The following Officers were also appointed:—Bros. G. Clifford I.P.M., J. R. Gibbard S.W., J. Gilbert J.W., J. Sampson Chaplain, W. Gregory Treasurer, C. Clark Secretary, R. W. C. Groves S.D., R. Bayley J.D., J. Tucker Organist, J. Tucker I.G., F. Shapcott D.C., F. Renshaw A.D.C., A. Guest S.S., George Packham J.S., F. Shooter Tyler. The charge to the Worshipful Master was recited by Bro. Clifford, and Bro. Gregory recited the charge to the Wardens. The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. E. T. Fulford. At the conclusion of the investment the Worshipful Master presented to Bro. Clifford, a Past Master's jewel, and also a scroll, gifts in recognition of the very excellent Masonic work the I.P.M. has performed during his year of office. Bro. Clifford acknowledged the gift, and said that whatever he could do to serve the interests of the Lodge he would always be willing to carry out.

CLAUSENTUM LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation of Bro. W. H. Mitchell as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., in the presence of a very large gathering. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bowyer, who was heartily complimented for his able work. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. J. Miller I.P.M., W. Fowler S.W., E. A. Edwards J.W., Rev. G. Hughes Chaplain, J. Methven Treas., W. Bowyer Sec., H. C. Sims S.D., James Martin J.D., W. H. Chapman D.C., W. H. Smith Organist, T. O. Spencer I.G., R. H. Weekes and Jas. Morten Stewards, and C. Henley Tyler. Bro. E. Wise, before quitting the chair of the I.P.M., presented the Lodge with a very handsome set of working tools enclosed in a box, and was warmly thanked for his gift. Thanks were also voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Miller, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. The annual banquet was afterwards held, the W.M. presiding, a most excellent repast being served by Bro. Henley. The usual Masonic and personal toasts were honoured, and cordial wishes were tendered to Bro. Mitchell for a pleasant and successful year of office.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE annual dinner was held on Saturday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, under the presidency of Brother Nathaniel Reed, the W.M. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. S. Harvey, Steward of the Masonic Club, and the manner in which it was laid and served gave general satisfaction. An instrumental band was present, under the direction of Bro. Lidiard, and greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening by playing a capital programme of music, which included a cornet solo brilliantly played by Bro. Elford. A large attendance of brethren included Bros. A. Goodman I.P.M., C. Philp Treasurer, T. Goodall Secretary, J. R. Lord, G. H. Sellick, J. B. Gover, S. Jew, J. Kinton Bond, F. B. Westlake, T. R. E. Olver P.M. 1247, R. Bird P.M. 1550, F. R. Thomas I.P.M. 189, W. F. Westcott P.M. 70, J. Gidley P.M. 2025, A. Spinney W.M. 105, W. Stenlake W.M. 223, W. King W.M. 70, W. H. Michell W.M. 156, R. Wyatt W.M. 1247, A. Knight Cooper Secretary 1246, W. H. Phillips Tyler, A. C. Titherley S.W., C. Mutten S.D., Godfrey Evans J.D., H. D. Robins D.C., J. W. Penwarn A.D.C., W. F. Rean Organist, E. Budge I.G., T. W. Griffiths S.S., T. B. Leonard J.S., A. Roberts, F. G. Nobbs, J. Cridge, R. Sewell, and R. Brickwood. After the Loyal toasts had been given, Bro. A. Goodman proposed the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, and the toast was acknowledged by Bro. Sellick Prov. Grand Registrar, and Bro. J. Kinton Bond P.P.D.C. Bro. T. Goodall proposed, in complimentary terms, the R.W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Bro. C. Philp responded. Bro. Titherley, in proposing the Master of the Lodge, Bro. Reed, said Bro. Reed, since he had filled the office of W.M., had discharged his duties with the same ability and courtesy that had marked his conduct in the other offices he had occupied since his connection with Prudence Lodge. The W.M., in responding, said he unfortunately lived some fifty miles from Plymouth, but he did not allow this to prevent him from attending the meetings of the Lodge whenever there was any work to be done. He took a great interest in Freemasonry, and would spare no effort to do what he could to promote the interests and welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. A. Goodman I.P.M. Bro. Lord proposed the Treasurer and the Secretary, remarking that the duties connected with these offices were of a very onerous and responsible character, but Bro. Philp, as the Treasurer, and Bro. Goodall, as the Secretary, had always shewn themselves fully equal to the discharge of their duties, and the excellent position which Lodge Prudence now occupied in the Province was largely due to the admirable manner in which these two brothers had carried out their duties for many years past. Bro. Goodall, as the Secretary, was also the lawgiver of the Lodge, and experience had proved that they could always safely rely upon the advice he gave them. Bros. Philp and Goodall returned thanks. Brother Gover next gave the toast of the Senior and Junior Wardens, and other Officers, all of whom, he said, had shown a strong desire to make themselves thoroughly efficient in their respective offices, and had done their best to qualify for the more important offices which awaited them. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Titherley S.W., Roberts acting J.W., C. Mutten S.D., and Godfrey Evans J.D. Bro. Sellick proposed the newly-initiated brother, Bro. William Pryor, who had been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order at a meeting of the Lodge held in the afternoon. On behalf of the brethren he extended to Bro. Pryor a cordial welcome, and hoped that as he advanced in Masonic knowledge, so also would he prove himself to be a good and useful Mason. Bro. Pryor suitably responded. The other toasts were the Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. F. B. Westlake, A. Knight Cooper, and W. F. Westcott; Masons' Wives and Masons' Sweethearts, by Bro. Mutten, and responded to by Bro. R. Sewell; and Our Poor and Distressed Brethren, given by the Chairman. The various toasts were interspersed with some capital songs and recitations, sung and given by Bros. T. Goodall, T. W. Griffiths, J. Kinton Bond, C. Mutten, W. F. Rean, and Miller. Before the proceedings closed Bro. Harvey and his wife were cordially thanked for, and complimented on, the excellent dinner which they had provided. Kindly and sympathetic reference was also made to Bro. J. J. Beer J.D., whose protracted illness has prevented him from attending the Lodge for several months. Strong hopes were expressed that he would soon be restored to full health, and a letter was read from him expressing his great regret that he was unable to be present at the meeting and dinner, and his hope that the brethren would would spend an enjoyable evening.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE installation meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Stonehouse. A gentleman having been initiated into the Order, Bros. Howard and Hosking were passed to the second degree, and Bro. James Mitchell raised to the sublime degree of an M.M. The W.M. elect Bro. J. Thomas Rook, was then installed to the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. John Griffin, assisted by Bros. W. H. W. Williams I.P.M., James Lose P.M. and Secretary, Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant, and W. H. W. Macey P.M. The board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. John Griffin I.P.M., John Harvey S.W., G. W. Street J.W., C. A. Nicholson Treasurer, J. Lose Secretary, S. Jew Chaplain, Harold Roberts S.D., Edwin Dawe J.D., Jos. Keast I.G., T. Leigh D.C., Walter Warren A.D.C., Geo. Milford Organist, J. G. Gibson and C. Williams Stewards, and Jas. Bartlett Tyler. The Treasurer reported that, although the year was commenced with an adverse balance, there was now a balance in hand of £25. The Finance Committee expressed their high appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. C. A. Nicholson for the intelligent, accurate, and satisfactory manner in which the accounts had been kept during the past year, and for which they tendered him their sincere thanks. On the proposition of Bro. W. M. Williams P.M., seconded by Bro. A. R. Lethbridge P.M., supported by the W.M., it was resolved to present Bro. John Griffin with a P.M.'s jewel of the value of £5 5s, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge was unanimously re-elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. The annual banquet was fixed to take place on the 15th prox., at Routly's Farley Hotel.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 p.m. Bros. Goodinge W.M., Emanuel S.W., Garrard J.W., H. Saqui S.D., A. J. Marks J.D., S. Dancyger Preceptor, E. Ansell I.G., J. Davis, Reubenstein, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Davis candidate. Bro. Garrard worked the first and Bro. S. Dancyger the second section of the Lecture.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., Bros. Emanuel W.M., Richardson S.W., J. Dancyger J.W., H. Saqui S.D., A. J. Marks J.D., Cohen I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Richardson was assisted by the brethren to work the first and second sections of the lecture.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—On the 10th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, Bros. Dixie Preceptor, Cox W.M., M. Hart S.W., Klingenstein J.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Davidson S.D., Smith J.D., Wright I.G., &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. Hart candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of passing, with the same Brother as candidate. With the assistance of the Preceptor and Bro. Belchamber, the first and second sections of the lecture were worked. The fifteen sections will be worked here, by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, on the second Tuesday in January next.

On Tuesday, the 17th instant, Bros. Dixie Preceptor, M. Hart W.M., Cox S.W., Smith J.W., Williams Treasurer, Miller Secretary, Scherer S.D., Saunders J.D., Weedon I.G., and several Past Masters and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were ably rehearsed, Bros. Scherer and Simmonds candidates respectively. The Lodge was lowered to the first, and after routine business was closed in due form.

Mr. Clark Russell's new story, which will be commenced in *Little Folks* for January, is entitled "Master Rockafellar's Voyage." "The 'Little Folks' Autograph Book," which is given away with the January part, contains a portrait and autograph of her Majesty, illustrations representing the seasons, whilst the section for autographs provides spaces for the record of the opinions of young people on favourite occupations, mottoes, books, characters, &c. &c.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

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13th November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Secretaryship, it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the post, and I trust to be honoured with your support.

I am a solicitor, 37 years of age, a member of the Incorporated Law Society, and for the last eleven years in practice at Evershot and Yeovil, in partnership with my Father.

My Masonic career is shortly as follows:—

Initiated, 1112, Shirley, Hants, in January 1878; Joined 1367, Beaminster, and 329, Yeovil, Somerset, 1878, Member of 1169, Sherborne, and Member of the Correspondence Circle Quatuor Coronati, 2076. W.M. 1367 in 1883, and W.M. 329 in 1887, P.G. Registrar Dorset 1884.

Exalted, 707, Bridport (since removed to Beaminster), 1883, and at present Z. P.G. Registrar (S.A.) Dorset, in 1887. Joining Member of 329.

Advanced in Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, in August 1884, at present W.M. Elect. Joined No. 163, Yeovil, and at present S.D.

Took the 18° in Weymouth Chapter R.C. in June 1884; at present First Gen.

Served as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the Girls' School in 1887; as Steward for the Province of Somerset for the R.M.B.I. in 1888; and as Steward for the Province of Dorset for the R.M.B.I. in 1889. Life Governor Girls' School; Life-Governor R.M.B.I.; Life-Subscriber Dorset Masonic Charity.

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I hold high testimonials from R.W. Bro. Montagne J. Guest P.G.M. Dorset, M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montague G. Supt. Dorset, and R.W. Bro. Rev. Mortimer Heath P.G.M.M. Dorset; and as to my capacity as an accountant from Messrs. Kain, Brown and Co., Chancery Lane, the well-known Law Accountants; copies of which I shall be pleased to forward if wished.

Besides the above-named, I have the support, amongst others, of the following distinguished brethren:—R.W. Bro. the Earl of Beotive, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, W. Bro. J. F. B. Dykes D.P.D.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.S.W. D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, W. Bro. M. E. Peck P.G. Sec. North and East Yorkshire, M.E. Comp. Rev. H. Adair Pickard G. Supt. Oxfordshire, and M.E. Comp. Lord Henry Toynne G. Supt. of Wilts, and of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province of Dorset.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. R. BASKETT.

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To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

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SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 1889.

CONSECRATION OF THE RAVENSCROFT LODGE, No. 2331.

"LITTLE HEARTS" is expanding; that is to say, Masonically speaking. When its present R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., took over the reins of management, in the year 1873, the number of Lodges was eight, or thereabouts; the Lodge consecrated on Tuesday, which will make High Barnet its headquarters, brings up the muster roll to nineteen. At the present time, when so much diversity of opinion exists as to whether or no it is desirable to multiply our Lodges, we do not care to question the wisdom of granting a second warrant for so limited a sphere of operations as is embraced in this suburban locality. If we attempt to draw comparison with similar districts, we candidly confess we do not fear that any clashing of interests is likely to arise. There are—and we are inclined to think there ever will be—Lodges and Lodges; and while the "class" interest prevails, and is imported so largely into our assemblies, we need scarcely look with a jealous eye if strangers invade what we may hitherto have looked upon as especially our own hunting grounds. However, let us quit the field of speculation, and proceed to our record. A strong band of founders applied for the warrant for the proposed new Lodge; these comprised Bros. James Thom, Henry Edwin Fraser, John Hudson, George Arnold, David Baker, T. W. Bintoliffe, J. H. Gunn, H. Cronin, S. H. Wright, Mansell Powell, J. H. Catchpole, E. Rawlinson, W. Williams, J. Hume, C. Gammon, C. F. Roworth. In due course the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and on Tuesday, the 17th instant, the brethren assembled at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, at 3·30 p.m. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., had undertaken the duties of Consecrating Officer, and he appointed as his Wardens Bro. T. S. Carter and Bro. M. Slaughter, two of the most popular of the Provincial Grand Officers. The Rev. H. F. Oliver acted as Prov. G. Chaplain, and the other Provincial Grand Officers who assisted were Bros. G. E. Lake Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Charles Bullock Prov. G. Secretary, James Terry (P.G. Sword Bearer) Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Harry Tipper who acted as Inner Guard. Amongst the brethren who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. A. Phillips Hills, W.M. 2054, R. Burgin S.W. 2186, M. G. Laughlin, 404 P.G.J.W., J. H. Miller W.M. 228, R. Middlehurst J.W. 1327, J. Robins P.M. 1327 P.P.G.J.W., Thomas Wigginton 404 P.P.G.S.W., John Goodchild W.M. 2202, S. R. Timson W.M. elect 504, W. Lovell 504, J. W. Duvall 404, H. Trask 1327, C. J. Grove I.P.M. 742, W. Ball P.M. and Secretary 2278, S. S. Scott I.P.M. 226, A. F. Scholding J.W. 1512, J. Simpson 957, Dr. J. Powdrell W.M. 2271, J. Tydeman P.M. 1327 P.P.G.P. Essex, G. Holdsworth P.M. 1327 P.P.G.R., J. Thomson 2319, G. Cronin 9, J. T. Davies 1348, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, J. Hemming W.M. 1237, F. W. Hearn Organist 2206, N. Ruffen 2060, C. J. Fox S.W. 1743, W. W. Langley J.D. 2206, A. A. Nottingham S.D. 2206, C. Poston 134, G. J. Holdsworth 1327, E. Heathcote 1568, J. Dix 209, Henry Lindfield W.M. 211, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, T. B. Smith 1743, H. A. Wheelden 2266, J. H. Dobbs 2206, J. Mason 2206, G. Ransford W.M. 1512, F. Hill I.P.M. 1563, &c. The Provincial Grand Master having assumed the chair, and opened the Lodge in the three degrees, the usual preliminaries were observed, and then the following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. H. F. Oliver:—

R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN,—Allow me to ask your kind attention and indulgence while I endeavour shortly to allude to some of the purposes for which this Institution, ancient in its foundation, and venerable by many associations, is founded, and to mention some of the characteristics which should mark its members.

I presume that the universal cry of our present existence is a desire for light and information about truth, infinity above and beyond us; and the greater the advance we make in material, philosophical, or religious knowledge, the greater the longing. Masonry, while at the outset she acknowledges that desire, strives, while we follow her guidance, to foster its growth and to lead us ever higher and upward, from material to natural, from natural to spiritual light, till she finally bids us look upward to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. And where is true light to be found on earth but in the volume of the Sacred Word which is given to lead us from this sublunary abode even to the Throne of God Himself? Masonry may well be considered one of the greatest helps in the development of a religious life, while the teaching she bids us follow appeals to the better side of our humanity, and urges us to apply the implements of manual labour and handicraft to the perfection of our moral nature and the building up of ourselves in the knowledge and fear of God.

For Masonry reminds us of the two great fundamental truths of religion. Faith in and obedience to a Being infinitely higher and more perfect than ourselves, who deigns to draw us to Himself by processes of gradual development and revelation.

But there is a danger which besets us as we advance in Freemasonry, just as it besets all advances in any direction nearer the truth, and that is the danger of familiarity, which, we are told, breeds contempt. Let us guard ever against allowing familiarity with Masonic ritual and instruction to lead us to overlook the genuine precepts and tenets of the Craft; if we are to persevere in prosecuting the objects of our institution we shall not rest content with outwardly conforming to its ritual in Lodge, but will ever strive, while following its guidance, to learn and practise the lessons it has for us,—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Thus we may feel that the purposes which underly the foundation of this Institution are calculated to advance each individual to a state of greater perfection, by making him feel a sincere sympathy with others, and leading him to see in them the means of practising virtues which he professes to admire.

And with these thoughts before us permit me briefly to mention what ought to be some of the characteristics of its members—which they should display to the outer world.

I. *Veneration* for what in our best selves we confess to be infinitely above and beyond our present state of existence, and a genuine respect for spiritual revelation, which, in these days of free thought and (as we are pleased to think) great mental attainments, is a virtue we need to cultivate.

II. *Perseverance* to use the light offered to us to overcome our present difficulties and to follow, the steps of those of whom it is written in that most mystical Volume of Spiritual Revelation—"These have passed through much tribulation." If we set before ourselves, as we ought, a high standard to attain to, let us not be discouraged if we need many attempts, and even failures, to reach it. Persevere, and we shall succeed.

III. *Obedience*, a virtue the keeping of which is needful to the happiness of the community, and the practice of which by the individual, he may not like it, yet is decidedly a help in deepening the genuine character of the individual by teaching him the need of self thought, control and self sacrifice, which are helpful for any real strength of moral worth and excellence.

And finally, Brethren, as the consecration of a new Lodge marks the starting of a fresh centre of Masonic life, let it remind us who take part in it that in this state of existence we are all of us serving our apprenticeship. The Grand Architect of the Universe places us in the varied positions of life, where we are all to work for Him. If we are working honestly we may leave the result with Him, in a firm and confident hope that when this life here is ended we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect reigns supreme for ever.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and by the direction of the Provincial Grand Master his Deputy Bro. G. E. Lake installed Bro. James Thom I.P.M. 2206 as Worshipful Master. Bro. George Arnold P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Northa and Hants was appointed to act as I.P.M., Bros. H. E. Fraser W.M. 2206 was invested as S.W., J. Hudson J.W., D. Baker Treasurer, G. Arnold I.P.M. Secretary, T. W. Bintoliffe S.D., J. H. Gunn J.D., H. Cronin D.C., S. H. Wright I.G., M. Powell A.D.C., J. H. Catchpole Steward, E. Rawlinson Assistant Steward, and R. H. Goddard Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the Lodge to Bro. Halsey, accompanying the compliment with the presentation of a Founder's jewel. Bro. Fraser S.W. seconded the motion, which, being carried unanimously, was replied to by Col. Halsey, who said that in the honour that had been done him the W.M. had alluded to great services which he (Col. Halsey) had performed in consecrating the Lodge, but he was afraid he must disclaim some of the work, as his Deputy performed the installation ceremony, and during the negotiations and arrangements for the Lodge took a most important portion of the work, in his (Col. Halsey's) absence on a tour in America. At the same time it had given him the greatest pleasure to come and consecrate the Lodge, and to see so large a number of founders and such a good prospect of success. He hoped the new Lodge would uphold the character of Masonry in the Province. With regard to the honorary membership of the Lodge, he accepted it with the greatest pride, and hoped to come frequently among the brethren and witness the long course of usefulness and prosperity it would have. The founder's jewel he also accepted with pleasure, and should wear it in the spirit in which it was given, as a memento of the occasion when a good flourishing Lodge commenced its career. A vote of thanks, with the honorary membership of the Lodge, was also passed to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Secretary, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W. Bro. G. E. Lake and Bro. Bullock both acknowledged the compliment. The Provincial Grand Chaplain and Bro. Terry Provincial Grand D.C. also received votes of thanks, and returned their thanks. The names of several candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded, and the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities. A banquet, which cannot be too highly praised, was subsequently partaken of, and the customary toasts followed. Bro. James Terry, as Past Grand Sword Bearer, was called upon to reply for the toast which includes the Grand Officers, and he said that in the presence of his Provincial Grand Master he felt a great amount of diffidence in doing so, because Colonel Halsey, as a Provincial Grand Master, took precedence of the Grand Wardens of England. But it was said that modesty did sometimes come to the front, and in that respect an opportunity was now afforded modesty to speak. He thanked the brethren for drinking this most comprehensive toast, which embraced the names of noblemen and gentlemen in high position all over the country, who were honoured with the confidence of Her Majesty, and of Her Majesty's subjects; men who were devoted in their loyalty to their chiefs. As one who was devoted in his loyalty to his chief, he thanked the brethren. He trusted in the absence of other Grand Officers, the remarks he had made might be acceptable. Though there was such a titter round the room when he spoke of modesty, he assured the brethren there was no more modest man than

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he, or one who tried more in his own way to discharge the duties of his office. The Worshipful Master next proposed the R.W. Provincial G. Master, Col. Halsey, M.P. for Hertfordshire, whose great abilities the brethren had seen that day. Col. Halsey had left his many other duties to attend at High Barnet to consecrate the Ravenscroft Lodge, and had said that it had been a pleasure to him to come. Many brethren with the will to perform such services had not the ability; but Col. Halsey had the ability, and had made it his duty. The brethren of the Ravenscroft Lodge considered it a great honour, as well as a great pleasure, to have their Prov. Grand Master performing the consecration. Col. Shadwell Clerke performed the ceremonies in the London district, except when he deputed some one else to do it, as in the case of the Hendon Lodge, which Bro. Terry consecrated. But the Provincial Grand Master in flesh and blood, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Secretary came to consecrate the Ravenscroft Lodge. What more could they expect or desire? Col. Halsey, in reply, said he was overwhelmed by the cordiality of his reception. He again congratulated the brethren on the success of the Lodge's consecration meeting. They had the prospect of being a great addition to his Province. He deduced this from the manner in which the Worshipful Master conducted the Lodge, invested his Officers, and presided over the banquet. It augured a bright and happy future both for the Lodge proceedings and for the banqueting. He sincerely trusted there would be such a future for the Lodge. He welcomed the Lodge as an addition to the ranks of Hertfordshire. The Ravenscroft was now the nineteenth Lodge on the roll of that Province, and it was with justifiable pride that he reflected on the fact that when he was first appointed Provincial Grand Master, fifteen years ago, there were only eight Lodges in the Province. One of the first duties he was called upon to perform, after his appointment, was to consecrate the Halsey Lodge, at St. Alban's. Since that time the Lodges had gone on increasing, and he rejoiced to think although there was the possibility that an increase of Lodges might not be a real increase in Masonry, because one Lodge might be taking the place of another that was going down, he did not think that was the case with any Lodge in his Province. There was scope and room for the Lodges that had been consecrated in the Province, and especially in this town of High Barnet, which was a fairly large-sized town, and he both hoped and believed that there was no reason whatever why there should be any antagonism between the two Lodges. They were different in their scope, aims, and objects, and the arrival of a new Lodge need not be feared by the old. There would be no poaching by one on the preserves of the other, and for what he had seen of the W.M. of the Ravenscroft Lodge, there would be no attempt to interfere in any way with the Gladsmuir; there was no necessity for it. That was his experience at Watford, where both the Lodges that were held there flourished. The only rivalry between them was, which should attain the greater eminence; yet each had acted with the other. The same result ought to take place in High Barnet. To the toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Bullock Prov. Secretary responded, and in the course of his observations said he did not view with equanimity the growth of Lodges in the Province, as it entailed additional labour on him, even though that labour might readily be given. He looked upon the Ravenscroft Lodge as a little sister, who was glad of a brother's assistance; but little sisters grow up, and brothers were then generally in the way. When the Ravenscroft Lodge little sister grew up, she would perhaps reject the assistance she now was glad of. When young ladies grew up, they did not like to walk alone, but they did not like their brothers to walk with them, as two were considered company, but three none. But, joking apart, he hoped the Lodge would go on as well as it had begun, that it would become an important Lodge of the Province, and that there would be nothing like jealousy, or rivalry, or unkind feeling, on the part of other Lodges. Bro. Oliver Provincial Grand Chaplain also replied, thanking the brethren for their hospitable welcome. Col. Halsey proposed the W.M., and said that the enthusiastic plaudits with which the announcement was made, and from what the founders had seen that day, they would feel that they had exercised a wise discretion in selecting Bro. James Thom as the first W.M. of the Ravenscroft Lodge. Under the auspices of that Brother, the bright beginning and grand start the Lodge had made would continue, and he would hand over the Lodge at the end of his year of office to an excellent successor, who would come into a brilliant heritage. Long might it continue, and he hoped the Lodge would have a career of great prosperity. Bro. Thom W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the toast so kindly submitted by the Provincial Grand Master. It was one of the greatest honours to be chosen the first W.M. of a Lodge, more especially considering the easy way in which the Lodge had gained its warrant, through the kindness of the Executive of the Provincial Grand Officers of Herts. The founders of the Ravenscroft Lodge knew how much they were indebted to those Provincial Grand Officers, and they heartily thanked them. They had done so much that it was plain sailing for the founders. The warrant was obtained, and the Provincial Grand Officers finished up what they had done by consecrating the Lodge. The ceremony had been performed in perfect fashion by the Provincial Grand Master, than whom none had more ability. He the (W.M.) should devote all his efforts to making a great future for the Lodge. Bros. Dr. Powdrell, Hemming, Scholding, and Langley responded to the toast of the Visitors. Col. Halsey responded to the toast of the Charities, and said that the Province of Herts had piqued itself on its support of the Masonic Charities, at a Festival of one of which it headed the list. Much could be done by energy and determination, and this Province would do its part. Referring to the Herts Provincial Charity Committee, he said it was started some years ago by the late Dr. Wilson Iles, but was not then thoroughly understood. The Province had a large voting power, and the Committee was designed to prevent a waste of that power. Some thought it was intended to deprive them of their free will with regard to their votes, but such was not the case. It was intended that they should unite, and recommend and support cases, if they had no individual case to support. Every Lodge in the Province was asked to elect a brother to serve on the Committee. He hoped they would put the Provincial Charity Organisation on a proper footing. Other toasts were then given, and the proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast. The arrangements for the meeting, and the way in which the comforts of those who attended were looked after, by Mr. Phillips, the new proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, deserve special recognition. The furniture and appointments of the Lodge were supplied by Messrs. E. Stillwell and Son, of Little Britain.

It may be interesting to some of the members of this new Lodge if we supply a few particulars of the worthy gentleman after whom their Lodge is named. Master James Ravenscroft founded Jesus Hospital and endowed the Parish Church, both of Chipping Barnet, in the year 1679. He was a merchant of High Holborn, and, with his parents, is buried in the chancel of Barnet Church. The Church, some 15 years since, was restored and enlarged, the expense being defrayed from funds which had accrued from the increased value of James Ravenscroft's original gift. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School also participated, while Jesus Hospital was improved. However, what was called Jesus Hospital in 1679, in this year of grace 1889 is better known as the Ravenscroft Alms Houses.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Savoy.—In a spirit similar to that of the old waiter described by Dickens who when given a holiday went to assist a brother servitor, so the dramatic and musical profession assembled on Thursday afternoon to witness a special performance of "The Gondoliers, or the King of Barataria," the latest success of Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. So many members had accepted Mr. D'Oyley Carte's kind invitation that the handsome theatre was packed from floor to ceiling, and the utmost good humour prevailed. It was to be expected that such an audience would be more amicable than critical, but to such an extent was appreciation carried that doubtless, in the matter of encores, the brethren and sisters cried Hold! enough; though it is one of the secrets of the Savoy entertainments that the performers appear to enjoy the fun as much as the audience. Sir Arthur attended to personally conduct the second act of the opera, and received quite an ovation, while both Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Carte were warmly greeted at the final fall of the curtain. All the special points of the witty, though often satirical, libretto made their mark, while those that might be taken in connection with the profession were received with roars of laughter. Each artiste was vociferously welcomed as he or she made appearance on the stage, that extended to the new additions of the company being "extra special." Thus, when Mr. Frank Wyatt and Miss Decima Moore entered, the action of the piece was stayed while they bowed continuously their acknowledgments. An equally good reception was accorded to Mr. Rutland Barrington, who once more resumes his old position. The plot of the piece is simple enough, though it is elaborated into two long acts, and narrates the confusion that exists consequent upon the kidnapping of the son of the King of Barataria, who was married as an infant to the daughter of the Duke of Plaza-Toro. The child is presumably looked after by the Grand Inquisitor, and is brought up as a Gondolier at Venice, but a doubt exists as to which of two children is the regal heir. The mystery is solved at length by the discovery that neither is the king, but Luiz, the attendant of the Duke; so matters are satisfactorily arranged as the two Gondoliers had already taken unto themselves wives, and Casilda was in love with Luiz. Mr. Gilbert's delightful humour runs riot throughout the piece, which Sir Arthur Sullivan's music fits exactly. Where all is so good it seems useless to select any of the *morceaux* for greater praise, but Luiz's song, "There was a time," one by Marco, "Take a pair of sparkling eyes"—the quartet "One of us will be a queen," and the concerted piece, "In contemplative fashion," may be commended for special delectation. Mr. Denny is the mildest mannered Grand Inquisitor that could possibly be, and enters thoroughly into the humour of the character. Messrs. Barrington and Courtice Pounds act and sing the parts of the two Gondoliers to perfection, and Mr. Brownlow is well placed as Luiz. Mesdames Geraldine Ulmar and Jessie Bond are so well versed in Gilbertian fun that they could not be surpassed, and Miss Decima Moore is a decided acquisition to the strength of the company. The scenery, painted by Hawes Craven, consists of two charming pictures, while the costumes are bright and effective.

Mr. J. L. Toole returns to his own theatre, for seven weeks, on Christmas Eve, 24th instant, for a series of farewell performances prior to his departure for his Australian tour, and will appear in a round of favourite characters, commencing on Christmas Eve with the adaptation of Charles Dickens's "Cricket on the Hearth," called "Dot." Mr. Toole will appear in his original character of Caleb Plummer. The performance will conclude with "The Steeplechase; or, Toole in the Pigskin."

The production at the Alhambra of a new grand fantastic ballet, in three tableaux, entitled "Asmodeus," invented and arranged by Signor Casati, the music being specially composed by M. Jacobi, will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst. The part of "Asmodeus" will be represented by Signor de Vicenti, from La Scala, Milan, who will on this occasion make his first appearance in England; and other characters will be undertaken by Signorina Bessone, Signorina Spotti, Signorina Saracco, Mdme. Roffey, Miss Thurgate, and Mdlle. Marie. The scenery is by T. E. Ryan, and the costumes (from designs from M. Bianchini, of the Grand Opera, Paris) are by Mons. and Madame Alias. A special matinée will be given on Boxing Day.

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LODGE HISTORIES.

THE LODGE OF PROBITY, No. 61.

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IN 1857 Bro. Henry Edwards, who the previous year had been most active as Senior Warden, rose to the chair of Probity Lodge, and it is but natural the members look back to this period as an important one in their history, bearing as it does on the ultimate elevation of Sir Henry Edwards to the Provincial Grand Mastership of West Yorkshire. In 1867 the St. James Lodge (then also meeting at Halifax) decided to build a Masonic Hall on its own account. Probity hearing of this, made such overtures that it was decided the purchase of land and the building of a Masonic Temple should be carried out by the joint Lodges. Every arrangement was properly completed, and it being decided that the ceremony of laying the corner stone should be observed with due solemnity, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., then Past Prov. G.S.W., was invited to preside on the occasion. This he did, the ceremonies being performed in regular Masonic style, a dispensation having been granted for the occasion. This was on the 30th June 1868, and on the 16th August of the following year the Lodge of Probity held its first meeting in the new Hall. The Hall, however, was not formally consecrated until 24th November 1869, an emergency meeting of the junior Lodge of the town being held for the purpose.

A third Lodge was warranted for Halifax, 11th July 1870, and was named the De Warren, holding its first meetings at the White Swan Hotel, and continuing its gatherings to the present time.

The great event in the history of Probity Lodge of this period was the appointment of its Past Master (Sir Henry Edwards) as Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. His installation occurred at a Lodge of Emergency, held in the Drill Hall, 21st April 1875, while his genial rule over this important district is too much a matter of modern history to need further comment here.

On similar grounds we may now conclude our review of the Probity History. No doubt its subsequent actions are well known throughout the Craft, and if they have not been recorded year by year in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE as fully as some would wish, it must be remembered our field of operations is a large one, and if we do not always do all that is required of us, it is rather from inability than any lack of desire on our part.

Once more we congratulate the Lodge of Probity on the brilliant records of its past career, now collected and presented to the world in handsome form by Bro. Crossley, and while we cannot say that every one of our older Lodges could compile such a record, we are fain to believe that with such a Historian as the Probity has secured much would be possible. From dry matters of fact, dates, and ordinary minutes he has written a most enjoyable Masonic book—the persual of which has afforded us as much pleasure as ever fell to our lot in connection with a Masonic volume.

We have omitted to mention that on the 4th November 1888 the Lodge celebrated the 150th year of its existence, the brethren attending service at church on that day. We congratulate them on such a celebration, and hope that in due course the members may have an opportunity of similarly rejoicing on the completion of the second century of their Lodge's career.

The first halfpenny weekly number of a large-paper illustrated edition of Archdeacon Farrar's "Life of Christ" will be published on 1st January. The size will be uniform with the halfpenny weekly edition of the "Doré Bible," which has had so large a sale. The work will also be published in threepenny monthly parts.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, held at the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Cleveden, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. E. G. Rivers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. T. Barnes re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Stephens Tyler. It was decided to hold the annual banquet, at the Royal Pier Hotel, on Thursday, 9th January 1890.

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THE LORD MAYOR.

SIR HENRY AARON ISAACS is the subject of a "Celebrities at Home" sketch which recently appeared in the *World*. The first portion of the sketch is devoted to a description of the artistic contents of the new Lord Mayor's private residence, at 27 Belsize Park. Proceeding next to the subject of the article the writer says :—

"Few men have laboured more indefatigably in the best interests of the City during the past quarter of a century than Sir Henry Isaacs, and the drawing-room abounds in tokens of the grateful recognition of his fellow-citizens. The statue of Cupid, by Legrow, was the gift of the Special Bridge Committee; the vases of early Berlin china were presented to him by his colleagues of the 'Markets'; and the silver goblets on the grand piano commemorate his untiring efforts for the federation of the synagogues. Both Sir Henry Isaacs and his wife are accomplished musicians. They possess respectively fine bass-baritone and mezzo-soprano voices, and during the coming twelvemonths their friends in Belsize Park will sorely miss their pleasant evening parties. The figure of 'Moses' once belonged to an Archbishop of Utrecht; the tall centrepiece facing the window is a souvenir from the committee appointed to organise the reception of the Prince of Wales at the Guildhall on his return from India; and on the walls conspicuous places are occupied by one of Savry's cattle-pieces, a moonlight scene by Pether, and a painting of Eve by Rinaldi. Sir Henry Isaacs is probably the first monarch of the Mansion House who has devoted a portion of his leisure to the collection of Lowestoft china. Three days before the Common Council acclaimed him as Lord Mayor he realised one of the dearest wishes of his life by acquiring the three most perfect Lowestoft vases in existence."

"It is from a silver box used by the Heir-Apparent during his visit to the City thirteen years ago that the Alderman of Portsoken extracts a fragrant cigar, which you smoke while he tells you something of a career which has led, step by step, to the highest honour which the greatest municipality in the world can bestow on one of her citizens. His father, Michael Isaacs, was an inhabitant of the Ward of Aldgate fifty-nine years ago, when the future Lord Mayor was born, and his mother belonged to the Spanish family of Mendoza. He went into business very early, and, before he was twenty, married the daughter of a Scotch officer, Alexander Rowland, who, when serving in the 9th Regiment, had twice saved the life of his comrade Colin Campbell, afterwards Lord Clyde. Without neglecting his own affairs, Sir Henry Isaacs soon became a prominent supporter of the various charitable institutions belonging to the Hebrew community, and so far back as 1871 he received a costly testimonial from the Hambro Synagogue, where he had acted as Warden. His work in connection with several important commercial enterprises did not prevent him from becoming a leader amongst Freemasons, an active Common Councilman, and a Master of the Loriners' Company. Five-and-twenty years ago he began to agitate the now popular question of improved dwellings for the poor. He was mainly instrumental in bringing about many much-needed reforms in the Finance Committee of the Corporation, and in 1869 he was appointed to the Chairmanship of the City Lands Committee. Some years afterwards, as head of the Markets Committee, he gave valuable evidence before the House of Commons, and the Tower Bridge now in course of erection owes, in a great measure, its existence to his dogged persistency. After the Chicago fire he drew the attention of the Corporation to the question of precautions against a similar calamity in a convincing pamphlet, and his suggestions resulted in the establishment of a large number of hydrants. In 1871 he was the donor of a bust of the Princess of Wales which is now to be seen in the Guildhall, and three years later he headed the Reception Committee on the return of her husband from India. He has also turned his attention to certain shortcomings in the London water, the qualifications of jurors in the City Courts, and the introduction into England of the oral system of teaching deaf mutes. Upon the last subject his *brochure*, 'Sounds *versus* Signs,' is a recognised authority. His earnest protest prevented the appearance of Court Chaplain Herr Stöcker in the Egyptian Hall. Alderman Isaacs is both an able and painstaking magistrate. His crusade against the oppressors of the brute creation struck terror into the hearts of evildoers: he makes a practice of taking careful notes of the testimony adduced before him, and has written trenchant letters on 'Police Evidence' and 'School Board Cases.' The Lord Mayor has also won his spurs as a composer. His ode on the death of the Prince Consort appeared in 1862, but the better-known 'Love Star' is the work upon which the learned judge promptly replied that, in his humble opinion, 'the publication of an original song by a Sheriff of the City of London is an undoubted sign of the progress we are making in civilisation.'"

Among other gifts which have from time to time enriched Sir Henry Isaacs' home, the sketch in the *World* mentions "the Empire candelabra in old bronze and ormolu, the offerings of the City Lands Committee, or the enormous Georgian dish in repoussé work, the reward of twenty years' loyal services to the Ward of Aldgate. The salvers of the Lodge of Tranquillity and the snuff-box of his Prosperity pupils remind him of the strong probability of his succeeding Sir Edward Inglefield as Master of the Drury Lane Masonic Lodge, within a few weeks of his accession to office in the City. With a reference to Sir Henry's love for paintings, of which he is an accomplished connoisseur, the article is brought to a conclusion.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Southampton on the 3rd of February 1890.

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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 DECEMBER.

178—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—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 (Instruct)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7·30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 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.)
1506—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1632—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1633—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)
1749—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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.)

49—Industry, 24 Denmark-street, Gateshead
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
993—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
54—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (Instruction)
213—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
454—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
703—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)
1014—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1340—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.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
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 Instruction, 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)
258—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2140—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

928—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
229—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
995—Sounes, 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)
1319—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1383—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghusee 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. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1431—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
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
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 67—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
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—Beaucontree, 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)
1543—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst.)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 356—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7·30. (In)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—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 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Selton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

178—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
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)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

Brother C. W. Drew has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, in succession to Bro. C. L. Baylis, the Master for the year now closing.

At the meeting of the True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. Joseph Pascoe J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Ellis Treasurer, and Bro. R. James Tyler.

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The last meeting for the year of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, presiding. The Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; there were also present Bros. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Perryman, Lucking, Mercer, Garrod, Brown, Montennis, Chapman, Belton, Grieve, Shedd, Hogard, Woodward, Bunker, Taylor, Letchworth, Devan, Birch, Newton, Mote, Archer, Grice, Webber, Dehane, Powell, Spinks, Bateman, Massey, Cox, Brooke, Clark, Adams, Ransford, Salter, Lister, Mayer, Shepherd, Wing, Darck, Dickey, Bilby, Weeks, Graham, Parker, Orme, Dodner, Douglas, Farwig, Cantle, Harbord, Emblin, and Sadler. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the former meeting to the extent of £170. There were thirty-nine cases on the new list. Five of the cases were deferred, being incomplete, and one was dismissed, not being within the rules of the Board of Benevolence. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £782. There were in this sum two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; five to the Grand Master of £40 each; and six of £30 each. There were also 11 immediate grants of £20 each; two of £15 each; four of £10 each, two of £5 each, and one of £2.

A recent issue of the *Universe* contains the following:—

The Freemasons of Portugal are much shocked at the impiety of the patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Neta. It appears that in the course of his funeral sermon His Eminence remarked that the deceased King had need of the prayers of his subjects, as it was evident, notwithstanding his many virtues, that he must have committed many venial sins in his lifetime, and might therefore be still in purgatory. Now, of course, no Catholic who remembered his Catechism, or who attended to his religious duties, would see anything strange in the patriarch's remarks; to pray for the soul of the deceased monarch would seem to him to be the most obvious and practical way of showing his affection for him. But the Freemasons of Portugal and France are indignant at the suggestion that King Luis's soul did not ascend straight to eternal bliss. This is refreshing to hear from members of an Order which has expunged the name of God from its books—whose motto is, *Ni Dieu ni Maître*—"Neither God nor Master."

Even our very respectable contemporary, the Paris *Figaro*, is horrified. Listen to its plaintive protest:—After having been the model of constitutional Sovereigns, after having proved himself a good son, a good husband, a good father, having left to his subjects the memory of all his virtues, and being regretted by them as no other King could be, having died a sincere Christian, with the Apostolic Benediction, and after having a whole nation regretting him and praying for the repose of his soul; all this is of no avail, it would seem, for King Luis's soul is still in purgatory. The *Figaro* is evidently much disturbed in its tonsorial soul at the possible consequences of the patriarch's sermon; it might even bring about a schism in Portugal, and what grief and consternation there would be in the Lodges throughout Europe. But the most comic part of the article is where its writer explains to the public the grave significance of the patriarch's utterance as being no less than a "formal disavowal of the absolution pronounced over the dying King by the Pope's Nuncio." We strongly recommend this theme for development by our Protestant contemporaries in England.

We often wonder how our ancestors, of the "good old times," used to create an appetite, or add to the taste of the good things provided for their use. They had none of the sauces and other delicacies which at the present day seem indispensable, and yet we are told they enjoyed life to a good old age. We are afraid this statement must be accepted with great reserve; no doubt many of our forefathers enjoyed good appetites and good digestion, but many more of them must have suffered a martyrdom which, happily, is not forced upon us at the present day. Among the many good things provided in order to tempt us to a meal, help us to relish it, and at the same assist digestion, may specially be mentioned the productions of Messrs. Gordon and Dilworth, a firm long established and well known in America, who are now represented in this country, at 119 Minories E.C., by Mr. Elias Jessarun. Among the specialities of the firm are their Tomato Catsup and Sauce, both of which are excellent, and well worthy a trial. The Catsup is made but once a year, in Tomato season, from the whole fresh Tomatoes, and has a particular piquancy attained only by the new process of this firm. It is the only sauce on the market made entirely of Tomatoes, and is really the popular national sauce of America. Among the many other good things provided by this firm may be mentioned Preserved, Canned and Brandy-Fruits, Fruit-Jellies, Syrups and Jams, Vegetables, Salad-Dressing, Blackberry Brandy, Mince Meat, Plum Pudding, Olives and Capers, Sweet Pickles, Wine Jellies, Soups, Sauces, &c., but we strongly advise our readers to send for a full illustrated catalogue and price list, or ask their local tradesman to procure them one.

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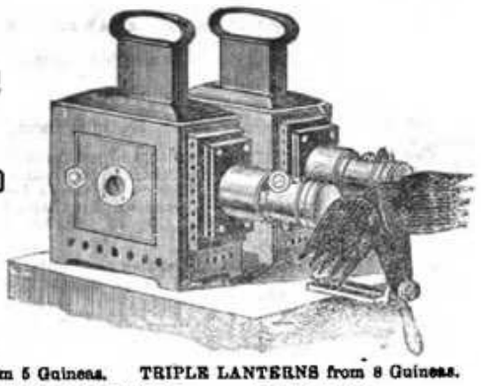
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PROPOSED GRAND LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE committee appointed at a meeting of the three Masonic Constitutions working in New Zealand, held in Dunedin, for the purpose of considering the advisableness of attempting to bring about a union with the view of founding a Grand Lodge in that colony, has submitted its report. The committee recommends that if the subordinate Lodges and the Craft generally approve of the formation of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand the following principles should be insisted upon, and made unalterable by the Grand Lodge, save with the consent of all the District Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge should meet once a year; and the place of meeting should be changed annually. The Grand Lodge should be composed of the District Grand Masters, Deputy District Grand Masters, and Wardens ex-officio, and fifty members appointed by the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master should hold office for four years, and appoint his Deputy. But all the other Officers should be elected by the Grand Lodge. In other respects the Grand Lodge should have full legislative powers, and supervise the administration of District Grand Lodges. There should be five District Grand Lodges in the colony —viz.: Auckland, Wellington, Westland, Canterbury, and Otago; and new District Grand Lodges may be constituted from time to time by the Grand Lodge. In the opinion of the Committee, no real union will be consummated until there is greater harmony among the members and Lodges on the question of a Grand Lodge; and this cannot be obtained without further consideration and negotiation. Pending the consideration of the foregoing recommendations by the subordinate Lodges, the Committee suggests that the Grand Lodge formed in Wellington should not be countenanced.

AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONRY.

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THE installation was then proceeded with, the Grand Master elect being presented by his predecessor in the high office, and being regularly installed by Lord Carrington. The Past Grand Master (Bro. S. J. Way) delivered a most interesting charge to the Grand Master, which we are able to print:—

"Notwithstanding the surpassing interest of this imposing ceremonial, there are many amongst us who, even during its most solemn incidents, have been unable to refrain from recalling memories of another gathering in this Hall, between five and six years ago, when the Grand Lodge of South Australia announced its independence to the world. We did not falter in our faith in the principles of Masonic union which we had espoused, or in the lawfulness of the work to which we had set our hands. But we did not anticipate that the acceptance of those principles or the recognition of our work would be so rapid and so universal. We were prepared for a harder fight; we did not expect such a speedy victory. The great Masonic events in New South Wales and Victoria during the last eighteen months still lay hidden in the womb of the future. None of us, even in our most sanguine moments, foresaw that when we next assembled as a Grand Lodge in this building it would be to instal, with such distinguished assistance, a Grand Master bearing a great historic name in British Masonry, and who has won for himself brilliant rank in the Craft on the other side of the world. In undertaking the work which has had such happy results, we knew we were making 'no innovation in Masonry.' We only essayed to set up in South Australia two of the ancient landmarks—'the government of the Fraternity in each country by a Grand Master,' and the subjection of 'every Mason to the Grand Lodge of the country in which he resides.' Our contentions were for the same principles as were upheld in the establishment of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. Those principles, it cannot be irrelevant to mention, were advocated as earnestly as we advocate them by the head, M.W.G.M., of your own family at that time. Students of our history will remember that in the first half of the 18th Century, when George the Second was king, the doctrine of Masonic Autonomy in each country and of Masonic Unity in all countries was supported by three Scottish noblemen in this practical way:—Each of them served a year in the Grand Mastership, first of Scotland and afterwards of England. The first of these three noblemen was John, Earl of Kintore, who was installed Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1738, and Grand Master of England in 1740. It is not unworthy, I think, of the traditions of a noble house that the principles which were acted upon by the third Earl of Kintore 150 years ago should be consistently maintained to-day by his successor, the ninth Earl, on a continent which was then unnamed, and, except to a few adventurous navigators, altogether unknown. Certainly it adds to the prestige of your office, and it unites us as South Australians still more closely to British Masonry, that our Grand Master's chair should be filled by the descendant of one of the early Grand Masters of England and of Scotland. But, M.W.G.M., although venerable Masonic associations attach themselves to your name, your title to the suffrages of your brethren rested upon something higher. Yours is an hereditary fitness indeed, but your own character and your own career furnish your best qualifications. Surely no Grand Master ever had a more complete training for his duties. Initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel—the mother Lodge of your ancestor and of so many eminent Scotsmen—you soon rose to be Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire. During 13 years' membership of the Grand Lodge of Scotland you filled various high offices in succession, being for the last four years Substitute Grand Master Mason, with only one step intervening between you and the Grand Master's chair. You are still Second Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and Trustee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence, and of the Annuity Fund. If I may not speak on this occasion of your rank in those more advanced degrees which are not recognised in Craft Lodges, I may turn to your services to English and Colonial Masonry, which until now had their culmination in your tenure for three years of the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown—an Order which is still a bond of organic union between English and Colonial Masons. It was a striking tribute to the success of your government of Mark Masonry that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales should have consented to become your successor, and that you should have had the privilege of yourself installing him in the chair, which you had filled so long and with so much distinction. When I add to this imperfect sketch of your Masonic work that you have won the confidence and favour of your Sovereign, and that since you have been amongst us we have not failed to discern your zeal for the Craft, your earnest manliness of character, and that you wear 'the white flower of a blameless life'—it will be understood why with common consent your brethren in South Australia invited you to place yourself at their head. Let me say, also, that the enthusiasm with which we hail your installation is increased by the fact of your being our Governor; for, in choosing Her Majesty's representative as our Grand Master, we are able to manifest in the most emphatic manner possible to us our loyalty and devotion to the Queen. M.W.G.M.—I accept it as a great honour to be the first to convey to you my own congratulations and the congratulations of your brethren on your complete installation. Most sincerely and heartily do I congratulate the Craft also on the accession to the Grand Mastership of South Australia of so illustrious a Mason. May your rule, M.W.G.M., be long, happy, and prosperous, honourable to yourself, and for the advancement of Masonry. It would not become me to offer advice as to your duties to so experienced a brother. The first Grand Master of your name introduced into Scotland the practice at all events of the visitation by the Grand Lodge of private Lodges which for similar reasons we have this very year taken steps to secure for our most distant Blue Lodges. During his Grand Mastership also the office of Provincial Grand Master was created.

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I have no doubt you will show the same readiness of resource and the same adherence to Masonic law in dealing with the problems old and new with which you will now find yourself face to face. From my own happy experience during the last five or six years I can confidently assure you that whatever difficulties you may have to encounter, and under all circumstances, you will have the loyal support of the members of your Grand Lodge and of your Masonic brethren all over the colony. Even during your short residence here you cannot fail to have noticed the prevalence of Freemasonry throughout Australia. Remarkable indeed from one aspect is the vigorous growth in these young and democratic communities of our ancient and conservative Society in which, whilst keeping aloof from political controversies, the prerogative of its rulers and obedience to lawful authority are inflexibly maintained. On the other hand no human institution upholds more firmly the rights of the individual. On the floor of a Freemasons' Lodge prince and peasant stand on the same plane of equality. What other body of men has paid such homage to the dignity of labour? Members of a trades' union that has existed from remote antiquity, we still use the tools of the artizan in building up our system of morality, and we seek to become experts in work for the benefit of the race. Another reason for the growth of Masonry may be found in the simplicity and comprehensiveness of its belief, which can be accepted by good men of every creed. In all our Lodges the volume of the Sacred Law is laid open before us as the chart for our journey through this world to the next. We place the square and compass upon its open page to indicate that we recognise no conflict between science and true religion, and that to us the most exact demonstrations of geometry are not more certain than the essentials of our faith. Lastly, Masonry shows in the most practical manner our brotherhood to every member of the Craft, and through the Craft to all mankind. Ours is not a Society in which the help bestowed on its members is apportioned by the tables of the notuary. The measure of our benefactions is a brother's necessity and our own ability to give him relief. You will not find in this colony Schools, Orphanages, and other buildings dedicated to Masonic Charity. I doubt myself if they are desirable in a land in which such liberal provision is made for education, or if the training of the young in any institution, however well conducted, is comparable to that which may be had in a humble virtuous home. But, M.W.G.M., you will find the principle of relief in active and salutary operation. A searching inquiry, which has recently been made into the working of our Benevolent Fund, has satisfied me that since the establishment of the South Australian Constitution, no genuine case of need has been brought under our notice without receiving substantial assistance. I have also the pleasure of announcing that this Communication of Grand Lodge will not close without marking the commencement of your rule by the most splendid benefaction for the aid of indigent and decayed Freemasons which has yet been made in Australia by any member of the Craft. Before I sit down, let me assure you that we have found that Masonic union has brought us, as Australian Masons, into closer sympathy and communication with each other, and unquestionably it has not divided us from our brethren across the seas. It has given a new significance to the language of the ancient charges—'Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst these who most otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.' The badge of our royal patron waves over Australian as well as over British and Irish Masonry. The Grand Lodge of England has given to New South Wales a Grand Master universally admired and as universally beloved. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has done the same for South Australia. We need not go outside these walls for proof of the advantages of Masonic union. Without it we could not have the two Governors, who are here present, as the leaders of the Craft in their respective colonies, or Sir William Clarke (the most eminent of native born Australian Masons) as the leader of a united brotherhood in Victoria. Masonic union has brought our visitors and ourselves together from all parts of Australia with one common object—the good of the Craft. No wonder that many of our brethren in the colonies in which Masonic independance has not yet been achieved desire to share the benefits we happily enjoy. Although they have not yet secured the unanimity which is the vital condition of success, I cannot doubt that the obstacles to their progress (like those which we had to conquer) will soon be overcome. With the Craft united in each of these great southern lands we may expect a development of Masonry to which what has already been accomplished will be but the vestibule. And then for ages to come—as long as the Southern Cross sheds its mild radiance in the nightly sky, and points out to the mariner his path over the trackless deep—our beloved Masonry, shining like a constellation with united splendour, shall fill this hemisphere with benignant light, teaching men 'to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with (their) God.'"

Then followed an anthem, after which Lord Kintore replied, in a lengthy, well considered address, as follows:—

M.W. Grand Sire, R.W.G. Wardens, and Brethren,—I think I shall only consult the feelings of all if I begin by thanking the M.W. Past Grand Master for the charge he has just delivered, exhibiting as it does such research, and displaying as it also does such felicity of diction. I desire very respectfully to return you my sincere and hearty thanks for the kind feeling which prompted my nomination to chair of Grand Lodge, to the brethren who brought the proposal before you, and to you all for the unanimity which marked my election, as well as for the enthusiasm which has attended my installation. Believe me I am at a total loss to know how best to attempt to assure you of my gratitude. You have, many of you, heard me protest times without number that my vocabulary has been exhausted in the effort to acknowledge worthily the constant acts of kindness which have been done to me during the half-year I have spent amongst you. The proceedings of this afternoon have immeasurably increased my difficulty. When I look round at the brilliant assemblage of Freemasons, some of whose faces are familiar to me as being faces I have seen in far distant parts of this colony; when I see present in such numbers our distinguished brethren from the great centres of Masonic life in Australia, all of whom have come to do honour to its senior Grand Lodge, and to him who has from the beginning ruled it with such ability and wisdom, and incidentally to offer the right hand of fellowship to his unworthy successor, I confess that words fail me in which to paint to you the feelings which fill my breast. Now, brethren, let me state at the outset that I entirely realise that the sole reason why I, a comparative stranger, am now filling the highest office in the power of Grand Lodge to bestow is owing to the coincidence of my happening to be at once the representative of the Queen and a Freemason. Treasuring, as I do, the recollection of the long-standing connection my family has had with Freemasonry, you can understand how grateful I am for the coincidence. I understand that the Masons of South Australia desire to manifest their loyalty and attachment to the Throne in a manner which cannot be mistaken, and so with the cordial approval of their Grand Master they have elected as their Grand Master for the ensuing year her Majesty's Governor. Brethren, loyalty to my Sovereign, respectful admiration of her blameless life and noble character, gratitude for her constant adherence to the lines of conduct marked out for the ruler of a constitutionally governed monarchy, undying affection for the old country which is her home, and a longing that a few but valued ties which, centreing in the Governor, still exist to unite us to her, should not be loosed, are sentiments which I passionately share. How then could I refrain from agreeing to place my poor services and such time as I can find available at your disposal? And yet, brethren, I do assure you that, glorying though I do in the reason which is the cause of my election, proud beyond words though I am at being permitted to occupy so high and so dignified an office, still I cannot conquer the feeling of dismay which overmasters me when I think of the sacrifice that was necessary in order to render vacant the throne of Grand Lodge. No need for me to remind you of the late Grand Master's services to this Grand Lodge and to Freemasonry. His praises are in every mouth, they are sung in every land. We are thankful that his work has been appreciated and acknowledged by Masons the world over. In laying down his office his is the pleasure of being able to reflect that he has earned the respect, the admiration, and the affection of all those very people whose loving regard he most desired to possess. Brethren, had it followed that by accepting the Grand Mastership I should have deprived Grand Lodge altogether of Bro. Chief Justice Way's services, no consideration would have been weighty enough to induce me to accept it. However, I rejoice to inform you that in a spirit of devotion to his Grand Lodge, and with the intention of adding yet another good deed to the many for which I am his debtor, M.W. Brother his Honour Chief Justice Way has consented to take the office of Pro Grand Master. Thus happily Grand Lodge will still have the full benefit of his advice and experience, and I of his much-valued help. Greatly shall I need it; often I shall have to appeal for your kind indulgence, for it is no light thing I have undertaken. I have undertaken the Mastership of a Grand Lodge renowned for its devotion to Masonic principles, celebrated for the finish and accuracy of its working, and which, though but five years old possesses the allegiance of 37 Lodges, with more quickly to follow, and which, without waiting for a larger membership, has made a good start in the inauguration of a scheme of Masonic Charity. But, more than that, the Grand Master has to see to it that he ever faithfully endeavours to adapt the words and actions of daily life to the high standard which Freemasonry and this Grand Lodge inculcates. For, brethren, it would be a bad day for Masonry if it came generally to be supposed that it consisted of a collection of mysterious signs or phrases without corresponding action. Undoubtedly we possess secrets which we may not divulge. So do other crafts. The merchant has his private mark, the professional man his sacred confidences. The priest is under most solemn vows to reveal naught of what reaches him in the confessional. But, brethren, whatever our secrets are our principles and objects we proclaim from the housetops. They are principles which we are neither ashamed nor afraid to acknowledge, thus at once fixing a great gulf between ourselves and those secret societies which adopt principles and exist for objects which they dare not avow. We are the champions of freedom and truth. I remember how Fox Maule, Lord Dalhousie, one of the most eminent Grand Masters the Grand Lodge of Scotland has ever heard, used to point out that in the dark days when civil liberty and religious truth were both endangered by tyranny and superstition, the Lodges of Masonry were the receptacle and protection of both. Tyrants, said he, have ever dreaded Masonry, because Masons are the champions of freedom. Superstition has denounced it because Masonry is the friend and protector of the truth. Brethren, we believe in God as the Great Architect of the Universe, and we worship Him. We do not believe, as has been well said, that the clay is the potter, that the matter is the Maker, or that the atom is the Architect of the Universe. We acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of the bountiful giver of our corn and wine and oil. We commence our undertakings hoping for and asking for the Divine blessing. The Holy Bible is placed in our Lodge as a guide to our faith and practice. No dark conspiracies are found among us. We fear God, honour the Queen, and as children of the Great Father of all we teach the gospel of brotherly love, relief and truth, of loyalty and charity, of virtue and honour. We would stretch a helping hand to him that is in necessity; we inculcate universal benevolence without distinction of class or colour, or country or creed; we look for integrity and charity in every action between man and man; we enjoin subjection to civil authority and loyalty to our rightful Sovereign. We would obey God's will so far as we know it, we would carry ourselves while we live as good men honest and true, and in dying we would cast ourselves humbly and hopefully into the depths of infinite love. Brethren, such are our principles and objects. I rejoice to think that many and many a time has Masonry given tangible proofs of unselfish generosity, of nobleness of purpose,

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and of being a brotherhood of philanthropy limited only by the bounds of the habitable globe, which have commanded the respect and admiration of mankind. Let us look to it that we fall not too woefully short of so high an ideal, that we, so far as in us lies, carry on these aims in this work-a-day world, and so find our greatest delight in lightening the sorrows of others. Brethren, I cannot sit down without offering the grateful thanks of Grand Lodge to the M.W. the Grand Masters of New South Wales and Victoria and their Grand Officers for their attendance and kind services. It comes to me personally as a token of great encouragement, and to us all as a most valued expression of good will. In your name and in mine I thank them. Brethren, I have done. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your generous kindness—kindness as warm as any I have received in South Australia. I cannot say more. May the Great Architect of the Universe have this Grand Lodge, our sister Grand Lodges, and each and all of these great colonies for ever in His most holy keeping.

Then followed the appointment of P.G.M. Way as Pro Grand Master, and he having been saluted, at once addressed the Grand Master, introducing to his notice Brother W. H. Gray, an old member of the Craft in South Australia, whose wish it was to mark the commencement of the rule of his Excellency the Governor over Freemasonry in the colony by making a gift for the benefit of the Craft. It was his purpose to help towards the erection of a home for indigent and decayed Freemasons, and with this aim he offered to the Grand Lodge a piece of land of considerable extent, and also considerable value. Bro. Gray intended that the gift should be of a permanent character. The land he gave was to be made over to the Craft in perpetuity for the purpose of having built upon it houses for the reception of poor members of the Craft, their widows, and their children. He had no doubt that it would be interesting to the M.W.G.M. and to the members of the Grand Lodge to know the value of this gift. It consisted of fourteen acres of land adjoining the town of Glenelg. Bro. Gray was offered not long ago the sum of £1500 for this very piece of land, and he (the Pro Grand Master) was informed by one of the most practical and sagacious dealers in property in the colony that he would be ready if the land were in the market to give £2000 for it. It was the intention some time ago of the Government of South Australia to acquire the land Bro. Gray offered for the purpose of building a fort upon it—but at some future time voyagers up the Gulf of St. Vincent, instead of seeing upon this land the formidable instruments of artillery it was originally intended to place there, would have the gratification of beholding one of the outposts of Masonic benevolence. He presented to the Grand Master Bro. Gray, in order that he might with his own hands transfer the title deeds conveying this most magnificent gift to the Order.

Bro. Gray then stepped forward to the dais and handed over the deed. This was contained in a handsomely-illuminated cover adorned with Masonic emblems. The Grand Master said he was sure the Grand Lodge would join with him in extending sincere thanks to Bro. Gray for the munificent gift which it had been in his heart to present to the Order in South Australia for all times. He accepted the deed offered very heartily, and he presented to Bro. Gray in their name and in his, own cordial thanks for the generous donation.

Then came a presentation to the Pro G. Master, which took the form of a Past Grand Master's jewel, and which was handed over by Bro. Muecke P.G.M. with appropriate remarks and congratulations on the successful termination of Bro. Way's term of office as Grand Master. The gift was acknowledged in grateful terms, and then a vote of thanks was passed to Lord Carrington, for his services as Installing Master, while Bro. Sir W. Clarke, Grand Master of Victoria, took the opportunity of presenting an address to him, in recognition of his services at the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Bro. Sir W. Clarke next presented an address to Pro G.M. Way, as First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia, which, in turn, was acknowledged. Grand Lodge was then closed. A banquet was held in the evening, under the presidency of the Grand Master, who was supported by his numerous distinguished guests. Various toasts were honoured, and a most interesting event in Australian Freemasonry was brought to a successful conclusion.

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SOUTH.

The sun is at meridian, his beams
Fall gently o'er the grateful, waiting earth;
They spread their glory in resplendent streams
Of light and warmth, celestial in their birth.

'Tis now that labour seeks the verdant shade,
And casts aside the implements of toil—
The weary scythe, the sickle, axe or spade,
Wherewith he robs or decorates the soil.

His stalwart frame, his muscles tense and firm,
Relax their force, and woo reclining rest;
His humble meal fills up the midday term,
And brings contentment to his brawny breast.

Thus well refreshed, he rises to his feet,
And grasps the instruments of work once more;
Submits again to ardent solar heat,
And exercises till the day is o'er.

The *Junior Warden* marks the midday sun,
And bids our labour cease, and rest begin;
So that amidst the tasks so well begun,
A pause may be, and strength be gained to win.

He represents our lives when at the best,
When strength of frame and intellect abound,
When full enjoyment waits on work or rest,
And every aim with hope is wreathed around.

WEST.

The sun sinks low, but from his fading fire
Spring out rich hues of glory; o'er the skies
They spread, and when they finally expire
A gentle hush o'er darkening nature lies.

The *worker* now has left his scene of toil,
And with the sun has sought his earned repose;
No ill performed his appetite may spoil,
Or fill his musings ere his eyelids close.

The *Senior Warden* in his place appears
To mark the sun when sitting in the west;
He warns that labour to its closing nears,
And, fast approaching, comes retiring rest.

To us he shows the end of all our days,
When life and energy are waning fast;
The tottering steps and silvered hair betrays
The lack of strength which boldly filled the past.

EAST.

But now behold! The eastern sky is red,
And night's dark curtain slowly rolls away;
The moon out-splendoured with the stars has fled,
And, proudly rising, beams the God of Day.

The *toiler*, fresh and cheerful, seeks again
The field of labour, feeling healthful glow;
His voice elate, rings out in hearty strain,
His pulses quicken as the breezes blow.

The glorious east! 'Tis there the *Master* stands,
To cheer our rising from the gloom of night—
To bid us lay aside sepulchral bands,
And bask in rays of God's eternal light.

An emblem he of that bright morn to come,
When we shall cast aside the sleep of death,
And gladly quitting this our mortal home,
Obtain new life from God's immortal breath.

WORK.

The sturdy manhood of Masonic life,
When noble aspirations move the soul,
To meet dishonour in unflinching strife,
Is 'neath the *Junior Warden's* stern control.

REST.

And when Masonic age upon us calls,
And we must lay the tools of labour by,
The *Senior Warden's* gavel gently falls,
To tell us time is o'er, and we must die.

REWARD.

And then the *Master* holds his reign of love,
Gives his command to separate from earth.
We swift obey, and in the halls above
Receive the guerdon of eternal birth.

—WM. H. ORR, in the *Sydney Freemason*.

The members of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496, St. Austell, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, elected Brother W. H. Lake as W.M. Bro. W. Guy was chosen Treasurer for the 25th year in succession, and Bro. W. Real was elected Tyler.

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BURNS AND THE TARBOLTON FREEMASONS.

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THERE is no period in Burns' life when the activity of his mind and body are more observable than the time he spent in the neighbourhood of Tarbolton. That period embraced the years from 1777, when William Burness, the poet's father, entered into the occupancy of the farm of Lochlee, in Tarbolton parish, till 1788, when the poet removed to Ellisland, and fixed himself down to farming on his own account. The Kilmarnock edition (1786) and the Edinburgh edition (1787) of his works were covered in the interval between his entrance into and removal from the district. From his brother's remarks it can be gathered that there was no time when Burns showed more fully his enjoyment of life, and yet the period is fraught with incidents that might naturally have operated on his constitutional tendency towards melancholy. It was at Lochlee, on 13th February 1784, that his father died, after a manful struggle against poverty and hardship. This in a double sense put an end to the lease of the farm of Lochlee, and it was then that the brothers Robert and Gilbert tried their fortunes at farming as a joint venture a few miles further south, at Mossgiel. It was during the residence of the family at Lochlee that Burns was sent for six months to further his education at Kirkoswald, and a couple of years afterwards he showed his interest in intellectual pursuits by starting, along with his brother and one or two others similarly inclined, what was called the Tarbolton Bachelors' Club or Literary Society. This Literary Society has been resuscitated in recent years, under the auspices of the parish minister, and is carried on with much appearance of success. Very shortly after the formation of the Bachelors' Club, Burns was initiated in Tarbolton as a Freemason, and it is more particularly with this latter connection that we wish to deal in this article. Fortunately, the minute books of the Lodges exist now as they were in Burns' time, and an inspection of them affords much amusement as well as instruction. Burns became a Mason on 4th July 1781, when the family had been about four years in the parish, and when he himself must have just started his unfortunate flax venture in Irvine, which morally did so much by its associations to damage the poet's character, and was so disastrous financially. His initiation took place in an old building then used as a public house, and still standing at the end of the village of Tarbolton, nearest the Willie's Mill of "Death and Dr. Hornbook." The Lodge was named St. David's, but at the end of 1781, after he had been raised to the position of a Master Mason, Burns and some others left St. David's and re-started St. James's Lodge, which for a time had been worked in combination with St. David's. It is in connection with the minutes and relics of St. James's that Burns figures prominently as a Mason, three of the minutes having been completely written by his own hand, and about thirty of them having been signed by him as Depute Master. The minute-book of St. David's is private property, and was lent to the International Exhibition at Glasgow. That of St. James's has always remained the property of the Lodge despite the utmost exertions of various Burns Museum authorities. Neither persuasion nor money has ever succeeded in removing the property from its original owners, and its value is attested by a holograph certificate on the fly-leaf stating that it was re-bound by Mr. M'Kie, the well-known Kilmarnock collector and publisher. Mr. M'Kie did this during a visit to Tarbolton in 1853.

The rules of St. James's present some interesting features as indices to the custom prevailing during Burns's time. It is therein laid down that "at the third stroke of the Grand Master's hammer strict silence shall be maintained under a penalty of twopence." Every transgression of a rule seems to have been followed by penalties in the shape of fines and other modes of punishment. "Any speaker who shall deviate from the subject in debate has a like penalty inflicted upon him, and any brother using another affrontively shall be extruded." More severe in its consequences is the "holding up of funds belonging to the Lodge by a brother," such a crime being visited by the exclusion of such brother from the Lodge for ever.

"Whosoever shall break a drinking glass at any meeting shall be liable to the instant payment of sixpence sterling for it, and to the same sum for every other he may break before he leave the room or company." Those not at meetings within an hour of the fixed time shall be fined twopence, but well grounded reasons "will excuse the transgressors" from the penalty. It is also provided "that if any brother be so unfortunate as to have disordered his senses by strong liquors, and thereby rendered himself incapable of behaving decently, peaceably and kindly towards those around him; such brother coming to the Lodge in that condition to the disturbance and disgust of his brethren shall be prudently ordered away to some place of safety in the meantime, and at the next meeting shall submit to such censure and admonition from the chair, and to such a fine inflicted by the Lodge on him as to them may appear proper to punish his crime, and to deter him from it in all time coming.

This rule is admirably clear and full, *so far as it goes*, but not a word is there in it about the punishment meted out to those unfortunate enough to disorder their senses during the course of a meeting. The ideal of the Lodge is a high one, as can be gathered from the following:—

"Whereas a Lodge always means a company of worthy men and circumspect, gathered together in order to promote charity, friendship, civility and good neighbourhood; it is enacted that no member of this Lodge shall speak slightingly, detractingly, or calumniously of any of his brethren behind their backs, so as to damage them in their professions or reputations, without any certain grounds;" and any member committing such an offence must humble himself by asking "on his knees the pardon of such person or persons as his folly or malice hath aggrieved." Obstinate refusal to comply with the finding of the brethren assembled shall be met by expulsion "from the Lodge with every mark of ignominy and disgrace that is consistent with justice and Freemasonry."

These rules were all written on the formation of the Lodge, the date of the first charter under Mother Kilwinning being 17th May 1771, and under Grand Lodge 26th May 1774, both of these original charters being still amongst the muniments of the Lodge. But the other rule was added under 7th December 1785, and Signed "Robt. Burns D.M."

"That whoever stands as Master, shall be bound at the entry of a new member for that member's dues, if the money is not paid, or security such as the Lodge shall approve of given."

Other minutes refer to orders for drinking glasses, confirming what may be inferred from some of the rules above quoted, that the meetings were to a great extent of a convivial nature. A good deal of attention seems to have been given to the financial affairs of the Lodge, frequent mention being met with in the records regarding "arrears," and some curious features are disclosed. Thus we learn that Brother Hugh Wilson, Monkton, being considerably behind with his quarter accounts, it was agreed by the Lodge that they should be liquidated to two shillings, which he paid, and was admitted a member." Referring to the same general subject, it is noted "that no Brother that is behind with his quarterly accounts shall have any vote at their meetings, nor be allowed to wear the Lodge's aprons." "John Hall having been danceted for his entire money, the Lodge agreed to mitigate the expense to two shillings, which he is 'to pay at next procession.'" In Burns's letter to the Lodge, written from Edinburgh on the 23rd August 1787 (during one of his frequent short visits to the capital subsequent to the famous visit when he was made so much of) —he urges the brethren to "spare" debtors to the Lodge who "confess debt and crave days," and though the minutes breathe threatenings on many occasions, mercy seems, on the whole, to have tempered justice. Thus we read that the Lodge "gave up to Brother George Wilson his bill bearing date the 23rd of June 1781, 9s 4d, including interest, finding him at present in distress." On occasion, however, they went further. Those who had not paid their entries were to be prosecuted we are told, "for which purpose they have appointed the Secretary to write to John Hamilton, Esq., of Sundrum, for a warrant to call them before him as a Justice of the *Piece*." Decreet seems to have been procured against certain members, and at one meeting the brethren discuss how far they shall give effect to such powers. Frequent references are made in the minutes to bills and promissory notes given by the members to the Lodge. As an instance of this, it is recorded on 7th September 1785 that "Brother Hugh Steven granted his promissory note with caution for twelve shillings and sixpence sterling as his entery money," this being one of the minutes bearing the Poet's signature, and a full minute written in the hand of Gilbert Burns and signed by him as Junior Warden refers to the same subject. It is as follows:—

"Tarbolton, 4th August 1786.—This evening the Lodge met, when Quintin Rone and James Good, being before entered apprentices, were passed and raised, and gave promissory notes, with caution for their entry moneys."

The cabinet containing the funds of the Lodge and the Treasurer's books were periodically examined, the com-

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posing of a letter to "all the brethren indebted to the Lodge, either by bill or quarterly accounts," being referred to after one of these audits, and we can be tolerably certain that Brother Burns had the lion's share in this composition, prosaic even as is the subject. It is pleasing to note that the Lodge had other channels for their money than that caused by the drinking customs of the time. From a minute dated 5th September 1787, it is evident that benefactions to indigent members formed one item of expenditure—as "it was agreed to give John M'Millan, a brother, three shillings, he being in distress by a misfortune."

Burns must have been the life and soul of the St. James's Lodge in more ways than one. The minutes show that there were more meetings when he was an Office Bearer than at any other period. Though Burns is known to have been a member from the end of 1781, and it is not till 27th July 1784 that we have the record of his apointment to a position of influence in the Lodge. The Deputy Mastership was then conferred upon him—a position that carried with it the active duties of the Grand Master, who was not frequently present at the meetings. All assemblies at which the Master was not present were under the presidency of the Deputy Master, and it is in this capacity that Burns has signed so many of the minutes. There are three short minutes written in full by the poet. The first is dated "Tarbolton, 1st September 1784," that is unsigned, a circumstance not uncommon amongst the records of that time. The minutes bears marks of literary conceit at any rate, the antithesis being worthy of note. It is almost ludicrous to find the world-famed poet writing this—

"This night the Lodge met and ordered four pounds of candles and one quire of eightpence paper for the use of the Lodge, which money was laid out by the Treasurer, and the candles and paper laid in accordingly."

The other minutes, written fully in the poet's hand, are as follows:—

"Tarbolton, June 23, 1786.—This night the Lodge met, and Robert Andrew, a brother of St. David's, Tarbolton, was admitted by unanimous vote, gratis; likewise James Good, having been duely recommended was entered an apprentice. R. Burns, D.M." "Tarbolton, August 18th (no year, but from the dates immediately before and after, sure to be 1786.)—This night the Lodge met, and James Tennant, from Ochiltree, having been recommended was admitted accordingly. Robt. Burns, D.M."

It is a curious coincidence that two of the three minutes written in full by Robert Burns are near to the one written in the hand of Gilbert Burns, the three being in view at the one opening of the book. Burns, who, whether living at Lochlee or Mossgiel, must have had several miles to walk in order to attend the meetings of the Lodge, was most attentive to his duties. The first minute which he signed as Depute Master is dated 29th June 1785, and the last to which his name is adhibited is dated 23rd May 1788; but this does not mark his final departure from the Lodge, as Dr. Robert Chambers erroneously states in his "Land of Burns." On the 21st October 1788, and again on the 11th November of the same year, the minutes record that Bro. Robert Burns was in the chair, though his signature was not attached. Both of these meetings took place at Mauchline, and they must have been held during a flying visit from Ellisland, as Burns settled there on 12th June 1788, a letter of his dated 13th June, stating that "this is the second day he had been on his farm in Dumfriesshire." Between the first and last signature, Burns has in all signed his name 29 times, and on one occasion he has his initials placed to a postscript; but one of the signatures has been cut out by some unscrupulous admirer. The theft occurs in the second last minute that was signed by the poet, the signature being that of the main part of the minute—the minute having been divided into three. Burns has signed a "P.S." to the same minute, and also an addition to this "P.S." connected by the words "also at same time," and to the last of these hangs a tale. The gentleman in Tarbolton who had charge of the minute book was at one time showing it to a visitor, but being called away for a moment to attend a sick daughter in another room, the visitor and the book were left unwatched. After the visitor departed the gentleman was asked by his daughter to look to the book, as she was afraid something would be found wrong. Whilst her father was with her she heard either a knife or a pair of scissors at work, and she was right in the surmise that one of the minutes had been tampered with. On discovering this, the visitor was communicated with, and ordered to return the stolen property or suffer the consequences, and the cutting was returned. The stolen part is now neatly pasted in at its original place, and being on the opposite page from the blank left by the cut out signature, eloquent testimony is borne to the rapacity of collectors and the value placed upon relics of our national bard. Strange as the omission may appear, there is no mention of the poet's demission of office, nor of his leaving the district, even though Burns himself looked so favourably on the position he held amongst to Tarbolton Masons as to address a poem to them as his farewell. This was in 1786, when he seriously contemplated emigrating to the West Indies. It is curious also to note the manner in which Burns signs his name; in this there is great variety. In regard to the spelling, he continues the "Burness" up till 1st March 1786—the first under the more familiar "Burns" being of date 25th May of the same year. Whilst Burns signs "Burness" so long, it is noteworthy that the references to him in the text of the minutes are always spelt "Burns" unless on one occasion when the name had first been spelt "Burns," but afterwards altered to "Burness," probably by the poet himself, or at least by his instructions, as his name appears at the foot of this minute as "Burness." In regard to the Christian name, it appears once before Burness as "Robert," and thirteen times it precedes the same spelling as "Robt." Before the later spelling of Burns we have it once only in full as "Robert," a single time as "R," and eleven times as "Robt."—this latter having, it is thus seen, the greatest favour with the poet. Amongst a long list of signatures of members many of them having their Mason's marks attached, we find Burns signing himself in full "Robert Burns," and adding his Masonic mark of nine points on the same line. This signature has less resemblance to the familiar and undoubtedly genuine form than any of the others, but there is no date to it, and it is just possible that the conditions under which he signed were what the Lodge might term unfortunate.

Burns's younger brother, Gilbert, was entered, passed, and raised as a brother on the 1st March 1786 (the last date on which the poet signed Burness), and must, for a time at least, have taken an active part in the affairs of the Lodge. We find Gilbert signing the minutes on five separate occasions between 11th December 1786 and 21st December 1787, one of these, as already said, being written by him in full. The last reference to either of the brothers occurs on 18th November and 20th November 1788, on which dates the text of the minutes states that Brother Gilbert Burns occupied the chair. These last-named meetings were held in Mauchline, and form the closing testimony to the warm interest maintained for six or seven years by Robert, and the shorter period by Gilbert, in the affairs of St. James's, Tarbolton, Lodge.

Burns signs the minute relating to the visit of Professor Dugald Stewart to the Lodge, who at that time was tenant of Catrine House, and was a friend of the poet. The record is as follows:—

"'A deputation of the Lodge met at Mauchline on 25th July 1787, and entered Brother Alexander Allison of Barmuir an apprentice. Likewise admitted Brothers Professor Stewart of Cathrine, and Claud Alexander, Esq., of Ballochmyle; Claud Nielson, Esq., Paisley; John Farquhar Gray, Esq., of Gilmilnscroft; and Dr. George Grierson, Glasgow, honorary members of this Lodge,' the minute being signed Robt. Burns, D.M., in very faint ink."

John Wilson, who was parish teacher of Tarbolton, and the Dr. Hornbook of Burns's well-known poem, was Secretary to the Lodge from 8th August 1782 till some time in 1787, and in that capacity wrote many of the minutes. Two of them are signed by him, one as "Master *pro tempore*" and the other as "M.P.T." This last minute shows his adhesion to the Lodge after his successor in the Secretaryship had been appointed, and it is not shown that he was at the date the holder of any office other than that of ordinary membership. Immediately succeeding Wilson's first signature as "Master *pro tempore*" he finds an imitator in James M'Donald, the succeeding chairman, who signs his name and adds "P.T." merely, a thing that occurs also once afterwards in the writing of another temporary president.

Two of the Grand Masters sign the minutes occasionally, viz.:—Mr. James Montgomerie of Coilsfield, and Mr. James Dalrymple of Orangefield—but these are the only names adhibited of the half-dozen Grand Masters who held office during the years embraced in the minutes. The others were Mr. John Hamilton of Sundrum—a name still honoured in the county in the person of the present pro-

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prietor; Mr. Mungo Smith, Mr. Alexander Montgomerie, of Coilsfield (a branch of the Eglinton family, whose estate had to be parted with after the Eglinton tournament) and Mr. Gavin Hamilton, the well-known friend and correspondent of Burns. The name of the Montgomeries suggests the immortality shed upon the family and their estate by the poet's works. The gratitude of the Lodge is expressed at one meeting to Captain Montgomerie, the Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge, for his trouble in recovering their colours, for some time illegally retained by the Lodge of St. David.

The Lodge of St. James, Tarbolton, still possesses a number of relics associated with Burns and the Lodge. The chair and footstool used by him as Depute-Master are still doing service, their strength being apparently as great as ever; a compass and square, very likely those referred to in a minute bearing date 15th September 1785 as having been ordered, are exhibited; the Bible, a copy of the authorised version dated 1775, is the one which was paid for on 29th July 1786 as a "new Bible per Brother Burns, 13s," and on which the price is still pencilled on a corner of the fly-leaf. An old ink bottle with cover, all of solid lead, whose purchase is minuted during Burns' time, remains also as a curious relic. The small mason's mallet used by Burns when acting Depute-Master forms another interesting bond between himself and the Lodge, as is also the Lodge silver badge, referred to by the poet in his "Farewell to St. James's Lodge." Not the least valuable of the Lodge Burnsiana is the letter, carefully framed to allow the address on the back to be read as well as the main body of the epistle, already alluded to here.

Tarbolton in its main outlines is not materially altered since Burns' days. The click of the handloom weaver's shuttle still forms the most important mechanical music of the place. It is one of the mysteries which can only be explained by the general soberity and rigid economy of the people how they can at all maintain such a respectable appearance on their miserable earnings. Silk handkerchiefs, amongst other articles, are the chief product of the looms, and by dint of long hours and constant work 8s or 9s weekly is considered a good wage for a man. It is highly complimentary to the moral qualities of the workers to say that they live respectably on such an income. The Lorimer Institute, the Public School, and a few other buildings are the most important additions to the houses existing in Burns' time, and now the village is about to commemorate in a lasting manner the poet's connection by a Freemasons' Hall, which is being erected. Up till now the Lodge has met in a room of one of the inns, but in a short time they will have the pleasure of meeting under their own vine and fig tree. Their own, we said, but not altogether so, as about £150 will remain as a debt at the opening unless some generous admirers of the poet come forward and subscribe the needful. The Lodge have had the benefit of a bequest of £200 made by the late Mr. Alexander Munnoch, of Crunzett, Stirling, and the members have done much amongst themselves to meet the cost. They are hopeful that in some way or other the funds will be forthcoming, and as the hall will be a public convenience as well as a place of meeting for the Lodge, their hopes have a solid basis to sustain them.

The Devon Lodge, No. 1138, has unanimously elected Bro. C. Dobell S.W. as W.M., and Bro. H. Martin P.M. as Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Bro. T. S. Eyre was, on the 12th instant, elected W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 1247. Bro. J. R. Lord Treasurer and Bro. W. H. Phillips Tyler were re-elected.

The members of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth, have elected Bro. T. R. Grylls S.W., as W.M., and re-elected Bros. W. F. Newman Treasurer, and Brother J. N. Francis Tyler.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such an alterative as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, restore the distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective or contaminated secretions. Such an easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be applied by all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood tempering medicine, whereby its influence reaches the remotest fibre of the frame and effects a universal good.

PEEP-HOLES IN MASONRY.

SECRECY and silence are cardinal principles in Freemasonry. They are the safeguards of the Craft's existence, the guarantees of its perpetuity. Without them there can be no Freemasonry. Were its initiates permitted to disclose the "secret art and mystery," it would be abandoned to the profane—the mass of whom are not fitted by nature to comprehend it, and by whom it would be held up to the scorn and derision of men morally and mentally blind. Hence the Craft neither authorises nor pardons any action which tends to expose it to the world. Hence all peep-holes into Masonry are contrary to its genius and forbidden by its Landmarks. Secrecy is *one* of these Landmarks, which no one may remove. And yet, how the vanity and vacuity of some members of the Fraternity have blinded their minds, so that they have been unconsciously guilty of making an innovation in the body of Masonry.

Peep-holes are of two kinds, actual and metaphorical. Alas! both of them exist in some Masonic jurisdictions. *Qui capit ille facit.*

Some Lodges have actual peep-holes into them—holes in their outer door, covered only with a sliding cap! They do not have two doors, an inner door and an outer door, but only one, and that with a peep-hole in it! And yet these style themselves Masonic Lodges! They certainly have departed from the ancient custom of the Craft, and have adopted a twopenny contrivance, a cheap *substitute* for a secret door by some recent society, which bears the same relation to Freemasonry that a rushlight does to the sun. The Lodge which occupies a room that has a peep-hole into it should never punish a member for exposing its secrets, since *it* sets the example of possibly opening Masonry to the world. *No* Lodge Room is *properly* constructed unless it has both an inner and an outer door, with an inner vestibule between them, and both of the doors without peep-holes.

Another peep-hole is a written or printed ritual. Notwithstanding a part of the "art and mystery" is contained in this ritual, and hence the ritual is esoteric, it is not permissible to commit it to writting, but it should always be communicated by oral instruction only. In some jurisdictions, which have not adhered to the Landmarks of the Craft, a part, and sometimes a larger part, of this ritual, it is to be feared, is written or printed. In substantiation of this fear we quote from the Sydney (Australia) *Freemason*, of 7th September 1889:

> The Grand Secretary has, with thoughtful courtesy, forwarded to us, on behalf of the Ritual Committee, an advance copy of the new Ritual for our perusal and criticism. The Ritual has been printed in handy form, with a flap cover, and will thus be found most convenient.
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> The duty of preparing a Ritual for uniform work throughout the Lodges under the United Grand Lodge was an onerous one, requiring a thorough knowledge of the "working" of four different Constitutions, and a discriminative ability to compile a mode of working the three degrees, which would reduce to a minimum the changes absolutely necessary in the text. The English Ritual has been taken as the basis of the work, which was a wise decision, as about three-fourths of the Blue Lodges have practically worked under that Ritual. * * * * * *
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> The old Scotch Lodges will, perhaps, find the new Ritual somewhat awkward for a while, but, with a little study, the new mode of working can be given with effect.

So the Masonic ritual—the ritual, too, spelled with a big R—"has been printed in handy form, with a flap cover, and will thus be found most convenient." Yes, "most convenient" for men without minds, or memories, or apprehension of the dignity or secrecy of Freemasonry. We are aware of the fact that in many of the so-called "higher degrees" (higher in what? certainly not in an appreciation of the Masonic cardinal principles of secrecy and silence) it is customary to have written or printed rituals, but the measure of the distance of their removal from Freemasonry is found in these very printed rituals. The quotation we have made has reference to Blue Lodges in New South Wales, and the Grand Secretary of England appears to be referred to as sending a printed ritual for use in the Australian Lodges. This is a peep-hole which needs to be closed. There can be no safety, no secrecy, no silence, in Masonry, where a printed ritual is used!

But there are lesser peep-holes, although the lesser generally lead down to the greater. Some Brethren advocate "popularising" Freemasonry by "exposing" a portion of its secret ceremonies to invited guests selected

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from the profane public. They can do this for no other reason than to receive plaudits from those profane, with the hope that some of them also may be thereby led to seek Masonic initiation. It is an advertising scheme to obtain candidates, where it is not purely a clap-trap. In many instances it is both. The usual form this peep-hole assumes is that of a "public installation of the Officers of a Lodge." The public have no relation to the Lodge, its Officers are not their Officers, and they never can obtain admission to the Lodge afterwards as profanes; but, nevertheless, they are invited there then, and a *part of the work* of Masonry is exposed to their gaze. In some Masonic jurisdictions they have done this so often that, no doubt, they regard it as an ancient Landmark, and they probably look in horror upon those Masonic jurisdictions which forbid the practice, as committing a breach of ancient Masonic usage and law! And yet, what thoughtful Freemason will maintain that it is either right or appropriate to instal, in the presence of the profane, the Officers of a Lodge, which Officers are to preside *exclusively* over initiates.

It is the pardonable pride of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania that it permits *no* peep-holes in Masonry. To know what the "art and mystery" is among us, you must learn it in the good old way. You may not peep at it through a hole in the Lodge room door; you may not read it in a written or printed ritual; and you may not, if you are a profane, witness the installation of the Officers of a Lodge. Here, at least, the ancient usages, customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry are maintained in their pristine purity.

—*Keystone.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—The management have undoubtedly acted wisely in withdrawing "The Gold Craze" and replacing it by Messrs. Henry Pettitt and George R. Sims' powerful drama "Master and Man." The Princess's has for some very many years been looked upon as one of the theatres wherein we may hope to see pieces of the melodrama stamp, so that the present production will not be out of place. Although the main incidents in "Master and Man" have been used times without number, such well versed authors as Messrs. Pettitt and Sims are sure to serve them up in a new shape, and in the present case they have not failed. Starting with the heroine (Hester Thornbury) choosing for a husband the hero (Jack Walton) instead of the villian (Robert Carlton), it is only true melodramatic form that Carlton and his accomplice should hold the upper hand, and the hero and heroine suffer all the wrongs imaginable. Among these we may mention that Walton is unable to get work through scandal being put about by a man named Humpy Logan; later on Walton is sentenced to seven years imprisonment for a crime committed by another. He, however, escapes, and after seeing his wife, and evading the police who come to arrest him, manages to get to the Ironworks where Logan is foreman. The men of the works are dissatisfied and being led on by a man named Jem Burleigh, whose wife Carlton and Logan have betrayed, they attempt to put the latter in the furnace, but he is saved by Walton. This scene is one of the strongest that it has ever been our lot to witness, and Mr. Robert Pateman's acting is so grand that it cannot fail to draw all London. This actor has never been seen to greater advantage; his fright is so cleverly depicted, the nervous excitement so wonderfully shown that he thoroughly deserved the cheering that was awarded him by the crowded audience. After this scene Carlton gets Hester's child stolen from her, and naturally works all the ills he possibly can, only to be finally check-mated in the last scene. This is brought about by Humpy Logan turning round and helping Walton. There is some comic business throughout, which is in the well-known vein of the authors. A powerful company has been selected to interpret the piece, and of these Mr. Pateman bears the palm. This well known actor has done many good things in his time, but we can say without fear of contradiction that his Humpy Logan is the best he has yet accomplished. At the outset Mr. Pateman gets well within his part, and never leaves it. His third act is one not likely to be forgotten, while in the next he also comes out well. Mr. Henry Neville is a bright and manly hero, while Mr. Charles Dalton is a cool and deliberate villain. Messrs. Sidney Howard and E. W. Gardiner with Miss Fanny Brough look well after the comic scenes, and Miss Bella Pateman gained the sympathy of her audience by her sound acting as Hester. Mr. J. H. Barnes has not much to do as Jem Burleigh, but he did his little well, while Mr. Bassett Roe makes a model inspector of police, care having undoubtedly been bestowed on this small part by him. A special word of praise is due to little Marie Pearl for her acting as Hester's child, and to Mrs. Frank Huntley as Hester's aunt. In conclusion, we feel sure that "Master and Man" will draw, not only during the holidays, but for some time after.

Globe.—A company, which, under the management of Mr. F. R. Benson, has attained considerable popularity in the provinces, appeared here on Thursday last, in Shakespeare's delightful comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and it is intended to present several of the poet's more popular plays during the season. There can be no doubt at the present time, when the modern drama and farcical comedy are the favourite dramatic condiments of the London public, that the provincial performer has much greater advantages for a Shakespearian training than his or her metropolitan brother or sister. Mr. Benson's company are all well trained in the old traditions, and give a fairly good rendering of the text, at the same time we trust that when the members settle down to their work, we may be favoured with better elocution. With this hint we may mention that Mr. Sidney Price, though undertaking the part at a short notice, was an excellent representative of Theseus, while Lysander and Demetrius were well sustained by Mr. Benson and Mr. H. Ross respectively. The Hermia of Miss Ada Ferrar fully deserved the applause bestowed, and Miss Marion Grey, though a delicate Amazon Queen, spoke her lines with due emphasis. We can hardly congratulate Miss Kate Rorke upon her rendering of Helena, and at times she could not be heard in spite of the smallness of the theatre. Mr. A. Brydone played the small part of Egeus with vigour, and Mr. G. M. Howard delivered his address to the court with good effect. Perhaps the best elocutionist of all was Mr. Otho Stuart, who undertook the character of Oberon in a most satisfactory manner. Mrs. Benson was the Fairy Queen, and Miss G. Geraldine made a very vivacious Puck. The immortal Bottom was carefully portrayed by Mr. G. R. Weir, and with Messrs. H. A. Forde, G. F. Black, S. Phillips, H. G. Tomkins, and A. Grenville, as Quince, Snug, Flute, Snout, and Starveling, caused considerable amusement. The piece is exquisitely mounted, the woodland scenery with its lights and shades being especially attractive; while the numerous fairies, elves, and sprites have been admirably trained, and in the third act "the dream" may be said to be fully realised. Mendelssohn's music is largely drawn upon to add its charm to the general effect; indeed all that long, expensive and careful study can achieve has been employed to render the play successful. A morning performance will be given on Boxing Day, and every Saturday till further notice, so that Pater Familias need not be at a loss for a treat for his little folks during the holidays.

REVIEWS.

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The Loveliest Women in London A story in ten scenes. By Campbell Rae-Brown. London: DEAN AND SON, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

For those who are fond of sensational novels, written in bright and interesting style, we can recommend the above. The author has developed a good and exciting plot in a very little space, which could easily have been made to fill a book two or three times the size of the present one. For a companion on a journey, or for a short read for an evening or two, "The Loveliest Women in London" will prove most attractive. It is printed in good bold type, on good paper, and will well repay those who may read it.

We have received through Mr. Wm. McDougle, 11 Newgate Street, E.C., a copy of the testimonial awarded to the Stewards of the late Festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in recognition of their exertions on the occasion. It is a magnificent piece of illuminated work, the groundwork being of a creamy brown colour, the heading being composed of letters in shaded blue and pink with gold bordering, and is surmounted by the royal crown. The wording of the testimonial is neatly printed in black with red capitals, and is signed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary. At the foot of the address are two medallions, one containing the Treasurer's insignia and the other the monogram (in pink and blue on a gold ground) of V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Patron of the Institution, who was the Chairman on the occasion. The whole is surrounded with a delicately designed scroll work in light blue and pink, with a broad border of gold. It is decidedly quite a work of art, and will doubtless be highly prized by the fortunate recipients.

On Tuesday, the 10th instant, Bros. W. E. Lukies and J. C. R. Crewes were re-elected as W.M. and Treasurer respectively, and Bro. John Langdon Tyler, of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131.

St. Martin Lodge, No. 510, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, elected Bros. W. H. Stanton S.W. the W.M., T. White Treasurer, and B. Penwarden Tyler.

The usual New Year's entertainment to the old folks of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Croydon, will take place on Wednesday, the 1st January next. A special second class saloon carriage will be reserved by the 12·57 a.m. train from Charing Cross, or 1·9 p.m. from Cannon Street, for East Croydon.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P. S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GORDON SMITH, M.A.
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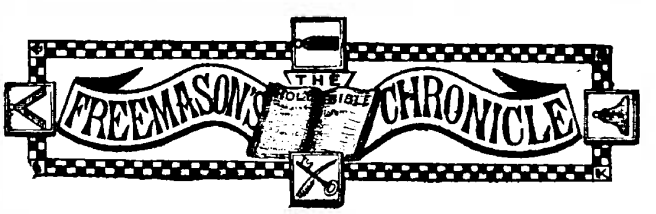
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SATURDAY, 28TH DECEMBER 1889.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover P.G. Warden England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The attendance of brethren was exceptionally large, probably as a consequence of the intimation that the election of a new Provincial Grand Treasurer would be included in the business of the day. When the Deputy Provincial Grand Master took his seat, he was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers :—Bros. A. Woodiwiss S.W., J. H. Orme J.W., Rev. H. Price and Rev. E. E. Morris Chaplains, Thomas Cox Treasurer, William Naylor Secretary, J. D. Wragg S.D., R. Knowles J.D., R. Slater Supt. of Works, W. J. Piper Director of Ceremonies, W. Elphinstone Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. C. Webb Sword Bearer, H. B. Bong, J. F. Donegani

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Standard Bearers, H. N. Biggin Organist, J. H. Clarke Assistant Secretary, Sam. Warhurst Pursuivant, J. D. Simpson Assistant Pursuivant, Bros. H. V. Edwards, E. MeInnes, A. Brown, F. G. Huggins, and Thomas Hardstaff Stewards. There were a great many Past Prov. Grand Officers present, as well as representatives from every one of the twenty-two Lodges in the Province. In short, the handsome Lodge-room was crowded, and presented a very imposing appearance. The usual formalities having been observed, the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges presented their annual reports. Without a single exception, these documents were of the most satisfactory character, containing as they did evidence of internal harmony and prosperity, and of increasing regard for the splendid Charities of the Fraternity. The report of the Masonic Hall Committee referred to a considerable number of improvements which have either been effected or are in contemplation, and which are all designed to promote the comfort of the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Sir John Smith, Chairman of the Committee, seconded by Brother Walters, it was adopted. In the absence of Brother G. T. Wright, the report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. Percy Wallis. It set forth that the full voting power of the Province would be required during the coming year, and the brethren were earnestly requested to strengthen the hands of the Committee. The Auditors' Report, which was satisfactory, contained an intimation to the effect that a donation of £100 has been given by Bro. Colonel John Evans, and is now in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, towards the alteration and extension of the ante-room accommodation in the Masonic Hall, on condition that definite steps be taken to carry out this object within two years from 1st January 1889. Bro. Thomas Cox remarked that he had for a period of nearly a quarter of a century acted as Provincial Grand Treasurer; but he had decided to tender his resignation of that office. Accordingly a few of them had met and resolved to take steps to promote the election of a brother who was well known and respected to them all; he meant Bro. Thomas Roe. He might mention that Bro. Roe had for many years been connected with the Order, and had been a generous and consistent supporter of their Charities. Moreover, although he was one of the oldest of their Past Masters, he had not hitherto held an office in Provincial Grand Lodge. Referring to observations which had been made on a previous occasion as to the wisdom of appointing a Buxton brother as Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cox warmly insisted upon keeping such purely business departments as those of the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Treasurer in Derby. He moved the appointment of Bro. Roe. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Woodiwiss, and carried without a single dissentient. Bro. Roe, who was cordially received, briefly acknowledged the honour done him, and promised that his endeavour should be to discharge the duties of the office as faithfully as they had been performed by his worthy predecessor. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Cox for his past services, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marsden, and others dwelling forcibly upon the valuable and disinterested character of his labours. A representative committee was also appointed with the object of devising some appropriate method of recognising his long official connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Percy Wallis, Bro. G. T. Wright was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Charity Committee, and a similar compliment was paid to the members of the Masonic Hall Committee of Management. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—

Bros. A. E. Cockayne	...	Senior Warden
F. Sudbury	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. E. Morris	...	Chaplains
Rev. T. B. Mundy	...	
Thos. Roe, M.P.	...	Treasurer
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W. Naylor	...	Secretary
J. Whitaker Brigg	...	Senior Deacon
C. F. Chamberlain	...	Junior Deacon
Harrison ...	...	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Piper	...	Director of Ceremonies
Marsden ...	...	Assist. Director of Cers.
Wilkinson	...	Sword Bearer
Hodgson ...	...	Standard Bearers
Jos. Heathcote	...	
W. Broadbery	...	Organist
J. H. Clarke	...	Assist. Secretary
Homer Mole	...	Pursuivant
Yeomans...	...	Assist. Pursuivant
W. Watson Hayward	...	Stewards
Copestake	...	
Timmins ...	...	
Berridge ...	...	
Frost ..	...	
Rutland ...	...	
Tatham ...	...	
T. Day ...	...	Tyler

After the transaction of some formal business, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Percy Wallis, that Bro. J. H. Lawson be the Steward of the Provincial Grand Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School. It was further resolved that the candidature of Bro. J. M. M'Leod, P.M. of the Derwent Lodge, for the Secretaryship of the Masonic Institution for Boys, be recommended to the support of the brethren in the Province. Before closing the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed a few impressive observations, expressive of his gratification at the moral and material advancement of the Fraternity in Derbyshire. At the conclusion of the business, a very large number of the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, the manager of which establishment, Mr. H. Keyl, made abundant provision for their enjoyment.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 976.

THE installation of Bro. the Rev. E. G. Austen (rector of Pensel-wood) as W.M., took place on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Blue Ball Hotel, Bruton. The ceremony was performed by Brother R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. Moody I.P.M., C. Phippen S.W., J. Cruse J.W., E. R. Hayter Treasurer, J. J. White Secretary, W. P. Beckley D.C., W. J. Clarke S.D., A. E. J. Creed J.D., J. F. Looke I.G., J. W. Pearce Organist, R. Bowring and W. Bergman Stewards, J. P. Swain Tyler. The members afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Host Bullone, of the Blue Ball Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, when, as there was a considerable amount of business to be transacted, the Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. In the absence of Bro. R. J. Griffiths W.M., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Massey P.M. and Treasurer, as acting W.M. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and received. The ballot was then taken for the following joining members:—Bros. H. J. Fisher 93, and Frederick W. Brodie, formerly Secretary 1254, and was found to be unanimous in favour of their admission. The next business was to take the ballot for the following candidates for initiation, namely:—Mr. George H. Ribbons and Mr. Henry Lewis Bell; it being declared in favour of their admission, they were initiated by Brother Massey. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment, preparatory to the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert Wright the S.W. of the past year, who had been unanimously elected by the Lodge to the office of Master for the ensuing 12 months. Upon the brethren being summoned to resume labour, Bro. Wright was presented to Bro. Massey, as Installing Officer, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Massey addressed the brethren present upon the practice among Craft Lodges in reference to the annual election and installation of the presiding Officer, and he, having afterwards pointed out to the W.M. elect the qualifications necessary in a candidate for the chair, directed his attention to the Secretary, who recited the ancient charges, to all of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent. Bro. Wright then took the obligation of a W.M. elect, and all brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Wright was installed into the chair of K.S., and received the salutations and congratulations of the members of the Board of Masters. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. Bro. Wright then proceeded to invest his Officers, of which the following is a list—Bros. W. T. Perkins S.W., R. J. Albery J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Minstrell P.M. Secretary, C. B. Cooke S.D., E. E. Peacock J.D., F. Gale I.G., J. Henwood Thomas P.M. D.C., C. K. Moore Assistant D.C., F. H. Pattison, Manning, Look, and Sanderson Stewards, P. W. Husk Organist, and Very Tyler. The Lodge having been thus organised for the coming year, the installation ceremony was brought to a close by Bro. Massey delivering the customary addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and the lay brethren, winding up with the oration upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. There was a very good attendance of members, and among the Visitors were the following:—Bros. C. J. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Samuel Edgar 62, W. A. Barrett P.G. Organist, E. Walker P.M. 72, R. Temple 1319, A. E. Albert W.M. 1949, J. Lardlow P.M. 90, W. T. Martin 1626, F. W. Stephens 1348, E. G. Field J.W. 1362, Alfred Smythson 1670, W. Senior 2190, Edgar Barnes 1262, Edwin Pintman I.G. 1362, and Thomas Catling W.M. 2190. At the

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conclusion of the dinner which succeeded the Lodge meeting, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and duly honoured by the brethren present. In proposing the first toast, Brother Herbert Wright said that he rose to propose what was always on these occasions the first sentiment, namely, the toast to the gracious lady who was at once the Sovereign of this realm and the Patroness of the Order. He gave them the Queen and the Craft. Rising again, Bro. Wright said that the next toast which it was his duty to honour was the M.W.G.M. After having honoured the Sovereign of the realm, it was desirable that they should honour the Sovereign of the Craft. He would, therefore, ask them to be upstanding to drink to the health of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said it was now his duty to propose the toast of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. They had a Grand Officer and a Provincial Grand Officer with them on that occasion, and he (Bro. Wright) had hoped to see others also. He was sorry that those others were unable to be present, and in proposing that toast he should couple with it the name of Bro. Dr. Barrett, P.G. Organist. In replying, Bro. Dr. Barrett, on behalf of the whole of the Grand Officers who were included in this comprehensive toast, begged to return his heartiest thanks for the compliment that had been paid them. There were a number of Grand Officers of various degrees in Grand Lodge. They all having had the purple conferred on them, were in a Masonic sense to be considered equal. But there were some who by the position they hold in the outer world were men of greater dignity than others. Those men carried their position into Grand Lodge, and conferred a status upon it. He was proud of the office which he himself held in Grand Lodge, which he considered to be one of great importance. He was sorry there were not other Grand Officers present, as, had there been, more justice would have been done to that toast. In the name of the Grand Officers, he returned his hearty thanks for the honour done to them in the drinking of that toast. Bro. Dr. Griffiths I.P.M., in rising to propose the health of the W.M., said a great many years ago there was a man called David, and there was a friend of his called Jonathan. It struck him, although it did not bear on the matter now on hand, that Mr. David knew a few more things than Mr. Jonathan knew; at all events, his was the winning hand. But although Jonathan was the loser he was true to David to the last, and David himself admitted that Jonathan had always been very pleasant to him, and had for him wonderful love, passing the love of women. Bro. Griffiths said he would say the same of his brother in the chair. He had known Bro. Herbert Wright for a great number of years; they were, in fact, like David and Jonathan. Jonathan knew that David was to be king, and he desired that it should be so, and in like manner nothing could give him (Bro. Griffiths) greater pleasure than to see Bro. Herbert Wright put into the chair of King Solomon, and he was quite sure that it was not only his desire, but the hope of every brother in the room that Bro. Herbert Wright should have a very happy and prosperous year of office. But he wished the Master to bear in mind that it was necessary to look to the financial question in governing a Lodge; it was necessary to see that everybody paid up his dues, or trouble would come of it. Bro. Griffiths concluded by asking the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of Bro. Herbert Wright and a happy and prosperous reign to him. Bro. Herbert Wright, in reply, said that he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Griffiths and the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. There were times in one's life which one was apt to say were the proudest moments of life, and if he were now to say that that was the proudest moment of his life he should have a fair excuse for using that expression. The Lodge which began under such happy auspices eight or nine years ago, when the present installing Master was placed in the chair of K.S., had had a worthy and prosperous career, and that career had culminated in an event of especial importance that evening. And he would tell them why the event of that evening was of special importance. It was because he who was now installed was the first initiate in that Lodge, so that the Lodge had now a Mason of their own manufacture presiding over it. He had always considered that he enjoyed a very high honour and distinction in being the first initiate in the Lodge, and the brethren might well conceive that his cup of honour and distinction was running over when he found himself called upon to take the chair. He hoped that during his year of office he should be called upon to do something that would make the Lodge even more popular than when he entered it, so that when he went out of office he might have the assurance that he had filled his position to the greatest satisfaction of those who elected him to it. He did not know that his Bro. Griffith's financial hints were altogether justified. For his own part, he had the greatest confidence in the Lodge—that every brother would cash up, and he had every possible confidence that at the end of his year of office, they would find themselves in even a better position than they were now. Bro. Wright then touched upon the proceedings of the coming year in regard to its social entertainments, and trusted that they might at least come up to the successes achieved by the Lodge in that direction in former years. He concluded by saying that there was one duty which he must discharge before sitting down, and that was to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master, whom he hoped they would long see in their ever-lengthening line of Past Masters. Bro. Griffiths having returned thanks, the W.M. said he would now ask them to drink a toast which was always welcome, and that was the health of the Initiates. They were peculiarly fortunate in the initiates who had been introduced that evening into the Lodge. He thought that they were calculated to do honour to the Lodge, and to the Craft in general. Bro. Ribbons and Bell having acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the hope that they might never do anything to bring discredit on the Lodge, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors, calling on Bros. Senior 2190, Albert W.M. 1948, and Martin 26, to reply, and those brethren having returned thanks for their entertainment, and expressed the pleasure they had had in witnessing the interesting ceremonies of the day; Bro. Wright rose to propose the health of the Installing Master, in doing which he said they had heard encomiums justly bestowed on the admirable manner in which Bro. Massey performed the ceremonies that evening. They all honoured and esteemed Bro. Massey for his intrinsic merits, but he had a peculiar claim on their regard, for he was not only a brother of their Lodge but the father of it as well. And whatever duty was put on Bro. Massey was always well performed. Bro. Massey, in reply, said it was a gratification to him that he had performed the ceremony of initiation upon the first candidate for initiation in the Lodge, and now that initiate he had that afternoon had the further pleasure of installing into the chair of K.S. But he most sincerely hoped that that would prove to be the last occasion upon which he should be called upon to perform that ceremony. He entertained that hope for the sake of the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the Lodge, because the Master of a Lodge ought to consider it not only an honour but a duty incumbent upon him to instal his successor. No greater honour could be achieved by a Master than to instal his successor. He had always objected to there being a regular Installing Master in a Lodge, and he hoped that Bro. Wright would instal Bro. Perkins. It would, of course, afford him (Bro. Massey) the greatest pleasure to instal Bro. Perkins, but he hoped Bro. Wright would consider it to be one of the duties of Master, as Master of the Lodge, to instal his successor. Hitherto, almost every Master of the Gallery Lodge had installed his successor, one had not lived to do so, and the others had taken a prominent part in the ceremony. He returned his hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Past Masters, for whom Bro. Harry Bussey responded. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was acknowledged by Bros. Perkins S.W. and Abbey J.W., and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a very pleasant evening to a close. In the intervals between the speeches some capital songs were contributed by various brethren, Bro. Alfred Smythson officiating as accompanist.

PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, a Lodge with which some of the most distinguished Masons of the Province had been connected during the past century, took place, on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, in the presence of a large number of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. John George Marshall presided. The W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. R. Singleton, and Bro. J. R. Cutter was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Thomas Millican Watson, the ceremony being performed and the various addresses given with great ability by Bro. Watson, who has rendered valuable service to the Lodge during the past ten years. The W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. G. Marshall I.P.M., E. G. Watson S.W., W. Birch J.W., T. M. Watson Treasurer, A. Grundy Secretary, W. H. Readhead S.D., W. M. Render J.D., R. Singleton D.C., Robert Lee I.G., F. Woodward, B.A., Organist, Thos. Robinson, W. W. Moses, J. W. Hopper, J Lee, and G. Lisle Stewards, and B. Swain Tyler. The ceremony was choral and led by the following brethren:—J. Taylor, H. Potts, R. Copeland, G. R. Potts, S. Oates, J. H. Young, Jas. Tate, D. W. Voss. The congratulations of the visiting brethren were expressed to the W.M., and the various donations to the local and other charities having been passed, the Lodge was closed. The annual festival was held in the evening in the banqueting room, which was most tastefully decorated, the newly-installed W.M. Bro. John Robson Cutter in the chair, and Bros. E. G. Watson S.W., and W. Birch J.W., the vice-chairs. The W.M. was supported by the Mayor (Bro. Robt. Shadforth P.P.G.D.), Bros. W. Brandt P.P.G.D., Taylorson Sharp P.M., W. Beattie P.P.G.T., J. J. Wilson P.P.G.Purs. P.M. 80, Dr. Beattie, G. Terose, W. Tomkinson, Wilkinson, H. Friend, L. Green, J. Graham 1626, Newcastle, Imeson, G. W. L. Hudson, Dr. Brewis, Fullagher, H. Thomas, Lee. The toast of the W.M. was proposed and honoured with much enthusiasm.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was held on the 17th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, when Bro. John A. Lavers S.W., was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. This ceremony was ably conducted by the the retiring Worshipful Master, Brother W. Stenlake. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Wor. Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Stenlake I.P.M., G. Payne S.W., H. Rogers J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.M. Chaplain, F. R. Goodyear Treasurer, W. Browning Secretary, Irwan A. Court S.D., C. B. Gale J.D., P. Hannaford I.G., S. Yeomans D.C., S. W. Saunders A.D.C., W. Biscombe Organist, C. H. Soper Musical Director, C. H. Toxer, W. H. Hawking, J. S. Hannaford and H. Membrey Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. W. Browning was elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. T. C. Lewarne Charity Steward. It was proposed and unanimously adopted that the annual banquet be held on Monday, 6th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth. Prior to the installation a candidate was duly admitted into the Order. It was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Stenlake, for his zeal in discharging the duties of his office. Bro. Charles H. Soper the Musical Director, presented the W.M. with a Queen Anne guinea, suitably mounted, as a mark of fraternal esteem. The presentation was suitably acknowledged. The brethren, to the number of seventy, then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was spent by all present.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

ON the 16th inst., the installation of Bro. C. M. Forbes as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place,

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York. Bro. J. Todd P.M. performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a numerous gathering of members of the Craft. The newly-installed Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. S. Border I.P.M., T. S. Brogden S.W., E. W. Pornell J.W., the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, Chaplain, J. Todd Treasurer, H. Foster Secretary, J. B. Sampson S.D., E. Carter J.D., M. Bryson I.G., A. Sample Organist, C. Linley D.C., T. Archey and F. W. Loughton Stewards, J. Hall Tyler. The installation banquet took place in the Masonic Hall, in the evening.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE annual festival of St. John, and the installation of the W.M. took place on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, when a highly successful gathering was held, there being a large attendance of members of the Menturia Lodge, in addition to a number of visiting brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, when Bro. J. Robinson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in succession to Bro. Herbert Windle. The newly-elected W.M. was installed by Bro. Windle, assisted by Bros. T. Bickley, E. V. Greatbatch, J. S. Crapper, E. B. Jackson, and W. H. Hales. After the installation ceremony, which was performed in an impressive manner, the W.M. installed the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. Hampton S.W., J. B. Devereux J.W., Rev. A. S. Walters Chaplain, W. H. Hales Treasurer, D. Jones Secretary, J. Barlow S.D., E. Jones J.D., E. V. Greatbatch D.C., J. Goodson I.G., W. Jones and M. Tunnicliff Stewards, and W. Wood Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where about eighty-six sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. J. Munro. The W.M. presided; and the Queen having been honoured, the W.M. proposed the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, speaking of the attention the Prince of Wales devoted to Freemasonry and the great interest he took in the Craft. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Very Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past, having been proposed, also from the chair, Bro. Bickley submitted the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. Bro. Bickley said he was sure every brother in the Province was proud of the present position which Colonel Gough occupied, and they all wished him long life and good health to perform the duties pertaining to the office. Bro. Tunnicliff next gave Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. In doing so, he expressed a hope that Bro. Bindley would soon visit the north of the Province, when he could assure him of a hearty welcome. Bro. Pitchford having acknowledged the toast, Bro. Windle proceeded to propose the toast of the evening, Bro. J. Robinson W.M. for the ensuing year. In an eulogistic speech, Bro. Windle said in Bro. Robinson they had no ordinary Master. He was favoured with gifts above many of the brethren, and he felt sure he would use those gifts to the advantage of the Menturia Lodge. Bro. Robinson had been a member of the Lodge for a considerable number of years, and during that time he had done credit to himself and to the Lodge, in which he had filled many offices, and he had no fear he would fill with credit the chair which he had been elected to fill that day. The toast was then drunk in true hearty Masonic fashion. The W.M. responded in a very appropriate speech and thanked the brethren from his heart for the reception they had given him. He should like to say that if he had not felt capable of fulfilling the office of W.M. he should not have been occupying the position that night. It would be his earnest endeavour to carry out the duties of the office to which they had done him the honour of electing him to the best of his ability. He looked forward with confidence to the support of his Officers during the ensuing year. Bro. Bromley next gave the health of the Visiting Brethren. Bro. Barker first responded. He said he found a fire, a force, and a vigour in Masonry in Hanley, and it was a source of congratulation to find so many Past Masters in attendance, as well as the distinction which the Menturia Lodge had attained in the Province. He further congratulated the Lodge upon its position in the benevolent portion of Masonry, and the free and open manner in which the brethren of that Lodge had contributed in times past. Bro. Smith also responded, acknowledging the kind and generous hospitality shown that evening to the visitors, and expressed his satisfaction and congratulation on seeing the confidence reposed in Bro. Robinson by the members of the Menturia Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Windle, and spoke of the latter as a brother who had a great interest in the progress of Masonry. Bro. Windle returned thanks in a suitable manner, after which he submitted the toast of the Masonic Charities, which was responded to by Bro. Ryder, the Secretry of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, who said that the Menturia Lodge stood very nearly in the premier position, as regarded the amount of contributions to the Masonic Charities. He referred with satisfaction to the action taken by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff in regard to the inquiry in respect to the conduct of the Masonic Institution for Boys. Alluding to the Secretary of that Institution, Bro. Binckes, he said that the pension proposed to be granted to that brother would not trench on the funds of the Institution. Bro. Greatbatch also replied, and thoroughly justified the action that had been taken in regard to the Institution referred to. A clean sweep of the officials had been made, with the exception of the Secretary, and he believed the result would be that the Boys' Institution would in the future raise the credit of the Craft. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Officers of the Lodge, the Ladies, and all Poor and Distressed Masons. During the evening a capital musical programme, arranged by Bro. Baker, was gone through, the members of the Lodge contributing to it.

ROCK LODGE, No. 1289.

ON the 13th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, Bro. John Daken was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After his installation, the Worshipful Master proceeded to the investiture of his Officers, as follow :—Bros. Alfred Atkinson I.P.M., John Lee S.W., Thomas R. Connell J.W., Lilley Ellis Treasurer, George H. Heapy Secretary, P. Davies S.D., F. S. Moore J.D., S. Rowbottom I.G., J. W. Clarke, George Stewart and J. J. Waine Stewards, and Rev. G. K. Johnson Chaplain. Bro. C. S. Dean officiated as Director of Ceremonies.

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1362.

THE annual installation meeting of this important and very successful Lodge was held at the Market Hall, Redhill, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when Bro. A. H. Rees was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Philip Shepherd, the retiring W.M., who was warmly congratulated, not only upon the masterly way in which he discharged this impressive function, but also upon the exceptionally efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties during his year of office. The newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. Shepherd I.P.M., F. S. Sillitoe S.W., E. G. Feild J.W., J. W. Mew Treasurer, H. Summers Secretary, W. Markham S.D., J. Dellagana J.D., E. Putman I.G., T. B. Phillips D.C., J. G. Shutter Steward, W. E. Bartlett Organist, C. K. Heather Tyler. The business proceedings having been concluded, the brethren, to the number of nearly 60, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M. A large number of visitors were present, including Bros. Ralling, C. Attersoll Smith, W. P. Morrison, J. S. Streeter, Simpson, Gabell, Herbert Wright, T. Steer, C. T. Wilkingson, Flint, White, and others, &c. A choice selection of music was rendered, the arrangements for which were kindly undertaken by Bro. Putman.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

ON the 12th inst. the celebration of the annual festival and installation of the Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk. Bro. Francis Robert Hansell was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire, assisted by the W.M. Bro. John Thomas Hansell. The Officers appointed for the coming year were as follows :—Bros. Hansell I.P.M., Buchanan S.W., Rev. Eusebius Richardson J.W., Coltman Treasurer, Greensides Secretary, Cass S.D., Grant J.D., Hall D.C., Wright Organist, Rudd I.G., Hartley P.M. Preceptor, Wilkinson P.M. Lecturer, Hansell I.P.M. Librarian, Smith and Tweedy Stewards, Ayre Almoner and Charity Steward, Farmery Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. J. Hansell, after the installation, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel by Bro. William Coltman P.M. P.G.J.D., he having presented to the Lodge a list enumerating the Masters' names since the formation of the Lodges, which was framed in a handsome panelled oak frame, made by Brother J. Coulson. The members and the visiting brethren (who were numerous) after the installation, adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided for them.

RYE LODGE, No. 2273.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Peckham Public Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Dunn W.M. The brethren present were Bros. Cook S.W., Nightingale J.W., Mansell Treasurer, Dewsnap Secretary, Philps J.D., Castledine J.W., Collier I.G., Pettit Organist, Warner D.C., Dunn jun. and Bridger Stewards; Wright, Hussey, Johnston, Read, Coe, Templeman, May, Monks, Proe, Wint, and Petley. The ceremony of passing and initiation having been gone through, and other Masonic business transacted, the Lodge adjourned to a banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

MARK MASONRY.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 16.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 12th inst., to instal Bro. Arthur J. Verdi S.W. as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was W. Bro. H. Langmead, and he carried out his duties with accustomed ability. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. H. Holman I.P.M., John J. Beer, B.A., S.W., Martin Axworthy J.W., George Hancock M.O., Charles Taylor S.O., S. H. Woolland J.O., W. Sennett Chaplain, W. Allsford Treasurer, E. J. Knight Secretary, A. H. Whidden Reg. of Works, John Judd S.D., D. Carwithen J.D., John Lark D.C., William G. Coombes A.D.C., A. J. Tilley Organist, J. C. Plant I.G., Thomas Shears Tyler, Aaron Broom, Henry Holman jun., W. H. Tucker Stewards. Bros. T. J. McCartney and E. J. Leonard were advanced to the degree. The Treasurer having reported a balance in hand referred to the fact that the name of a worthy brother had been submitted to the Grand Lodge for the officer of Provincial Grand Master, and expressed a hope on behalf of the brethren that that brother would be appointed to the office. The brethren, to the number of sixty, then adjourned to the refectory, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, which was well served up by Bro. W. H. Bosworthick. The W.M. presided, and those present included Bros. F. Codd P.G.D. England, W. H. Dillon P.G. Assistant Secretary, Frank R. Thomas W.M. elect 35, E. Aslak D.C. 383, W. Powell 169, Major Page 169, J. Gead 50, J. Collins 207, H. Membrey, F. Hodges, W. G. Davies, J. Porter, S. Dyer, Geo. Goodman, E. Langmead, and R. Jackman 43. General regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of I.P.M., Bro. Henry Holman. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent.

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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 DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1614—Ecclesston, 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)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
1339—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1748—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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
256—York, Masonic Hall, York
349—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
822—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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 8. (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)
1331—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1696—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', Pac Lagard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—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, Chaquers, 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
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
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. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., 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. 1329—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hemmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1368—De Grey and Ripon, 140 South Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—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
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 32 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 38—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

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
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
538—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—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)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1108—Southern Star, 8a Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E. (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
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1486—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1904—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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1675—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
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)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury

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38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
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360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
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913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
1076—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaconfree, 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)
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1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8, (Inst.)
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. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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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
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn
467—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
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601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
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1034—Ecclesehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesehill
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1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
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R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
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1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, a 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 9. (Instruction)

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303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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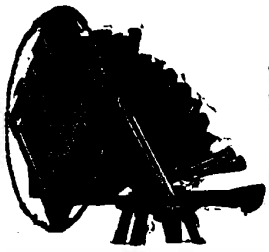
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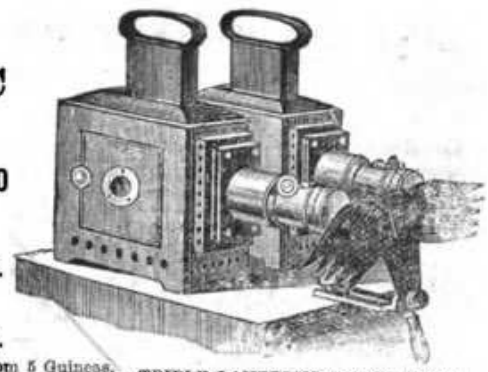
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